

## Quiet day for FX majors

There was a muted tone to investor sentiment yesterday. This was evident in the modest nature of the moves on equity markets. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished 0.3% lower for the day. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.1% higher.

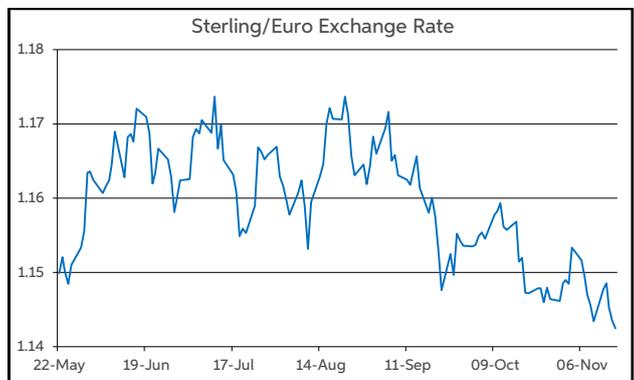
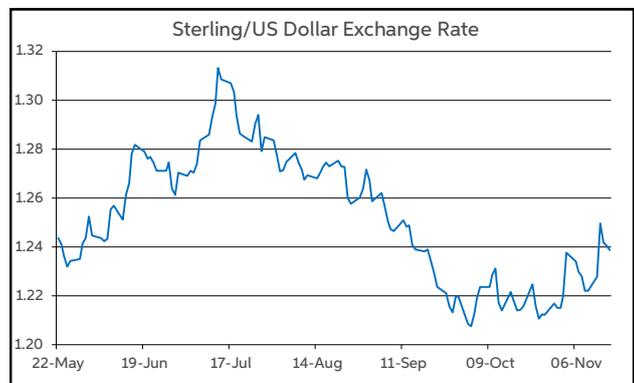
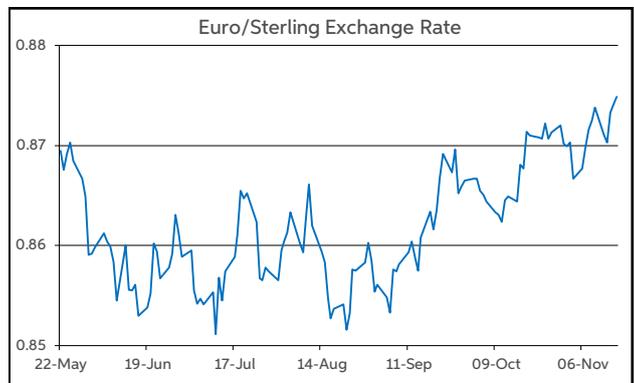
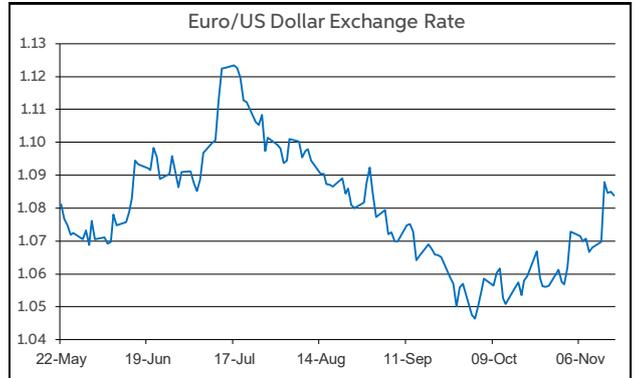
Data-wise, the main releases yesterday all came from the US diary. Overall, the results tended to miss to the downside of expectations. The weekly jobless claims number printed at 231,000 compared to a forecast for 220,000. Industrial production fell by 0.6% in October, versus expectations for a 0.3% decline. Meanwhile, homebuilder sentiment for November declined unexpectedly.

On bond markets, US Treasury yields fell back amid the softer tone to yesterday's US data releases. The US 10-year yield fell by 10bps to back below the 4.5% level. However, yields were generally lower elsewhere as well, with the German 10-year Bund yield moving below the 2.6% mark.

Currency-wise, the action was characterised by relatively confined range trading. In overnight trading, this remained a feature. EUR/USD opens this morning once again near the midpoint of the \$1.08 -1.09 band. GBP/USD is trading just below the \$1.24 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP continues to change hands in a very tight range in and around the halfway mark of 87-88p.

Today's macro diary has already seen the release of UK retail sales data for October. Headline sales registered a fall of -0.3% in the month. The consensus forecast was for a 0.3% increase. The remainder of today's calendar is fairly sparse. We get the final reading of Eurozone inflation for October and US housing starts for October as well.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0838	0.02	1.27
EUR/GBP	0.8749	0.07	-1.07
GBP/USD	1.2386	-0.07	2.39
GBP/EUR	1.1424	-0.07	1.09
USD/JPY	150.59	-0.47	14.86
EUR/JPY	163.24	-0.45	16.35

\* v Previous Day's European Open  
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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates			
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.45	5.63	5.47	4.95	4.44
EUR	4.50	3.79	3.99	3.92	3.46	3.04
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.21	5.11	4.93	4.44

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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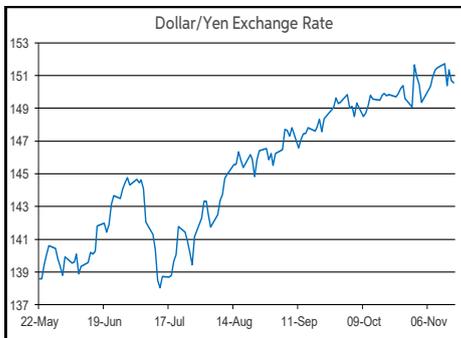
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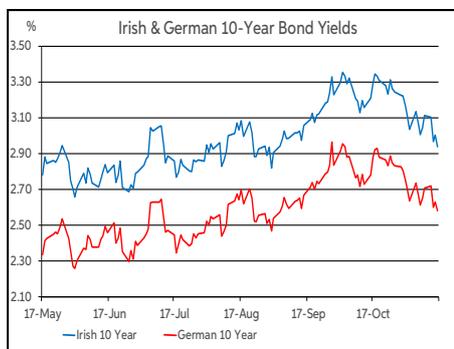
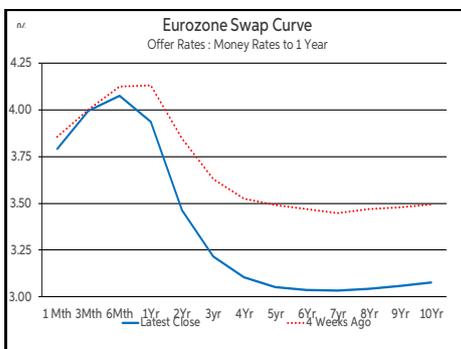
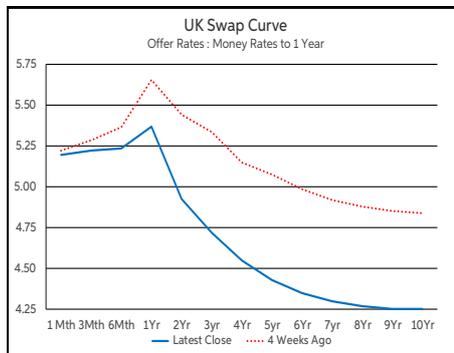
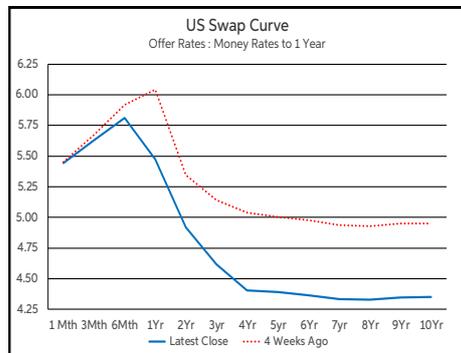
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8749	GBP/EUR	1.1424	USD/JPY	150.59
EUR/USD	1.0838	GBP/USD	1.2386	USD/CAD	1.376
EUR/JPY	163.24	GBP/CAD	1.7045	USD/CHF	0.8886
EUR/SEK	11.4921	GBP/NZD	2.0823	USD/CNY	7.2487
EUR/DKK	7.4576	GBP/JPY	186.51	USD/BRL	4.8632
EUR/NOK	11.8689	GBP/SEK	13.1346	USD/RUB	89.09
EUR/CHF	0.9633	GBP/DKK	8.5208	USD/INR	83.2783
EUR/AUD	1.6773	GBP/NOK	13.556		
EUR/HKD	8.4518	GBP/CHF	1.1008	AUD/USD	0.6462
EUR/CAD	1.4916	GBP/AUD	1.9164	NZD/USD	0.5946



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.44	-10	-55	+56
Germany	2.59	-5	-34	+2
UK	4.15	-8	-50	+49
<b>Ireland</b>				
Ireland	2.97	-5	-39	-17
Belgium	3.19	-6	-40	-1
France	3.15	-6	-40	+3
Italy	4.35	-10	-60	-36
Spain	3.59	-9	-45	-7
Portugal	3.24	-8	-41	-36
Greece	3.85	-3	-53	-74
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.39	-10	-57	+40
Eurozone	3.05	-5	-43	-18
UK	4.43	-2	-64	+13
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.92	-9	-39	+24
Eurozone	3.46	-5	-37	+8
UK	4.92	-5	-51	+24
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	39	-1	-5	-20
Belgium	61	-1	-6	-3
France	56	-2	-5	+1
Italy	176	-6	-25	-38
Spain	100	-4	-10	-9
Portugal	66	-3	-6	-38
Greece	126	+2	-19	-76



Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	77.42	-4.63	-16.19	-9.88
West Texas Oil	73.5	-4.73	-17.74	-8.31
Gold \$	1980.9	+1.11	+0.36	+8.58

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