Morning Comment

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Risk-off start to the week

There was a cautious tone to investor sentiment at the start of the week. Ongoing concerns regarding Al-related tech stock valuations, muted Eurozone growth prospects, and hawkish remarks from Fed officials, provided an unhelpful backdrop for risk appetite. Having outperformed last week, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.9% yesterday. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 declined sharply into the close, to post a 0.9% loss also.

Hawkish remarks from Fed Vice-Chair Jefferson led to a modest firming in US rate expectations yesterday. He stated that the Fed should "proceed slowly" with any further rate cuts. His comments echoed recent speeches from a number of Fed officials over the past week, which also suggested that the central bank may leave rates unchanged in December. However, it should be noted that Governor Waller indicated in remarks made later in the day, that he supports a rate cut in December. Against this backdrop, futures contracts pricing suggests the market sees just a 40% chance of a rate cut at the next Fed meeting in December (was 65% last week).

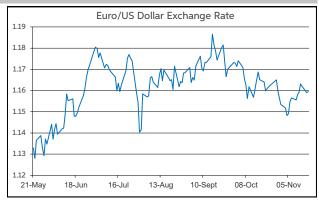
Currency-wise, the main FX pairs have operated in relatively narrow ranges over the past 24 hours. Of the limited moves to note, sterling has edged slightly higher. Meantime, the yen remains on the defensive, as GDP data for Q3 showed that the economy contracted (albeit modestly) for the first time in six quarters. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning just below the \$1.16 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is operating back near to 88p. GBP/USD is just above the midpoint of \$1.31-1.32. EUR/JPY is in the upper half of ¥179-180.

Turning to the day ahead, the data calendar is sparse on both sides of the Atlantic. Indeed, US NAHB homebuilder sentiment for November is the only release of note. Meantime, on the monetary policy front, remarks from Fed, ECB and BoE officials will garner attention.

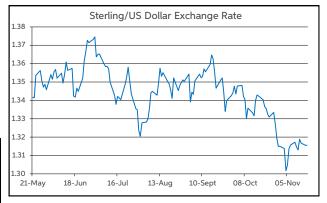
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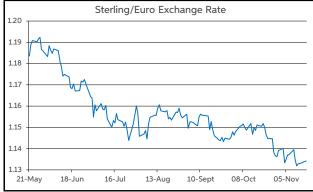
Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1595	-0.04	12.00		
EUR/GBP	0.881	-0.18	6.49		
GBP/USD	1.3156	0.11	5.16		
GBP/EUR	1.1346	0.18	-6.10		
USD/JPY	155.12	0.28	-1.31		
EUR/JPY	179.89	0.25	10.53		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap				Swap Rates	5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.88	3.94	3.88	3.58	3.63	3.66
EUR	2.00	1.89	2.07	2.16	2.21	2.45
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.83	3.64	3.82	3.94









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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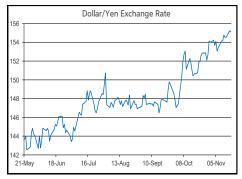
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.881
EUR/USD	1.1595
EUR/JPY	179.89
EUR/SEK	10.9947
EUR/DKK	7.4682
EUR/NOK	11.7295
EUR/CHF	0.9212
EUR/AUD	1.7888
EUR/HKD	9.0235
EUR/CAD	1.6291

Sterling				
1.1346				
1.3156				
1.8484				
2.326				
204.11				
12.4747				
8.4745				
13.3104				
1.0453				
2.0296				

Dollar				
USD/JPY	155.12			
USD/CAD	1.4052			
USD/CHF	0.7944			
USD/CNY	7.1119			
USD/BRL	5.329			
USD/RUB	81.05			
USD/INR	88.595			
AUD/USD	0.6479			
NZD/USD	0.5652			



US Swap Curve

4.10

4.00

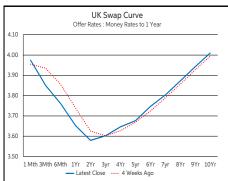
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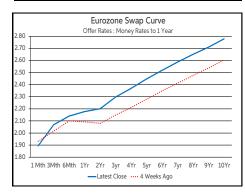
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3.50 3.40 3.30

3.20







1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr

Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.13	-1	+15	-44
Germany	2.71	-0	+13	+35
UK	4.54	-4	+2	-4
Ireland	2.94	-1	+11	+29
Belgium	3.23	-1	+9	+25
France	3.45	-0	+9	+26
Italy	3.45	-2	+8	-7
Spain	3.21	-1	+10	+15
Portugal	3.05	-1	+8	+20
Greece	3.35	-2	+10	+10
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.67	+1	+16	-62
Eurozone	2.43	+0	+17	+20
UK	3.93	-4	+2	-35
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.66	+1	+17	-68
Eurozone	2.20	+0	+14	+0
UK	3.81	-3	-4	-67
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	23	-1	-2	-6
Belgium	52	-1	-3	-10
France	74	+0	-4	-9
Italy	74	-1	-5	-42
Spain	50	-1	-3	-20
Portugal	34	-1	-5	-15
Greece	63	-1	-3	-25

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2					
Brent Oil	64.2	-0.30	+5.23	-13.99		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	4044.3	-0.86	-7.14	+54.14		

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