Morning Comment

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Dollar firms markedly overnight

Investor sentiment remained cautious yesterday. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished close to flat for the day. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 rose by 0.4%. However, US equity market futures are materially higher this morning ahead of the market open, following Nvidia's strong Q3 earnings report.

Meanwhile, US rate expectations have hardened, amid a hawkish tone in the Fed minutes from the October meeting. The minutes note that officials "expressed strongly differing views about what policy decision would most likely be appropriate" in December, and that "several indicated" that they may not support a 25bps rate cut at the final meeting of the year. Following the release, current futures pricing suggests markets see around a 25% chance of a rate cut in December, down from circa 45% previously.

Currency-wise, the dollar has been in the ascendancy over the past 24 hours. The greenback was slightly firmer throughout the European session and strengthened markedly overnight, supported by the hardening in US market rates. Elsewhere, the yen remained on the defensive. Overall, the dollar has gained around 0.6% versus the euro and sterling, and circa 1.4% against the yen.

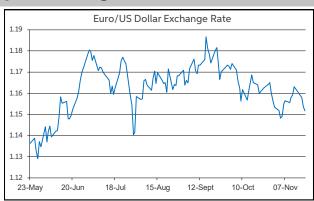
In level terms, this sees EUR/USD open this morning back in the lower half of the \$1.15-1.16 range. GBP/USD is down near the midpoint of \$1.30-1.31. USD/JPY is close to a nine-month high, at the halfway mark of ¥157-158. Meantime, EUR/GBP continues to change hands in the bottom half of the 88-89p corridor.

Turning to the day ahead, the main focus today will be the release of the delayed US labour market report (including payrolls) for September. Elsewhere, the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence for November is due. On the monetary policy front, remarks from a slew of Fed and BoE officials will warrant attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates						
		% Change				
		Day * End 2024				
EUR/USD	1.1517	-0.61	11.24			
EUR/GBP	0.8814	0.01	6.54			
GBP/USD	1.3063	-0.62	4.41			
GBP/EUR	1.134	-0.01	-6.14			
USD/JPY	157.53	1.40	0.22			
EUR/JPY	181.43	0.76	11.48			
* v Previous Day's European Open						
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates					
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.88	3.95	3.89	3.60	3.65	3.68
EUR	2.00	1.90	2.05	2.14	2.19	2.45
GBP	4.00	3.94	3.82	3.63	3.82	3.96









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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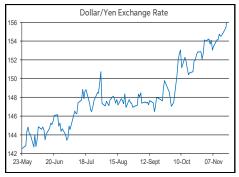
Opening Levels



Euro					
EUR/GBP	0.8814				
EUR/USD	1.1517				
EUR/JPY	181.43				
EUR/SEK	10.9997				
EUR/DKK	7.4684				
EUR/NOK	11.7317				
EUR/CHF	0.9288				
EUR/AUD	1.777				
EUR/HKD	8.9627				
EUR/CAD	1.6189				

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.134			
GBP/USD	1.3063			
GBP/CAD	1.8359			
GBP/NZD	2.3274			
GBP/JPY	205.78			
GBP/SEK	12.477			
GBP/DKK	8.4692			
GBP/NOK	13.3057			
GBP/CHF	1.0531			
GBP/AUD	2.0156			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	157.53				
USD/CAD	1.4057				
USD/CHF	0.8063				
USD/CNY	7.1152				
USD/BRL	5.3307				
USD/RUB	80.6				
USD/INR	88.67				
AUD/USD	0.6478				
NZD/USD	0.5608				



US Swap Curve

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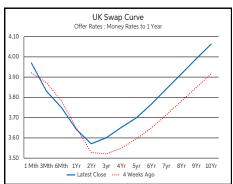
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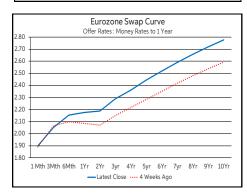
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr

Latest Close



Debt Markets						
		Change bps				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.13	+1	+18	-45		
Germany	2.71	+0	+15	+35		
UK	4.60	+4	+18	+3		
Ireland	2.93	-O	+12	+28		
Belgium	3.25	+1	+13	+27		
France	3.46	-1	+10	+26		
Italy	3.45	-1	+10	-7		
Spain	3.21	-1	+11	+14		
Portugal	3.05	-1	+11	+20		
Greece	3.33	-1	+11	+8		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.64	+1	+16	-65		
Eurozone	2.43	-0	+18	+19		
UK	3.96	+3	+11	-33		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.63	+2	+16	-70		
Eurozone	2.18	-1	+12	-1		
UK	3.81	+1	+4	-67		
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps						
Ireland	22	-O	-3	-7		
Belgium	54	+1	-2	-8		
France	75	-1	-5	-8		
Italy	74	-2	-6	-42		
Spain	49	-1	-4	-21		
Portugal	34	-1	-5	-15		
Greece	62	-1	-4	-26		

Commodities								
		% Change						
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24						
Brent Oil	63.51	-2.13	+1.47	-14.91				
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27				
Gold \$	4080.7	+0.32	-0.32	+55.52				

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