# **Morning Comment**

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### Flash PMIs in focus

Trading conditions were choppy across financial markets yesterday. Initially, there was a positive tone to investor sentiment, but as the day progressed risk appetite soured somewhat. Despite a strong Q3 earnings report for Nvidia, concerns regarding the tech-sector remained in focus. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a 0.5% gain. However, by the time the closing bell rang on Wall Street, the S&P 500 was down by 1.6%.

Elsewhere, the delayed release of the US labour market report for September was mixed. Non-farm payrolls rose by 119k in September, well above the consensus of 50k, but the August data were revised down to -4k from +22k. Elsewhere, the unemployment rate printed at 4.4% in September, above the 4.3% rate expected. In terms of wage growth, average earnings were 3.8% higher year-on-year at the end of Q3, a touch above the 3.7% increase forecast.

On the currency front, the main pairs were relatively range bound yesterday. The dollar maintained its momentum from the day prior in early trading. This saw the greenback test the \$1.15 handle against the euro. However, the dollar handed back its gains following the release of the aforementioned US job's data.

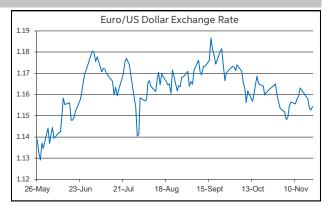
In level terms, this sees EUR/USD open this morning up near the halfway mark of \$1.15-1.16. GBP/USD is in the top half of the \$1.30-1.31 corridor. Meantime, EUR/GBP continues to change hands in the bottom half of the 88-89p band. USD/JPY is operating back close to the midpoint of the ¥156-157 range.

Already this morning, UK retail sales and consumer confidence have printed below expectations. Sales fell by 1.1% in October (vs. 0.0% f'cast) while consumer confidence deteriorated to –19.0 in November (vs. –18 f'cast). Later today, the flash PMIs for the Eurozone, UK and US (all November) are due.

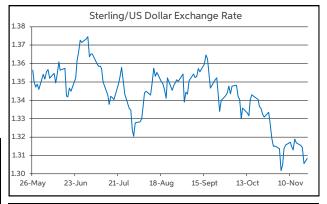
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1545	0.26	11.51	
EUR/GBP	0.8821	0.01	6.62	
GBP/USD	1.3084	0.25	4.58	
GBP/EUR	1.1332	-0.01	-6.21	
USD/JPY	156.6	-0.61	-0.37	
EUR/JPY	180.82	-0.35	11.10	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.88	3.95	3.88	3.54	3.58	3.60
EUR	2.00	1.92	2.07	2.13	2.18	2.42
GBP	4.00	3.94	3.81	3.61	3.78	3.93









#### All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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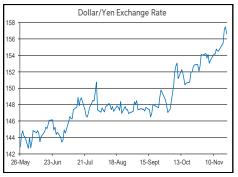
## **Opening Levels**



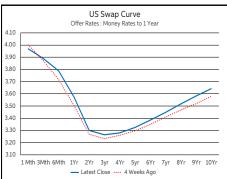
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8821
EUR/USD	1.1545
EUR/JPY	180.82
EUR/SEK	11.02
EUR/DKK	7.4686
EUR/NOK	11.7922
EUR/CHF	0.9278
EUR/AUD	1.7926
EUR/HKD	8.9876
EUR/CAD	1.6279

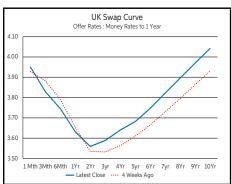
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1332			
GBP/USD	1.3084			
GBP/CAD	1.8445			
GBP/NZD	2.3354			
GBP/JPY	204.91			
GBP/SEK	12.4898			
GBP/DKK	8.4647			
GBP/NOK	13.371			
GBP/CHF	1.0513			
GBP/AUD	2.0308			

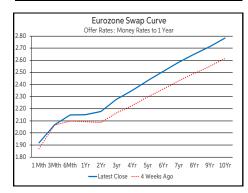
Dollar					
USD/JPY	156.6				
USD/CAD	1.4099				
USD/CHF	0.8035				
USD/CNY	7.1124				
USD/BRL	5.3328				
USD/RUB	78.7				
USD/INR	88.687				
AUD/USD	0.6439				
NZD/USD	0.56				

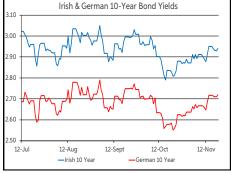












	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps	5		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.10	-3	+12	-47		
Germany	2.72	+1	+14	+36		
UK	4.59	-1	+16	+2		
Ireland	2.94	+1	+11	+29		
Belgium	3.27	+2	+13	+28		
France	3.49	+3	+11	+30		
Italy	3.47	+3	+10	-5		
Spain	3.23	+2	+11	+16		
Portugal	3.06	+1	+9	+21		
Greece	3.35	+2	+11	+10		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.58	-6	+3	-71		
Eurozone	2.42	-1	+14	+18		
UK	3.94	-2	+9	-34		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.56	-5	+4	-77		
Eurozone	2.17	-1	+9	-2		
UK	3.80	-2	+2	-69		
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps						
Ireland	22	+0	-3	-6		
Belgium	55	+1	-1	-7		
France	77	+2	-3	-6		
Italy	76	+2	-4	-40		
Spain	51	+1	-3	-19		
Portugal	34	+0	-5	-14		
Greece	63	+1	-4	-25		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks Er				
Brent Oil	63.38	-0.20	-3.96	-15.09	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	4077.0	-0.09	-1.16	+55.38	

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