

EUR/USD tests \$1.10

Investor sentiment was holding a mixed tone yesterday. Meantime, in a continuation of the moves from the previous day, futures contracts softened and bond yields declined. Against this backdrop, equity markets were little changed on either side of the Atlantic.

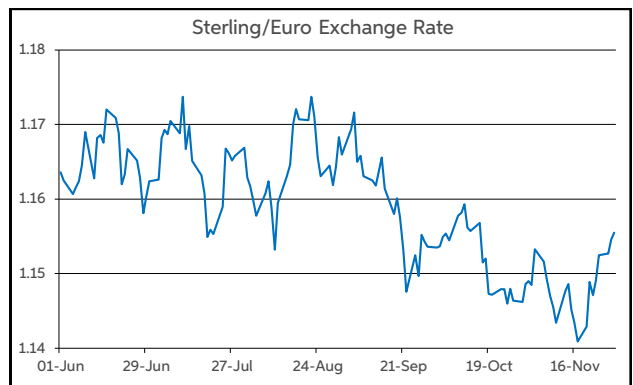
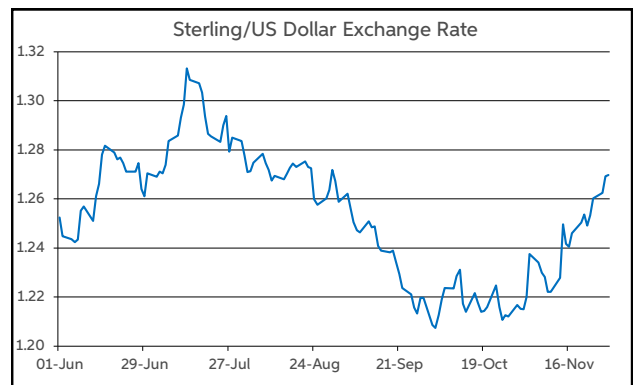
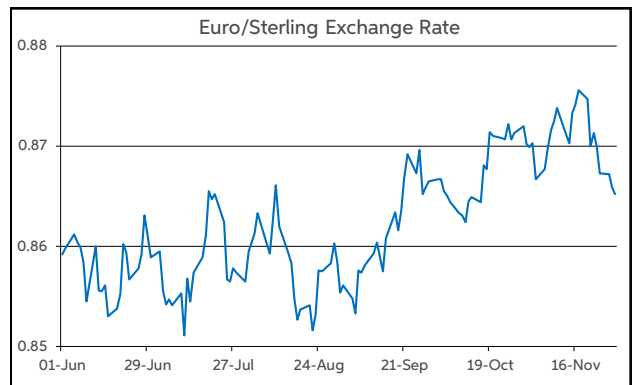
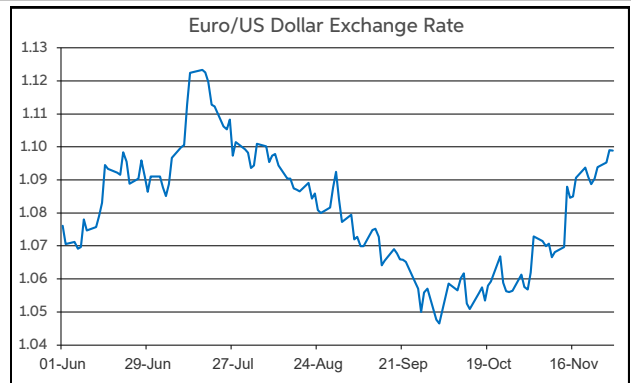
Remarks from a number of central bank officials garnered attention yesterday. Fed member Waller stated that he is, “*increasingly confident that policy is currently well positioned*”, to get inflation back to 2%. He also noted rates may be cut if inflation continues to ease. Despite, some hawkish rhetoric from other Fed officials, Waller’s comments sparked a marked dovish reaction, with markets now pricing in a greater amount of rate cuts in the US next year.

At the same time, the softening in US futures contracts spilled over to Eurozone rate expectations. UK rates softened also, albeit to a lesser extent, as BoE MPC member Haskel stated that rates need to be held, “*higher for longer than many are expecting*”. Overall, futures contracts are pricing in close to 110bps of rate cuts in the US and Eurozone, and at least 70bps of cuts in the UK next year. On bond markets, 2-year US and German yields fell by 10-20bps. Meantime, the 2-year UK Gilt yield declined by only 3bps.

Currency-wise, the dollar was on the defensive amid the marked softening in US rates. EUR/USD tested the \$1.10 threshold, albeit a move above this level could not be sustained. Nevertheless, the greenback lost between 0.3-0.8% versus the euro, sterling and yen.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is just below the \$1.10 handle. GBP/USD is up near \$1.27. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is at the midpoint of 86-87p. Today, the EC sentiment indices and German flash HICP inflation (both November) will be the highlight.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0986	0.34	2.65
EUR/GBP	0.8651	-0.25	-2.18
GBP/USD	1.2696	0.56	4.95
GBP/EUR	1.1552	0.25	2.23
USD/JPY	147.14	-0.76	12.23
EUR/JPY	161.68	-0.42	15.24

* v Previous Day's European Open
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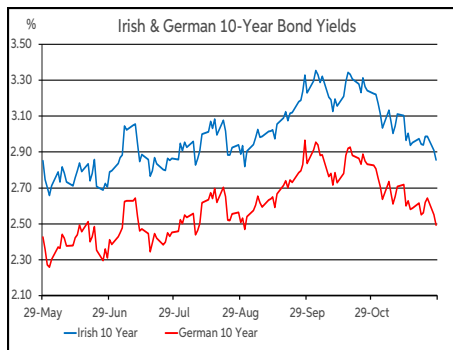
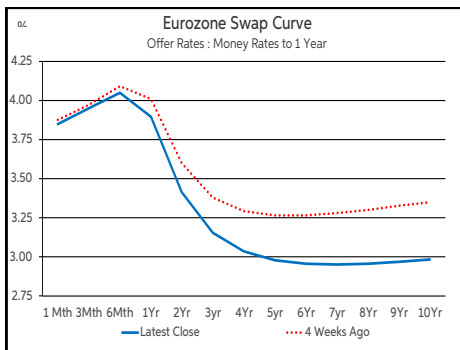
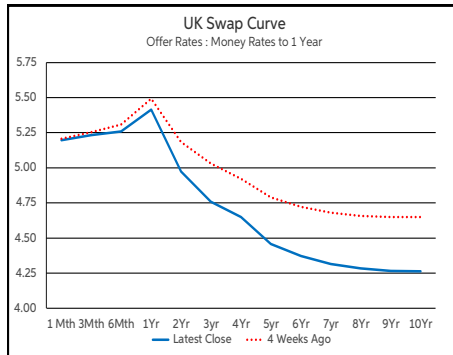
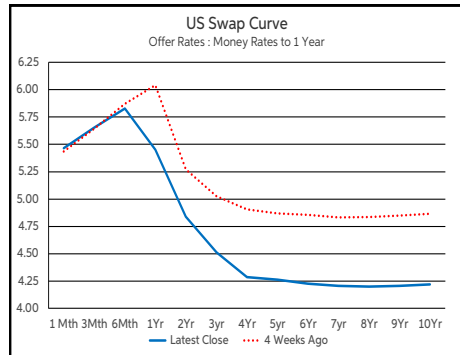
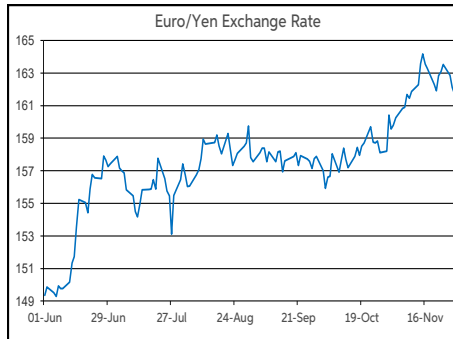
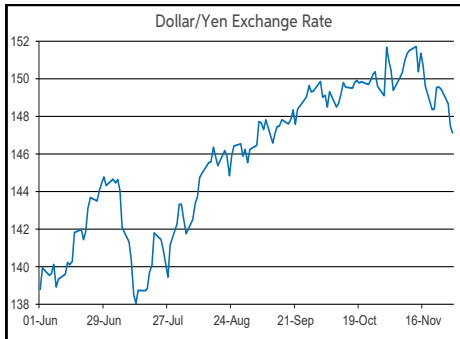
Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates			
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.47	5.65	5.41	4.80	4.22
EUR	4.50	3.85	3.95	3.86	3.36	2.92
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.23	5.15	4.94	4.45

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8652	GBP/EUR	1.1553	USD/JPY	147.14
EUR/USD	1.0987	GBP/USD	1.2696	USD/CAD	1.3559
EUR/JPY	161.68	GBP/CAD	1.7218	USD/CHF	0.8777
EUR/SEK	11.3566	GBP/NZD	2.0576	USD/CNY	7.1227
EUR/DKK	7.4556	GBP/JPY	186.81	USD/BRL	4.8706
EUR/NOK	11.6735	GBP/SEK	13.1222	USD/RUB	88.9075
EUR/CHF	0.9643	GBP/DKK	8.6143	USD/INR	83.2954
EUR/AUD	1.6563	GBP/NOK	13.489		
EUR/HKD	8.5685	GBP/CHF	1.1146	AUD/USD	0.6632
EUR/CAD	1.4898	GBP/AUD	1.914	NZD/USD	0.6169



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	Change bps	
			4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.32	-7	-60	+45
Germany	2.50	-6	-31	-7
UK	4.17	-4	-35	+50
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.26	-11	-57	+27
Eurozone	2.98	-6	-28	-25
UK	4.46	-7	-32	+16
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.84	-11	-39	+16
Eurozone	3.41	-6	-18	+3
UK	4.97	-6	-20	+29
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	39	+1	-5	-19
Belgium	62	+1	-4	-2
France	57	+1	-5	+2
Italy	177	+2	-15	-38
Spain	101	+1	-7	-9
Portugal	67	-1	-3	-37
Greece	128	+5	-8	-75

Commodities				
	Close	Day	% Change	
			4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	81.68	+2.13	-6.56	-4.92
West Texas Oil	76.09	+2.19	-6.80	-5.08
Gold \$	2040.9	+1.35	+2.93	+11.87

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