

Risk-off mood on markets supports the dollar

Investor sentiment was holding a risk-off tone yesterday, amid the ongoing escalation of tensions in the Middle East. Equity markets moved lower on both sides of the Atlantic, with the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 down by 0.9%. Meantime, oil prices moved higher, with Brent crude rising by over 3% to near \$75 per barrel.

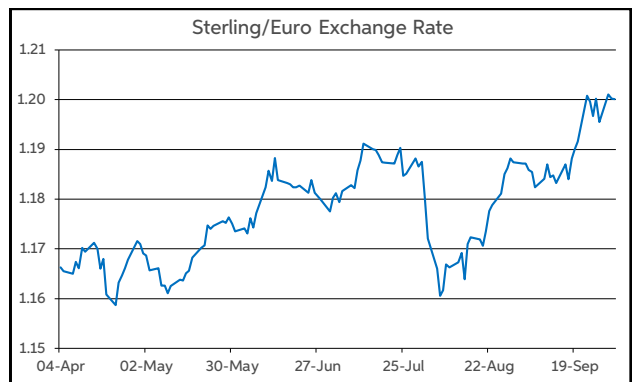
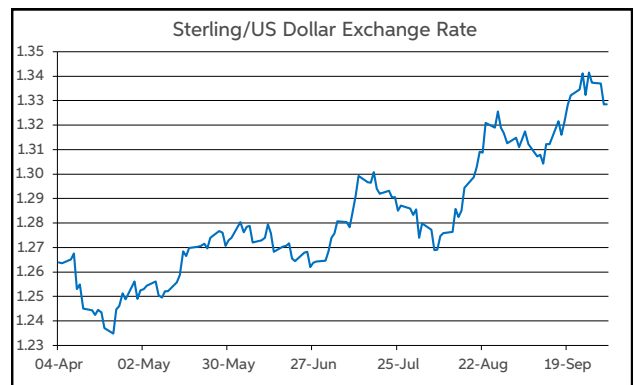
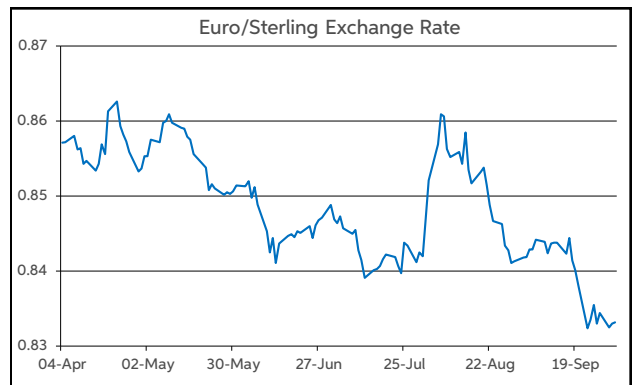
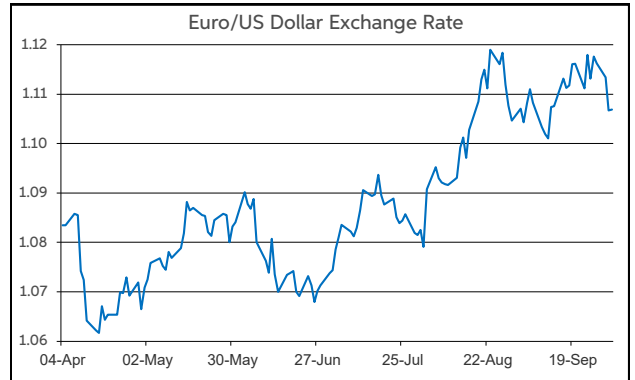
On the data front, the flash reading of Eurozone HICP inflation eased to 1.8% in September, in-line with expectations. Core-HICP edged lower to 2.7% from 2.8% also. However, services inflation remained elevated, at 4% in the month. Meanwhile, in the US the manufacturing ISM was unchanged at 47.2 in September. However, the data had little impact on market sentiment yesterday.

Currency-wise, amid the risk averse mood on markets, the dollar was firmly in the ascendancy. This saw the greenback gain circa 0.6% against the euro and sterling. Elsewhere, the yen was holding a firmer tone, benefitting also from safe haven demand.

In level terms, the stronger dollar is evidenced by EUR/USD opening this morning back near the midpoint of \$1.10-1.11. GBP/USD is operating back below the \$1.33 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP remains in the bottom half of the 83-84p range. Elsewhere, EUR/JPY is changing hands in the lower half of ¥159-160.

Turning to the day ahead, there is a relatively quiet look to the macro data calendar. The main release of note will be the Eurozone unemployment rate for August. It is forecast to remain at its all-time low of 6.4% in the month. On the monetary policy front, remarks from a number of ECB officials, including Vice-President de Guindos, Chief Economist Lane and the influential Schnabel will garner attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.1069	-0.62	0.30
EUR/GBP	0.8332	0.07	-3.88
GBP/USD	1.3285	-0.71	4.37
GBP/EUR	1.2001	-0.07	4.03
USD/JPY	143.95	-0.22	2.05
EUR/JPY	159.34	-0.86	2.38

* 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	4.88	4.96	4.85	4.08	3.68	3.49
EUR	3.65	3.35	3.28	2.63	2.27	2.18
GBP	5.00	4.94	4.80	4.29	4.13	3.84

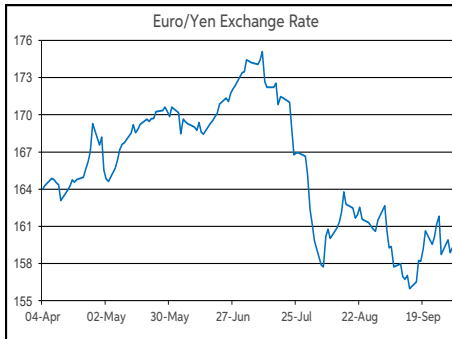
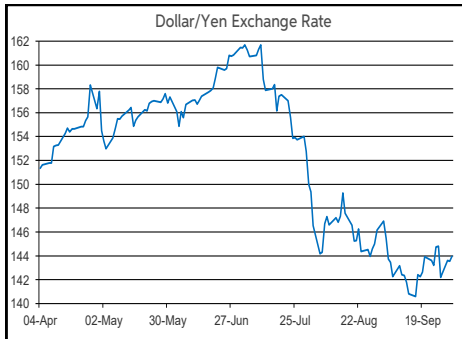
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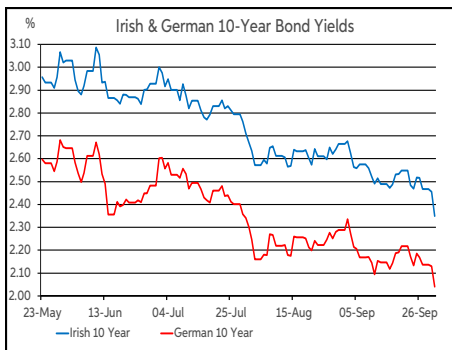
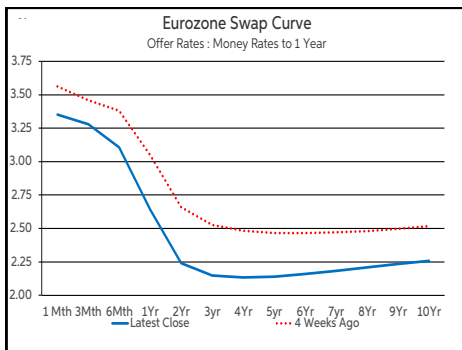
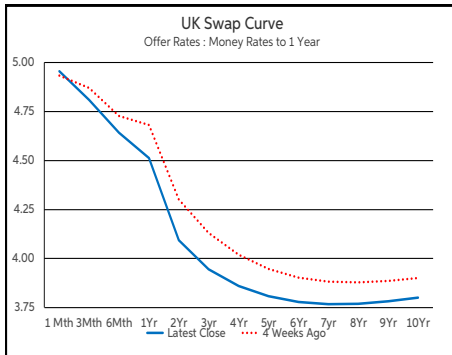
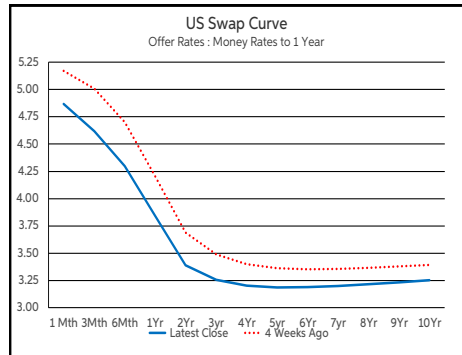
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8332	GBP/EUR	1.2001	USD/JPY	143.95
EUR/USD	1.1069	GBP/USD	1.3285	USD/CAD	1.3486
EUR/JPY	159.34	GBP/CAD	1.7916	USD/CHF	0.8455
EUR/SEK	11.366	GBP/NZD	2.1116	USD/CNY	7.0176
EUR/DKK	7.4585	GBP/JPY	191.24	USD/BRL	5.425
EUR/NOK	11.7219	GBP/SEK	13.641	USD/RUB	94.7
EUR/CHF	0.9359	GBP/DKK	8.9515	USD/INR	83.939
EUR/AUD	1.6062	GBP/NOK	14.0681	AUD/USD	0.6891
EUR/HKD	8.5962	GBP/CHF	1.1233	NZD/USD	0.629
EUR/CAD	1.4927	GBP/AUD	1.9277		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	3.74	-6	-10	-12
Germany	2.04	-9	-23	+2
UK	3.94	-7	-5	+40
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.45	-5	-15	-35
Eurozone	2.14	-7	-32	-29
UK	3.81	-6	-13	+16
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.65	-4	-25	-69
Eurozone	2.24	-5	-41	-56
UK	4.09	-4	-20	-17
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	34	-1	-4	+0
Belgium	62	-1	+3	-4
France	78	-1	+5	+25
Italy	133	+0	-7	-34
Spain	80	-1	-3	-17
Portugal	59	+1	-4	-17
Greece	100	+1	-8	-5



Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	74.21	+3.90	-0.26	-4.52
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2662.8	+1.08	+6.82	+29.10

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