Morning Comment

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EUR/USD remains below \$1.05

US Treasury yields continued to move higher yesterday. This was against the backdrop of on-going hawkish Fed comments and another upside surprise from the US macro diary (an unexpected rise in US job openings for August). The 10-year US Treasury yield rose above the 4.7% threshold and up to the 4.8% level. Yields were also higher elsewhere, although not to the same degree. The 10-year German Bund yield rose up to around 3%.

Investor sentiment retained its cautious tone yesterday amid the persistent rise in yields. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 1.0%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was 1.4% lower on the day.

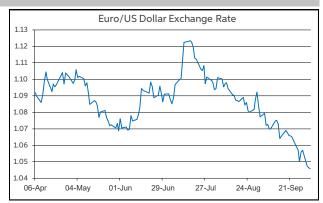
Currency-wise, against the risk averse environment and continued rise in US Treasury yields, the dollar maintained the upper hand. Albeit yesterday's action was confined to fairly tight ranges for some of the majors. In level terms, EUR/USD remained pinned down below the \$1.05 mark, trading to a low of \$1.0449. GBP/USD continued to trade under the \$1.21 handle.

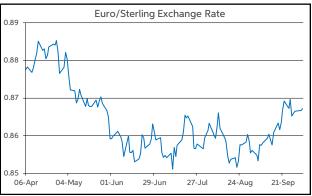
Meanwhile, USD/JPY briefly breached the closely watched ¥150 level, followed by a sharp reversal. This prompted speculation of FX intervention from the Japanese Finance Ministry. However, a Japanese official refused to confirm this. The BoJ intervened in the bond market, though, after 10-year Japanese yields hit their highest level in a decade. Elsewhere, on the currency front, EUR/GBP traded in the upper half of 86-87p.

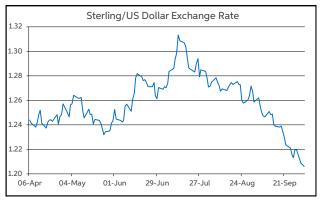
Today's macro diary includes the final PMI readings from the Eurozone, US and UK. The US diary also features the non-manufacturing ISM and the ADP employment report (both Sept). **John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB**

| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| | | % Change | | |
| | | Day * | End 2022 | |
| EUR/USD | 1.0457 | -0.04 | -2.29 | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8671 | 0.00 | -1.96 | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2058 | -0.02 | -0.32 | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1527 | 0.00 | 2.00 | |
| USD/JPY | 149.23 | -0.43 | 13.82 | |
| EUR/JPY | 156.1 | -0.46 | 11.26 | |
| * v Previous Day's European Open | | | | |

| Opening Interest Rates | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|------------|------|------|
| | Money Market | | | Swap Rates | | |
| | Base Rate | 1-Mth | 3-Mth | 1-Yr | 2-Yr | 5-Yr |
| USD | 5.38 | 5.44 | 5.68 | 5.61 | 5.37 | 4.92 |
| EUR | 4.50 | 3.86 | 3.95 | 4.14 | 3.86 | 3.54 |
| GBP | 5.25 | 5.19 | 5.28 | 5.44 | 5.41 | 4.96 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



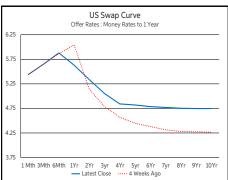
| Euro | 1 |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8671 |
| EUR/USD | 1.0457 |
| EUR/JPY | 156.1 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.6223 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4586 |
| EUR/NOK | 11.4893 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9646 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.6592 |
| EUR/HKD | 8.1897 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.4344 |

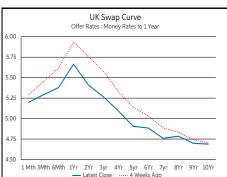
| Sterling | | | |
|----------|--------|--|--|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1527 | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2058 | | |
| GBP/CAD | 1.6539 | | |
| GBP/NZD | 2.0492 | | |
| GBP/JPY | 179.94 | | |
| GBP/SEK | 13.398 | | |
| GBP/DKK | 8.5981 | | |
| GBP/NOK | 13.24 | | |
| GBP/CHF | 1.1123 | | |
| GBP/AUD | 1.9131 | | |

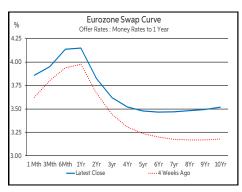
| Dollar | | | | |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 149.23 | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.3715 | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.9223 | | | |
| USD/CNY | 7.301 | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.1672 | | | |
| USD/RUB | 99.2 | | | |
| USD/INR | 83.249 | | | |
| | | | | |
| AUD/USD | 0.6302 | | | |
| NZD/USD | 0.5884 | | | |
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| | Debt | Markets | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| | | | Change bps | 5 |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 22 |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | |
| US | 4.80 | +11 | +53 | +92 |
| Germany | 2.96 | +4 | +35 | +39 |
| UK | 4.59 | +2 | +7 | +92 |
| Ireland | 3.38 | +4 | +37 | +23 |
| Belgium | 3.63 | +6 | +40 | +43 |
| France | 3.53 | +5 | +39 | +42 |
| Italy | 4.93 | +12 | +59 | +23 |
| Spain | 4.07 | +6 | +41 | +41 |
| Portugal | 3.69 | +3 | +33 | +9 |
| Greece | 4.43 | +4 | +50 | -16 |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 4.82 | +10 | +41 | +82 |
| Eurozone | 3.48 | +2 | +25 | +25 |
| UK | 4.91 | +2 | -18 | +60 |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 5.34 | +4 | +23 | +66 |
| Eurozone | 3.82 | -0 | +17 | +44 |
| UK | 5.41 | +1 | -34 | +73 |
| 10 Year Governn | nent Bond Spre | ads to Ben | chmark bps | |
| Ireland | 42 | -O | +2 | -16 |
| Belgium | 67 | +1 | +5 | +3 |
| France | 58 | +0 | +4 | +3 |
| Italy | 198 | +8 | +24 | -17 |
| Spain | 111 | +2 | +6 | +1 |
| Portugal | 73 | -1 | -2 | -31 |
| Greece | 148 | -1 | +15 | -55 |

| Commodities | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--------|--|--|--|
| | | % Change | | | | | |
| | Close | Close Day 4 Weeks End 22 | | | | | |
| Brent Oil | 90.92 | +0.23 | +0.98 | +5.83 | | | |
| West Texas Oil | 89.26 | +0.51 | +2.91 | +11.35 | | | |
| Gold\$ | 1822.8 | -0.25 | -5.35 | -0.09 | | | |

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