

Dollar hands back some of its recent gains

There was a somewhat positive mood on markets yesterday, as the sell-off on bond markets paused for breath. This saw the 10-year US Treasury yield decline by 6bps. German Bund yields also edged lower. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished broadly flat, while the S&P 500 gained 0.8%. Elsewhere, oil prices fell sharply, with Brent crude oil down by circa 5%, back near \$86 per barrel.

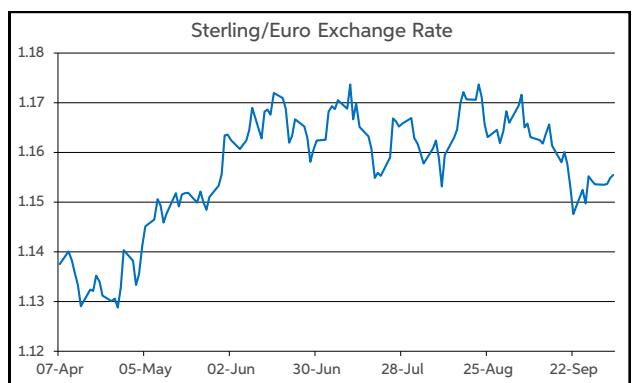
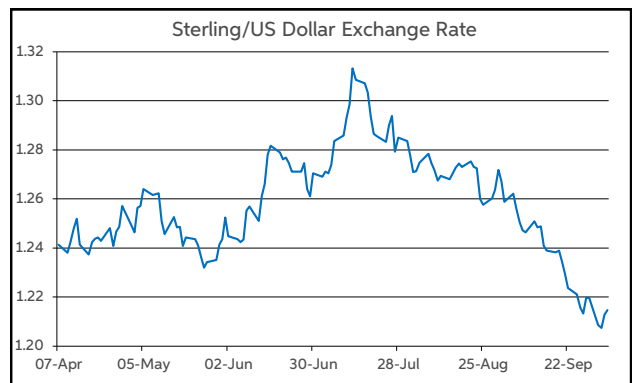
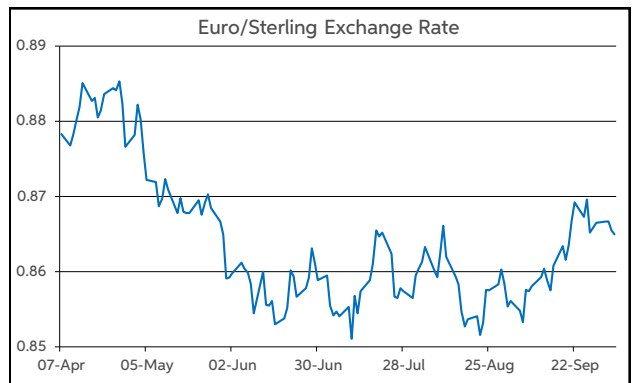
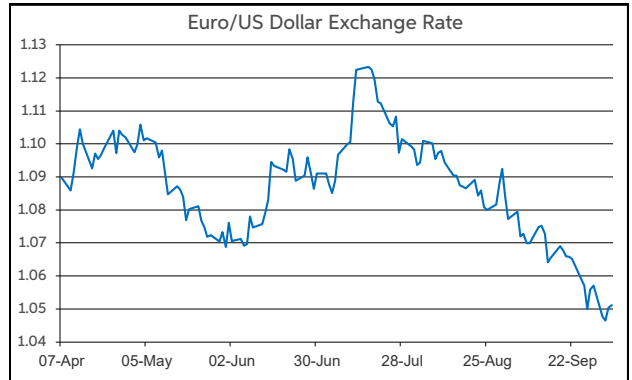
Data-wise, Eurozone, retail sales contracted by 1.2% in August (vs. -0.3% f'cast). In the US, the non-manufacturing ISM printed in-line with expectations, falling to 53.6 in September. Underlying data in the survey, though, show that inflationary pressures remain elevated, and that employment in the sector is robust. Meanwhile, ADP employment rose by 89k in September, the lowest level of expansion since February 2021, and well below the 153k consensus.

On the currency front, the dollar handed back some of its recent gains, amid the larger fall in US yields versus elsewhere. The softer than anticipated ADP data were also unhelpful for the dollar at the margin. This saw EUR/USD trade to a high of \$1.053 yesterday, while USD/JPY moved back below the ¥149 handle.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is just above the \$1.05 threshold, GBP/USD is at the midpoint of the \$1.21-1.22 range. Meantime, USD/JPY remains below the ¥149 mark. EUR/GBP continues to operate within the 86-87p band.

Turning to today, there is a relatively sparse data schedule. In the US, initial jobless claims are the main release of note. Meanwhile, remarks from a number of central bank officials may garner some attention. However, investors may opt to keep their powder dry, ahead of the US non-farm payrolls for September, due tomorrow.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0512	0.41	-1.78
EUR/GBP	0.865	-0.16	-2.19
GBP/USD	1.215	0.57	0.44
GBP/EUR	1.1556	0.16	2.24
USD/JPY	148.71	-0.30	13.42
EUR/JPY	156.35	0.12	11.44

* 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	5.44	5.68	5.65	5.26	4.78
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.96	4.12	3.80	3.47
GBP	5.25	5.20	5.28	5.44	5.39	4.95

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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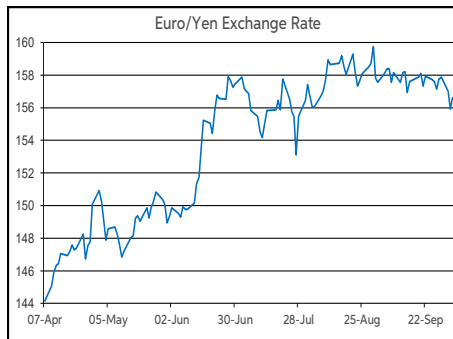
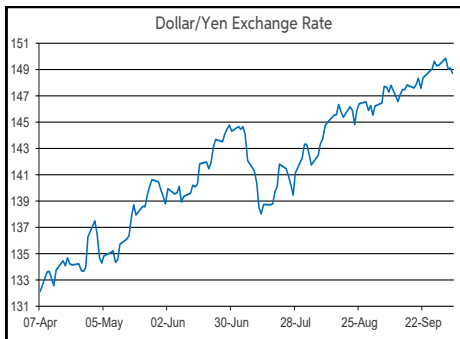
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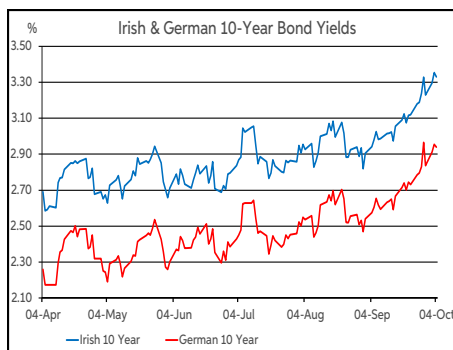
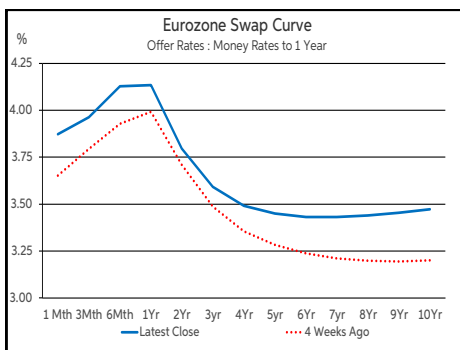
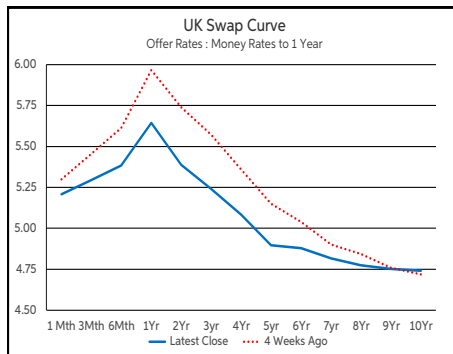
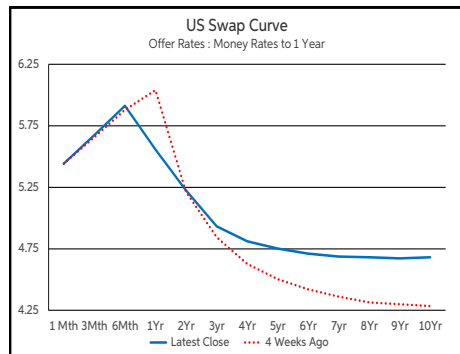
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.865	GBP/EUR	1.1555	USD/JPY	148.72
EUR/USD	1.0511	GBP/USD	1.215	USD/CAD	1.3731
EUR/JPY	156.35	GBP/CAD	1.6684	USD/CHF	0.9152
EUR/SEK	11.6084	GBP/NZD	2.0466	USD/CNY	7.301
EUR/DKK	7.4577	GBP/JPY	180.68	USD/BRL	5.155
EUR/NOK	11.5483	GBP/SEK	13.418	USD/RUB	99.525
EUR/CHF	0.9622	GBP/DKK	8.6174	USD/INR	83.225
EUR/AUD	1.6542	GBP/NOK	13.346		
EUR/HKD	8.231	GBP/CHF	1.1123	AUD/USD	0.6355
EUR/CAD	1.4435	GBP/AUD	1.9118	NZD/USD	0.5934



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.74	-6	+44	+86
Germany	2.94	-2	+28	+38
UK	4.59	-1	+5	+92
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.75	-8	+29	+76
Eurozone	3.45	-3	+18	+22
UK	4.90	-1	-20	+59
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.23	-9	+5	+55
Eurozone	3.80	-3	+10	+41
UK	5.39	-2	-35	+71
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	41	-1	+1	-17
Belgium	66	-1	+3	+2
France	56	-2	+3	+1
Italy	195	-3	+20	-19
Spain	109	-2	+4	-0
Portugal	73	-1	-4	-31
Greece	148	+0	+14	-55



Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	85.81	-5.62	-5.29	-0.12
West Texas Oil	84.32	-5.53	-3.69	+5.19
Gold \$	1821.1	-0.10	-4.97	-0.18

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