Morning Comment

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Some volatility amongst the FX majors

While gold prices made plenty of headlines last week, reaching a record high above \$4,000/oz, it was also an eventful period on currency markets. There were some notable changes in trading levels/ranges amongst the FX majors. From a euro perspective, the single currency started the week under some mild downward pressure amid renewed political uncertainty in France. Even more notable, in terms of a weakening trend, was the Japanese yen. The currency was on the defensive as the market speculated that the new leader of the main ruling LDP party, Sanae Takaichi, apparent preference for fiscal stimulus and looser monetary policy could delay BoJ rate hikes.

In contrast, the dollar was on an upward trajectory for much of the week. The greenback managed to take advantage of the other 'majors' difficulties and generate some upward momentum. In level terms, this was reflected in EUR/USD falling from above \$1.17 at the start of the week, to trade to a low of \$1.154. The combination of the firmer dollar and weaker yen saw USD/JPY test above ¥153. The stronger dollar was also evident in GBP/USD moving under \$1.33.

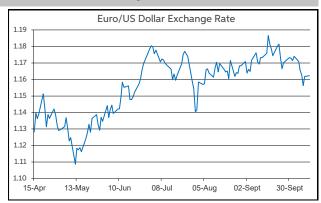
However, an escalation of trade tensions between the US and China on Friday saw the dollar lose some momentum heading into the weekend. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens back above \$1.16, GBP/USD is up in \$1.33-1.34 territory, while USD/JPY is below ¥152. Elsewhere on the currency front, EUR/GBP is at the 87p mark after spending some of last week under this level.

Ahead this week, the official data releases from the US calendar remain impacted by the government shutdown. The Eurozone diary is sparse, with industrial production the only data of note. There is a much busier UK schedule. Monthly GDP and a raft of labour market data (all Aug) will bring the UK economy's performance into focus and therefore, could create some volatility for sterling.

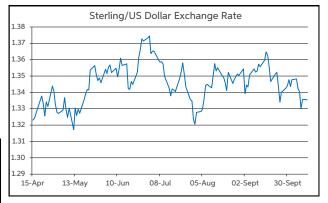
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Т	Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change				
		Day *	End 2024			
EUR/USD	1.1623	0.43	12.27			
EUR/GBP	0.8702	0.09	5.19			
GBP/USD	1.3354	0.35	6.74			
GBP/EUR	1.1487	-0.09	-4.93			
USD/JPY	151.77	-0.63	-3.44			
EUR/JPY	176.41	-0.22	8.39			
* v Previous 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	4.13	4.03	3.89	3.53	3.56	3.56
EUR	2.00	1.92	2.01	2.10	2.12	2.35
GBP	4.00	3.95	3.95	3.83	3.99	4.06









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



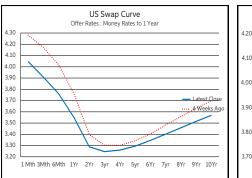
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8702
EUR/USD	1.1623
EUR/JPY	176.41
EUR/SEK	11.0346
EUR/DKK	7.468
EUR/NOK	11.7277
EUR/CHF	0.9304
EUR/AUD	1.7821
EUR/HKD	9.0399
EUR/CAD	1.6264

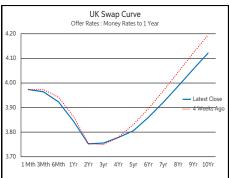
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1487			
GBP/USD	1.3354			
GBP/CAD	1.8683			
GBP/NZD	2.3269			
GBP/JPY	202.67			
GBP/SEK	12.6706			
GBP/DKK	8.5781			
GBP/NOK	13.4671			
GBP/CHF	1.0691			
GBP/AUD	2.0472			

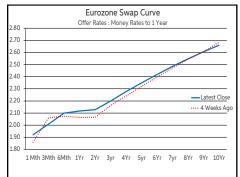
Dollar					
USD/JPY	151.77				
USD/CAD	1.3994				
USD/CHF	0.8004				
USD/CNY	7.1301				
USD/BRL	5.5274				
USD/RUB	81.4				
USD/INR	88.771				
AUD/USD	0.652				
NZD/USD	0.5734				

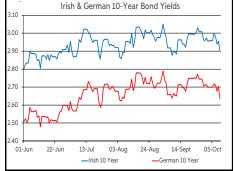












Debt Markets					
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.05	-10	-1	-53	
Germany	2.63	-7	-8	+27	
UK	4.67	-8	+0	+10	
Ireland	2.90	-5	-6	+25	
Belgium	3.23	-3	-2	+25	
France	3.48	-5	-2	+28	
Italy	3.49	-5	-6	-3	
Spain	3.19	-5	-9	+13	
Portugal	3.04	-6	-9	+19	
Greece	3.37	-2	-3	+12	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.55	-10	+4	-74	
Eurozone	2.32	-6	-3	+8	
UK	4.06	-6	+2	-23	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.55	-7	-1	-79	
Eurozone	2.09	-4	-5	-10	
UK	3.98	-4	-0	-50	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchi	nark bps		
Ireland	27	+2	+2	-2	
Belgium	59	+4	+5	-2	
France	84	+2	+6	+1	
Italy	86	+2	+2	-30	
Spain	56	+2	-1	-14	
Portugal	41	+1	-1	-8	
Greece	74	+5	+5	-15	

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	62.73	-3.82	-6.36	-15.96			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	4017.3	+1.06	+10.29	+53.11			

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