## **Morning Comment**

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## Volatile day on markets

It was a very volatile day on financial markets yesterday. However, after initially moving lower, equity markets managed to finish the day higher, without any obvious catalyst for the move. These gains broke a six-day losing streak, with the S&P 500 up 2.6%.

On bond markets, UK Gilts remained the centre of attention. Reports that the UK Government may reverse course on some of its planned fiscal measures, saw Gilt yields fall sharply by 20-25bps, as well as supporting sterling. Elsewhere, the 2-year US Treasury yield moved higher, finishing the day up 10bps, following another above consensus CPI inflation print.

The aforementioned CPI report showed that headline inflation inched lower to 8.2% (vs. 8.3% f'cast) in September. Meanwhile, core CPI rose to 6.6% (vs. 6.5% f'cast). US rate expectations hardened in the immediate aftermath of the release, with the peak rising to near 5% for 2023. However, they later settled back lower, with the peak currently at 4.8%. Currency-wise, the dollar initially found some momentum following the CPI data also, although the currency ended the day on the back-foot.

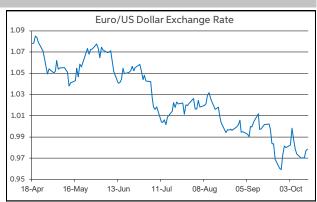
Overall, amid choppy trading conditions on the exchanges, sterling held the upper hand, boosted by the UK fiscal policy newsflow. This is reflected in EUR/GBP opening this morning back at the midpoint of 86-87p. GBP/USD is changing hands above \$1.13, having started yesterday between \$1.10-1.11. Meantime, EUR/USD is operating just below the \$0.98 threshold.

Ahead today, US retail sales (Sep) and consumer sentiment (Oct) are due. Elsewhere, UK markets will remain in focus as the BoE prepares to wind up its temporary Gilt purchase programme.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates         |        |          |          |  |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
|                                  |        | % Change |          |  |
|                                  |        | Day *    | End 2021 |  |
| EUR/USD                          | 0.9787 | 0.88     | -13.91   |  |
| EUR/GBP                          | 0.8649 | -1.17    | 2.96     |  |
| GBP/USD                          | 1.1315 | 2.04     | -16.36   |  |
| GBP/EUR                          | 1.1557 | 1.18     | -2.88    |  |
| USD/JPY                          | 147.48 | 0.45     | 28.15    |  |
| EUR/JPY                          | 144.36 | 1.33     | 10.31    |  |
| * 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                    | 3.125     | 3.34         | 4.01  | 4.90       | 4.79 | 4.21 |
| EUR                    | 1.25      | 0.85         | 1.36  | 2.63       | 2.98 | 3.09 |
| GBP                    | 2.25      | 2.62         | 3.49  | 5.12       | 5.29 | 5.23 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



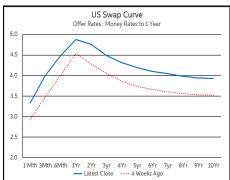
| Euro    |         |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8649  |
| EUR/USD | 0.9787  |
| EUR/JPY | 144.36  |
| EUR/SEK | 10.9807 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4374  |
| EUR/NOK | 10.3085 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9761  |
| EUR/AUD | 1.5456  |
| EUR/HKD | 7.6837  |
| EUR/CAD | 1.3428  |

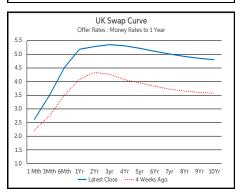
| Sterling |         |  |  |
|----------|---------|--|--|
| GBP/EUR  | 1.1557  |  |  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.1315  |  |  |
| GBP/CAD  | 1.5523  |  |  |
| GBP/NZD  | 1.9963  |  |  |
| GBP/JPY  | 166.87  |  |  |
| GBP/SEK  | 12.6939 |  |  |
| GBP/DKK  | 8.5959  |  |  |
| GBP/NOK  | 11.9174 |  |  |
| GBP/CHF  | 1.1284  |  |  |
| GBP/AUD  | 1.7867  |  |  |

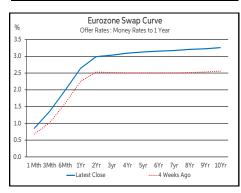
| Dollar  |        |  |  |  |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 147.48 |  |  |  |
| USD/CAD | 1.3718 |  |  |  |
| USD/CHF | 0.9972 |  |  |  |
| USD/CNY | 7.1724 |  |  |  |
| USD/BRL | 5.2605 |  |  |  |
| USD/RUB | 63.5   |  |  |  |
| USD/INR | 82.39  |  |  |  |
|         |        |  |  |  |
| AUD/USD | 0.6332 |  |  |  |
| NZD/USD | 0.5665 |  |  |  |













|                 | Debt          | Markets    |            |        |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------|
|                 |               |            | Change bps | i      |
|                 | Close         | Day        | 4 Weeks    | End 21 |
| 10 Year Yield % |               |            |            |        |
| US              | 3.95          | +5         | +50        | +244   |
| Germany         | 2.30          | -5         | +56        | +248   |
| UK              | 4.18          | -23        | +102       | +321   |
| Ireland         | 2.83          | -4         | +47        | +258   |
| Belgium         | 2.93          | -9         | +59        | +275   |
| France          | 2.87          | -8         | +57        | +268   |
| Italy           | 4.67          | -14        | +64        | +349   |
| Spain           | 3.45          | -8         | +55        | +286   |
| Portugal        | 3.39          | -5         | +59        | +291   |
| Greece          | 4.93          | -9         | +71        | +362   |
| 5 Year Swap %   |               |            |            |        |
| US              | 4.20          | +9         | +49        | +286   |
| Eurozone        | 3.13          | +2         | +63        | +312   |
| UK              | 5.22          | -26        | +127       | +395   |
| 2 Year Swap %   |               |            |            |        |
| US              | 4.76          | +17        | +51        | +382   |
| Eurozone        | 2.99          | +6         | +46        | +329   |
| UK              | 5.28          | -18        | +95        | +409   |
| 10 Year Governm | ent Bond Spre | ads to Ben | chmark bps |        |
| Ireland         | 53            | +1         | -9         | +11    |
| Belgium         | 63            | -4         | +3         | +27    |
| France          | 57            | -4         | +1         | +20    |
| Italy           | 237           | -10        | +8         | +101   |
| Spain           | 115           | -4         | -1         | +38    |
| Portugal        | 109           | -1         | +3         | +43    |
| Greece          | 263           | -4         | +15        | +114   |

| Commodities    |        |          |         |        |  |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--|
|                |        | % Change |         |        |  |
|                | Close  | Day      | 4 Weeks | End 21 |  |
| Brent Oil      | 94.57  | +2.29    | +4.11   | +21.59 |  |
| West Texas Oil | 89.59  | +2.00    | +4.51   | +18.93 |  |
|                |        |          |         |        |  |
| Gold\$         | 1665.8 | -0.40    | +0.12   | -8.89  |  |

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