Morning Comment

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The dollar has the last laugh

There was a mixed mood on markets last week, as remarks from Fed officials and US inflation data impacted sentiment throughout. Overall, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished down by 0.2% for the week, while the S&P 500 gained 0.4%. Meantime, oil prices rose sharply, with Brent crude climbing above \$90 per barrel.

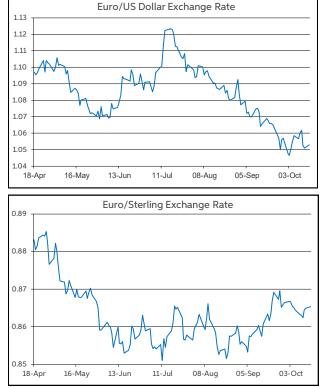
In the early part of last week, dovish comments from a number of Fed officials and general risk aversion on markets, saw US Treasury yields move sharply lower. However, some above consensus US CPI inflation data for September, resulted in Treasury yields rising up from their troughs near the end of the week. Overall though, US Treasury yields fell by 4-15bps last week. However, the volatility in the US Treasury market spilled over to European bonds, with German Bund and UK Gilt yields declining by circa 4-20bps also.

Similarly, fluctuating US sovereign yields continued to heavily influence the dollar. EUR/USD traded to a high of \$1.064, before edging all the way back below \$1.05 on Friday. Meantime, GBP/ USD rose to a peak of \$1.234, only to end the week down in the lower half of \$1.21-1.22. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remained tightly range bound between 86-87p. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens above \$1.05, GBP/USD is up in the top half of \$1.21-1.22, and EUR/GBP is at the midpoint of 86-87p.

This week, a busy UK macro calendar, which includes the CPI (Sep) and wage (Aug) inflation releases, will garner close attention. Other UK labour market and retail sales data will also feature. In the US, retail sales and industrial production for September, as well as a number of housing market updates are due. However, remarks from a number of Fed speakers may have a greater impact on the dollar. In the Eurozone, the data calendar is relatively sparse. Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB

Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2022		
EUR/USD	1.0533	-0.14	-1.58		
EUR/GBP	0.8653	0.12	-2.16		
GBP/USD	1.2167	-0.30	0.58		
GBP/EUR	1.1549	-0.12	2.21		
USD/JPY	149.47	-0.12	14.00		
EUR/JPY	157.43	-0.28	12.21		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
Money Market			Swap Rates			
Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
5.38	5.45	5.66	5.66	5.25	4.73	
4.50	3.86	3.99	4.09	3.76	3.38	
5.25	5.21	5.28	5.38	5.34	4.79	
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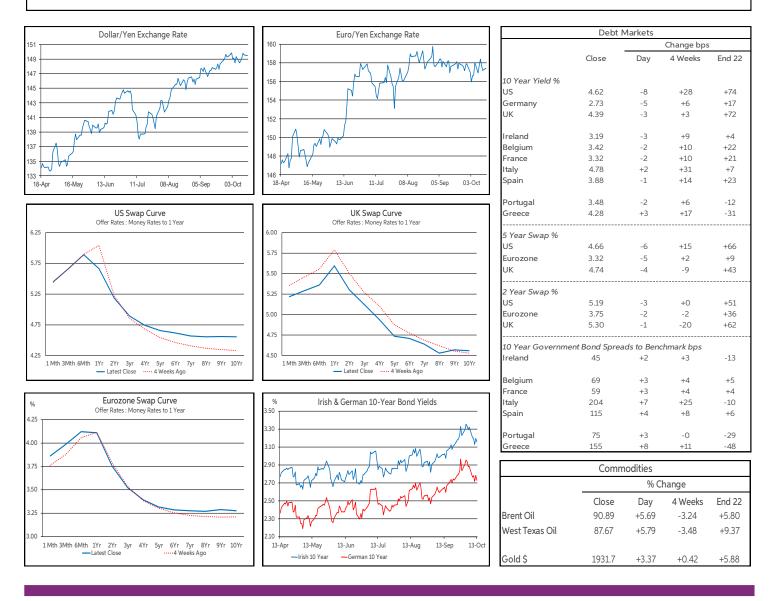
Opening Levels

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Eur	O	Sterli	ng
EUR/GBP	0.8653	GBP/EUR	1.1549
EUR/USD	1.0533	GBP/USD	1.2167
EUR/JPY	157.43	GBP/CAD	1.659
EUR/SEK	11.565	GBP/NZD	2.0536
EUR/DKK	7.458	GBP/JPY	181.86
EUR/NOK	11.492	GBP/SEK	13.361
EUR/CHF	0.9492	GBP/DKK	8.6166
EUR/AUD	1.664	GBP/NOK	13.273
EUR/HKD	8.2366	GBP/CHF	1.0967
EUR/CAD	1.4361	GBP/AUD	1.9225

Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.47			
USD/CAD	1.3634			
USD/CHF	0.9013			
USD/CNY	7.3092			
USD/BRL	5.0812			
USD/RUB	97.435			
USD/INR	83.26			
AUD/USD	0.6328			
NZD/USD	0.5923			



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