# **Morning Comment**

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### Dollar moves lower overnight

Equity markets had generally been moving higher on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, due to some strong quarterly company earnings reports. This propelled the Euro Stoxx 50 higher by 1.0% on the day. However, heading into the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 handed back some of its gains, as White House officials continued to criticise China's rare-earth policy, amid ongoing trade tensions. Overall, the index recorded a 0.4% gain.

On bond markets, European sovereign yields fell by 3-7bps, while the spread between the German and French 10-year yield narrowed by a further 2bps to 78bps. In contrast, US Treasury yields inched 1-2bps higher yesterday.

Against this backdrop, the main FX pairs operated in very narrow ranges throughout the European session yesterday. However, the dollar came under some downward pressure overnight, amid choppy trading conditions. The greenback shed around 0.3% against the euro and sterling. As trading gets underway today, EUR/USD opens above the midpoint of \$1.16-1.17. GBP/USD is operating north of the \$1.34 handle. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is just below the 87p mark.

Already this morning, the monthly reading of UK GDP for August has been released. As expected, GDP rose by 0.1% in the month, but the July reading was revised down to -0.1% (from 0.0% previously). The release has had a negligible sterling reaction so far in early trading.

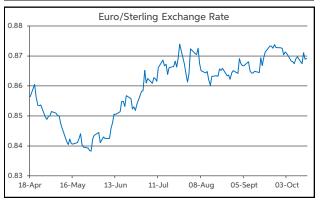
The remainder of today's macro calendar is quite sparse. Indeed, the only releases of note are second tier surveys from the US. However, investors will continue to keep a close eye on political developments in the US, Japan and France. Notably, French PM Lecornu faces two no-confidence votes today. He is expected to survive both motions with the support of the Republican and Socialist parties.

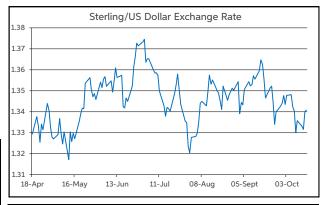
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1657	0.34	12.60		
EUR/GBP	0.8692	-0.13	5.06		
GBP/USD	1.3408	0.45	7.17		
GBP/EUR	1.15	0.13	-4.82		
USD/JPY	151.16	-0.05	-3.83		
EUR/JPY	176.22	0.27	8.28		
* v Previous Day's European 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	3.88	3.50	3.53	3.55
EUR	2.00	1.90	2.02	2.08	2.09	2.28
GBP	4.00	3.95	3.93	3.75	3.89	3.96









#### All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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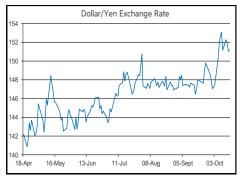
## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8692
EUR/USD	1.1657
EUR/JPY	176.22
EUR/SEK	11.0287
EUR/DKK	7.4685
EUR/NOK	11.7565
EUR/CHF	0.9276
EUR/AUD	1.7925
EUR/HKD	9.0594
EUR/CAD	1.635

Sterling				
GBP/E	1.15			
GBP/L	1.3408			
GBP/C	1.8805			
GBP/N	2.333			
GBP/J	202.67			
GBP/S	12.6841			
GBP/C	8.5885			
GBP/N	13.5222			
GBP/C	1.067			
GBP/A	2.0611			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	151.16				
USD/CAD	1.4029				
USD/CHF	0.796				
USD/CNY	7.1248				
USD/BRL	5.4499				
USD/RUB	78.25				
USD/INR	87.8938				
AUD/USD	0.6502				
NZD/USD	0.5744				



US Swap Curve

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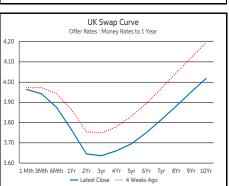
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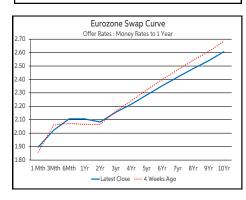
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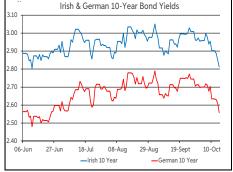
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.05	+2	-3	-53		
Germany	2.56	-5	-12	+19		
UK	4.55	-4	-8	-3		
Ireland	2.81	-3	-11	+16		
Belgium	3.12	-3	-11	+13		
France	3.34	-6	-15	+14		
Italy	3.37	-5	-13	-15		
Spain	3.09	-4	-14	+3		
Portugal	2.94	-5	-16	+9		
Greece	3.24	-5	-13	-1		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	3.54	+1	-1	-75		
Eurozone	2.27	-2	-9	+3		
UK	3.95	-1	-7	-33		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.50	-0	-7	-83		
Eurozone	2.08	-1	-6	-11		
UK	3.89	-1	-10	-60		
 10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	25	+1	+1	-3		
Belgium	56	+1	+1	-6		
France	78	-1	-3	-5		
Italy	81	+0	-1	-34		
Spain	54	+1	-2	-17		
Portugal	39	-O	-4	-10		
Greece	68	-0	-1	-20		

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	61.91	-0.77	-8.89	-17.06			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	4207.5	+1.59	+14.97	+60.36			

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