# **Morning Comment**

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### Central Banks and US/China talks in focus this week

Risk appetite started the week on a positive footing yesterday. Optimism that the scheduled meeting, later this week, between US President Trump and Chinese President Xi would result in a trade agreement, helped to underpin investor sentiment. At the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 1.2% higher on the day.

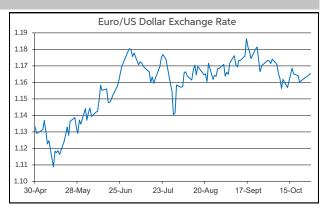
Yesterday's macro diary was quiet on both sides of the Atlantic. As a result, the main FX pairs tended to trade within narrow ranges. The dollar is modestly softer over the past 24 hours versus the euro and sterling. Meanwhile, overnight, the yen has made some gains. This coincided with a government minister stating that they will be monitoring the impact of a weak currency on the economy. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning at the midpoint of \$1.16-1.17, while GBP/USD is operating at the halfway mark of \$1.33-1.34. The firmer yen is reflected in USD/JPY trading back near to the ¥152 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP starts the European session holding onto its position above the 87p handle.

Looking ahead to the remainder of this week's macro diary, there is a 'monetary policy' theme to proceedings with some top tier central bank meetings taking place. The main highlight is likely to be the US Fed policy decision (Wednesday evening). The market is expecting a second consecutive 25bps cut. This would see the fed funds rate lowered to a 3.75-4.00% range. The statement and Fed Chair Powell's press conference will be looked to, for confirmation that another rate cut is on the cards for the last meeting of the year in December. The ECB and BoJ meetings are anticipated to see both their respective rate settings left unaltered. From a data perspective, with the US calendar continuing to be impacted by the government shutdown, it's up to the Eurozone diary to fill the vacuum. In this regard, the first reading of Q3 GDP, flash HICP inflation (Oct) and the EC sentiment indices (also Oct) will be of interest.

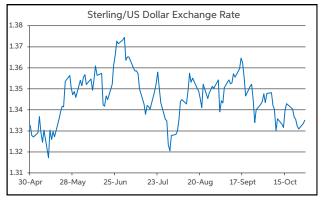
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1655	0.25	12.58		
EUR/GBP	0.8729	0.03	5.51		
GBP/USD	1.3351	0.26	6.71		
GBP/EUR	1.1453	-0.03	-5.22		
USD/JPY	152.15	-0.63	-3.20		
EUR/JPY	177.37	-0.37	8.98		
* v Previous Day's 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
USD	4.13	3.96	3.84	3.49	3.55	3.57
EUR	2.00	1.86	2.07	2.13	2.14	2.34
GBP	4.00	3.91	3.87	3.65	3.80	3.86









#### All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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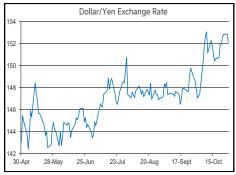
## **Opening Levels**



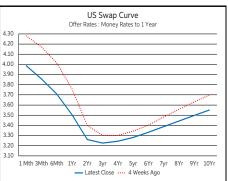
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8729
EUR/USD	1.1655
EUR/JPY	177.37
EUR/SEK	10.9223
EUR/DKK	7.469
EUR/NOK	11.6346
EUR/CHF	0.9261
EUR/AUD	1.7788
EUR/HKD	9.0547
EUR/CAD	1.6318

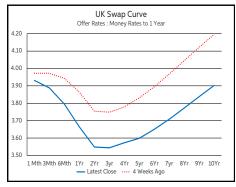
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1453			
GBP/USD	1.3351			
GBP/CAD	1.8686			
GBP/NZD	2.313			
GBP/JPY	203.14			
GBP/SEK	12.5101			
GBP/DKK	8.552			
GBP/NOK	13.3244			
GBP/CHF	1.0608			
GBP/AUD	2.0367			

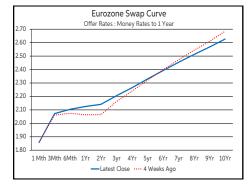
Dollar					
USD/JPY	152.15				
USD/CAD	1.3999				
USD/CHF	0.7943				
USD/CNY	7.0989				
USD/BRL	5.377				
USD/RUB	79.8				
USD/INR	88.27				
AUD/USD	0.6551				
NZD/USD	0.5767				













Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.00	+0	-14	-58		
Germany	2.62	-1	-9	+25		
UK	4.40	-4	-30	-17		
Ireland	2.87	-1	-9	+22		
Belgium	3.18	-2	-9	+20		
France	3.42	-2	-11	+22		
Italy	3.40	-2	-16	-13		
Spain	3.14	-2	-12	+8		
Portugal	3.00	-2	-13	+15		
Greece	3.29	-1	-12	+4		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.54	-1	-11	-75		
Eurozone	2.31	-1	-7	+8		
UK	3.85	-1	-22	-43		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.51	+0	-15	-82		
Eurozone	2.11	-0	-5	-8		
UK	3.80	+0	-21	-69		
 10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps			
Ireland	25	-O	-0	-3		
Belgium	56	-1	+0	-6		
France	80	-1	-2	-3		
Italy	78	-1	-7	-38		
Spain	52	-1	-3	-18		
Portugal	38	-1	-4	-11		
Greece	67	+0	-3	-21		

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close Day 4 Weeks End						
Brent Oil	65.62	-0.49	-3.46	-12.08			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	3980.5	-3.19	+3.83	+51.71			

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