Morning Comment

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ECB sees no reason to change

The Governing Council of the ECB decided to leave interest rates unchanged for a third successive meeting yesterday. The decision was in-line with market expectations, and it means the deposit rate remains at 2.00%. Furthermore, the ECB meeting statement was little changed from the September update. At the press conference, the overarching message from President Lagarde was that monetary policy remains "in a good place" in the Eurozone.

Unsurprisingly given the lack of new forward guidance provided by the ECB, the market reaction to the meeting outcome was muted. Futures contracts continue to suggest that the market sees around a 45% chance of a rate cut next year. Elsewhere, investors continued to digest the outcomes of the Fed and BoJ policy meetings which concluded less than 24 hours before Lagarde took to the podium.

Amid the hawkish remarks from Fed Chair Powell post the FOMC decision, which coincided with a modest firming in US futures contracts, the dollar was in the ascendancy yesterday. At the same time, the yen was under renewed downward pressure as the BoJ's decision to keep policy on hold was followed by dovish remarks from Governor Ueda. Against this backdrop, USD/JPY cleared the ¥154 handle for the first time since February.

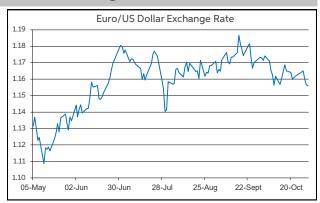
Meanwhile, the firmer tone to the dollar also sees EUR/USD open this morning down near the midpoint of \$1.15-1.16. GBP/USD is changing hands back in the lower half of \$1.31-1.32. EUR/GBP is just below the 88p handle. USD/JPY has retained is position above ¥154.

Today, the main release of note will be the flash reading of Eurozone HICP inflation for October. The consensus is for the headline and core rates to edge marginally lower to 2.1% and 2.3%, respectively. However, HICP releases from a number of the large national economies yesterday suggest the risks are tilted to the upside.

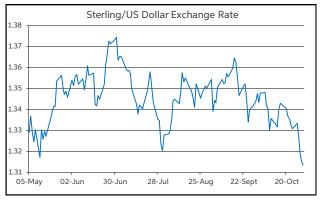
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1559	-0.55	11.65		
EUR/GBP	0.8796	-0.01	6.32		
GBP/USD	1.3136	-0.55	5.00		
GBP/EUR	1.1362	0.01	-5.95		
USD/JPY	154.3	0.82	-1.83		
EUR/JPY	178.4	0.29	9.62		
* v Previous Day's 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	3.88	3.98	3.89	3.62	3.67	3.68
EUR	2.00	1.89	2.07	2.12	2.16	2.37
GBP	4.00	3.91	3.87	3.64	3.79	3.87









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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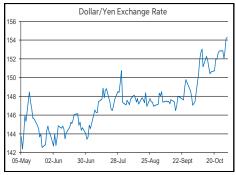
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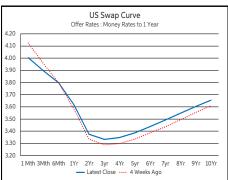
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8796
EUR/USD	1.1559
EUR/JPY	178.4
EUR/SEK	10.9242
EUR/DKK	7.4677
EUR/NOK	11.6373
EUR/CHF	0.9282
EUR/AUD	1.7672
EUR/HKD	8.9809
EUR/CAD	1.6185

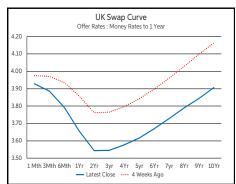
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1362			
GBP/USD	1.3136			
GBP/CAD	1.8395			
GBP/NZD	2.2957			
GBP/JPY	202.69			
GBP/SEK	12.4166			
GBP/DKK	8.4857			
GBP/NOK	13.223			
GBP/CHF	1.0549			
GBP/AUD	2.0085			

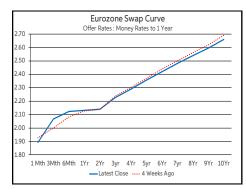
Dollar					
USD/JPY	154.3				
USD/CAD	1.4002				
USD/CHF	0.8029				
USD/CNY	7.1142				
USD/BRL	5.384				
USD/RUB	80.85				
USD/INR	88.7363				
AUD/USD	0.6538				
NZD/USD	0.5719				













	Debt	Markets				
		Change bps				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.09	+4	+0	-48		
Germany	2.64	+2	-6	+27		
UK	4.43	+4	-29	-15		
Ireland	2.89	+2	-7	+24		
Belgium	3.17	+1	-9	+19		
France	3.42	+1	-11	+22		
Italy	3.40	+2	-15	-12		
Spain	3.15	+2	-9	+9		
Portugal	3.00	+1	-10	+15		
Greece	3.29	+1	-12	+4		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.65	+1	+7	-64		
Eurozone	2.34	+2	-1	+10		
UK	3.86	+2	-20	-42		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.64	+1	+7	-69		
Eurozone	2.14	-0	+0	-6		
UK	3.79	+2	-21	-70		
10 Year Governi	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	25	+0	-1	-3		
Belgium	53	-1	-3	-9		
France	78	-0	-5	-5		
Italy	76	-0	-9	-40		
Spain	51	+0	-3	-19		
Portugal	37	-0	-4	-12		
Greece	65	-1	-6	-23		

Commodities							
	% Change						
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2						
Brent Oil	65	+0.12	+1.39	-12.92			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	4023.2	+2.39	+4.34	+53.33			

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