

Euro weaker on signs ECB rates have peaked

Much of the macro focus yesterday was centred on the ECB meeting for September. The Central Bank hiked by 25bps, raising the Depo rate to 4.0%. While the ECB was not willing to say that rates were at their peak, the text of the meeting statement and President Lagarde's comments suggests that Eurozone rates may have reached their high point and markets very much leaned towards this interpretation.

On bond markets, Eurozone yields moved lower yesterday, while the main equity indices registered gains. Currency-wise, the euro lost ground to the dollar on the back of the market anticipating that rates have peaked in the Eurozone.

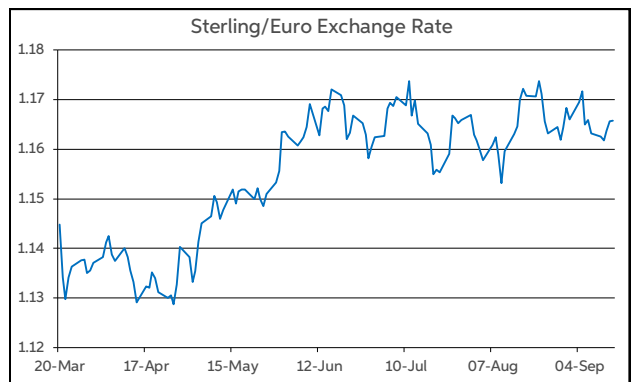
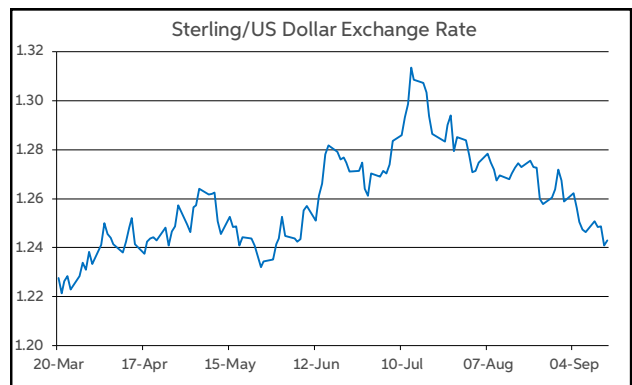
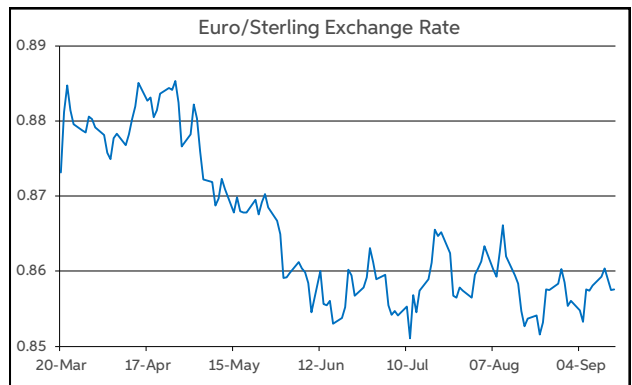
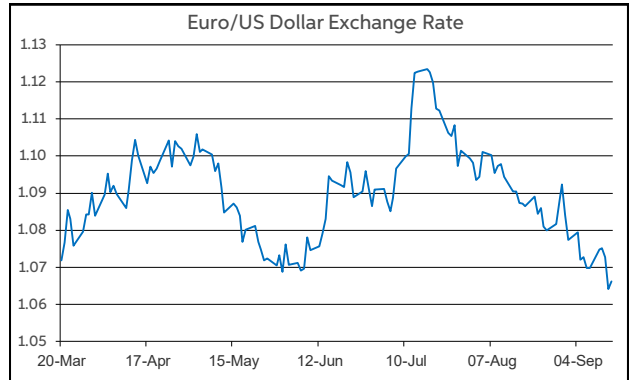
Around the same time that the ECB meeting outcome was weighing on the euro, the dollar was benefitting from US macro newsflow. US retail sales for August came in ahead of expectations, while PPI inflation for July accelerated by more than forecast.

The combination of negative newsflow for the euro and positive US macro developments for the dollar pushed the EUR/USD rate below the \$1.07 threshold. It fell to a low of \$1.063.

The firmer dollar tone was also reflected in GBP/USD moving down into the lower half of the \$1.24-1.25 band, briefly testing below \$1.24. Meanwhile, the action in EUR/GBP was more limited with the pair trading in a narrow range just below the 86p threshold.

Looking ahead to today, the main macro data highlights come from the US macro diary. These include industrial production figures for August as well as the preliminary reading of the University of Michigan measure of consumer sentiment for September.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0664	-0.75	-0.36
EUR/GBP	0.8577	-0.21	-3.02
GBP/USD	1.243	-0.57	2.75
GBP/EUR	1.1652	0.21	3.11
USD/JPY	147.46	0.22	12.47
EUR/JPY	157.29	-0.52	12.11

* v Previous Day's European Open
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.45	5.67	5.64	5.20	4.49
EUR	4.25	3.68	3.85	4.11	3.77	3.27
GBP	5.25	5.33	5.43	5.58	5.47	4.86

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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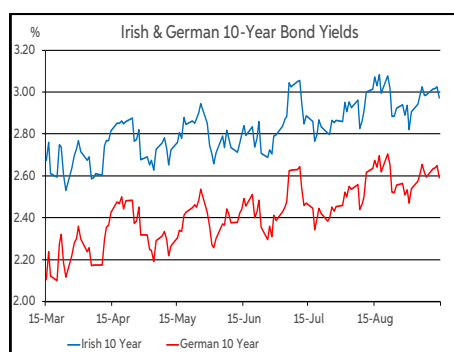
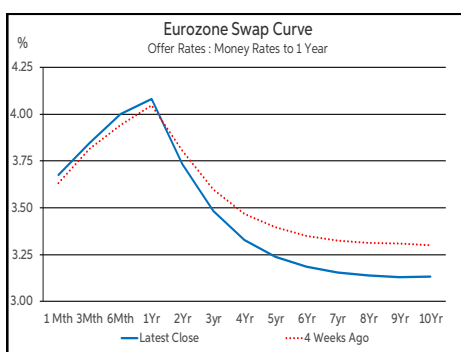
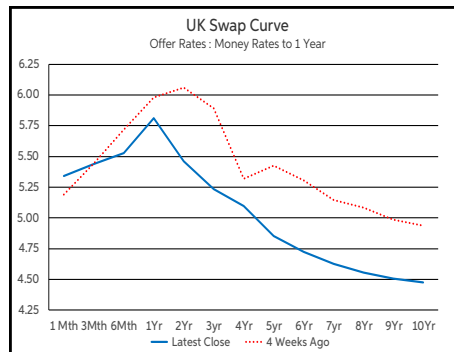
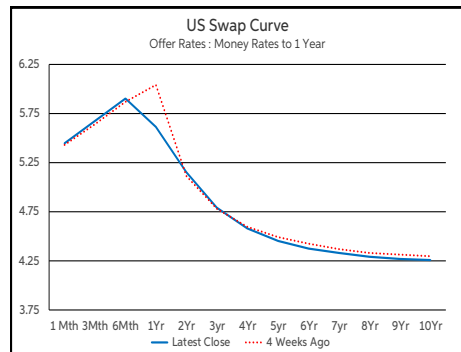
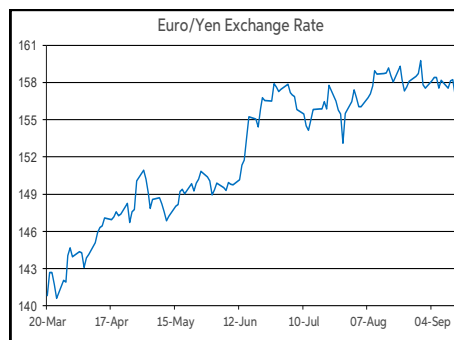
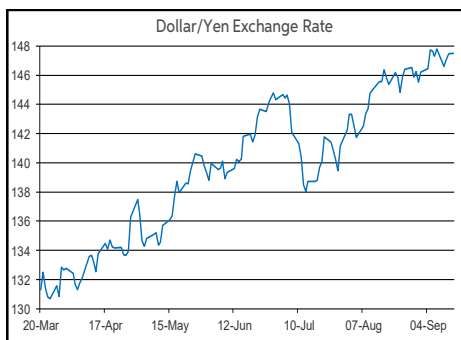
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8577	GBP/EUR	1.1652	USD/JPY	147.46
EUR/USD	1.0664	GBP/USD	1.243	USD/CAD	1.3502
EUR/JPY	157.29	GBP/CAD	1.6784	USD/CHF	0.8948
EUR/SEK	11.8962	GBP/NZD	2.0937	USD/CNY	7.2662
EUR/DKK	7.4562	GBP/JPY	183.28	USD/BRL	4.8702
EUR/NOK	11.4226	GBP/SEK	13.8641	USD/RUB	97.03
EUR/CHF	0.9544	GBP/DKK	8.6903	USD/INR	83.054
EUR/AUD	1.6481	GBP/NOK	13.3211	AUD/USD	0.647
EUR/HKD	8.3477	GBP/CHF	1.1125	NZD/USD	0.5935
EUR/CAD	1.4399	GBP/AUD	1.9211		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.29	+3	+0	+41
Germany	2.60	-6	-11	+3
UK	4.28	-6	-46	+61
Ireland				
Ireland	3.00	-5	-13	-15
Belgium	3.22	-8	-15	+2
France	3.13	-8	-12	+1
Italy	4.35	-11	-6	-35
Spain	3.64	-9	-12	-2
Portugal	3.33	-9	-11	-27
Greece	4.00	-7	+0	-59
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.45	+3	+0	+46
Eurozone	3.24	-8	-15	+1
UK	4.85	-6	-52	+55
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.15	-0	+8	+48
Eurozone	3.73	-4	-6	+35
UK	5.46	-3	-59	+78
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	40	+1	-3	-18
Belgium	63	-2	-4	-1
France	53	-2	-1	-2
Italy	176	-5	+4	-38
Spain	105	-3	-1	-5
Portugal	73	-3	-1	-31
Greece	141	-1	+11	-62

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	93.7	+1.98	+11.39	+9.07
West Texas Oil	90.13	+1.74	+12.06	+12.44
Gold \$	1910.3	+0.21	+1.13	+4.71

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