Morning Comment

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Dollar under some modest downward pressure

There was a "risk-on" tone to investor sentiment at the start of the week on financial markets. The positive mood from last week carried into Monday, with the Euro Stoxx 50 rising by 0.9% on the day. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 gained a more modest 0.5%, having outperformed last week.

Elsewhere on markets, sovereign bond yields continued to move lower. US Treasury, German Bund and UK Gilt yields fell by 2-4bps. The move coincided with a marginal unwinding of the firming in market rate expectations that took place at the end of last week.

Overall, it was a relatively quiet start to the week, largely owing to a limited data schedule. Indeed, the calendar only contained a batch second tier releases. In the US, the Empire State Index declined sharply to -8.7 in September (vs. 5.0 'fcast). However, the release had no major impact on markets.

On the currency front, the main FX pairs continued to operate in fairly narrow ranges yesterday. Of the muted price action to register, the dollar was under some slight downward pressure, amid the positive tone to risk appetite.

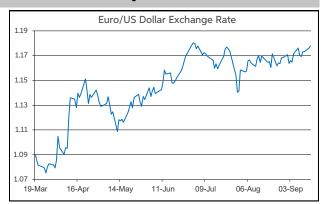
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning in the top half of the \$1.17-1.18 trading band. GBP/USD is above the \$1.36 threshold, while USD/JPY is back down at the ¥147 handle. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to change hands in and around the halfway mark of the 86-87p corridor.

Already this morning, UK labour market data for July/August have been released. The data have printed in-line with the consensus, with the unemployment rate remaining at 4.7% in July. Later today, US retail sales & industrial production (both August) are due. Industrial production data (July) will also feature in the Eurozone.

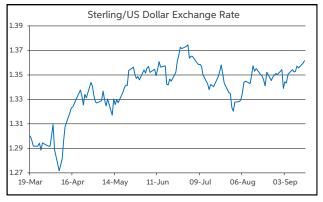
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1778	0.38	13.76		
EUR/GBP	0.8647	0.00	4.52		
GBP/USD	1.3615	0.37	8.82		
GBP/EUR	1.1558	0.00	-4.33		
USD/JPY	147	-0.26	-6.48		
EUR/JPY	173.17	0.12	6.40		
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.38	4.13	4.02	3.60	3.58	3.53
EUR	2.00	1.88	2.00	2.12	2.15	2.36
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.95	3.83	3.98	4.02









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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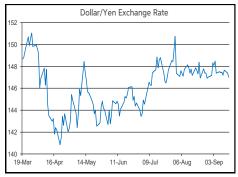
Opening Levels



0.8647
1.1778
173.17
10.916
7.4638
11.5662
0.9344
1.7666
9.1608
1.6214

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1558
GBP/USD	1.3615
GBP/CAD	1.8744
GBP/NZD	2.2803
GBP/JPY	200.14
GBP/SEK	12.6211
GBP/DKK	8.6294
GBP/NOK	13.3729
GBP/CHF	1.0803
GBP/AUD	2.0422

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147			
USD/CAD	1.3768			
USD/CHF	0.7933			
USD/CNY	7.1155			
USD/BRL	5.3165			
USD/RUB	82.4			
USD/INR	88.055			
AUD/USD	0.6663			
NZD/USD	0.5967			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

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3.80 3.70 3.60

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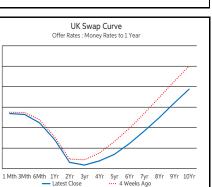


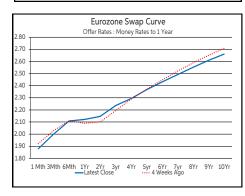
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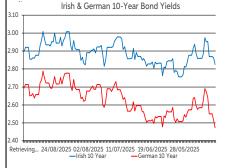
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.03	-3	-31	-54
Germany	2.70	-2	-8	+33
UK	4.63	-4	-11	+6
Ireland	2.94	-2	-8	+29
Belgium	3.24	-1	-5	+26
France	3.49	-2	+3	+29
Italy	3.51	-4	-8	-2
Spain	3.25	-4	-8	+19
Portugal	3.10	-3	-8	+25
Greece	3.37	-3	-7	+12
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.49	-2	-25	-80
Eurozone	2.35	+0	-O	+12
UK	4.01	-3	-5	-28
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.55	-0	-22	-78
Eurozone	2.14	+0	+5	-5
UK	3.97	-2	+0	-52
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	 nark bps	
Ireland	24	-1	+0	-4
Belgium	55	+1	+3	-7
France	79	+0	+11	-4
Italy	81	-2	-O	-35
Spain	55	-2	-0	-15
Portugal	40	-1	+0	-9
Greece	68	-1	+1	-21

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	67.44	+0.67	+1.26	-9.65			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	3678.8	+0.99	+10.47	+40.21			

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