

## EUR/USD at new YTD high ahead of Fed meeting today

The positive tone to risk appetite at the start of the week evaporated yesterday, albeit there was no obvious catalyst for the move. The Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 1.3%, erasing all of its gains from Monday. Similarly on Wall Street, the S&P 500 retracted by a more modest 0.1%. On bond markets, yields were little changed across the board.

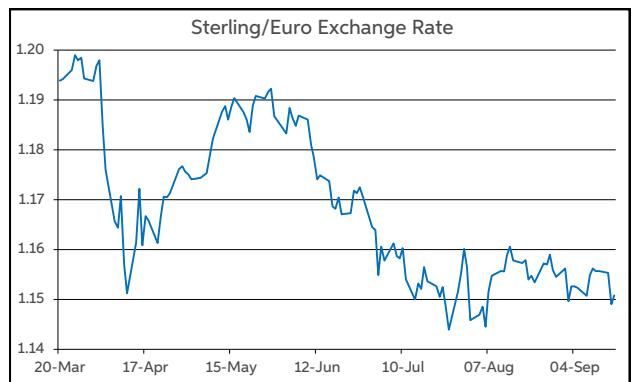
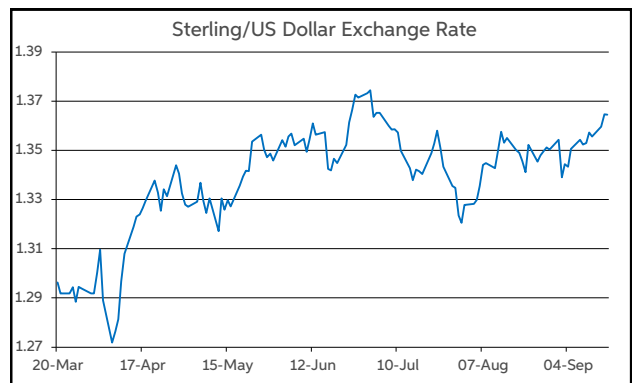
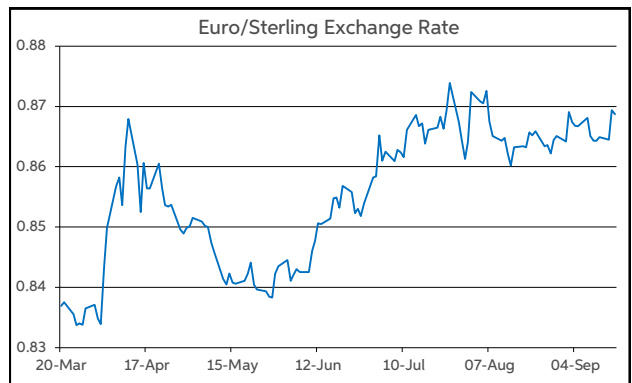
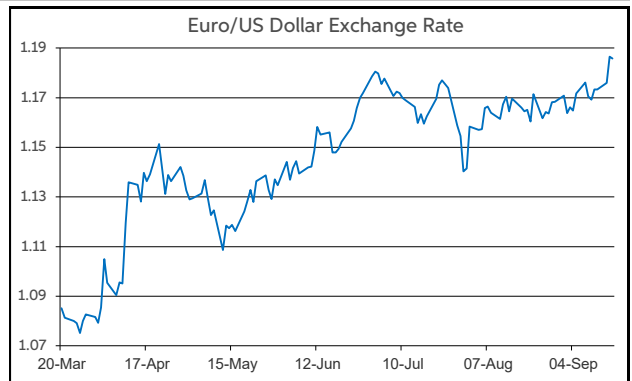
Data-wise, the main release of note was US retail sales for August. Both the headline and the control group (core sales metric) rose by 0.7% in the month, well above the consensus (0.2% and 0.4%, respectively). Elsewhere in the US, industrial production expanded by 0.1% in August (vs. -0.1% f'cast). In contrast, Eurozone industrial production increased by 0.3% in July (below the 0.4% f'cast). However, the data had no major impact on markets yesterday.

On FX markets, the dollar remained under pressure yesterday, despite the stronger than anticipated US data. Meanwhile, the euro was holding a firmer tone. Overall, the euro has gained around 0.7% versus the dollar and circa 0.4% against sterling in the past 24 hours.

In level terms, the firmer tone to the euro and weaker dollar sees EUR/USD open this morning above the midpoint of \$1.18-1.19, having registered a fresh year-to-date-high of \$1.1878 yesterday. GBP/USD is up at the halfway mark of the \$1.36-1.37 range. Meantime, EUR/GBP is at the top end of the of 86-87p trading band.

Already this morning, UK CPI inflation for August has printed in-line with the consensus. The headline rate remained at 3.8% while the core rate eased to 3.6%. The release has not impacted sterling so far in early trading. Later today, the focus will be on the Fed FOMC policy announcement, due after the European close. A 25bps rate cut is widely expected. Aside from the decision, the post-meeting press conference and the updated summary of economic projections, including the interest rate dotpot, will garner close attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.1858	0.70	14.54
EUR/GBP	0.8684	0.43	4.97
GBP/USD	1.3645	0.23	9.06
GBP/EUR	1.1508	-0.43	-4.73
USD/JPY	146.48	-0.36	-6.81
EUR/JPY	173.7	0.33	6.73

\* 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	4.38	4.13	4.01	3.58	3.54	3.49
EUR	2.00	1.88	2.03	2.11	2.14	2.35
GBP	4.00	3.95	3.95	3.83	3.98	4.03

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8684
EUR/USD	1.1858
EUR/JPY	173.7
EUR/SEK	10.9532
EUR/DKK	7.4643
EUR/NOK	11.5763
EUR/CHF	0.9331
EUR/AUD	1.7756
EUR/HKD	9.2241
EUR/CAD	1.6303

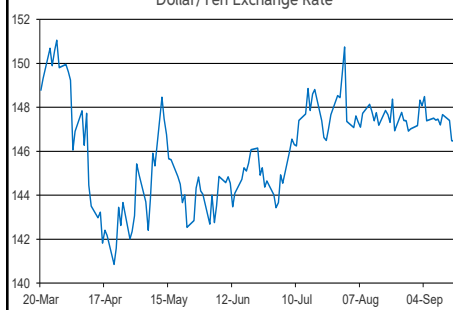
## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1508
GBP/USD	1.3645
GBP/CAD	1.8758
GBP/NZD	2.282
GBP/JPY	199.92
GBP/SEK	12.6042
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GBP/AUD	2.0432

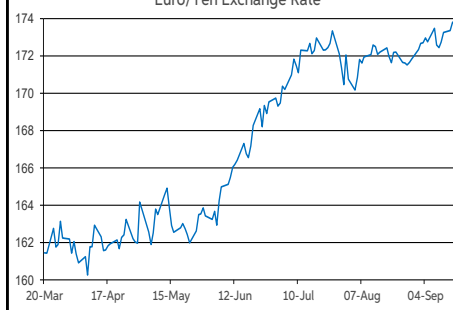
## Dollar

USD/JPY	146.48
USD/CAD	1.3748
USD/CHF	0.7871
USD/CNY	7.1082
USD/BRL	5.2967
USD/RUB	82.7
USD/INR	87.769
AUD/USD	0.6675
NZD/USD	0.5977

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

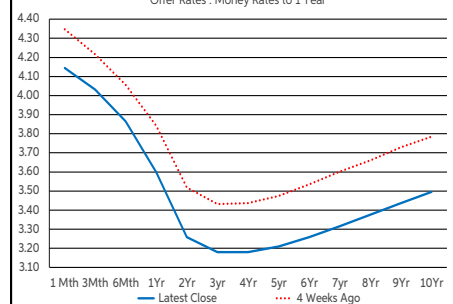


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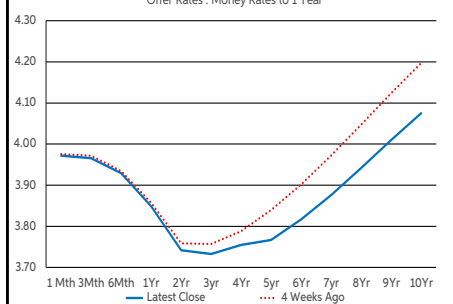
US Swap Curve

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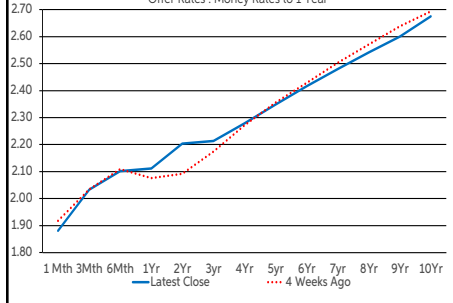
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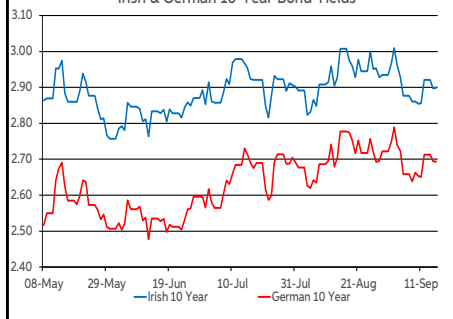


Eurozone Swap Curve

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Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



## Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.03	-1	-28	-55
Germany	2.69	-0	-6	+33
UK	4.64	+1	-11	+6
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	3.48	-1	-23	-81
Eurozone	2.34	-1	-1	+10
UK	4.02	+1	-6	-27
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	3.52	-4	-24	-81
Eurozone	2.14	+0	+5	-5
UK	3.97	+0	-2	-52
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	25	+0	-0	-4
Belgium	54	-1	+1	-8
France	79	+1	+11	-4
Italy	82	+1	-1	-34
Spain	56	+0	-2	-15
Portugal	41	+1	+0	-8
Greece	68	+0	-0	-21

## Commodities

	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	68.47	+1.53	+4.07	-8.27
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3689.5	+0.29	+11.29	+40.61

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