## **Morning Comment**

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## Flash PMIs released today

There was a mixed mood on markets yesterday, amid a relatively quiet start to the week. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 0.3%. Meantime, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 registered a 0.4% gain. In terms of fixed income, yields were little changed across the board. Elsewhere, oil prices fell, with Brent crude moving back below \$67 per barrel.

Data-wise, the main release of note was the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence for September. The index rose to – 14.9 (vs. –15.2 f'cast), albeit it remains well-short of its long-run average of –10.6. However, as expected, the data had a negligible impact on financial markets.

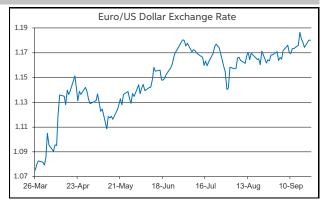
On the monetary policy front, a number of Fed officials struck a slightly hawkish tone yesterday. Most notably, Musalem stated that "there is limited room for easing further without policy becoming overly accommodative", while Bostic noted that he still sees inflation as the "most significant" risk. Cleveland Fed President Hammack also suggested a cautious approach to rate cuts. Overall, market rate expectations firmed marginally by circa 3bps yesterday. Pricing now suggests that the Fed will cut rates by 110bps by the end-2026.

Regarding currency markets, the main pairs operated in narrow ranges throughout the European session. Despite a slight reprieve in the initial aftermath of the Fed remarks, the dollar was on the defensive for the most part. This sees EUR/USD open this morning up at the \$1.18 threshold. GBP/USD is changing hands above the \$1.35 handle. Meantime, EUR/GBP remains in the lower half of 87-88p.

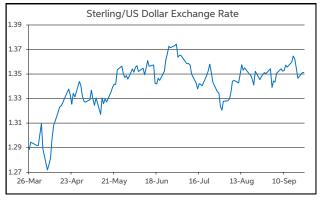
Turning to the day ahead, the September reading of the flash PMIs for the Eurozone, UK and US are due. Meanwhile, remarks from another slew of Fed officials, including Chair Powell, will warrant attention. A speech from Bo Governor Bailey will also be of interest. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB** 

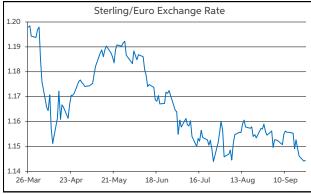
Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1801	0.61	13.99		
EUR/GBP	0.8732	0.23	5.55		
GBP/USD	1.3512	0.41	8.00		
GBP/EUR	1.1448	-0.23	-5.26		
USD/JPY	147.74	-0.36	-6.01		
EUR/JPY	174.36	0.23	7.13		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
Money Market Swap Rates						
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.13	4.15	3.99	3.60	3.61	3.61
EUR	2.00	1.91	2.02	2.12	2.16	2.40
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.96	3.85	4.00	4.07









## All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



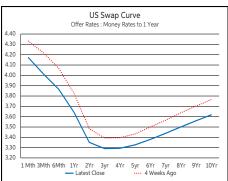
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8732
EUR/USD	1.1801
EUR/JPY	174.36
EUR/SEK	11.041
EUR/DKK	7.4645
EUR/NOK	11.715
EUR/CHF	0.9348
EUR/AUD	1.7907
EUR/HKD	9.1745
EUR/CAD	1.6313

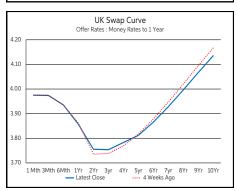
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1448			
GBP/USD	1.3512			
GBP/CAD	1.8575			
GBP/NZD	2.3082			
GBP/JPY	199.63			
GBP/SEK	12.6429			
GBP/DKK	8.5467			
GBP/NOK	13.4143			
GBP/CHF	1.0701			
GBP/AUD	2.0415			

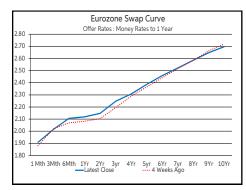
Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.74			
USD/CAD	1.3824			
USD/CHF	0.7921			
USD/CNY	7.1133			
USD/BRL	5.328			
USD/RUB	83.6			
USD/INR	88.6425			
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AUD/USD	0.6588			
NZD/USD	0.585			

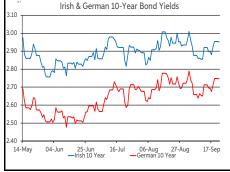












Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.14	+4	-12	-44		
Germany	2.75	+3	-1	+38		
UK	4.71	+3	+2	+14		
Ireland	2.99	-0	-2	+34		
Belgium	3.28	+2	+3	+30		
France	3.56	+2	+14	+36		
Italy	3.57	+2	-5	+5		
Spain	3.30	+1	+0	+23		
Portugal	3.17	+4	+3	+32		
Greece	3.42	+1	-4	+17		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	3.60	+5	-7	-69		
Eurozone	2.38	+1	+7	+15		
UK	4.07	+0	+1	-22		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.60	+3	-13	-74		
Eurozone	2.14	+2	+6	-5		
UK	4.00	+1	+3	-49		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	24	-3	-1	-4		
Belgium	54	-2	+4	-8		
France	81	-2	+15	-2		
Italy	82	-2	-4	-34		
Spain	55	-2	+1	-15		
Portugal	42	+0	+4	-7		
Greece	67	-3	-3	-21		

Commodities								
		% Change						
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24						
Brent Oil	66.57	-0.16	-3.24	-10.81				
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27				
Gold \$	3683.7 +1.09 +9.43 +40.40							

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