Morning Comment

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Dollar regains some ground

It was a generally uneventful day on financial markets yesterday. One reason for this was the sparse data calendar. Indeed, the European macro diary was devoid of any standout macro news. Meanwhile, in the US, the only release of any note was US new homes sales for August. The headline number fell by 4.7% m/m, which was not as weak as had been forecast. However, as expected the news generated no reaction on markets.

The subdued tone yesterday was evident in the main equity indices holding a cautious tone for much of their respective sessions. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 posted a 0.5% decline. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.2% lower on the day. On bond markets, yields amongst the main benchmark sovereigns were 4-7bps higher.

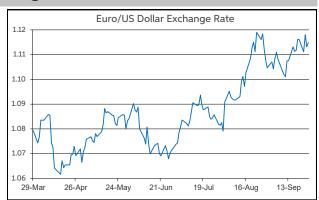
On the currency front, the action amongst most of the majors has been relatively confined over the past 24 hours. Within this, the dollar has regained some ground. This is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning back at the midpoint of \$1.11-1.12, while GBP/USD has edged back down into the lower half of \$1.33-1.34. The combination of a firmer dollar and softer yen sees USD/JPY up in ¥144-145 territory. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remains within 83-84p.

Looking ahead to today, the macro diary is busier compared to yesterday. In the Eurozone, we get money supply and lending data for August. Meantime, the US calendar features the final reading of GDP and core-PCE for Q2. Durable goods orders (Aug) and the weekly jobless claims figures also feature in the US. However, unless the data surprise notably versus expectations, their impact on currency markets may be limited.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.1149	-0.41	1.02	
EUR/GBP	0.8354	0.12	-3.62	
GBP/USD	1.3344	-0.54	4.83	
GBP/EUR	1.1968	-0.12	3.76	
USD/JPY	144.73	1.03	2.60	
EUR/JPY	161.36	0.61	3.68	
* 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	4.88	4.97	4.90	4.04	3.66	3.50
EUR	3.65	3.36	3.40	2.74	2.36	2.28
GBP	5.00	4.94	4.80	4.26	4.11	3.86









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8354
EUR/USD	1.1149
EUR/JPY	161.36
EUR/SEK	11.3223
EUR/DKK	7.4573
EUR/NOK	11.7803
EUR/CHF	0.9479
EUR/AUD	1.625
EUR/HKD	8.6778
EUR/CAD	1.5018

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1968			
GBP/USD	1.3344			
GBP/CAD	1.7973			
GBP/NZD	2.1249			
GBP/JPY	193.13			
GBP/SEK	13.5487			
GBP/DKK	8.9251			
GBP/NOK	14.093			
GBP/CHF	1.1345			
GBP/AUD	1.9449			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	144.73			
USD/CAD	1.3471			
USD/CHF	0.8501			
USD/CNY	7.0176			
USD/BRL	5.4744			
USD/RUB	92.3			
USD/INR	83.678			
AUD/USD	0.686			
NZD/USD	0.6279			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

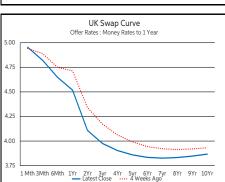
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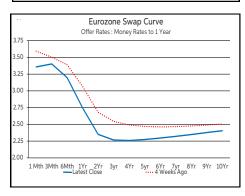
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
		Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	3.78	+4	-6	-8
Germany	2.19	+5	-6	+16
UK	3.99	+5	-1	+45
Ireland	2.55	+5	-10	+19
Belgium	2.83	+7	-2	+14
France	2.98	+7	-1	+42
Italy	3.54	+6	-11	-16
Spain	2.99	+6	-10	+0
Portugal	2.78	+7	-10	-1
Greece	3.17	-0	-14	+9
 5 Year Swap %				
US	3.47	+5	-14	-32
Eurozone	2.27	+2	-19	-16
UK	3.86	+6	-13	+21
 2 Year Swap %				
US	3.60	+2	-35	-74
Eurozone	2.35	+1	-32	-44
UK	4.11	+4	-23	-16
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	 nark bps	
Ireland	36	-1	-3	+3
Belgium	64	+2	+4	-2
France	79	+1	+6	+26
Italy	135	+1	-5	-32
Spain	80	+1	-4	-16
Portugal	59	+2	-3	-17
Greece	98	-6	-8	-7

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	73.46	-2.27	-6.60	-4.65	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2656.8	+0.00	+6.18	+28.81	

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