

Eurozone and US inflation data in focus

The main equity indices recouped some of their recent losses on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.7%, while S&P 500 gained around 0.6%. Elsewhere, Brent crude oil prices eased slightly to circa \$95 per barrel.

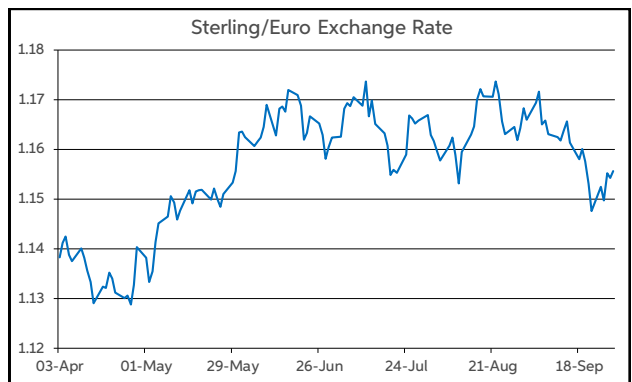
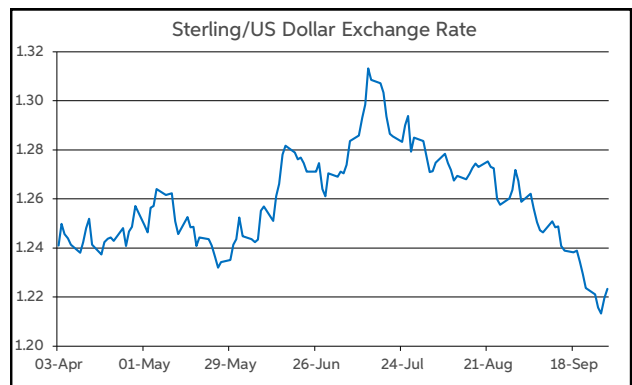
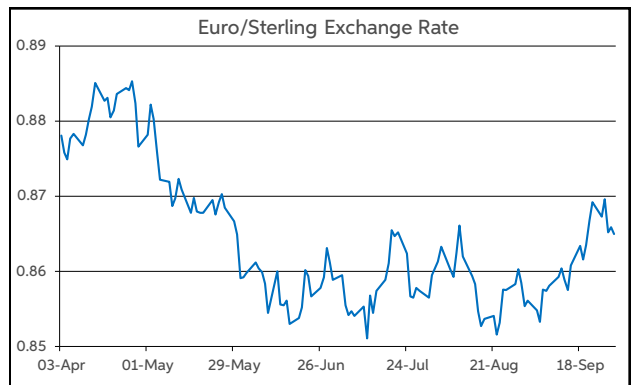
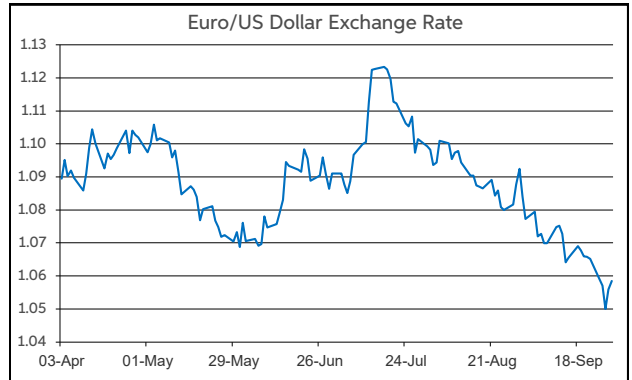
On bond markets, US Treasury yields fell by 3-6bps. Meantime German Bund yields increased by 4-14bps yesterday, although, they are currently off-their peak in early trading. In the UK, Gilt yields climbed higher by 9-17bps, as UK rate hike expectations hardened. Markets are now leaning towards one more rate hike in Q1 next year, and are pricing in fewer rate cuts by the end of 2024. However, there was no obvious catalyst for the firming in UK rates.

Indeed, the main macro newsflow yesterday concerned the US and Eurozone. German flash HICP inflation fell sharply from 6.4%, to 4.3% in September, below the 4.5% consensus. Meanwhile, the EC sentiment index deteriorated again in September. In the US, the latest initial jobless claims printed at 204k, below the 215k forecast.

On forex markets, the recent dollar rally paused for breath, amid the unfavourable move in bond yields for the currency. The dollar shed around 0.8% against the euro and sterling yesterday. The softer tone to the dollar sees EUR/USD opens this morning up in the top half of \$1.05-1.06. Meantime, GBP/USD is operating above the \$1.22 threshold. EUR/GBP remains at the midpoint of 86-87p.

Today, the focus will remain on the US and Eurozone, with inflation data due for both. Eurozone headline and core HICP inflation are expected to fall to 4.5% and 4.8%, respectively, in September. Similarly, US core-PCE inflation is forecast to ease to 3.9% in August from 4.2%. The data pose some event risk for EUR/USD.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0583	0.76	-1.11
EUR/GBP	0.8649	-0.02	-2.20
GBP/USD	1.2237	0.81	1.16
GBP/EUR	1.1557	0.02	2.25
USD/JPY	149.06	-0.18	13.69
EUR/JPY	157.79	0.60	12.47

* 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	5.43	5.65	5.68	5.27	4.68
EUR	4.50	3.86	3.97	4.17	3.85	3.49
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.30	5.46	5.41	4.94

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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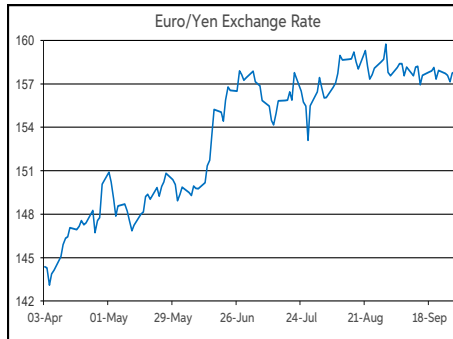
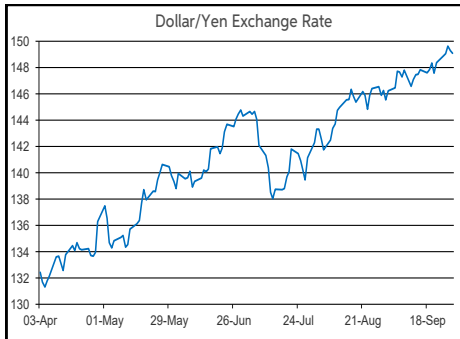
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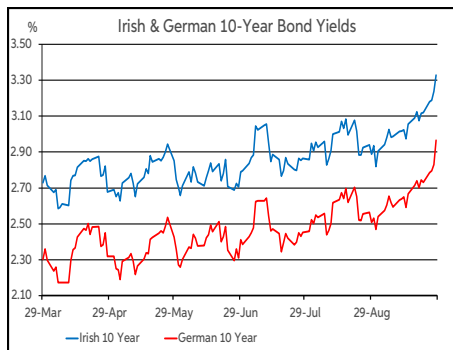
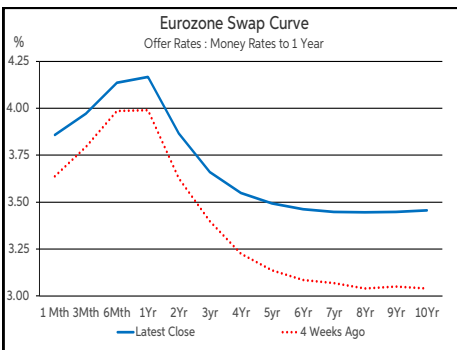
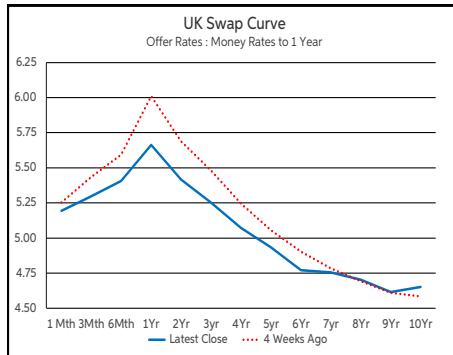
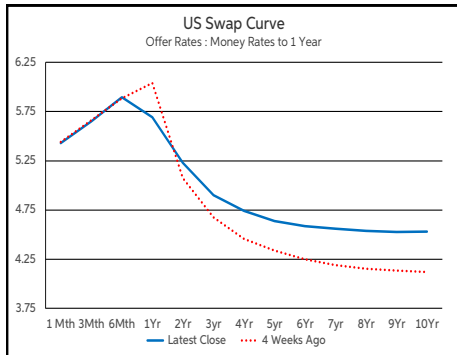
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8649	GBP/EUR	1.1557	USD/JPY	149.06
EUR/USD	1.0583	GBP/USD	1.2237	USD/CAD	1.3459
EUR/JPY	157.79	GBP/CAD	1.6471	USD/CHF	0.9129
EUR/SEK	11.5149	GBP/NZD	2.0323	USD/CNY	7.301
EUR/DKK	7.4558	GBP/JPY	182.39	USD/BRL	5.033
EUR/NOK	11.277	GBP/SEK	13.3103	USD/RUB	96.985
EUR/CHF	0.9661	GBP/DKK	8.6194	USD/INR	83.0525
EUR/AUD	1.6363	GBP/NOK	13.037		
EUR/HKD	8.2863	GBP/CHF	1.1173	AUD/USD	0.6467
EUR/CAD	1.4246	GBP/AUD	1.8919	NZD/USD	0.6019



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.58	-3	+47	+70
Germany	2.97	+14	+50	+41
UK	4.49	+13	+13	+83
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.64	-7	+34	+64
Eurozone	3.49	+5	+37	+26
UK	4.93	+16	-12	+63
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.23	-9	+19	+55
Eurozone	3.87	+4	+25	+48
UK	5.42	+4	-27	+73
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	39	-4	+2	-19
Belgium	63	-2	+3	-0
France	54	-3	+3	-1
Italy	191	-4	+26	-23
Spain	107	-4	+6	-2
Portugal	78	+1	+6	-26
Greece	154	+6	+22	-49



Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	95.38	-1.21	+9.81	+11.02
West Texas Oil	91.65	-2.16	+9.69	+14.33
Gold \$	1864.6	-0.54	-3.88	+2.20

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