

## Quiet day for FX majors

There was a muted tone to investor sentiment yesterday. This was evident in the modest nature of the moves on equity markets. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished 0.3% lower for the day. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.1% higher.

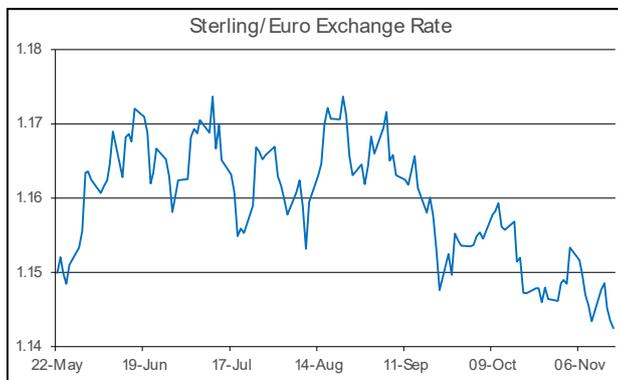
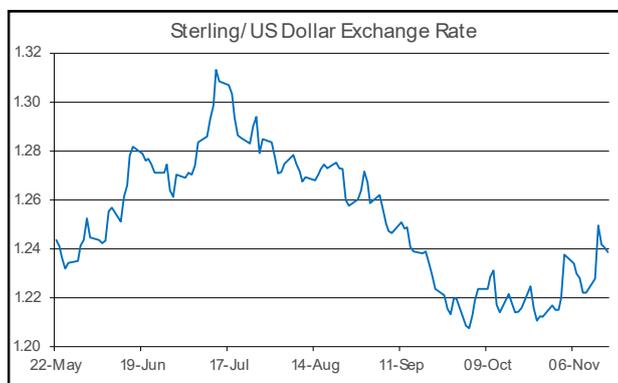
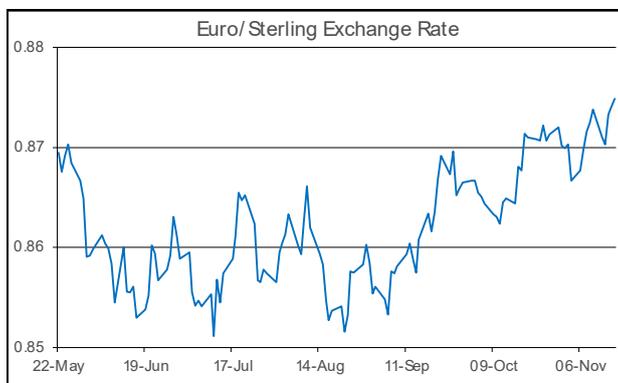
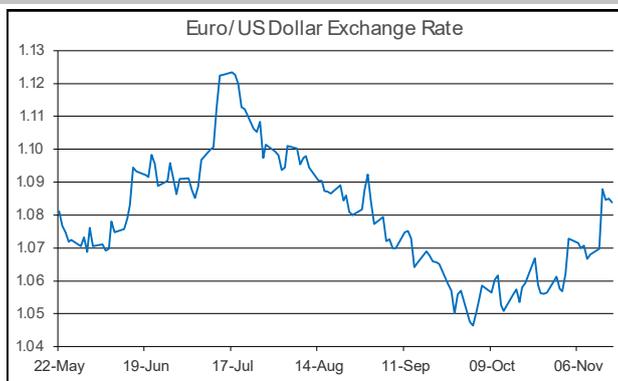
Data-wise, the main releases yesterday all came from the US diary. Overall, the results tended to miss to the downside of expectations. The weekly jobless claims number printed at 231,000 compared to a forecast for 220,000. Industrial production fell by 0.6% in October, versus expectations for a 0.3% decline. Meanwhile, homebuilder sentiment for November declined unexpectedly.

On bond markets, US Treasury yields fell back amid the softer tone to yesterday's US data releases. The US 10-year yield fell by 10bps to back below the 4.5% level. However, yields were generally lower elsewhere as well, with the German 10-year Bund yield moving below the 2.6% mark.

Currency-wise, the action was characterised by relatively confined range trading. In overnight trading, this remained a feature. EUR/USD opens this morning once again near the midpoint of the \$1.08-1.09 band. GBP/USD is trading just below the \$1.24 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP continues to change hands in a very tight range in and around the halfway mark of 87-88p.

Today's macro diary has already seen the release of UK retail sales data for October. Headline sales registered a fall of -0.3% in the month. The consensus forecast was for a 0.3% increase. The remainder of today's calendar is fairly sparse. We get the final reading of Eurozone inflation for October and US housing starts for October as well.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates |        |          |          |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                          |        | % Change |          |
|                          |        | Day *    | End 2022 |
| EUR/ USD                 | 1.0838 | 0.02     | 1.27     |
| EUR/ GBP                 | 0.8749 | 0.07     | -1.07    |
| GBP/ USD                 | 1.2386 | -0.07    | 2.39     |
| GBP/ EUR                 | 1.1424 | -0.07    | 1.09     |
| USD/ JPY                 | 150.59 | -0.47    | 14.86    |
| EUR/ JPY                 | 163.24 | -0.45    | 16.35    |

\* 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      | 5.45         | 5.63  | 5.47       | 4.95 | 4.44 |
| EUR                    | 4.50      | 3.79         | 3.99  | 3.92       | 3.46 | 3.04 |
| GBP                    | 5.25      | 5.18         | 5.21  | 5.11       | 4.93 | 4.44 |

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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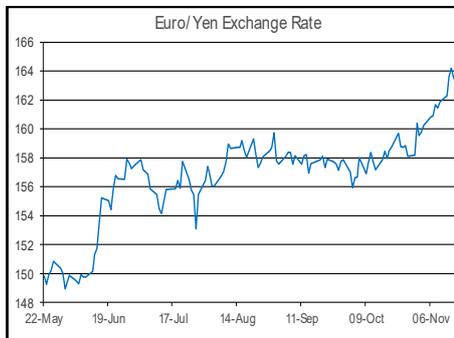
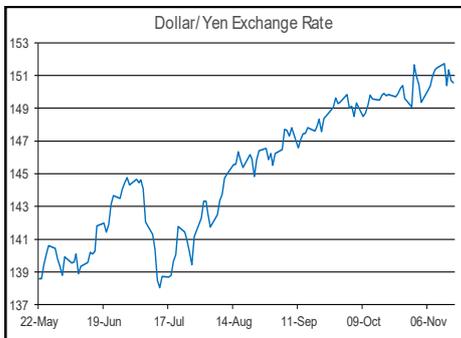
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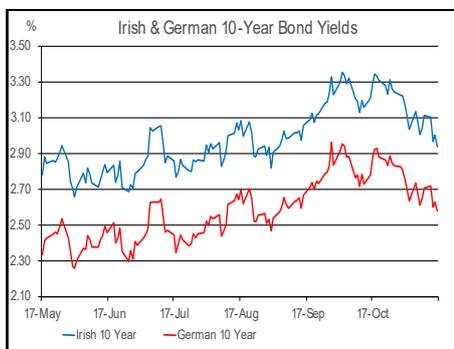
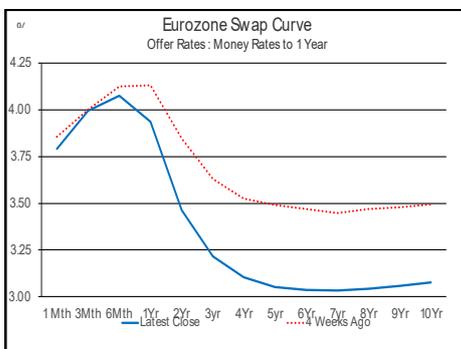
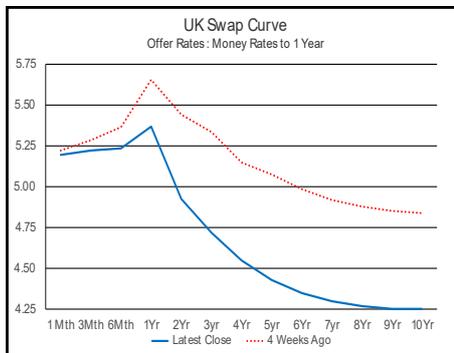
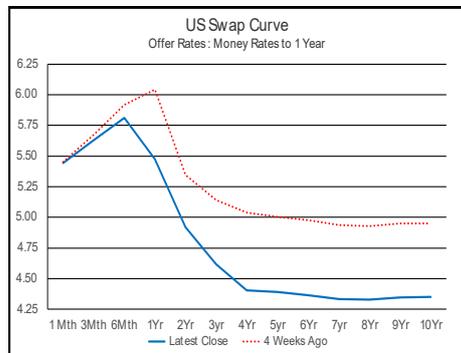
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| Euro    |         | Sterling |         | Dollar  |         |
|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8749  | GBP/EUR  | 1.1424  | USD/JPY | 150.59  |
| EUR/USD | 1.0838  | GBP/USD  | 1.2386  | USD/CAD | 1.376   |
| EUR/JPY | 163.24  | GBP/CAD  | 1.7045  | USD/CHF | 0.8886  |
| EUR/SEK | 11.4921 | GBP/NZD  | 2.0823  | USD/CNY | 7.2487  |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4576  | GBP/JPY  | 186.51  | USD/BRL | 4.8632  |
| EUR/NOK | 11.8689 | GBP/SEK  | 13.1346 | USD/RUB | 89.09   |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9633  | GBP/DKK  | 8.5208  | USD/INR | 83.2783 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.6773  | GBP/NOK  | 13.556  |         |         |
| EUR/HKD | 8.4518  | GBP/CHF  | 1.1008  | AUD/USD | 0.6462  |
| EUR/CAD | 1.4916  | GBP/AUD  | 1.9164  | NZD/USD | 0.5946  |



| Debt Markets  |       |            |         |        |
|---|-------|------------|---------|--------|
|   | Close | Change bps |         |        |
|   |       | Day        | 4 Weeks | End 22 |
| <b>10 Year Yield %</b>                                  |       |            |         |        |
| US  | 4.44  | -10        | -55     | +56    |
| Germany   | 2.59  | -5         | -34     | +2     |
| UK  | 4.15  | -8         | -50     | +49    |
| <b>5 Year Swap %</b>                                    |       |            |         |        |
| US  | 4.39  | -10        | -57     | +40    |
| Eurozone  | 3.05  | -5         | -43     | -18    |
| UK  | 4.43  | -2         | -64     | +13    |
| <b>2 Year Swap %</b>                                    |       |            |         |        |
| US  | 4.92  | -9         | -39     | +24    |
| Eurozone  | 3.46  | -5         | -37     | +8     |
| UK  | 4.92  | -5         | -51     | +24    |
| <b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b> |       |            |         |        |
| Ireland   | 39    | -1         | -5      | -20    |
| Belgium   | 61    | -1         | -6      | -3     |
| France  | 56    | -2         | -5      | +1     |
| Italy   | 176   | -6         | -25     | -38    |
| Spain   | 100   | -4         | -10     | -9     |
| Portugal  | 66    | -3         | -6      | -38    |
| Greece  | 126   | +2         | -19     | -76    |



| Commodities    |        |          |         |        |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
|                | Close  | % Change |         |        |
|                |        | Day      | 4 Weeks | End 22 |
| Brent Oil      | 77.42  | -4.63    | -16.19  | -9.88  |
| West Texas Oil | 73.5   | -4.73    | -17.74  | -8.31  |
| Gold \$        | 1980.9 | +1.11    | +0.36   | +8.58  |

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