Morning Comment

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Flash PMIs in focus

Trading conditions were choppy across financial markets yesterday. Initially, there was a positive tone to investor sentiment, but as the day progressed risk appetite soured somewhat. Despite a strong Q3 earnings report for Nvidia, concerns regarding the tech-sector remained in focus. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a 0.5% gain. However, by the time the closing bell rang on Wall Street, the S&P 500 was down by 1.6%.

Elsewhere, the delayed release of the US labour market report for September was mixed. Non-farm payrolls rose by 119k in September, well above the consensus of 50k, but the August data were revised down to –4k from +22k. Elsewhere, the unemployment rate printed at 4.4% in September, above the 4.3% rate expected. In terms of wage growth, average earnings were 3.8% higher year-on-year at the end of Q3, a touch above the 3.7% increase forecast.

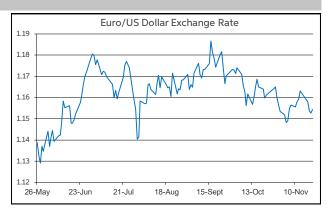
On the currency front, the main pairs were relatively range bound yesterday. The dollar maintained its momentum from the day prior in early trading. This saw the greenback test the \$1.15 handle against the euro. However, the dollar handed back its gains following the release of the aforementioned US job's data

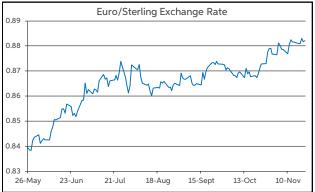
In level terms, this sees EUR/USD open this morning up near the halfway mark of \$1.15-1.16. GBP/USD is in the top half of the \$1.30-1.31 corridor. Meantime, EUR/GBP continues to change hands in the bottom half of the 88-89p band. USD/JPY is operating back close to the midpoint of the \$1.56-1.57 range.

Already this morning, UK retail sales and consumer confidence have printed below expectations. Sales fell by 1.1% in October (vs. 0.0% f'cast) while consumer confidence deteriorated to -19.0 in November (vs. -18 f'cast). Later today, the flash PMIs for the Eurozone, UK and US (all November) are due. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

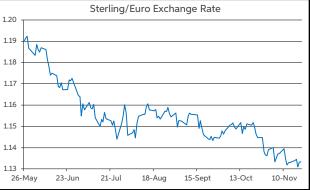
Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
	_	Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1545	0.26	11.51		
EUR/GBP	0.8821	0.01	6.62		
GBP/USD	1.3084	0.25	4.58		
GBP/EUR	1.1332	-0.01	-6.21		
USD/JPY	156.6	-0.61	-0.37		
EUR/JPY	180.82	-0.35	11.10		
* v Previous Day's European Open					

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money	Market	Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.88	3.95	3.88	3.54	3.58	3.60
EUR	2.00	1.92	2.07	2.13	2.18	2.42
GBP	4 00	3 94	3.81	3 61	3.78	3 93









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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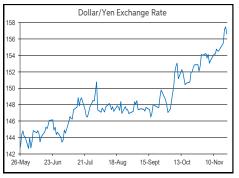
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8821
EUR/USD	1.1545
EUR/JPY	180.82
EUR/SEK	11.02
EUR/DKK	7.4686
EUR/NOK	11.7922
EUR/CHF	0.9278
EUR/AUD	1.7926
EUR/HKD	8.9876
EUR/CAD	1.6279

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1332		
GBP/USD	1.3084		
GBP/CAD	1.8445		
GBP/NZD	2.3354		
GBP/JPY	204.91		
GBP/SEK	12.4898		
GBP/DKK	8.4647		
GBP/NOK	13.371		
GBP/CHF	1.0513		
GBP/AUD	2.0308		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	156.6			
USD/CAD	1.4099			
USD/CHF	0.8035			
USD/CNY	7.1124			
USD/BRL	5.3328			
USD/RUB	78.7			
USD/INR	88.687			
AUD/USD	0.6439			
NZD/USD	0.56			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

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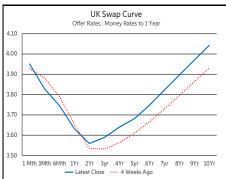
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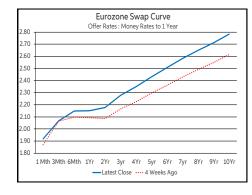
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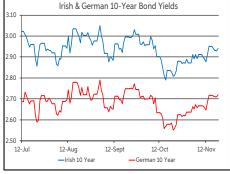






1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr

Latest Close · · · 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.10	-3	+12	-47	
Germany	2.72	+1	+14	+36	
UK	4.59	-1	+16	+2	
Ireland	2.94	+1	+11	+29	
Belgium	3.27	+2	+13	+28	
France	3.49	+3	+11	+30	
Italy	3.47	+3	+10	-5	
Spain	3.23	+2	+11	+16	
Portugal	3.06	+1	+9	+21	
Greece	3.35	+2	+11	+10	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.58	-6	+3	-71	
Eurozone	2.42	-1	+14	+18	
UK	3.94	-2	+9	-34	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.56	-5	+4	-77	
Eurozone	2.17	-1	+9	-2	
UK	3.80	-2	+2	-69	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	22	+0	-3	-6	
Belgium	55	+1	-1	-7	
France	77	+2	-3	-6	
Italy	76	+2	-4	-40	
Spain	51	+1	-3	-19	
Portugal	34	+0	-5	-14	
Greece	63	+1	-4	-25	

Commodities						
		% Change				
Close Day			4 Weeks	End 24		
Brent Oil	63.38	-0.20	-3.96	-15.09		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	4077.0	-0.09	-1.16	+55.38		

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