

Sterling edges slightly higher

Somewhat unsurprisingly given the Thanksgiving holiday in the US, yesterday was relatively quiet on markets. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.2%. On bond markets, German sovereign yields rose by 3-6bps. Meantime, UK Gilt yields moved 8-9bps higher.

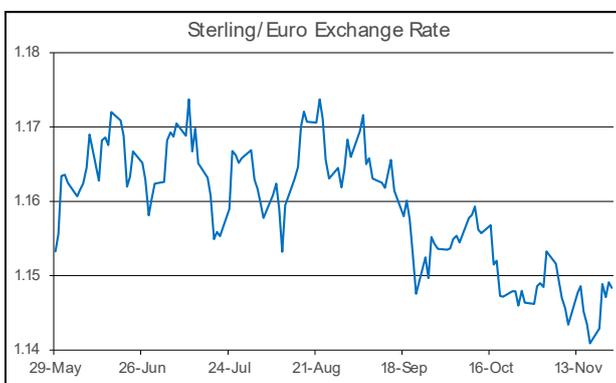
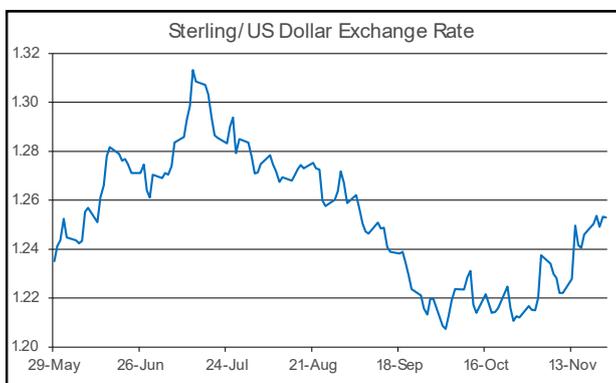
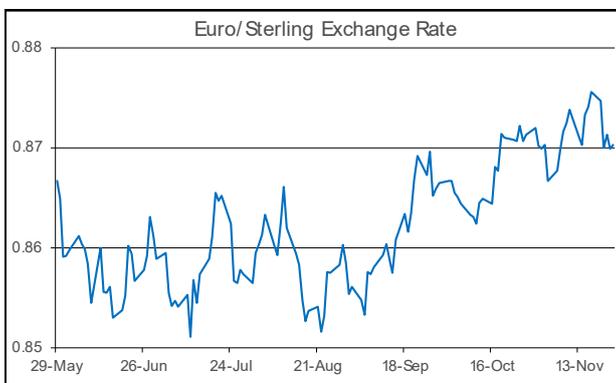
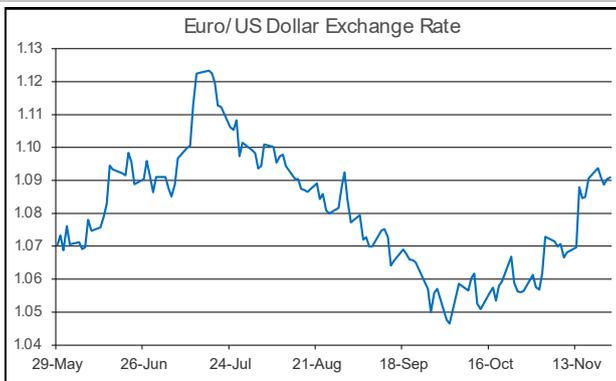
The larger increase in UK yields coincided with better than anticipated UK PMI data for November, and a hardening in market rate expectations. The flash manufacturing PMI rose to 46.7 (vs. 45.0 f'cast), while the services PMI moved into expansion mode, at 50.5 (vs. 49.5 f'cast). Against this backdrop, markets are now pricing in circa 55bps worth of rate cuts next year, compared to around 70bps at the start of the week. The firming in UK rates should also be viewed in the context of some hawkish BoE rhetoric and the Autumn statement in recent days.

The Eurozone flash PMIs also improved, albeit both sector readings were broadly in line with the consensus, and remained in contraction mode. Meanwhile, the latest ECB meeting minutes prompted a slightly hawkish reaction on markets. However, this unwound somewhat overnight. Futures contracts pricing suggests the market thinks the ECB will cut rates by circa 80-85bps in 2024.

Currency-wise, sterling was holding a slightly firmer tone for much of yesterday. Overall, sterling gained 0.2% versus the euro and the dollar. This sees EUR/GBP open back near 87p. GBP/USD is in the lower half of \$1.25-1.26. EUR/USD remains just above \$1.09.

Turning to the day ahead, the German Ifo is forecast to inch higher in November. In the US, the flash PMIs for November are expected to be little changed. Barring any major surprises though, the data are unlikely to impact on markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/ USD	1.0909	0.00	1.93
EUR/ GBP	0.8705	-0.15	-1.57
GBP/ USD	1.2529	0.15	3.57
GBP/ EUR	1.1484	0.15	1.60
USD/ JPY	149.4	0.28	13.95
EUR/ JPY	162.98	0.27	16.17

* 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	5.46	5.64	5.53	5.02	4.48
EUR	4.50	3.82	3.96	3.99	3.56	3.14
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.24	5.22	5.07	4.56

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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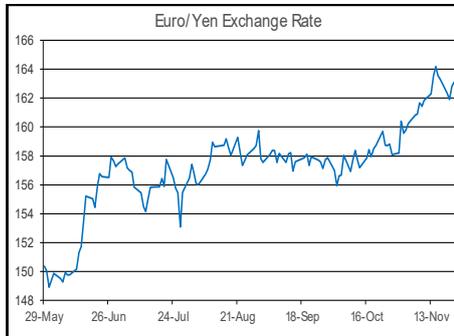
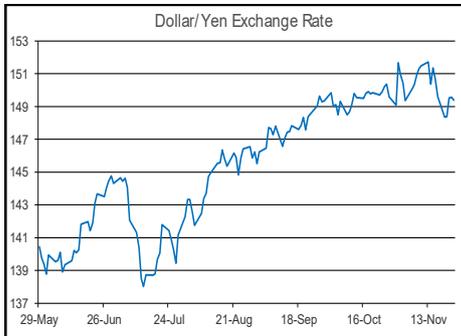
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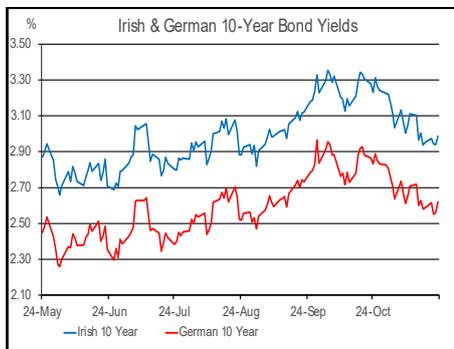
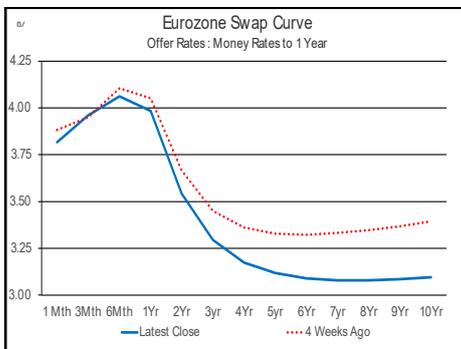
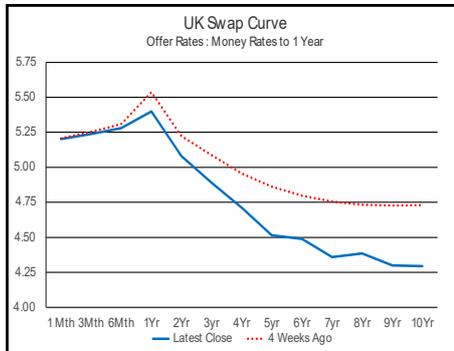
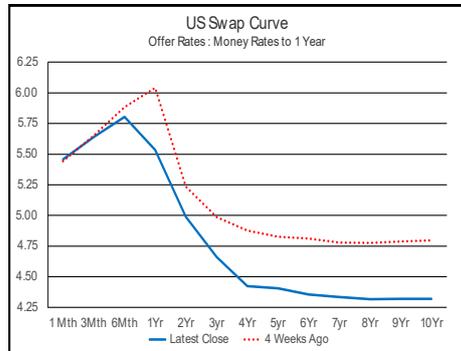
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8705	GBP/EUR	1.1484	USD/JPY	149.4
EUR/USD	1.0909	GBP/USD	1.2529	USD/CAD	1.37
EUR/JPY	162.98	GBP/CAD	1.7165	USD/CHF	0.884
EUR/SEK	11.4486	GBP/NZD	2.0692	USD/CNY	7.1537
EUR/DKK	7.4545	GBP/JPY	187.18	USD/BRL	4.9039
EUR/NOK	11.7515	GBP/SEK	13.1512	USD/RUB	88.9575
EUR/CHF	0.9642	GBP/DKK	8.56	USD/INR	83.338
EUR/AUD	1.6627	GBP/NOK	13.488	AUD/USD	0.6558
EUR/HKD	8.5025	GBP/CHF	1.1076	NZD/USD	0.6052
EUR/CAD	1.4947	GBP/AUD	1.91		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.41	+1	-44	+53
Germany	2.62	+6	-23	+6
UK	4.25	+9	-35	+59
Ireland	3.02	+6	-28	-13
Belgium	3.23	+8	-29	+3
France	3.18	+7	-30	+7
Italy	4.39	+8	-46	-31
Spain	3.62	+7	-34	-4
Portugal	3.29	+7	-28	-31
Greece	3.85	+9	-33	-75
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.40	+1	-38	+41
Eurozone	3.12	+5	-20	-11
UK	4.51	+8	-34	+21
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.99	+3	-20	+31
Eurozone	3.54	+3	-11	+16
UK	5.08	+7	-14	+40
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	39	-0	-5	-19
Belgium	61	+2	-6	-3
France	56	+1	-7	+1
Italy	177	+2	-23	-37
Spain	100	+1	-11	-10
Portugal	67	+1	-5	-37
Greece	122	+3	-11	-81



Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	81.42	-0.66	-7.40	-5.23
West Texas Oil	76.8	-1.98	-8.35	-4.19
Gold \$	1991.8	+0.10	+0.35	+9.18

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