Morning Comment

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ECB sees no reason to change

The Governing Council of the ECB decided to leave interest rates unchanged for a third successive meeting yesterday. The decision was in-line with market expectations, and it means the deposit rate remains at 2.00%. Furthermore, the ECB meeting statement was little changed from the September update. At the press conference, the overarching message from President Lagarde was that monetary policy remains "in a good place" in the Eurozone.

Unsurprisingly given the lack of new forward guidance provided by the ECB, the market reaction to the meeting outcome was muted. Futures contracts continue to suggest that the market sees around a 45% chance of a rate cut next year. Elsewhere, investors continued to digest the outcomes of the Fed and BoJ policy meetings which concluded less than 24 hours before Lagarde took to the podium.

Amid the hawkish remarks from Fed Chair Powell post the FOMC decision, which coincided with a modest firming in US futures contracts, the dollar was in the ascendancy yesterday. At the same time, the yen was under renewed downward pressure as the BoJ's decision to keep policy on hold was followed by dovish remarks from Governor Ueda. Against this backdrop, USD/JPY cleared the ¥154 handle for the first time since February.

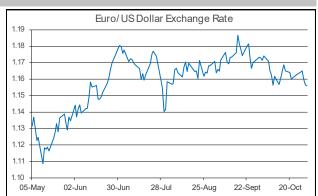
Meanwhile, the firmer tone to the dollar also sees EUR/USD open this morning down near the midpoint of \$1.15-1.16. GBP/USD is changing hands back in the lower half of \$1.31-1.32. EUR/GBP is just below the 88p handle. USD/JPY has retained is position above ¥154.

Today, the main release of note will be the flash reading of Eurozone HICP inflation for October. The consensus is for the headline and core rates to edge marginally lower to 2.1% and 2.3%, respectively. However, HICP releases from a number of the large national economies yesterday suggest the risks are tilted to the upside.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1559	-0.55	11.65	
EUR/GBP	0.8796	-0.01	6.32	
GBP/ USD	1.3136	-0.55	5.00	
GBP/ EUR	1.1362	0.01	-5.95	
USD/JPY	154.3	0.82	-1.83	
EUR/JPY	178.4	0.29	9.62	
* 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	3.98	3.89	3.62	3.67	3.68	
EUR	2.00	1.89	2.07	2.12	2.16	2.37	
GBP	4.00	3.91	3.87	3.64	3.79	3.87	









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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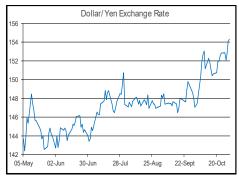
Opening Levels



Euro				
EUR/ GBP	0.8796			
EUR/USD	1.1559			
EUR/JPY	178.4			
EUR/ SEK	10.9242			
EUR/ DKK	7.4677			
EUR/NOK	11.6373			
EUR/CHF	0.9282			
EUR/AUD	1.7672			
EUR/HKD	8.9809			
EUR/CAD	1.6185			

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1362			
GBP/USD	1.3136			
GBP/ CAD	1.8395			
GBP/NZD	2.2957			
GBP/JPY	202.69			
GBP/SEK	12.4166			
GBP/ DKK	8.4857			
GBP/NOK	13.223			
GBP/CHF	1.0549			
GBP/ AUD	2.0085			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	154.3			
USD/CAD	1.4002			
USD/CHF	0.8029			
USD/CNY	7.1142			
USD/BRL	5.384			
USD/RUB	80.85			
USD/INR	88.7363			
AUD/USD	0.6538			
NZD/USD	0.5719			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates: Money Rates to 1 Yea

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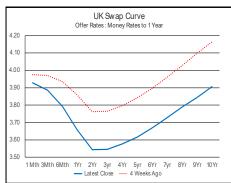
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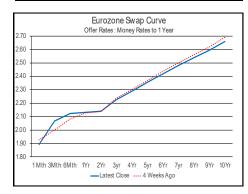
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3.30 3.20







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	4.09	+4	+0	-48		
Germany	2.64	+2	-6	+27		
UK	4.43	+4	-29	-15		
Ireland	2.89	+2	-7	+24		
Belgium	3.17	+1	-9	+19		
France	3.42	+1	-11	+22		
Italy	3.40	+2	-15	-12		
Spain	3.15	+2	-9	+9		
Portugal	3.00	+1	-10	+15		
Greece	3.29	+1	-12	+4		
5 Year Sw ap %						
US	3.65	+1	+7	-64		
Eurozone	2.34	+2	-1	+10		
UK	3.86	+2	-20	-42		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.64	+1	+7	-69		
Eurozone	2.14	-0	+0	-6		
UK	3.79	+2	-21	-70		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	25	+0	-1	-3		
Belgium	53	-1	-3	-9		
France	78	-0	-5	-5		
Italy	76	-0	-9	-40		
Spain	51	+0	-3	-19		
Portugal	37	-0	-4	-12		
Greece	65	-1	-6	-23		

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End					
Brent Oil	65	+0.12	+1.39	-12.92		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	4023.2	+2.39	+4.34	+53.33		

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