Morning Comment

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Dollar momentum

1.17

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06-May

03-Jun

01-Jul

The October round of central bank meetings meant there was a busy end to the month last week. The ECB meeting was uneventful. As expected, rates were left on hold, with the ECB emphasising its view that policy is in a "good place" and therefore any near term alterations are unlikely. The BoJ also stood pat. The tone of the communications had a less hawkish leaning, with no signal that it will hike rates before year end. Meanwhile, the Fed cut rates, in line with expectations, by 25bps to a 3.75-4.00% range. However, the press conference had a less dovish tone. Chair Powell opened the door to a potential 'hold' in December, commenting that a rate cut is "not a foregone conclusion...far from it".

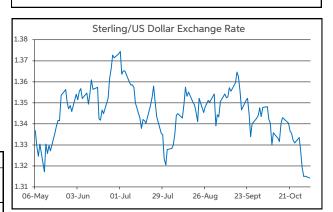
From a currency perspective, the less dovish Fed tone, combined with positive developments in relation to US trade agreements (China and Japan) provided a supportive backdrop for the dollar. At the same time, sterling remained on the defensive, with the upcoming Budget (Nov 26th) looming on the horizon. Meantime, the yen was not helped by the less hawkish vibe emanating from the BoJ. In level terms, all of the above was reflected in EUR/USD falling back below the \$1.16 threshold, GBP/USD declining from \$1.33 to nearer \$1.31 and USD/JPY up at the ¥154 handle. The softer sterling tone was also reflected in EUR/GBP testing above the 88p level, to its highest level since mid-2023. It opens this morning just under the 88p mark.

Looking ahead to this week, it's the turn of the BoE to come under the monetary policy spotlight. No rate changes are envisaged on Thursday, but the market will be looking for any signals on the possibility of a rate cut at its final meeting of the year, in December. Futures contracts are currently attaching around a 70% probability to a rate cut before year end. Data-wise, the US schedule remains impacted by the government shutdown. Jolt job openings (Sept) and the ISM surveys (Oct) are the main releases of note from the US. The main highlight from a quiet Eurozone diary are retail sales (Sept).

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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate



29-Jul

26-Aug

23-Sept

21-Oct



Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1536	-0.27	11.43	
EUR/GBP	0.8775	-0.23	6.07	
GBP/USD	1.3143	-0.05	5.05	
GBP/EUR	1.1391	0.23	-5.72	
USD/JPY	154.21	0.19	-1.89	
EUR/JPY	177.92	-0.07	9.32	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates Money Market Swap Rates 3-Mth 2-Yr **Base Rate** 1-Mth 1-Yr 5-Yr USD 3.88 3.99 3.88 3.59 3.65 3.67 **EUR** 2.00 1.92 2.04 2.13 2.15 2.35

3.86

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4.00 All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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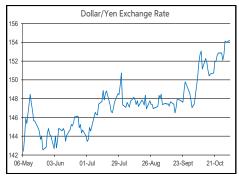
Opening Levels



	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8775
EUR/USD		1.1536
EUR/JPY		177.92
EUR/SEK		10.9398
EUR/DKK		7.4674
EUR/NOK		11.6593
EUR/CHF		0.9275
EUR/AUD		1.7599
EUR/HKD		8.9667
EUR/CAD	******************************	1.6162

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1391		
GBP/USD	1.3143		
GBP/CAD	1.8413		
GBP/NZD	2.2948		
GBP/JPY	202.68		
GBP/SEK	12.463		
GBP/DKK	8.5053		
GBP/NOK	13.2841		
GBP/CHF	1.0566		
GBP/AUD	2.005		

Dollar			
USD/JPY	154.21		
USD/CAD	1.4012		
USD/CHF	0.804		
USD/CNY	7.1147		
USD/BRL	5.3752		
USD/RUB	80.7		
USD/INR	88.783		
AUD/USD	0.6553		
NZD/USD	0.5725		



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

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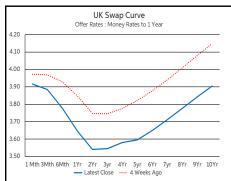
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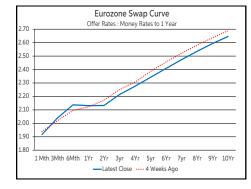
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets					
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.10	+1	-2	-48	
Germany	2.64	-0	-6	+27	
UK	4.41	-2	-29	-17	
Ireland	2.87	-2	-9	+22	
Belgium	3.17	-0	-7	+19	
France	3.42	+0	-9	+23	
Italy	3.38	-1	-16	-14	
Spain	3.14	-1	-9	+8	
Portugal	3.00	-1	-10	+15	
Greece	3.29	+0	-9	+4	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.64	-0	+2	-65	
Eurozone	2.33	-1	-5	+9	
UK	3.85	-1	-20	-43	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.63	-0	+2	-70	
Eurozone	2.12	-2	-2	-7	
UK	3.77	-2	-21	-71	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	23	-2	-2	-5	
Belgium	53	-O	-1	-9	
France	78	+1	-3	-5	
Italy	75	-1	-9	-41	
Spain	50	-1	-3	-20	
Portugal	36	-1	-4	-12	
Greece	65	+0	-3	-23	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	65.07	+0.11	+0.84	-12.82	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	4001.8	-0.53	+2.98	+52.52	

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