Morning Comment

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Sterling modestly firmer post-Budget

Investor sentiment retained its positive tone yesterday. This was evident in gains amongst the main equity indices on both sides of the Atlantic. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 1.5%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 headed into its Thanksgiving holiday with a 0.7% gain on the day.

In terms of the macro calendar, the UK Budget was in the spotlight. Most of the details were accidentally published in advance of Chancellor Reeves' scheduled speech. There was a little bit of volatility for UK Gilts from the event. Overall though, UK yields moved lower on the day implying a favourable reaction from the market to the Budget. However, the fiscal sustainability risks for the UK economy will remain in focus given that many of the key revenue raising measures are back loaded to 2029/2030.

From a sterling viewpoint, the currency initially weakened as the leaked Budget details started to hit the newswires. However, this 'softness' proved short-lived, with the pound finishing the day modestly higher. Elsewhere on the currency front, the other main pairs were confined to narrow ranges. This was not overly surprising given the quiet data calendar. The only release of any note was the weekly US jobless claims figures, with the headline number printing slightly better than expected at 216,000 (vs f'cast for 225,000). The data though did not prompt much of a reaction from the dollar.

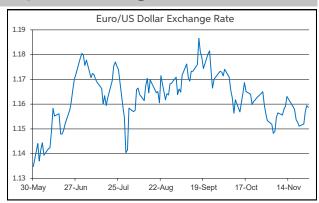
As trading gets underway this morning, the modestly firmer tone to sterling is reflected in EUR/GBP operating at the midpoint of 87-88p and GBP/USD changing hands back above \$1.32. Meanwhile, EUR/USD continues to trade just below the \$1.16 threshold.

With the Thanksgiving US market holiday today, the only data due is from the Eurozone. The EC sentiment indices for November will be released as well as the ECB 'account' of its October meeting.

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Today's Opening FX Rates						
		% Change				
		Day * End 2024				
EUR/USD	1.1587	-0.03	11.92			
EUR/GBP	0.8751	-0.40	5.78			
GBP/USD	1.324	0.38	5.83			
GBP/EUR	1.1426	0.40	-5.46			
USD/JPY	156.21	0.06	-0.62			
EUR/JPY	181.04	0.05	11.24			
* v Previous Day's European Open						
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates					
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.88	3.87	3.78	3.49	3.54	3.54
EUR	2.00	1.93	2.07	2.13	2.17	2.40
GBP	4.00	3.89	3.79	3.57	3.74	3.86









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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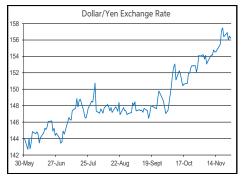
Opening Levels



Euro					
EUR/GBP		0.8751			
EUR/USD		1.1587			
EUR/JPY		181.04			
EUR/SEK		11.0025			
EUR/DKK		7.4686			
EUR/NOK		11.815			
EUR/CHF		0.9322			
EUR/AUD		1.7754			
EUR/HKD		9.0104			
EUR/CAD		1.6258			

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1426			
GBP/USD	1.324			
GBP/CAD	1.8577			
GBP/NZD	2.3142			
GBP/JPY	206.82			
GBP/SEK	12.5731			
GBP/DKK	8.5345			
GBP/NOK	13.4995			
GBP/CHF	1.0652			
GBP/AUD	2.0282			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	156.21				
USD/CAD	1.4036				
USD/CHF	0.8044				
USD/CNY	7.081				
USD/BRL	5.3319				
USD/RUB	78.3				
USD/INR	89.2412				
AUD/USD	0.6526				
NZD/USD	0.5717				



US Swap Curve

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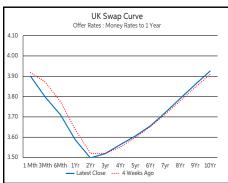
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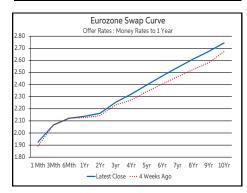
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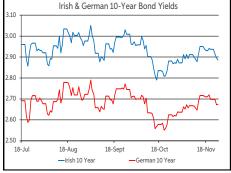
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr



Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.00	-0	-6	-58		
Germany	2.67	+0	+6	+31		
UK	4.42	-7	+3	-15		
Ireland	2.89	-1	+2	+24		
Belgium	3.17	-1	+1	+19		
France	3.40	-2	-1	+20		
Italy	3.39	-1	+1	-13		
Spain	3.15	-1	+2	+9		
Portugal	3.01	-0	+1	+16		
Greece	3.30	+1	+3	+5		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	3.52	+0	-11	-77		
Eurozone	2.39	+0	+6	+15		
UK	3.85	-4	+1	-43		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.53	+2	-10	-80		
Eurozone	2.16	+0	+2	-3		
UK	3.75	-2	-2	-74		
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	21	-1	-4	-7		
Belgium	50	-2	-4	-12		
France	72	-2	-6	-11		
Italy	72	-1	-5	-44		
Spain	48	-2	-3	-22		
Portugal	33	-1	-4	-16		
Greece	63	+1	-3	-26		

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	63.13	+1.04	-2.76	-15.42			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	4164.0 +0.82 +5.97 +58.70						

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