

Morning Comment

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EUR/USD trading in and around \$1.18

Investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone for much of yesterday. This was evident in the performance of the main equity indices on both sides of the Atlantic. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 posted a 0.2% fall. On Wall Street, the losses were of a greater magnitude amid weakness in tech stocks. At the closing bell last night, the S&P 500 was 0.8% lower on the day.

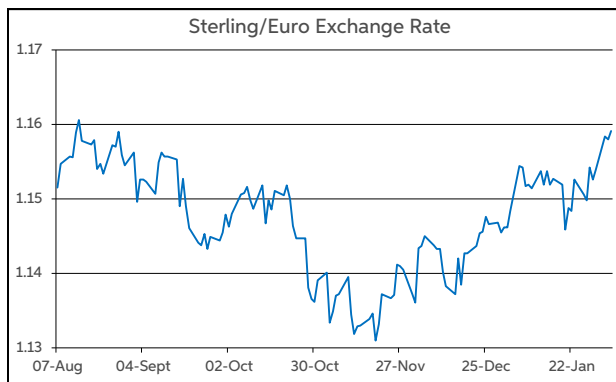
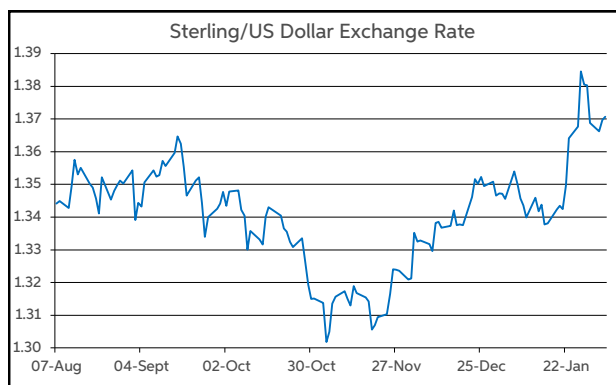
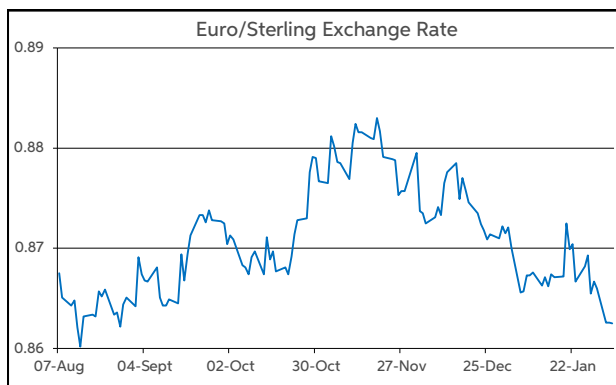
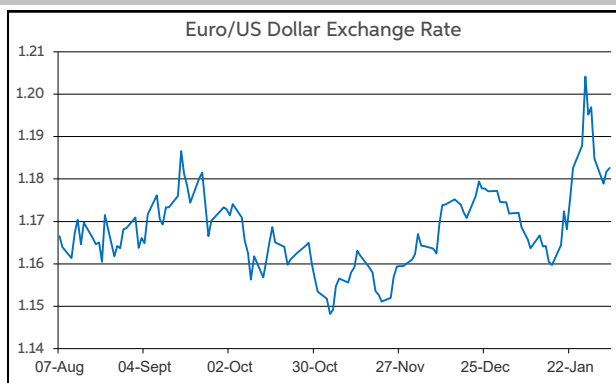
Currency-wise, the main pairs were operating within relatively tight ranges yesterday. The sparse macro data calendar was a contributing factor to the uneventful trading conditions. On the political front, in Washington, the House of Representatives passed a spending bill to end the partial government shutdown. The news did not generate much of a reaction from the dollar.

As a result, most of the main pairs start this morning showing only minimal changes compared to 24 hours earlier. In level terms, EUR/USD is trading just above the \$1.18 threshold. The GBP/USD pair is changing hands at the \$1.37 mark. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP remains near to the lower end of the 86-87p range.

Elsewhere on the currency front, we have seen some yen weakness in overnight trading. The Japanese unit is under pressure with the weekend elections looming and market concerns over the prospect of debt-funded fiscal spending. USD/JPY is back above ¥156.

Looking ahead to today's macro diary, in the Eurozone we get the flash reading of HICP inflation for January. The headline rate is forecast to ease to 1.7% (from 1.9%), while an unchanged 2.3% print is pencilled in for the core rate. The US diary features the non-manufacturing ISM as well as the ADP Employment report (both January). Overall, barring any significant surprises, none of the scheduled macro data publications today would be expected to have much directional impact on their respective currencies.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1825	0.14	0.68
EUR/GBP	0.8625	0.01	-1.03
GBP/USD	1.3707	0.14	1.74
GBP/EUR	1.1589	-0.01	1.04
USD/JPY	156.41	0.64	-0.15
EUR/JPY	185.01	0.81	0.55

* 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	3.63	3.66	3.66	3.50	3.70	3.84
EUR	2.00	1.96	2.02	2.18	2.27	2.55
GBP	3.75	3.71	3.70	3.55	3.80	4.01

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8625
EUR/USD	1.1825
EUR/JPY	185.01
EUR/SEK	10.5175
EUR/DKK	7.4687
EUR/NOK	11.3884
EUR/CHF	0.9171
EUR/AUD	1.6815
EUR/HKD	9.2409
EUR/CAD	1.6125

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1589
GBP/USD	1.3707
GBP/CAD	1.8687
GBP/NZD	2.2684
GBP/JPY	214.39
GBP/SEK	12.1914
GBP/DKK	8.6546
GBP/NOK	13.188
GBP/CHF	1.0632
GBP/AUD	1.949

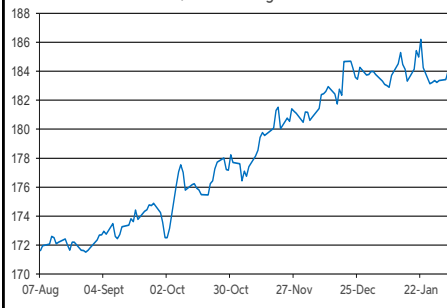
Dollar

USD/JPY	156.41
USD/CAD	1.3633
USD/CHF	0.7756
USD/CNY	6.9366
USD/BRL	5.2387
USD/RUB	77.25
USD/INR	90.4875
AUD/USD	0.7029
NZD/USD	0.604

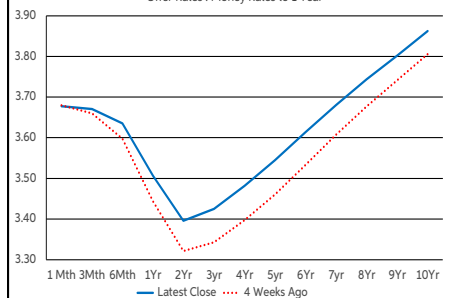
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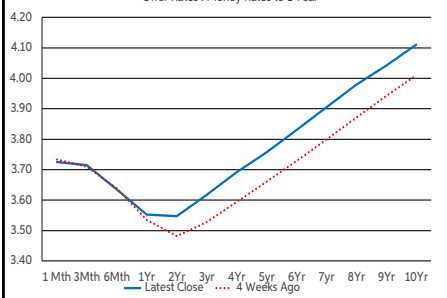
Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



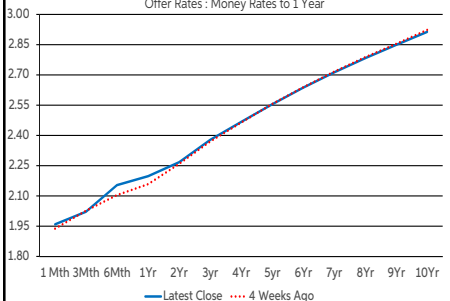
US Swap Curve
Offer Rates: Money Rates to 1 Year



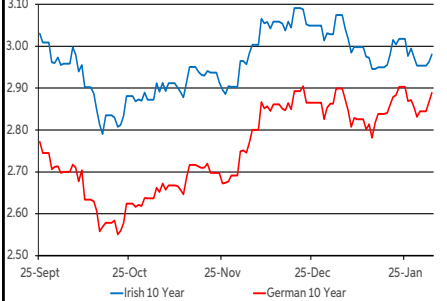
UK Swap Curve
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Eurozone Swap Curve
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Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 25
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.27	-0	+9	+12
Germany	2.89	+2	+4	+3
UK	4.52	+1	+4	+4
Ireland	2.98	+2	-4	-5
Belgium	3.28	+1	-6	-6
France	3.46	+1	-9	-10
Italy	3.50	+2	+1	-1
Spain	3.25	+2	-2	-4
Portugal	3.24	+2	+9	+8
Greece	3.39	+1	-9	-9
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.82	-0	+14	+9
Eurozone	2.54	+1	-0	-2
UK	4.01	+1	+10	+11
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.66	+0	+10	+9
Eurozone	2.25	+0	+3	-1
UK	3.79	+1	+5	+6
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	9	-0	-8	-7
Belgium	40	-1	-10	-9
France	57	-1	-14	-12
Italy	61	-1	-4	-4
Spain	37	+0	-6	-6
Portugal	35	+0	+5	+6
Greece	50	-1	-13	-12

Commodities

	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	67.33	+1.55	+10.92	+10.65
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	4938.5	+5.86	+9.82	+14.47

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