Morning Comment

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Eurozone flash HICP inflation in focus

It was a relatively quiet day on financial markets yesterday. A market holiday in the US for Thanksiving and a muted data schedule elsewhere contributed to the lacklustre price action.

Of the limited data release to note, the Eurozone economic sentiment indicators printed broadly in-line with expectations. Services sector sentiment deteriorated in November, while there was a modest improvement in the industrial sector. Meantime, flash German HICP inflation printed below the consensus in November, rising to 2.4% (vs. 2.6% f'cast) from 2.0%.

Amid the weaker than forecast rise in German inflation, Eurozone yields declined across the board. Reports of compromise in the on-going French Budget negotiations also coincided with the fall in yields. Overall, 10-year German Bund yields moved 4bps lower, while French OAT yields declined by 9bps. Meanwhile, the Euro Stoxx 50 recouped some of its recent losses, rising by 0.5%

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs operated in very narrow ranges throughout the European session. Of the meagre moves to record, sterling was holding a slightly firmer tone. Overnight, sterling has maintained some upward momentum, while the dollar has been on the defensive. In level terms, this sees EUR/GBP open this morning back near 83p. GBP/USD is changing hands north of \$1.27. EUR/USD is up in the top half of \$1.05-1.06. Meantime, USD/JPY is back below the ¥150 mark.

Today, the main data highlight will be the flash reading of Eurozone HICP inflation for November. Both the headline and core rates are forecast to rise to 2.3% and 2.8%, respectively.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2023		
EUR/USD	1.058	0.29	-4.13		
EUR/ GBP	0.8308	-0.26	-4.15		
GBP/USD	1.2733	0.54	0.03		
GBP/ EUR	1.2033	0.26	4.33		
USD/JPY	149.76	- 1.17	6.17		
EUR/ JPY	158.49	-0.87	1.84		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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	Opening Interest Rates					
		Money	oney Market Swap Rates			
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.63	4.53	4.46	4.23	4.30	4.08
EUR	3.40	2.98	2.91	2.36	2.17	2.11
GBP	4.75	4.69	4.66	4.38	4.38	4.12

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

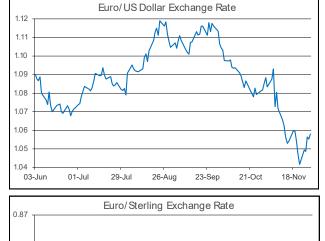
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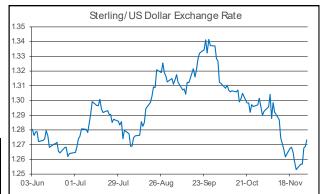
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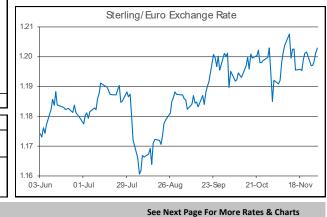
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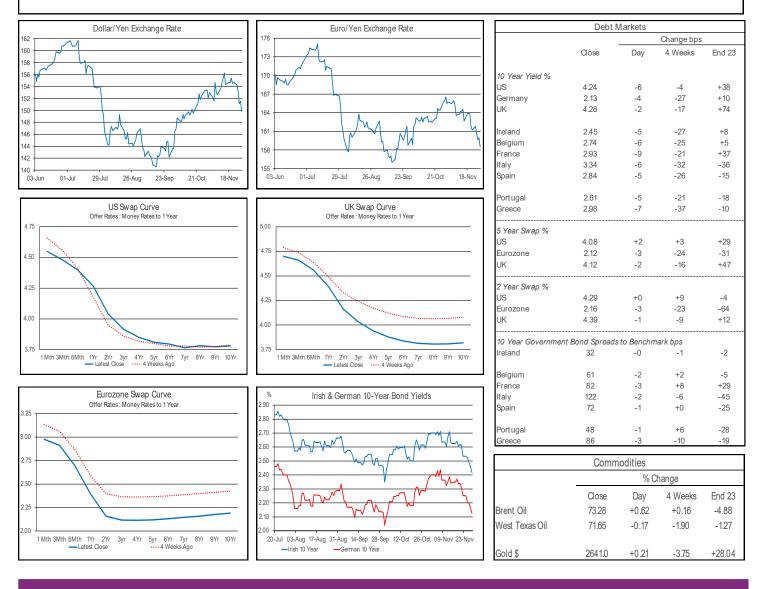
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Euro	
EUR/ GBP	0.8308
EUR/USD	1.058
EUR/ JPY	158.49
EUR/ SEK	11.5135
EUR/ DKK	7.4578
EUR/NOK	11.6505
EUR/CHF	0.9315
EUR/AUD	1.6225
EUR/ HKD	8.2357
EUR/ CAD	1.4809

Sterling	
GBP/ EUR	1.2033
GBP/USD	1.2733
GBP/ CAD	1.7814
GBP/ NZD	2.1485
GBP/ JPY	190.7
GBP/ SEK	13.845
GBP/ DKK	8.9713
GBP/ NOK	14.013
GBP/ CHF	1.1204
GBP/AUD	1.9516

Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.76			
USD/CAD	1.3994			
USD/CHF	0.8801			
USD/CNY	7.2282			
USD/ BRL	6.0142			
USD/ RUB	108			
USD/INR	84.495			
AUD/USD	0.6519			
NZD/USD	0.5922			



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