Morning Comment

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US CPI inflation due later today

Investor sentiment was somewhat cautious across financial markets yesterday. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 shed 0.6%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished the day down 0.7%. On bond markets, benchmark sovereign yields edged 2-4bps lower, but remained well within their recent ranges.

On the currency front, the main FX pairs were confined to narrow trading bands on the exchanges. A sparse data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic likely contributed to the muted action. Of the limited moves to register, the euro handed back some of its gains from earlier in the week amid the risk averse tone to investor sentiment yesterday.

Already this morning, data from the UK shows that GDP rose by just 0.1% in October, well below the consensus (+0.5% f'cast). Industrial production also printed below the forecast, falling by 0.6% (+0.1% f'cast). However, the release has not impacted sterling so far in early trading.

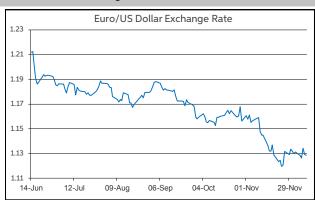
As the European session gets underway, the softer tone to the euro is evidenced by EUR/USD opening back below the \$1.13 threshold. Meantime, EUR/GBP is operating down below the midpoint of 85-86p. GBP/USD continues to change hands around the \$1.32 handle.

Later today, US CPI inflation data (November) are due. Both the headline and core rates are forecast to rise further from already elevated levels (both measures are at 30 year highs). Elsewhere in the US, consumer sentiment (December) is expected to remain subdued.

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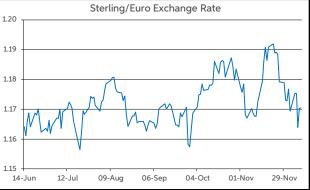
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
	_	Day *	End 2020	
EUR/USD	1.1287	-0.34	-7.58	
EUR/GBP	0.8541	-0.38	-4.43	
GBP/USD	1.3214	0.06	-3.36	
GBP/EUR	1.1706	0.39	4.64	
USD/JPY	113.58	-0.04	10.02	
EUR/JPY	128.21	-0.37	1.62	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates							
		Money Market			Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	0.125	0.10	0.20	0.45	0.94	1.41	
EUR	0.00	-0.57	-0.57	-0.49	-0.35	-0.11	
GBP	0.10	0.06	0.09	0.67	0.98	1.09	









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



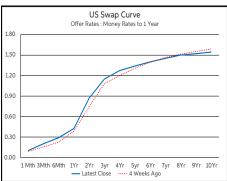
Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8541			
EUR/USD	1.1287			
EUR/JPY	128.21			
EUR/SEK	10.2423			
EUR/DKK	7.436			
EUR/NOK	10.1615			
EUR/CHF	1.044			
EUR/AUD	1.5791			
EUR/HKD	8.8046			
EUR/CAD	1.4356			

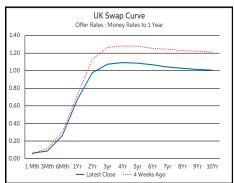
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1705		
GBP/USD	1.3214		
GBP/CAD	1.6808		
GBP/NZD	1.9482		
GBP/JPY	150.08		
GBP/SEK	11.9896		
GBP/DKK	8.7039		
GBP/NOK	11.8986		
GBP/CHF	1.2222		
GBP/AUD	1.8488		

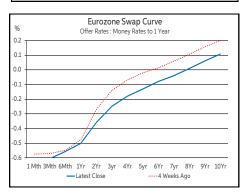
Dollar				
USD/JPY	113.58			
USD/CAD	1.2718			
USD/CHF	0.9247			
USD/CNY	6.3653			
USD/BRL	5.5727			
USD/RUB	73.6561			
USD/INR	75.785			
AUD/USD NZD/USD	0.7147			
11/20/030	0.070			













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 20	
10 Year Yield %					
US	1.50	-3	-7	+58	
Germany	-0.35	-4	-13	+22	
UK	0.76	-2	-17	+56	
Ireland	0.10	-4	-12	+40	
Belgium	-0.02	-4	-11	+37	
France	0.00	-4	-13	+34	
Italy	1.00	-3	+4	+48	
Spain	0.38	-4	-10	+33	
Portugal	0.32	-3	-7	+26	
Greece	1.38	+1	+18	+75	
5 Year Swap %					
US	1.34	-1	+6	+92	
Eurozone	-0.13	-4	-10	+33	
UK	1.09	-2	-18	+90	
2 Year Swap %					
US	0.87	-O	+15	+68	
Eurozone	-0.36	-2	-8	+17	
UK	0.98	-1	-14	+95	
10 Year Governm	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	45	-O	+1	+18	
Belgium	34	+0	+1	+14	
France	35	+0	-O	+12	
Italy	135	+1	+16	+26	
Spain	73	+1	+3	+10	
Portugal	67	+1	+5	+4	
Greece	173	+5	+31	+53	

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 20					
Brent Oil	74.42	-1.85	-10.20	+43.67		
West Texas Oil	70.87	-2.15	-13.01	+46.58		
Gold \$	1774.5	-0.43	-4.68	-6.43		

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