Morning Comment

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Fed, BoE and BoJ in the spotlight this week

Overall, there was a relatively positive tone to investor sentiment throughout last week. This is evidenced by equity markets moving higher on both sides of the Atlantic. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 1.4%, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 rose by 1.6%. Meantime on bond markets, sovereign yields moved broadly in tandem. Yield curves flattened in the US, UK and Eurozone, as short-dated yields were 5-10bps higher and long-dated yields fell by 1-8bps.

As expected, the ECB left rates on hold for a second consecutive meeting last week. This contributed to a slight firming in Eurozone rate expectations, with markets becoming les sure that the ECB will, lower rates again. Meantime in the US, rate expectations also firmed modestly last week, albeit markets are still pricing in an aggressive pace of easing (circa 140bps of cuts) from the Fed between now and end'26. However, there was no obvious catalyst for the move. The main US release last week - CPI inflation, printed in-line with the consensus and caused a muted market reaction, although it should be noted that both the headline and core rates remain elevated.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs operated in narrow trading ranges throughout the week. Of the limited moves to notes, sterling registered some gains. This sees EUR/GBP start today back below the midpoint of 86-87p. GBP/USD is up at the halfway mark of \$1.35-1.36. Elsewhere, EUR/USD opens in the lower half of \$1.17-1.18.

This week, the monetary policy spotlight will be on the Fed, BoE and the BoJ. The Fed is widely expected to cut interest rates for the first time this year, by 25bps. The post-meeting press conference and update forecasts will also garner attention, as investors look for guidance on the future path of policy. Both the BoE and the BoJ are set to leave rates unchanged. Data-wise, a busy week in the UK includes the latest batch of inflation, labour market and retail sales figures. US retail sales and industrial production data are also due.

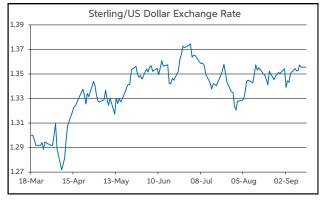
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1719	-0.04	13.19	
EUR/GBP	0.8642	-0.06	4.46	
GBP/USD	1.3556	0.01	8.35	
GBP/EUR	1.1566	0.06	-4.27	
USD/JPY	147.55	0.05	-6.13	
EUR/JPY	172.95	0.01	6.27	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.38	4.15	4.03	3.61	3.59	3.55
EUR	2.00	1.88	2.00	2.10	2.15	2.37
GRD	4.00	3 96	3 06	3 84	3 00	4.04

1.19
1.17
1.15
1.18-Mar 15-Apr 13-May 10-Jun 08-Jul 05-Aug 02-Sep







All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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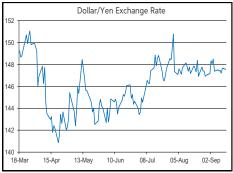
Opening Levels



Euro					
EUR/GBP	0.8642				
EUR/USD	1.1719				
EUR/JPY	172.95				
EUR/SEK	10.929				
EUR/DKK	7.4643				
EUR/NOK	11.5458				
EUR/CHF	0.9339				
EUR/AUD	1.7604				
EUR/HKD	9.1124				
EUR/CAD	1.6212				

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1566			
GBP/USD	1.3556			
GBP/CAD	1.8753			
GBP/NZD	2.2759			
GBP/JPY	200.02			
GBP/SEK	12.642			
GBP/DKK	8.6346			
GBP/NOK	13.3554			
GBP/CHF	1.0802			
GBP/AUD	2.0363			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	147.55				
USD/CAD	1.3834				
USD/CHF	0.7969				
USD/CNY	7.1226				
USD/BRL	5.3497				
USD/RUB	83.75				
USD/INR	88.2625				
AUD/USD	0.6654				
NZD/USD	0.5953				



US Swap Curve

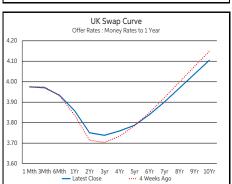
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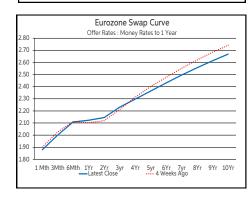
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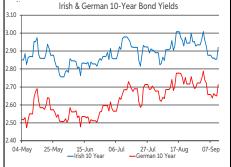
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.06	+5	-27	-52
Germany	2.71	+6	-7	+35
UK	4.67	+6	-2	+10
Ireland	2.96	+8	-7	+31
Belgium	3.25	+5	-6	+27
France	3.50	+6	+3	+31
Italy	3.55	+7	+3	+3
Spain	3.29	+5	-6	+22
Portugal	3.13	+5	-4	+28
Greece	3.40	+5	+4	+15
5 Year Swap %				
US .	3.52	+3	-21	-77
Eurozone	2.35	+4	-4	+11
UK	4.04	+5	+1	-25
2 Year Swap %				
US .	3.56	+1	-20	-77
Eurozone	2.12	-0	+2	-7
UK	3.99	+4	+5	-49
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	25	+2	-1	-4
Belgium	54	-2	+0	-8
France	79	-1	+10	-4
Italy	83	+0	+9	-32
Spain	57	-1	+0	-13
Portugal	41	-2	+2	-7
Greece	69	-1	+11	-20

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2					
Brent Oil	66.99	+0.93	+1.73	-10.25		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold\$	3642.6	+0.24	+9.22	+38.83		

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