Morning Comment

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EUR/USD near the midpoint of \$1.05-1.06

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In a similar vein to the week prior, the potential impact of President-elect Trump's policy agenda and political turbulence in Germany affected financial markets last week. At the same time, hawkish remarks from Fed officials, weak UK GDP data and Q3 earning reports also led to some volatility across various asset classes.

Overall on the week, the S&P 500 declined by 2.1%, while the Euro Stoxx 50 edged 0.2% lower. Meantime on bond markets, US Treasury yields rose by 5-15bps along the curve. The move coincided with remarks from a number of Fed officials, including Chair Powell, indicating that the Fed will proceed cautiously with future rate cuts. However, it should be noted that the rise in yields was more pronounced at the long-end of the curve. This is likely reflecting expectations for a more inflationary/higher interest rate environment, as well as potentially wider US fiscal deficits.

On the currency front, the dollar remained in the ascendancy throughout last week. This was reflected by EUR/USD registering a fresh YTD low just below the \$1.05 mark. Meanwhile, sterling was on the defensive. A slight contraction in GDP in September provided an unhelpful backdrop for the pound. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is near the midpoint of the \$1.05-1.06 range. GBP/USD is down in the bottom half of the \$1.26-1.27 corridor. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is close to the halfway mark of 83-84p, having opened below 83p last Monday.

Turning to the week ahead, the flash PMIs for November in the Eurozone, UK and US will be the main data highlight. Across the board, the services sector is expected to continue to outperform manufacturing. In terms of some other releases, a busy UK calendar includes updates on inflation and retail sales for October. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates					
	% Change				
		Day *	End 2023		
EUR/USD	1.0545	0.06	-4.45		
EUR/ GBP	0.8344	0.36	-3.74		
GBP/USD	1.2637	-0.29	-0.72		
GBP/EUR	1.1983	-0.36	3.88		
USD/JPY	154.33	-1.36	9.41		
EUR/ JPY	162.75	- 1.30	4.57		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates					
Money Market Swap		Swap Rates	6		
Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
4.63	4.59	4.50	4.26	4.38	4.22
3.40	3.06	3.00	2.41	2.22	2.22
4.75	4.69	4.66	4.43	4.52	4.30
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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

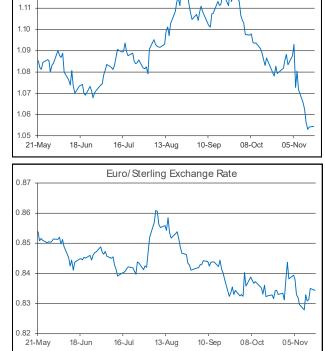
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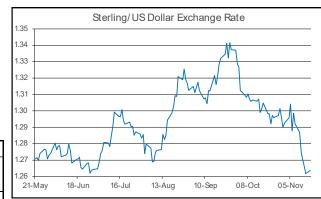
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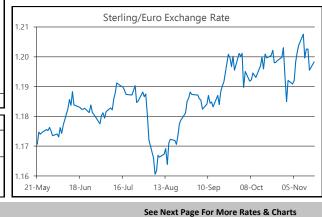
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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate





Opening Levels

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Euro	
EUR/ GBP	0.8344
EUR/ USD	1.0545
EUR/ JPY	162.75
EUR/ SEK	11.5638
EUR/ DKK	7.4582
EUR/NOK	11.6787
EUR/ CHF	0.935
EUR/AUD	1.6315
EUR/ HKD	8.2089
EUR/ CAD	1.4851

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1983			
GBP/USD	1.2637			
GBP/CAD	1.7797			
GBP/NZD	2.1567			
GBP/JPY	195.03			
GBP/SEK	13.8558			
GBP/DKK	8.9374			
GBP/NOK	13.9907			
GBP/CHF	1.1207			
GBP/AUD	1.9551			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	154.33			
USD/CAD	1.4083			
USD/CHF	0.8868			
USD/CNY	7.2396			
USD/BRL	5.7947			
USD/RUB	100			
USD/INR	84.385			
AUD/USD	0.6463			
NZD/USD	0.5859			



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