Morning Comment

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Dollar volatility, despite dearth of US data

The dollar experienced some volatility last week. With the US government still in 'shutdown' mode, as well as a quiet macro data calendar elsewhere, it meant that the escalation of US/China trade tensions very much dominated the market news. The greenback was reactive to the ebb and flow of the newsflow regarding these tensions. Some less confrontational language from the White House earlier in the week provided support to the dollar, reflected in EUR/USD trading to a low of \$1.154 and USD/JPY regaining the ¥152 threshold. Overall though, the trade related newsflow tended to play out as more dollar 'negative' than 'positive' over the course of the week.

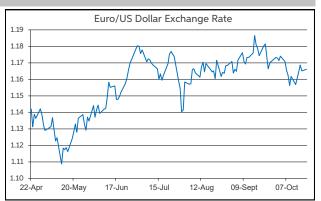
The currency was also not helped by dovish leaning comments from several Fed speakers, including Fed Chair Powell. Meanwhile, concerns over the performance/credit risk of some US regional banks towards the end of the week was also a headwind for the currency. Elsewhere, in terms of the majors, the euro got some marginal support from the French PM Lecornu surviving two noconfidence votes. From a yen perspective, there appeared to be some progress in the government/coalition negotiations. Aggregating all of the above, the dollar starts this week holding a modestly softer tone from where it started last Monday. This is evident in EUR/USD operating in the upper half of \$1.16-1.17, USD/JPY below ¥151 and GBP/USD above \$1.34. Meantime, the action in EUR/GBP has remained contained within a narrow 86.6p-87.3p range.

Looking ahead to this week, US/China trade developments will remain in focus and therefore continue to be a potential directional driver for the dollar. Data-wise, the US macro diary remains impacted by the 'shutdown' but US CPI inflation (Sept) is due to be released. The flash PMIs for October from the US, Eurozone and UK will provide an early read on how these economies performed at the start of O4.

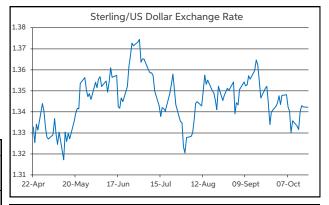
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1661	-0.41	12.63	
EUR/GBP	0.8685	-0.22	4.98	
GBP/USD	1.3422	-0.21	7.28	
GBP/EUR	1.1508	0.22	-4.74	
USD/JPY	150.69	0.50	-4.13	
EUR/JPY	175.76	0.09	7.99	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.13	3.99	3.85	3.46	3.51	3.53	
EUR	2.00	1.92	2.01	2.08	2.08	2.28	
GBP	4.00	3.95	3.92	3.74	3.88	3.93	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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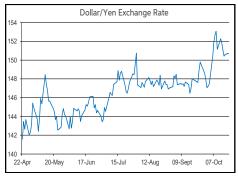
Opening Levels



	Euro
EUR/GBP	0.8685
EUR/USD	1.1661
EUR/JPY	175.76
EUR/SEK	10.985
EUR/DKK	7.468
EUR/NO	11.7275
EUR/CHF	0.925
EUR/AUD	1.7941
EUR/HKD	9.0571
EUR/CAD	1.6351

Sterling			
GBP/E	1.1508		
GBP/L	1.3422		
GBP/C	1.882		
GBP/N	2.341		
GBP/J	202.26		
GBP/S	12.639		
GBP/C	8.5935		
GBP/N	13.4999		
GBP/C	1.0646		
GBP/A	2.065		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	150.69			
USD/CAD	1.4022			
USD/CHF	0.7932			
USD/CNY	7.1237			
USD/BRL	5.4039			
USD/RUB	81			
USD/INR	87.786			
AUD/USD	0.6497			
NZD/USD	0.573			



US Swap Curve

1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr

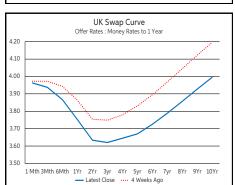
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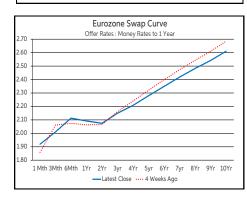
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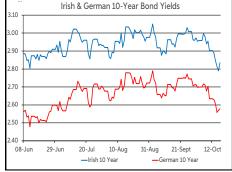
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	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.01	+3	-13	-57
Germany	2.58	+1	-17	+21
UK	4.53	+3	-18	-4
Ireland	2.84	+5	-16	+19
Belgium	3.13	+2	-16	+14
France	3.36	+3	-20	+16
Italy	3.38	+2	-19	-14
Spain	3.11	+2	-19	+4
Portugal	2.96	+2	-20	+11
Greece	3.25	+1	-17	-0
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.52	+5	-6	-77
Eurozone	2.25	+2	-13	+1
UK	3.92	+3	-14	-36
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.46	+3	-12	-87
Eurozone	2.06	+0	-8	-14
UK	3.88	+3	-12	-61
10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	26	+4	+1	-3
Belgium	55	+1	+1	-7
France	78	+2	-3	-5
Italy	80	+1	-2	-36
Spain	53	+1	-2	-17
Portugal	38	+1	-3	-10
Greece	67	+0	+0	-22

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	61.29	+0.38	-8.08	-17.89	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	4248.7	-1.77	+15.34	+61.93	

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