

## Flash PMIs in focus this week

Last week, the focus was very much on monetary policy. The Fed cut rates by 50bps, bringing the funds target range down to 4.75-5.00%. However, Chair Powell indicated that the Fed is unlikely to continue to cut rates at that pace. Meantime, the BoE and the BoJ both opted to leave policy on hold, in-line with expectations. Likewise, both central banks suggested that they will proceed cautiously with their respective policy trajectories.

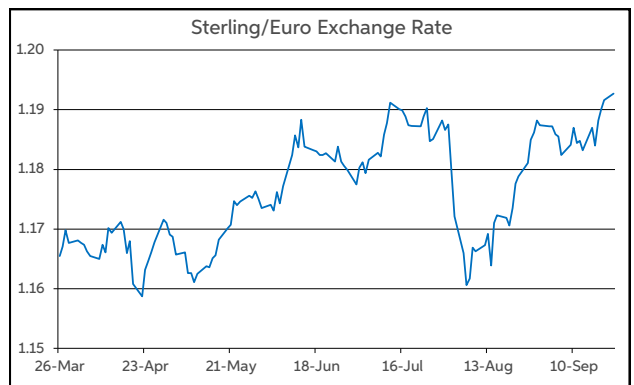
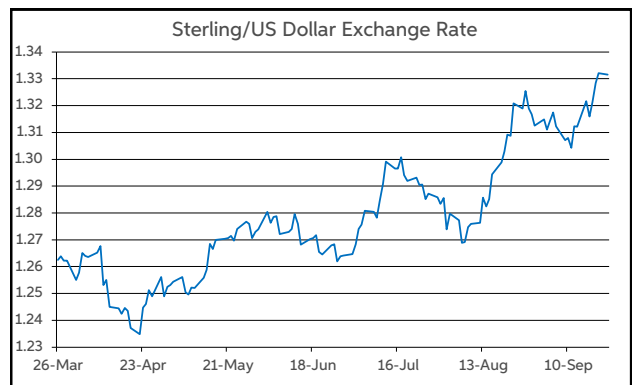
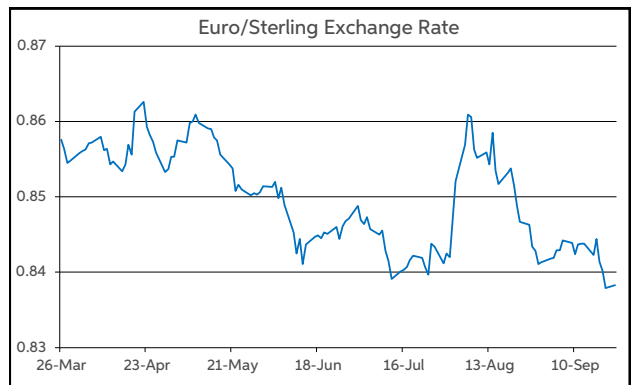
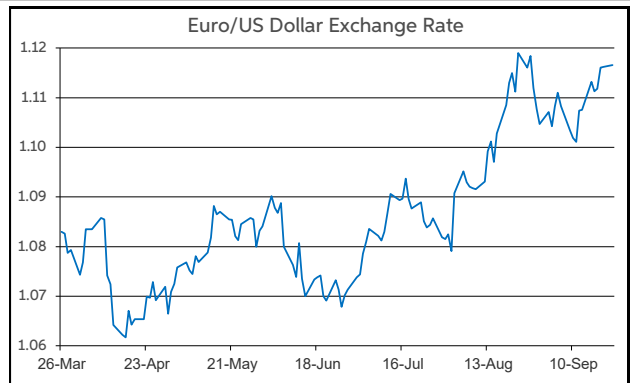
The Fed decision to cut rates by a bumper 50bps contributed to a positive tone to investor sentiment last week. Overall, the S&P 500 rose by 1.4%, while the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.6%. Elsewhere, oil prices rebounded by circa 4%, with Brent crude currently up above \$74 per barrel.

On the currency front, the dollar was under some downward pressure last week following the Fed policy announcement. At the same time, there was a firmer tone to sterling amid some good retail sales data for August, and sticky inflation readings for the month, which led to a modest firming in UK rate expectations.

As trading gets underway this morning, the firmer tone to sterling and the softer dollar sees GBP/USD open above the \$1.33 threshold. EUR/GBP is changing hands just below 84p. Meanwhile, EUR/USD is in the top half of the \$1.11-1.12 range.

Turning to the week ahead, the flash PMI readings for September in the main advanced economies will be the highlight. In the US, the August print of core-PCE will also garner significant interest. Flash HICP inflation readings for September in France and Spain are also due. Meanwhile, a busy week of central bank speeches (incl. Powell and Lagarde) will be of keen interest for investors.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.1166	0.01	1.18
EUR/GBP	0.8383	-0.19	-3.29
GBP/USD	1.3319	0.20	4.64
GBP/EUR	1.1927	0.19	3.40
USD/JPY	144.18	1.41	2.21
EUR/JPY	161	1.41	3.45

\* v Previous Day's European Open  
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	Opening Interest Rates					
	Base Rate	Money Market			Swap Rates	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.88	4.97	4.95	4.08	3.69	3.48
EUR	3.65	3.37	3.44	2.78	2.46	2.34
GBP	5.00	4.94	4.83	4.27	4.12	3.82

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

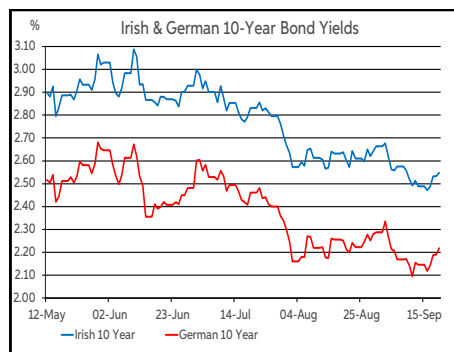
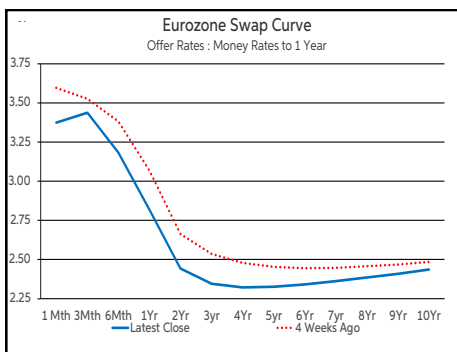
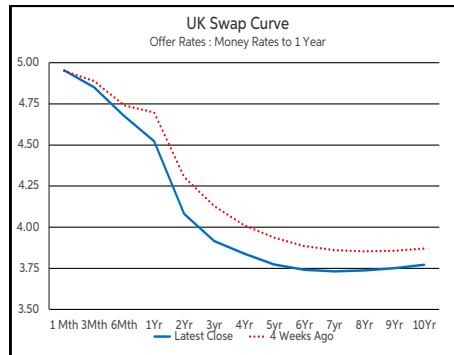
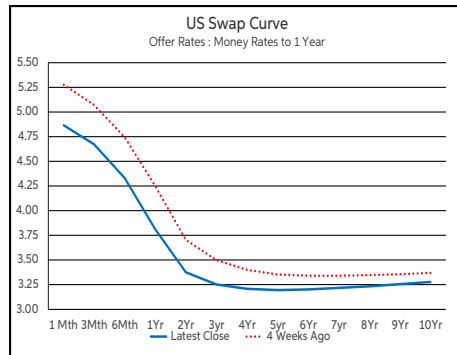
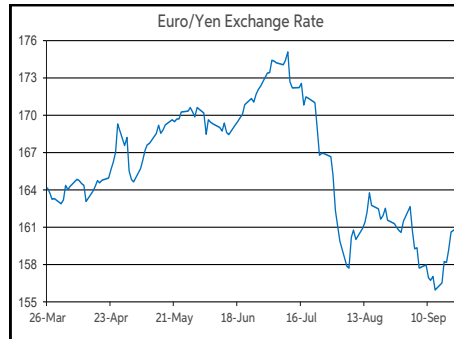
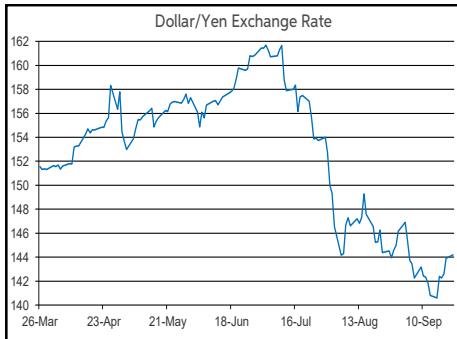
EUR/GBP	0.8383
EUR/USD	1.1166
EUR/JPY	161
EUR/SEK	11.349
EUR/DKK	7.4594
EUR/NOK	11.6895
EUR/CHF	0.9499
EUR/AUD	1.6343
EUR/HKD	8.6935
EUR/CAD	1.5137

## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1927
GBP/USD	1.3319
GBP/CAD	1.8054
GBP/NZD	2.1314
GBP/JPY	192.03
GBP/SEK	13.5383
GBP/DKK	8.8975
GBP/NOK	13.9399
GBP/CHF	1.1327
GBP/AUD	1.9493

## Dollar

USD/JPY	144.18
USD/CAD	1.3556
USD/CHF	0.8506
USD/CNY	7.0455
USD/BRL	5.5098
USD/RUB	92.65
USD/INR	83.515
AUD/USD	0.6832
NZD/USD	0.6246



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	3.73	-1	-8	-13
Germany	2.22	+3	-0	+19
UK	3.90	+1	-1	+37
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	3.47	+3	-13	-32
Eurozone	2.33	-1	-12	-10
UK	3.77	-2	-16	+12
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	3.63	+1	-31	-71
Eurozone	2.44	-2	-22	-35
UK	4.08	-2	-22	-18
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	36	-1	-5	+2
Belgium	61	+0	+0	-5
France	74	+0	+4	+21
Italy	134	-2	-0	-33
Spain	78	-2	-1	-18
Portugal	57	-2	-1	-19
Greece	99	-2	-8	-6

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	74.49	-0.52	-5.73	-3.31
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2622.0	+1.37	+4.37	+27.12

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