Morning Comment

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Dollar moves lower overnight

Equity markets moved had generally been moving higher on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, due to some strong quarterly company earnings reports. This propelled the Euro Stoxx 50 higher by 1.0% on the day. However, heading into the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 handed back some of its gains, as White House officials continued to criticise China's rare-earth policy, amid ongoing trade tensions. Overall, the index recorded a 0.4% gain.

On bond markets, European sovereign yields fell by 3-7bps, while the spread between the German and French 10-year yield narrowed by a further 2bps to 78bps. In contrast, US Treasury yields inched 1-2bps higher yesterday.

Against this backdrop, the main FX pairs operated in very narrow ranges throughout the European session yesterday. However, the dollar came under some downward pressure overnight, amid choppy trading conditions. The greenback shed around 0.3% against the euro and sterling. As trading gets underway today, EUR/USD opens above the midpoint of \$1.16-1.17. GBP/USD is operating north of the \$1.34 handle. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is just below the 87p mark.

Already this morning, the monthly reading of UK GDP for August has been released. As expected, GDP rose by 0.1% in the month, but the July reading was revised down to -0.1% (from 0.0% previously). The release has had a negligible sterling reaction so far in early trading.

The remainder of today's macro calendar is quite sparse. Indeed, the only releases of note are second tier surveys from the US. However, investors will continue to keep a close eye on political developments in the US, Japan and France. Notably, French PM Lecornu faces two no-confidence votes today. He is expected to survive both motions with the support of the Republican and Socialist parties.

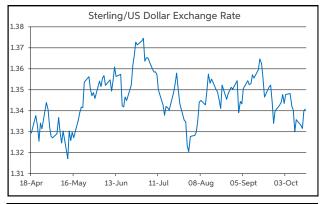
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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| | | % Change | | |
| | | Day * | End 2024 | |
| EUR/USD | 1.1657 | 0.34 | 12.60 | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8692 | -0.13 | 5.06 | |
| GBP/USD | 1.3408 | 0.45 | 7.17 | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.15 | 0.13 | -4.82 | |
| USD/JPY | 151.16 | -0.05 | -3.83 | |
| EUR/JPY | 176.22 | 0.27 | 8.28 | |
| * 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 | 4.03 | 3.88 | 3.50 | 3.53 | 3.55 | |
| EUR | 2.00 | 1.90 | 2.02 | 2.08 | 2.09 | 2.28 | |
| GBP | 4.00 | 3.95 | 3.93 | 3.75 | 3.89 | 3.96 | |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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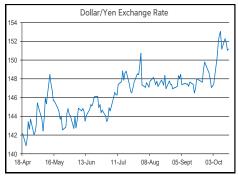
Opening Levels



| Euro | |
|---------|---|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8692 |
| EUR/USD | 1.1657 |
| EUR/JPY | 176.22 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.0287 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4685 |
| EUR/NOK | 11.7565 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9276 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.7925 |
| EUR/HKD | 9.0594 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.635 |
| | EUR/GBP EUR/USD EUR/JPY EUR/SEK EUR/DKK EUR/NOK EUR/CHF EUR/AUD EUR/HKD |

| Sterling | | | |
|----------|---------|--|--|
| GBP/E | 1.15 | | |
| GBP/L | 1.3408 | | |
| GBP/C | 1.8805 | | |
| GBP/N | 2.333 | | |
| GBP/J | 202.67 | | |
| GBP/S | 12.6841 | | |
| GBP/C | 8.5885 | | |
| GBP/N | 13.5222 | | |
| GBP/C | 1.067 | | |
| GBP/A | 2.0611 | | |
| | | | |

| Dollar | | | | |
|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 151.16 | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.4029 | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.796 | | | |
| USD/CNY | 7.1248 | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.4499 | | | |
| USD/RUB | 78.25 | | | |
| USD/INR | 87.8938 | | | |
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| AUD/USD | 0.6502 | | | |
| NZD/USD | 0.5744 | | | |
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US Swap Curve

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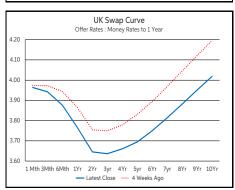
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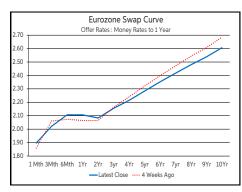
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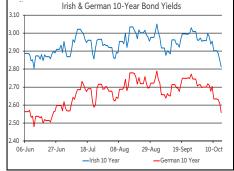
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



| | Debt | Markets | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|--------|--|--|
| | | | Change bps | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 24 | | |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | | | |
| US | 4.05 | +2 | -3 | -53 | | |
| Germany | 2.56 | -5 | -12 | +19 | | |
| UK | 4.55 | -4 | -8 | -3 | | |
| Ireland | 2.81 | -3 | -11 | +16 | | |
| Belgium | 3.12 | -3 | -11 | +13 | | |
| France | 3.34 | -6 | -15 | +14 | | |
| Italy | 3.37 | -5 | -13 | -15 | | |
| Spain | 3.09 | -4 | -14 | +3 | | |
| Portugal | 2.94 | -5 | -16 | +9 | | |
| Greece | 3.24 | -5 | -13 | -1 | | |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | | | |
| US | 3.54 | +1 | -1 | -75 | | |
| Eurozone | 2.27 | -2 | -9 | +3 | | |
| UK | 3.95 | -1 | -7 | -33 | | |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | | | |
| US | 3.50 | -0 | -7 | -83 | | |
| Eurozone | 2.08 | -1 | -6 | -11 | | |
| UK | 3.89 | -1 | -10 | -60 | | |
| 10 Year Governme | nt Bond Spread | s to Benchr | nark bps | | | |
| Ireland | 25 | +1 | +1 | -3 | | |
| Belgium | 56 | +1 | +1 | -6 | | |
| France | 78 | -1 | -3 | -5 | | |
| Italy | 81 | +0 | -1 | -34 | | |
| Spain | 54 | +1 | -2 | -17 | | |
| Portugal | 39 | -0 | -4 | -10 | | |
| Greece | 68 | -0 | -1 | -20 | | |

| Commodities | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | Close Day 4 Weeks End 24 | | | | |
| Brent Oil | 61.91 | -0.77 | -8.89 | -17.06 | |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65 | -0.17 | -1.90 | -1.27 | |
| Gold \$ | 4207.5 | +1.59 | +14.97 | +60.36 | |

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