Morning Comment

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Euro on the front-foot

There was a busy macro calendar for markets to digest yesterday. In the UK, the main focus was on the Autumn Budget. As expected, Chancellor Reeves introduced a number of tax hikes, and increased spending on health and investment. The Budget speech coincided with some volatility for UK Gilts, which were also buffeted by a firming in UK futures contracts. Overall, UK Gilt yields settled 5-7bps higher along the curve.

On the data front, The first reading of Eurozone GDP for Q3 printed ahead of the consensus, at +0.3% (vs. +0.2% f'cast). Meantime, German inflation rose by more than anticipated to 2.4% (vs. 2.1% f'cast). Eurozone futures contracts hardened following the releases, with fewer rate cuts now priced-in for next year. Meanwhile, US GDP expanded by 2.8% annualised in Q3 (vs. +3.0% f'cast). The data indicate the US economy maintained solid momentum in the quarter.

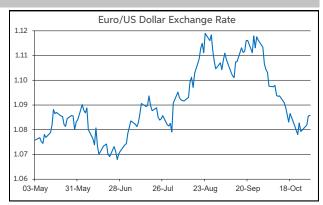
Elsewhere on markets, benchmark equity indices moved lower on both sides of the Atlantic, with the Euro Stoxx declining by 1.3%, while the S&P 500 fell by 0.3%. Currency-wise, the euro was on the front-foot. The single currency gained circa 0.4% against the dollar and sterling. As trading gets underway this morning, this sees EUR/USD open in the top half of \$1.08-1.09. EUR/GBP is operating above the midpoint of 83-84p also. At the same time, GBP/USD is changing hands below the \$1.30 threshold.

Turning to the day ahead, updates on inflation in the Eurozone and US will feature. In the Eurozone, HICP inflation is projected to rise to 1.9% in October from 1.7%. However, co-HICP is expected to edge lower to 2.6% from 2.7%. Likewise, US core-PCE inflation is forecast to inch down to 2.6% in September from 2.7%.

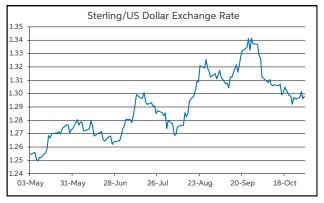
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0858	0.40	-1.61	
EUR/GBP	0.8363	0.53	-3.52	
GBP/USD	1.2981	-0.15	1.98	
GBP/EUR	1.1954	-0.53	3.65	
USD/JPY	152.56	-0.44	8.15	
EUR/JPY	165.66	-0.04	6.44	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.88	4.64	4.55	4.18	4.25	4.09
EUR	3.40	3.15	3.06	2.60	2.42	2.42
GBP	5.00	4.78	4.71	4.43	4.46	4.26









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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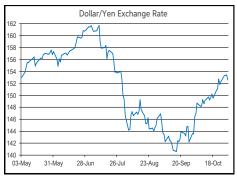
Opening Levels



	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8363
EUR/USD		1.0858
EUR/JPY		165.66
EUR/SEK		11.5964
EUR/DKK		7.4596
EUR/NOK		11.8994
EUR/CHF		0.9403
EUR/AUD		1.6506
EUR/HKD		8.4393
EUR/CAD		1.5108

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1954
GBP/USD	1.2981
GBP/CAD	1.8063
GBP/NZD	2.1712
GBP/JPY	198.04
GBP/SEK	13.862
GBP/DKK	8.919
GBP/NOK	14.226
GBP/CHF	1.1242
GBP/AUD	1.9734

Dollar					
USD/JPY	152.56				
USD/CAD	1.3916				
USD/CHF	0.8659				
USD/CNY	7.1208				
USD/BRL	5.7624				
USD/RUB	97.05				
USD/INR	84.0875				
AUD/USD	0.6576				
NZD/USD	0.5978				



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

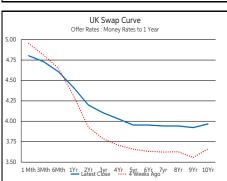
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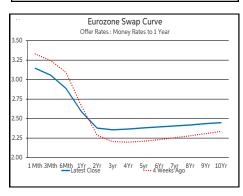
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.26	-1	+48	+40	
Germany	2.38	+4	+27	+35	
UK	4.35	+3	+32	+81	
Ireland	2.72	+4	+28	+35	
Belgium	2.96	+3	+22	+27	
France	3.12	+4	+25	+56	
Italy	3.63	+6	+20	-7	
Spain	3.09	+5	+20	+9	
Portugal	2.78	+4	+11	-0	
Greece	3.29	+7	+17	+21	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.05	+8	+56	+26	
Eurozone	2.38	+10	+18	-5	
UK	4.23	+8	+32	+58	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.21	+9	+54	-12	
Eurozone	2.38	+10	+10	-41	
UK	4.42	+13	+26	+16	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	34	-0	+1	+0	
Belgium	59	-1	-5	-8	
France	74	-0	-2	+21	
Italy	125	+2	-7	-42	
Spain	71	+1	-8	-25	
Portugal	41	-O	-16	-35	
Greece	91	+2	-10	-14	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	72.55	+2.01	-1.83	-5.83	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2786.2	+0.40	+4.83	+35.08	

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