Morning Comment

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GBP/USD back below \$1.24

Investor sentiment was holding a slightly positive tone yesterday, despite a modest firming in US rates and some mixed data releases. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.6%. Meantime, the S&P 500 edged 0.2% higher. On bond markets, 10-year US Treasury and UK Gilt yields climbed circa 8bps higher. 10-year German Bund yields rose by 3bps. Elsewhere, Oil prices fell by over 1%.

Data-wise, US retail sales fell by 0.1% in October (vs. -0.3% f'cast), while producer price inflation declined by more than anticipated, to 1.3% in October (vs. 1.9% f'cast). Overall, the data are consistent with a slowdown in growth and softening inflationary pressures. Despite this, US future contracts firmed yesterday. Markets are now pricing in circa 90bps of rate cuts next year, compared to 100bps in the aftermath of Tuesday's CPI data. In the Eurozone, industrial production contracted by 1.1% in September (vs. -1.0% f'cast).

On the currency front, sterling was on the back-foot yesterday, as UK CPI inflation eased to 4.6% in October (vs. 4.8% f'cast). Elsewhere, the dollar was in the ascendancy, amid the rise in US Treasury yields and the modest hardening of US rate expectations.

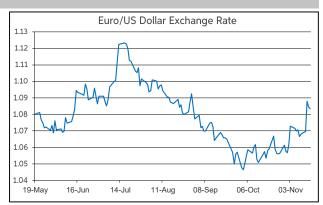
In level terms, the softer tone to sterling, and the firmer dollar is reflected in GBP/USD opening this morning back below the \$1.24 threshold. EUR/USD is operating down in the lower half of \$1.08-1.09. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is near the midpoint of 87-88p.

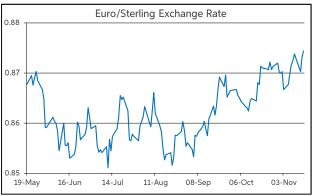
Today, a busy US data calendar includes industrial production for October, and the latest weekly initial jobless claims figures. Homebuilder sentiment and the Philly Fed index for November are also due. Elsewhere, remarks from a number of central bank speakers, notably ECB President Lagarde will garner attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0835	-0.33	1.24	
EUR/GBP	0.8744	0.45	-1.13	
GBP/USD	1.2388	-0.81	2.41	
GBP/EUR	1.1431	-0.45	1.14	
USD/JPY	151.38	0.48	15.46	
EUR/JPY	164.05	0.15	16.93	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market			Swap Rates	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.44	5.65	5.49	5.01	4.50
EUR	4.50	3.82	4.00	3.97	3.52	3.10
GBP	5.25	5 18	5 21	5 14	4 98	4 51









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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8744
EUR/USD	1.0835
EUR/JPY	164.05
EUR/SEK	11.452
EUR/DKK	7.4587
EUR/NOK	11.753
EUR/CHF	0.9626
EUR/AUD	1.6727
EUR/HKD	8.4593
EUR/CAD	1.4845

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1431			
GBP/USD	1.2388			
GBP/CAD	1.6969			
GBP/NZD	2.07			
GBP/JPY	187.53			
GBP/SEK	13.0873			
GBP/DKK	8.5254			
GBP/NOK	13.429			
GBP/CHF	1.1003			
GBP/AUD	1.9126			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	151.38			
USD/CAD	1.3698			
USD/CHF	0.8881			
USD/CNY	7.2563			
USD/BRL	4.862			
USD/RUB	89.2525			
USD/INR	83.225			
AUD/USD	0.6475			
NZD/USD	0.5982			



US Swap Curve

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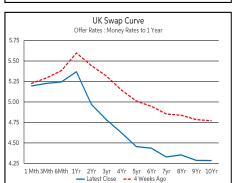
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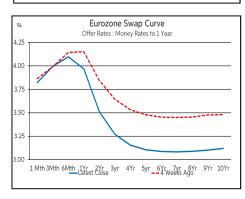
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close — 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
		Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.54	+8	-37	+66
Germany	2.63	+3	-29	+7
UK	4.23	+8	-43	+56
Ireland	3.03	+4	-35	-12
Belgium	3.25	+6	-35	+5
France	3.21	+6	-34	+10
Italy	4.45	+4	-53	-25
Spain	3.67	+4	-38	+1
Portugal	3.32	+2	-34	-28
Greece	3.88	-3	-51	-71
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.50	+8	-45	+50
Eurozone	3.11	+3	-36	-12
UK	4.46	+0	-51	+15
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.02	+10	-33	+34
Eurozone	3.51	+2	-32	+13
UK	4.97	+2	-47	+29
10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	40	+1	-6	-19
Belgium	62	+3	-6	-2
France	58	+3	-5	+3
Italy	182	+1	-24	-32
Spain	104	+1	-9	-5
Portugal	69	-1	-4	-35
Greece	125	-6	-22	-78

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks					
Brent Oil	81.18	-1.56	-11.28	-5.51		
West Texas Oil	77.15	-2.22	-12.68	-3.75		
Gold\$	1959.1	-0.18	+0.59	+7.38		

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