## **Morning Comment**

AIB Treasury Economic Research Unit



Tuesday 07 January 2025 07:17 am

## EUR/USD above \$1.04

There was a positive tone to investor sentiment at the start of the week, following reports that the incoming Trump administration may pursue a more targeted tariff policy than has previously been mooted. However, president-elect Trump has since denied the reports. Regardless, equity markets moved sharply higher on both sides of the Atlantic amid the newsflow. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 2.4% while the S&P 500 increased by 0.6% yesterday.

Data-wise, German flash HICP inflation printed above the consensus. The headline rate rose to 2.9% in December (vs. 2.6% f'cast). Meantime, the Eurozone services PMI for December was revised slightly higher from its flash estimate. In contrast, the US and UK readings were amended marginally lower. The Eurozone data coincided with a minor firming in Eurozone futures contracts.

On the currency front, the dollar was on the defensive early-on, largely owing to the aforementioned tariff policy newsflow. However, the greenback recouped some of its losses as Trump took to social media to deny the reports. At the same time, the Eurozone data provided a supportive backdrop for the euro.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens up above the \$1.04 handle, having registered a high of \$1.0437 yesterday. GBP/USD is operating up above the \$1.25 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP continues to change hands near the 83p mark.

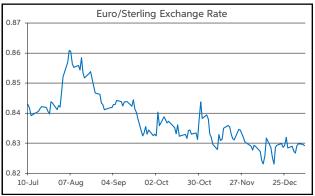
Turning to the day ahead, the flash reading of Eurozone HICP inflation for December is due. The consensus is for the headline rate to rise to 2.4% from 2.2%, while the core rate is projected to stay at 2.7%. In the US, the non-manufacturing ISM for December will feature.

## Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB

Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0408	0.97	0.53	
EUR/GBP	0.8292	0.04	0.23	
GBP/USD	1.2545	0.90	0.27	
GBP/EUR	1.2052	-0.04	-0.23	
USD/JPY	157.63	-0.10	0.29	
EUR/JPY	164.07	0.87	0.81	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
See Next Page for More Rates				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money	Market	Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.29	4.28	4.18	4.40	4.39
EUR	3.15	2.79	2.73	2.44	2.33	2.36
GBP	4.75	4.69	4.58	4.43	4.51	4.32









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

See Next Page For More Rates & Charts

FX Spot Karl Cooke FX Options Mark Tuite Reuters AIBG.I Morning Comment John Fahey john,j.fahey@aib.ie

## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8292
EUR/USD	1.0408
EUR/JPY	164.07
EUR/SEK	11.4713
EUR/DKK	7.4588
EUR/NOK	11.7313
EUR/CHF	0.9394
EUR/AUD	1.6595
EUR/HKD	8.0885
EUR/CAD	1.4896

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.2052			
GBP/USD	1.2545			
GBP/CAD	1.7958			
GBP/NZD	2.2118			
GBP/JPY	197.75			
GBP/SEK	13.8142			
GBP/DKK	8.9897			
GBP/NOK	14.137			
GBP/CHF	1.1328			
GBP/AUD	2.0001			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	157.63			
USD/CAD	1.4313			
USD/CHF	0.9026			
USD/CNY	7.3265			
USD/BRL	6.1152			
USD/RUB	106.4955			
USD/INR	85.706			
AUD/USD	0.6271			
NZD/USD	0.5669			



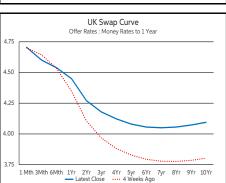
US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

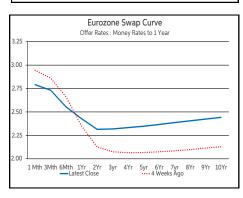
4.50

4.25

3.50







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	4.62	+2	+42	+4		
Germany	2.45	+2	+33	+9		
UK	4.61	+2	+34	+4		
Ireland	2.73	+2	+31	+8		
Belgium	3.04	-3	+39	+5		
France	3.26	-3	+39	+7		
Italy	3.58	-2	+38	+6		
Spain	3.11	-0	+35	+4		
Portugal	2.92	-0	+40	+6		
Greece	3.26	+3	+37	+1		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	4.37	+4	+38	+8		
Eurozone	2.35	+2	+29	+11		
UK	4.32	+1	+26	+3		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.37	+0	+18	+4		
Eurozone	2.32	+4	+20	+12		
UK	4.51	+1	+18	+2		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps			
Ireland	28	-0	-2	-0		
Belgium	59	-5	+6	-3		
France	81	-5	+6	-2		
Italy	113	-4	+5	-3		
Spain	66	-2	+2	-4		
Portugal	47	-2	+7	-2		
Greece	81	+1	+4	-7		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24				
Brent Oil	76.3	-0.27	+5.77	+2.22	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold\$	2635.3	-0.14	-0.88	+0.44	

This publication is for information purposes and is not an invitation to deal. The information is believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed. Any expressions of opinions are subject to change without notice. This publication is not to be reproduced in whole or in part without prior permission. In the Republic of Ireland it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. In the UK it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. and Allied Irish Bank (GB). In Northern Ireland it is distributed by Allied Irish Bank (NI). In the United States of America it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., and Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Allied Irish Bank (GB) and AlB (NI) are trade marks used under licence by AlB Group (UK) p.l.c. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.), incorporated in Northern Ireland. Registered Office 92 Ann Street, Belfast BT1 3HH. Registered Number NI018800. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. In the United States of America, Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., New York Branch, is a branch licensed by the New York State Department of Financial Services. Deposits and other investment products are not FDIC insured, they are not guaranteed by any bank and they may lose value. Please note that telephone calls may be recorded in line with market practice.