## **Morning Comment**

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## UK labour market data weighs on sterling

Investor sentiment improved markedly at the start of the week. A deal made at the weekend to end the US government shutdown was passed in the Senate, providing a supportive backdrop for risk appetite. Amid the more positive tone on markets, benchmark equity indices recovered some of their recent losses. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 1.8%, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 climbed 1.5% higher.

On the data front, the macro calendar was relatively sparse yesterday. Indeed, the only release of note was the EU sentix survey for November. The index deteriorated to -7.4 in the month, well below the consensus for an improvement to -4.0. Investors assessment of current and future conditions declined in November.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs continued to change hands within narrow trading ranges. Of the limited price action, sterling was holding a marginally firmer tone. However, there was a no obvious catalyst for the move. Furthermore, the pound gave back most of its gains overnight, and has started today on the defensive following the release of UK labour market data for September/October.

The unemployment rate rose to 5.0% in September (vs. 4.9% f'cast), its highest level since February 2021. Meanwhile, payrolls were revised down to -32k for September from -10k, and fell by 32k again in October. Average earnings growth slowed to +4.6% y/y in Q3.

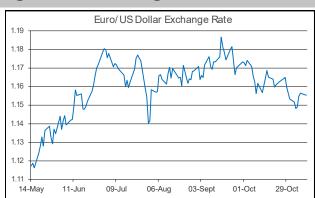
In level terms, EUR/GBP is up at the 88p mark. Meantime GBP/USD is back in the lower half of the \$1.31-1.32 range. EUR/USD remains just above the midpoint of \$1.15-1.16.

Today, the attention will likely remain on efforts to end the US government shutdown, with the focus now on the House of Representatives. Data-wise, the German ZEW (Nov) and US NFIB small business optimism (Oct) surveys will be the highlight.

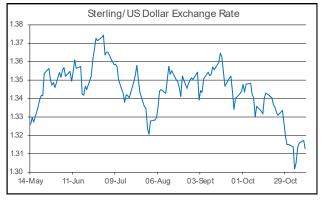
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| Today's Opening FX Rates         |        |          |          |  |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
|                                  |        | % Change |          |  |
|                                  |        | Day *    | End 2024 |  |
| EUR/USD                          | 1.1554 | -0.06    | 11.60    |  |
| EUR/ GBP                         | 0.8798 | 0.14     | 6.35     |  |
| GBP/USD                          | 1.3127 | -0.20    | 4.92     |  |
| GBP/EUR                          | 1.136  | -0.14    | -5.97    |  |
| USD/JPY                          | 154.2  | 0.18     | -1.90    |  |
| EUR/JPY                          | 178.16 | 0.10     | 9.47     |  |
| * 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                    | 3.88      | 3.95         | 3.86  | 3.58       | 3.65 | 3.68 |
| EUR                    | 2.00      | 1.89         | 2.01  | 2.13       | 2.17 | 2.40 |
| GBP                    | 4.00      | 3.96         | 3.86  | 3.66       | 3.82 | 3.89 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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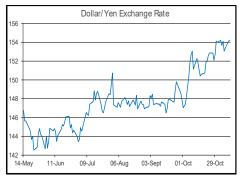
## **Opening Levels**



| Euro     |         |
|----------|---------|
| EUR/ GBP | 0.8798  |
| EUR/USD  | 1.1554  |
| EUR/JPY  | 178.16  |
| EUR/ SEK | 10.9979 |
| EUR/DKK  | 7.4672  |
| EUR/NOK  | 11.7137 |
| EUR/CHF  | 0.9298  |
| EUR/AUD  | 1.7727  |
| EUR/HKD  | 8.9803  |
| EUR/ CAD | 1.6217  |

| Sterling |         |  |  |  |
|----------|---------|--|--|--|
| GBP/EUR  | 1.136   |  |  |  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.3127  |  |  |  |
| GBP/CAD  | 1.8425  |  |  |  |
| GBP/NZD  | 2.3296  |  |  |  |
| GBP/JPY  | 202.42  |  |  |  |
| GBP/SEK  | 12.4964 |  |  |  |
| GBP/ DKK | 8.4846  |  |  |  |
| GBP/NOK  | 13.3077 |  |  |  |
| GBP/CHF  | 1.0564  |  |  |  |
| GBP/AUD  | 2.0135  |  |  |  |

| Dollar  |        |  |  |  |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 154.2  |  |  |  |
| USD/CAD | 1.4037 |  |  |  |
| USD/CHF | 0.8047 |  |  |  |
| USD/CNY | 7.1217 |  |  |  |
| USD/BRL | 5.291  |  |  |  |
| USD/RUB | 81.1   |  |  |  |
| USD/INR | 88.688 |  |  |  |
|         |        |  |  |  |
| AUD/USD | 0.6516 |  |  |  |
| NZD/USD | 0.5631 |  |  |  |



US Swap Curve Offer Rates: Money Rates to 1 Yea

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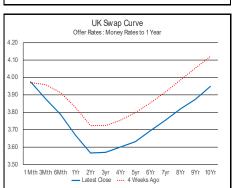
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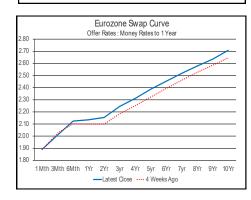
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1 Yr 2 Yr 3yr 4 Yr 5yr 6 Yr 7 yr 8 Yr 9 Yr 10 Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



|                  | Debt           | Markets     |          |        |  |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|--------|--|
|                  |                | Change bps  |          |        |  |
|                  | Close          | Day         | 4 Weeks  | End 24 |  |
| 10 Year Yield %  |                |             |          |        |  |
| US               | 4.11           | +2          | +6       | -47    |  |
| Germany          | 2.67           | -0          | +4       | +30    |  |
| UK               | 4.46           | -0          | -20      | -11    |  |
| Ireland          | 2.90           | -1          | +1       | +25    |  |
| Belgium          | 3.20           | -1          | -1       | +22    |  |
| France           | 3.44           | -2          | -3       | +25    |  |
| Italy            | 3.41           | -2          | -5       | -11    |  |
| Spain            | 3.18           | -1          | -0       | +11    |  |
| Portugal         | 3.02           | -1          | -1       | +17    |  |
| Greece           | 3.31           | -2          | -2       | +6     |  |
| 5 Year Swap %    |                |             |          |        |  |
| US               | 3.65           | +6          | +10      | -64    |  |
| Eurozone         | 2.37           | +1          | +6       | +14    |  |
| UK               | 3.89           | -0          | -15      | -40    |  |
| 2 Year Swap %    |                |             |          |        |  |
| US               | 3.65           | +5          | +10      | -68    |  |
| Eurozone         | 2.15           | +1          | +5       | -4     |  |
| UK               | 3.82           | +1          | -14      | -67    |  |
| 10 Year Governme | nt Bond Spread | s to Benchn | nark bps |        |  |
| Ireland          | 24             | -1          | -2       | -5     |  |
| Belgium          | 54             | -1          | -5       | -8     |  |
| France           | 77             | -2          | -6       | -6     |  |
| Italy            | 75             | -1          | -8       | -41    |  |
| Spain            | 51             | -1          | -4       | -19    |  |
| Portugal         | 36             | -1          | -5       | -13    |  |
| Greece           | 65             | -1          | -6       | -24    |  |

| Commodities    |        |          |         |        |  |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--|
|                |        | % Change |         |        |  |
|                | Close  | Day      | 4 Weeks | End 24 |  |
| Brent Oil      | 64.06  | +0.68    | +1.17   | -14.17 |  |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65  | -0.17    | -1.90   | -1.27  |  |
| Gold \$        | 4115.7 | +2.92    | +0.13   | +56.86 |  |

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