## **Morning Comment**

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## Risk-off start to the week

There was a cautious tone to investor sentiment at the start of the week. Ongoing concerns regarding Al-related tech stock valuations, muted Eurozone growth prospects, and hawkish remarks from Fed officials, provided an unhelpful backdrop for risk appetite. Having outperformed last week, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.9% yesterday. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 declined sharply into the close, to post a 0.9% loss also.

Hawkish remarks from Fed Vice-Chair Jefferson led to a modest firming in US rate expectations yesterday. He stated that the Fed should "proceed slowly" with any further rate cuts. His comments echoed recent speeches from a number of Fed officials over the past week, which also suggested that the central bank may leave rates unchanged in December. However, it should be noted that Governor Waller indicated in remarks made later in the day, that he supports a rate cut in December. Against this backdrop, futures contracts pricing suggests the market sees just a 40% chance of a rate cut at the next Fed meeting in December (was 65% last week).

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs have operated in relatively narrow ranges over the past 24 hours. Of the limited moves to note, sterling has edged slightly higher. Meantime, the yen remains on the defensive, as GDP data for Q3 showed that the economy contracted (albeit modestly) for the first time in six quarters. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning just below the \$1.16 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is operating back near to 88p. GBP/USD is just above the midpoint of \$1.31-1.32. EUR/JPY is in the upper half of ¥179-180.

Turning to the day ahead, the data calendar is sparse on both sides of the Atlantic. Indeed, US NAHB homebuilder sentiment for November is the only release of note. Meantime, on the monetary policy front, remarks from Fed, ECB and BoE officials will garner attention.

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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate







Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1595	-0.04	12.00	
EUR/GBP	0.881	-0.18	6.49	
GBP/USD	1.3156	0.11	5.16	
GBP/EUR	1.1346	0.18	-6.10	
USD/JPY	155.12	0.28	-1.31	
EUR/JPY	179.89	0.25	10.53	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.88	3.94	3.88	3.58	3.63	3.66
EUR	2.00	1.89	2.07	2.16	2.21	2.45
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.83	3.64	3.82	3.94

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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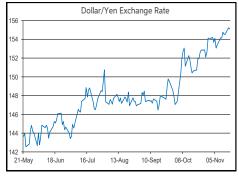
## **Opening Levels**



0.881
1.1595
179.89
10.9947
7.4682
11.7295
0.9212
1.7888
9.0235
1.6291

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1346		
GBP/USD	1.3156		
GBP/CAD	1.8484		
GBP/NZD	2.326		
GBP/JPY	204.11		
GBP/SEK	12.4747		
GBP/DKK	8.4745		
GBP/NOK	13.3104		
GBP/CHF	1.0453		
GBP/AUD	2.0296		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	155.12			
USD/CAD	1.4052			
USD/CHF	0.7944			
USD/CNY	7.1119			
USD/BRL	5.329			
USD/RUB	81.05			
USD/INR	88.595			
AUD/USD	0.6479			
NZD/USD	0.5652			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

4.10

4.00

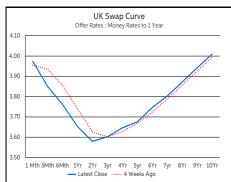
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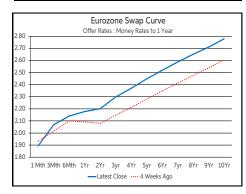
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3.50 3.40 3.30

3.20







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	4.13	-1	+15	-44	
Germany	2.71	-0	+13	+35	
UK	4.54	-4	+2	-4	
Ireland	2.94	-1	+11	+29	
Belgium	3.23	-1	+9	+25	
France	3.45	-0	+9	+26	
Italy	3.45	-2	+8	-7	
Spain	3.21	-1	+10	+15	
Portugal	3.05	-1	+8	+20	
Greece	3.35	-2	+10	+10	
5 Year Swap %					
US .	3.67	+1	+16	-62	
Eurozone	2.43	+0	+17	+20	
UK	3.93	-4	+2	-35	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.66	+1	+17	-68	
Eurozone	2.20	+0	+14	+0	
UK	3.81	-3	-4	-67	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	23	-1	-2	-6	
Belgium	52	-1	-3	-10	
France	74	+0	-4	-9	
Italy	74	-1	-5	-42	
Spain	50	-1	-3	-20	
Portugal	34	-1	-5	-15	
Greece	63	-1	-3	-25	

Commodities					
		% Change			
Close Day			4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	64.2	-0.30	+5.23	-13.99	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	4044.3	-0.86	-7.14	+54.14	

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