Morning Comment

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Narrow ranges amongst FX majors

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Investor sentiment started the week in a somewhat muted tone. This was reflected in the main equity indices registering only modest changes on the day. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.2%. Meanwhile, on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.3% higher at the closing bell. On bond markets, US Treasury yields fell (inversely related to prices) as investors appeared to react positively to news that President-elect Trump had chosen Scott Bessent to be the next Treasury secretary.

Data-wise, yesterday's calendar was sparse. The only release of note was the German Ifo for November. Similar to last week's PMI survey, it missed to the downside of expectations, although not to the same magnitude. The headline number printed at 85.7 from 86.5 in October and versus a consensus forecast of 86. Overall, the Ifo survey provides further evidence of the challenging near term outlook for the Eurozone's largest economy.

Despite the disappointing macro newsflow from the Eurozone there was no noticeable drag on the euro. Indeed for much of yesterday's European session, the single currency was marginally firmer on the exchanges. Overall though, the main pairs operated within fairly tight ranges. This has continued in overnight Asia-Pacific training. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is trading in the upper half of the \$1.04-1.05 band. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands near to the midpoint of 83-84p.

Looking ahead to today, the macro diary is US centric. The main data highlight is US consumer confidence (Nov). Meantime, in terms of monetary policy, the Fed meeting minutes from their November FOMC are due.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
	% Change			
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0479	0.01	-5.05	
EUR/ GBP	0.8347	0.32	-3.70	
GBP/USD	1.255	-0.35	-1.41	
GBP/EUR	1.1974	-0.32	3.85	
USD/JPY	154.09	-0.11	9.24	
EUR/ JPY	161.48	-0.11	3.76	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money	Market	_	Swap Rates	6
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.63	4.56	4.51	4.30	4.38	4.15
EUR	3.40	3.08	3.02	2.38	2.20	2.18
GBP	4.75	4.68	4.64	4.37	4.41	4.18
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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

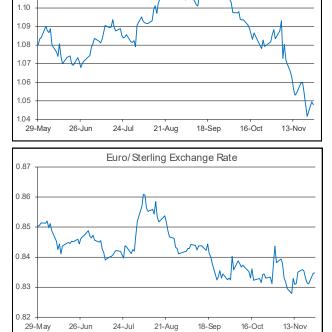
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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate





Opening Levels

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Euro	
EUR/ GBP	0.8347
EUR/ USD	1.0479
EUR/ JPY	161.48
EUR/ SEK	11.5418
EUR/ DKK	7.4589
EUR/NOK	11.6388
EUR/CHF	0.9296
EUR/AUD	1.6157
EUR/ HKD	8.1546
EUR/ CAD	1.479

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1974	
GBP/USD	1.255	
GBP/CAD	1.771	
GBP/NZD	2.1465	
GBP/JPY	193.38	
GBP/SEK	13.7975	
GBP/ DKK	8.9284	
GBP/NOK	13.931	
GBP/CHF	1.1136	
GBP/AUD	1.9342	

Dollar				
USD/JPY	154.09			
USD/CAD	1.4115			
USD/CHF	0.8874			
USD/CNY	7.2564			
USD/BRL	5.7983			
USD/RUB	104.7			
USD/INR	84.29			
AUD/USD	0.6483			
NZD/USD	0.5841			



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