Morning Comment

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Sterling registers modest gains

1.15

1.13

1.11 1.09

1.07

1.05

1.03

09-Dec

06-Jan

03-Feb

The risk averse tone that has dominated markets this year was once again in evidence yesterday. Some corporate earnings newsflow weighed on risk appetite. Data-wise, the macro diary was very quiet and not a source of direction for markets.

In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.8%. Meanwhile, on Wall Street, after being on the back foot for much of the day, a late rally from the S&P 500 index saw it finish 1% higher at the close last night. The action on bond markets was more muted compared to Monday. Yields were generally 4-6bps lower across the board, amid the 'risk-off' mood. The 10-year US Treasury Yield edged back below the 3% mark.

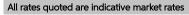
On the currency front, the moves were within relatively confined ranges for most of the majors. However, sterling did manage to generate some upward momentum as the market digested the implications of Tuesday night's narrower than expected victory for PM Johnson in the Conservative party no-confidence vote. Elsewhere, the yen continued to struggle against the backdrop of the BoJ remaining dovish compared to the hawkish tones and policies from the other main central banks.

In level terms, the firmer tone to sterling over the past 24 hours is reflected in EUR/GBP back down at the 85p threshold. At the same time, GBP/USD has regained ground above \$1.25. Meantime, EUR/USD continues to change hands in a tight range in and around \$1.07.

Ahead today, the macro calendar is once again sparse. Therefore, a wait-and-see approach could prevail on currency markets with tomorrow's ECB meeting looming on the horizon. John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB

| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| | | % Change | | | | |
| | _ | Day * | End 2021 | | | |
| EUR/USD | 1.0692 | 0.10 | -5.95 | | | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8507 | -0.50 | 1.27 | | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2565 | 0.58 | -7.13 | | | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1747 | 0.51 | -1.26 | | | |
| USD/JPY | 133.15 | 0.17 | 15.70 | | | |
| EUR/JPY | 142.38 | 0.26 | 8.79 | | | |
| * v Previous Day's European Open | | | | | | |
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| Opening Interest Rates | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|------------|------|------|
| | | Money Market | | Swap Rates | | 5 |
| | Base Rate | 1-Mth | 3-Mth | 1-Yr | 2-Yr | 5-Yr |
| USD | 0.875 | 1.19 | 1.69 | 2.74 | 3.11 | 3.06 |
| EUR | 0.00 | -0.53 | -0.31 | 0.63 | 1.30 | 1.72 |
| GBP | 1.00 | 1.18 | 1.45 | 2.42 | 2.77 | 2.72 |



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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate





Opening Levels

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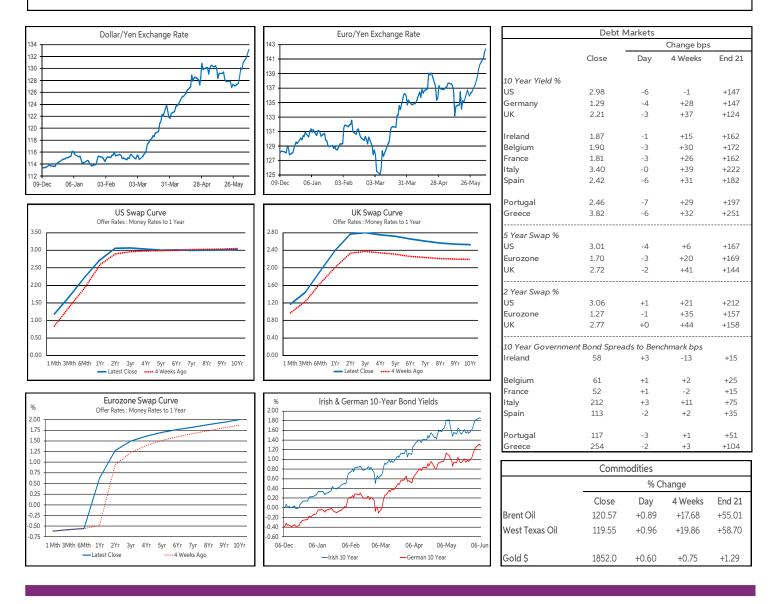


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| EUR/GBP | 0.8507 |
| EUR/USD | 1.0692 |
| EUR/JPY | 142.38 |
| EUR/SEK | 10.4893 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.439 |
| EUR/NOK | 10.1462 |
| EUR/CHF | 1.0412 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.4842 |
| EUR/HKD | 8.389 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.341 |
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| Sterlin | g |
|---------|---------|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1747 |
| GBP/USD | 1.2565 |
| GBP/CAD | 1.5758 |
| GBP/NZD | 1.9457 |
| GBP/JPY | 167.3 |
| GBP/SEK | 12.324 |
| GBP/DKK | 8.741 |
| GBP/NOK | 11.9204 |
| GBP/CHF | 1.224 |
| GBP/AUD | 1.7445 |

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| Dollar | | | | |
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| 133.15 | | | | |
| 1.2538 | | | | |
| 0.9737 | | | | |
| 6.6689 | | | | |
| 4.8707 | | | | |
| 60.7 | | | | |
| 77.7225 | | | | |
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| 0.7202 | | | | |
| 0.6456 | | | | |
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