Morning Comment

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Dollar weaker post-US CPI

Yesterday's market action highlighted investors sensitivity to data releases, which form an important input into central banks policy deliberations. The key release yesterday was US CPI inflation for October. The headline rate eased to 3.2% from 3.7% (Sept), which was slightly below consensus forecasts for 3.3%. Similarly, the core rate slowed to 4% from 4.1% (vs. f'cast for 4.1%.)

While the CPI numbers for October were only modestly weaker than expected, there was a notable market reaction. US Treasury yields fell, including the 10-year yield falling below 4.5%. This placed downward pressure on yields elsewhere, although not to the same extent. Meanwhile, futures contracts are no longer pricing in any chance of another Fed rate hike. At the same time, the market is now anticipating around 100bps of rate cuts in 2024, versus an expectation of 75bps prior to the CPI release. Meantime, Wall Street rallied, with the S&P 500 up 1.9% at the close last night.

On the currency front, the dollar weakened amid falling US Treasury yields and a softening of US Fed rate expectations. The greenback fell sharply, by around 1%, in the immediate aftermath of the CPI data and is circa 1.5% lower over the past 24 hours. In level terms, this is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning in the upper half of \$1.08-1.09 and GBP/ USD above the \$1.24 threshold. In contrast, the moves in EUR/GBP have been less eventful, with the pair straddling the 87p handle.

Inflation data remains a key theme to today's macro diary. Already this morning UK CPI inflation numbers for October have been published. The headline rate printed at 4.6% (f'cast for 4.8%). The other main data highlight today is the US retail sales report for October. John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB

Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
	_	Day *	End 2022		
EUR/USD	1.0865	1.59	1.52		
EUR/ GBP	0.8712	-0.06	-1.49		
GBP/ USD	1.2469	1.64	3.08		
GBP/ EUR	1.1472	0.06	1.52		
USD/JPY	150.72	-0.65	14.96		
EUR/JPY	163.79	0.95	16.74		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		S
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.44	5.65	5.48	4.97	4.48
EUR	4.50	3.82	4.00	3.97	3.51	3.09
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.22	5.14	4.96	4.46

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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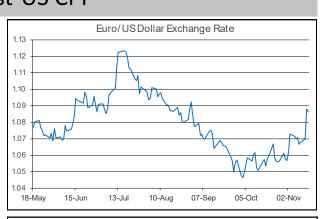
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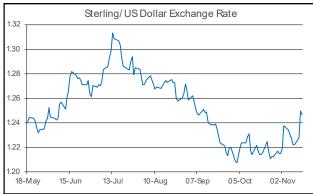
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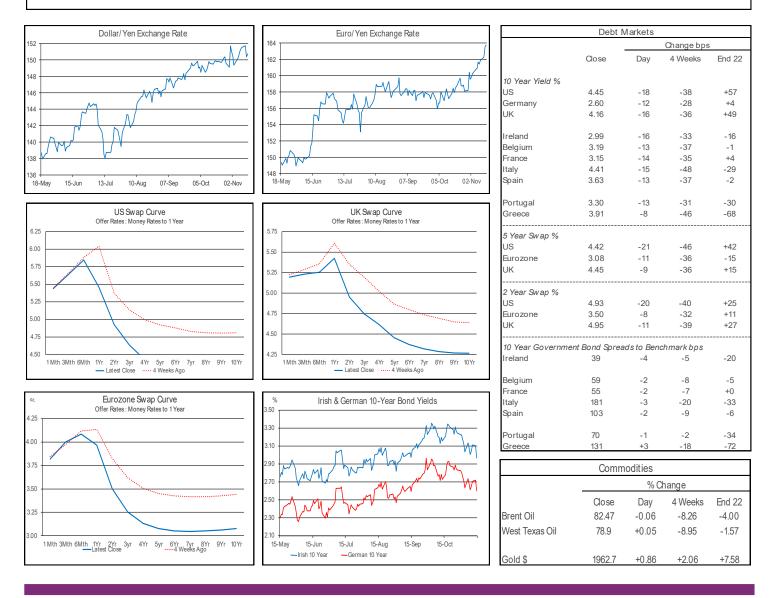
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Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8712
EUR/USD	1.0865
EUR/JPY	163.79
EUR/SEK	11.5158
EUR/DKK	7.4592
EUR/NOK	11.8075
EUR/CHF	0.9659
EUR/AUD	1.6721
EUR/HKD	8.4809
EUR/CAD	1.4875

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1472	
GBP/USD	1.2469	
GBP/CAD	1.707	
GBP/NZD	2.0696	
GBP/JPY	187.93	
GBP/ SEK	13.2104	
GBP/DKK	8.5587	
GBP/NOK	13.549	
GBP/CHF	1.1083	
GBP/AUD	1.9188	

Dollar				
USD/JPY	150.72			
USD/CAD	1.3688			
USD/CHF	0.8887			
USD/CNY	7.2426			
USD/BRL	4.8654			
USD/RUB	90.1375			
USD/INR	83.104			
AUD/USD	0.6498			
NZD/USD	0.6023			



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