Morning Comment

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Firmer tone to the yen

There was a mixed mood on markets yesterday, amid a relatively quiet data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic. The Euro Stoxx 50 shed 0.8%, while the S&P 500 rose by 0.6% on the day. In terms of fixed income, benchmark sovereign yields were little changed across the board.

The only data release of any note yesterday was US consumer confidence for November. The index printed broadly in-line with expectations, rising to 111.7 (vs. 111.3 f'cast). On the monetary policy front, the minutes from the early November Fed FOMC meeting provided little new insight on the outlook. Overall, they suggest the Fed will continue to lower rates at a gradual pace.

Currency-wise, the main pairs remained range bound throughout the European session. Of the limited moves to register, there was a slightly firmer tone to sterling. Meanwhile, the yen was in the ascendancy overnight, as market expectations of a 25bps rate hike from the BoJ in December increased. The yen gained circa 1% versus the euro and the dollar.

In level terms, EUR/GBP opens this morning in the lower half of the 83-84p band. EUR/USD remains in the upper half of \$1.04-1.05. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is above the midpoint of \$1.25-1.26. The stronger yen is evidenced by USD/JPY operating down in the bottom half of ¥152-153.

Turning to the day ahead, the main highlight will be the October reading of US core-PCE inflation. The consensus is for a 0.3% rise in the month, lifting the annual rate to 2.8% from 2.7%. US personal income and consumption data for October are also due. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2023		
EUR/USD	1.0479	0.05	-5.05		
EUR/ GBP	0.8334	-0.13	-3.85		
GBP/USD	1.2568	0.18	-1.26		
GBP/ EUR	1.1992	0.13	4.01		
USD/JPY	152.21	-0.98	7.90		
EUR/ JPY	159.52	-0.93	2.50		
* 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	4.63	4.54	4.47	4.27	4.33	4.13
EUR	3.40	3.08	2.99	2.38	2.18	2.17
GBP	4.75	4.68	4.64	4.37	4.41	4.16

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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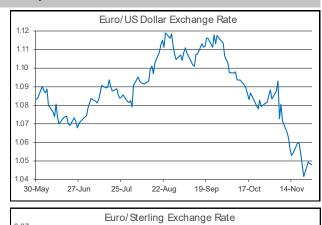
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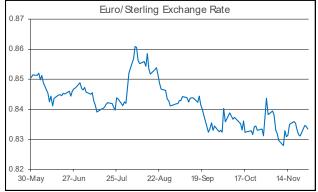
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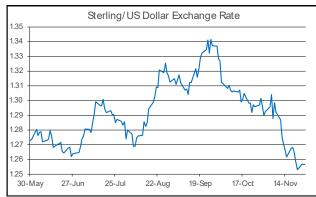
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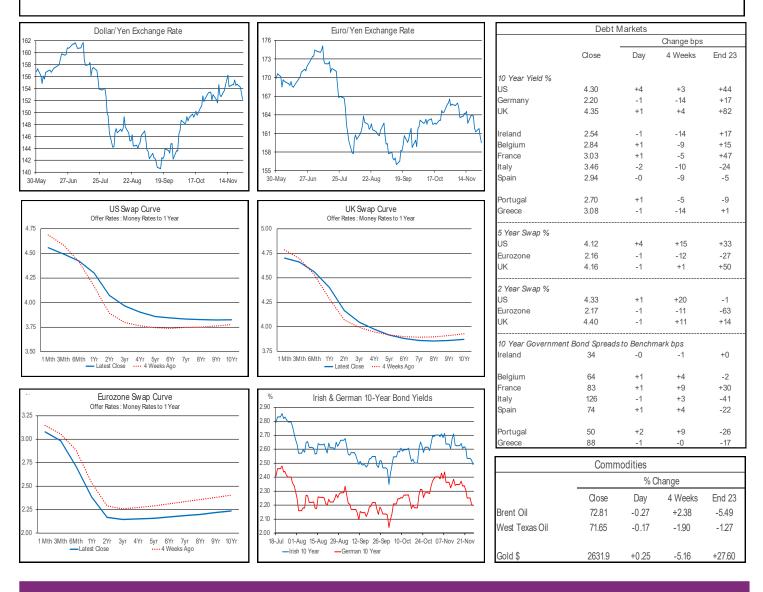
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Euro)
EUR/ GBP	0.8334
EUR/ USD	1.0479
EUR/ JPY	159.52
EUR/ SEK	11.5199
EUR/ DKK	7.4588
EUR/NOK	11.6945
EUR/ CHF	0.9278
EUR/ AUD	1.618
EUR/ HKD	8.1551
EUR/ CAD	1.4747

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1992	
GBP/USD	1.2568	
GBP/CAD	1.7685	
GBP/NZD	2.1412	
GBP/ JPY	191.3	
GBP/SEK	13.8135	
GBP/ DKK	8.9446	
GBP/NOK	14.0279	
GBP/CHF	1.1129	
GBP/AUD	1.9406	

Dollar					
USD/JPY	152.21				
USD/CAD	1.4072				
USD/CHF	0.8854				
USD/CNY	7.2576				
USD/BRL	5.8117				
USD/ RUB	106.4				
USD/INR	84.46				
AUD/USD	0.6473				
NZD/USD	0.5866				



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