

Subdued mood on markets

There was a subdued mood on markets yesterday, amid a relatively sparse data schedule. On the monetary policy front, some hawkish remarks from a number of BoE officials, including Governor Bailey, did not influence proceedings on UK markets. Similarly, the release of the latest Fed meeting minutes overnight caused only a muted market reaction.

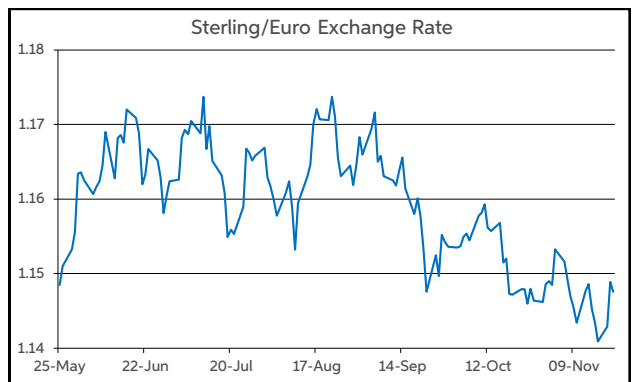
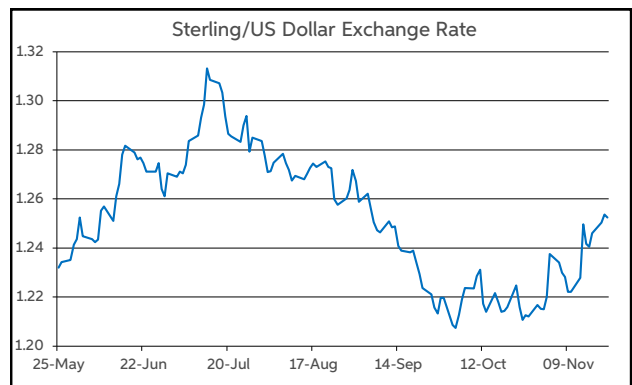
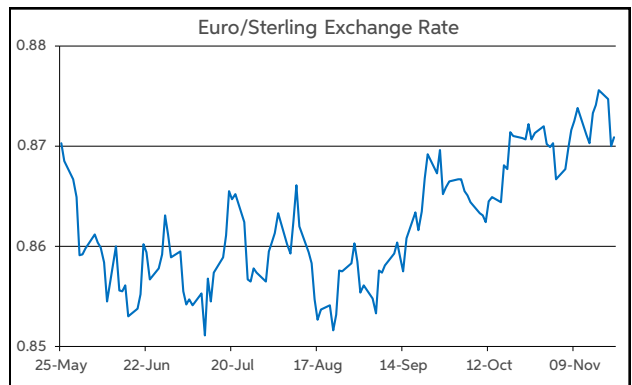
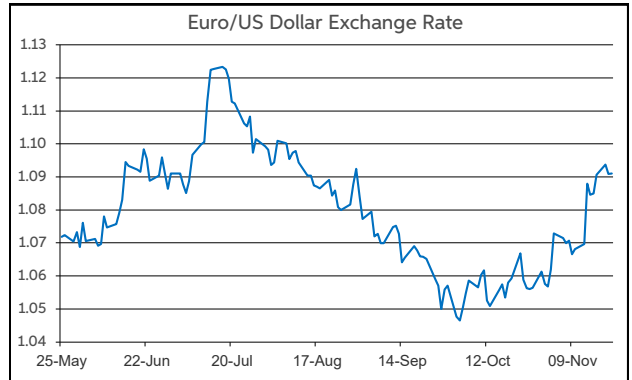
Against this backdrop, both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 declined by a modest 0.2%. In terms of fixed income, sovereign yields moved lower in Europe. German Bund and UK Gilt yields fell by 2-6bps along the curve. In the US, short-dated Treasury yields edged down by 1-3bps, although, longer-dated yields were flat to slightly higher yesterday.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs were also confined to narrow trading bands. Of the limited price action to register, the yen was on the defensive, while the euro was holding a softer tone. The single currency lost circa 0.4% against the dollar and sterling.

In level terms, the softer euro tone is evidenced by EUR/USD opening this morning back in the lower half of \$1.09-1.10. EUR/GBP is operating down near the 87p mark. Meanwhile, GBP/USD continues to change hands between \$1.25-1.26. USD/JPY is trading up close to the ¥149 handle.

Today, the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence for November is due. A slight improvement, albeit from a low level is anticipated. In the US, there are a number of releases including the latest weekly jobless claims figures. However, barring any major surprises, the data are unlikely to impact on currency markets. In the UK, the focus will be on the Autumn Statement.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0911	-0.41	1.95
EUR/GBP	0.8708	-0.42	-1.54
GBP/USD	1.2526	0.00	3.55
GBP/EUR	1.1476	0.42	1.56
USD/JPY	148.85	0.72	13.53
EUR/JPY	162.46	0.35	15.79

* v Previous Day's European Open
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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates			
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.45	5.63	5.51	5.01	4.42
EUR	4.50	3.82	3.96	3.96	3.50	3.07
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.23	5.17	4.98	4.45

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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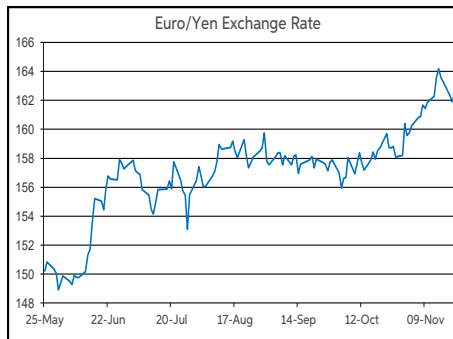
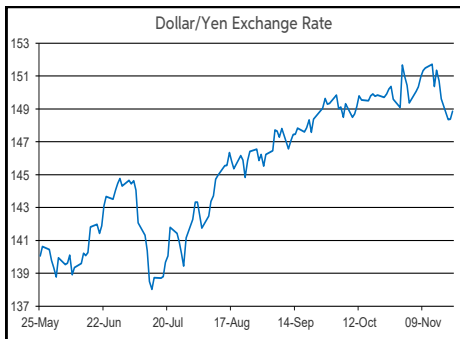
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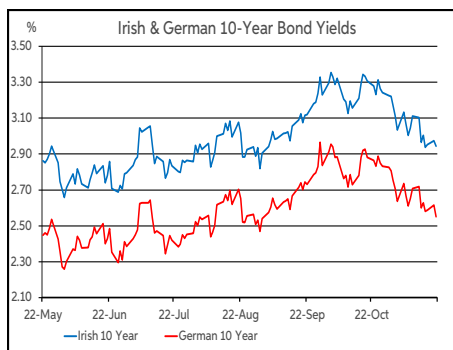
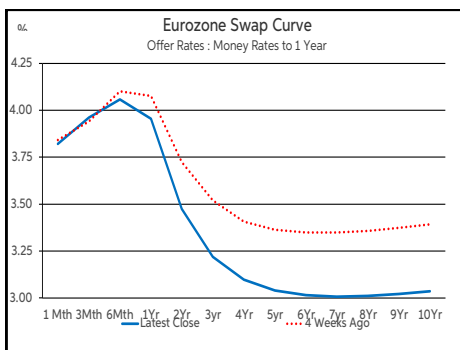
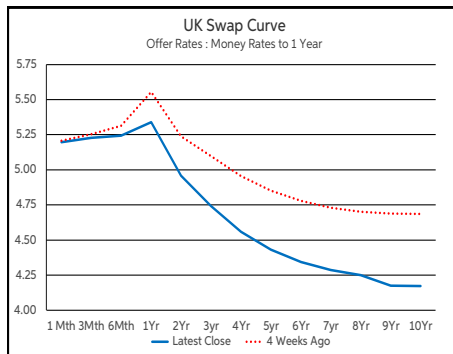
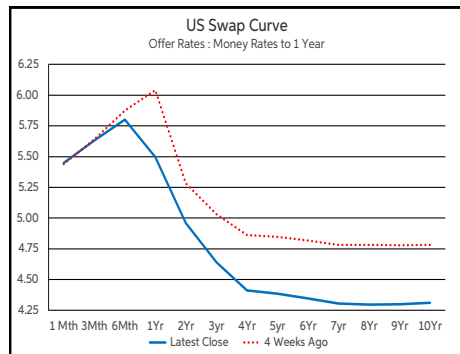
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8708	GBP/EUR	1.1476	USD/JPY	148.85
EUR/USD	1.0911	GBP/USD	1.2526	USD/CAD	1.3712
EUR/JPY	162.46	GBP/CAD	1.718	USD/CHF	0.8837
EUR/SEK	11.4261	GBP/NZD	2.077	USD/CNY	7.1438
EUR/DKK	7.4547	GBP/JPY	186.45	USD/BRL	4.9006
EUR/NOK	11.6756	GBP/SEK	13.1138	USD/RUB	87.94
EUR/CHF	0.9642	GBP/DKK	8.556	USD/INR	83.32
EUR/AUD	1.6676	GBP/NOK	13.4041	AUD/USD	0.6541
EUR/HKD	8.5066	GBP/CHF	1.1069	NZD/USD	0.6029
EUR/CAD	1.4965	GBP/AUD	1.9148		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.40	-3	-42	+52
Germany	2.56	-6	-28	-1
UK	4.11	-2	-43	+44
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.39	-2	-42	+39
Eurozone	3.04	-4	-31	-19
UK	4.43	+8	-42	+13
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.96	+0	-28	+28
Eurozone	3.47	-2	-24	+9
UK	4.96	+3	-27	+28
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	41	+2	-2	-18
Belgium	61	+1	-8	-3
France	57	+1	-6	+2
Italy	177	+2	-25	-38
Spain	101	+1	-11	-9
Portugal	67	+3	-5	-37
Greece	122	-2	-19	-81



Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	82.45	+0.16	-6.38	-4.03
West Texas Oil	78.35	+0.32	-7.37	-2.26
Gold \$	1998.4	+1.07	+1.43	+9.54

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