

Dollar under some downward pressure

There was a positive mood on markets yesterday, supported by some dovish remarks from Fed officials. This saw the Euro Stoxx 50 rebound by 2.3%, having moved lower on Monday. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 gained 0.5%.

Since the start of the week, comments from Fed FOMC members Jefferson, Logan and Bostic, have indicated that the Fed may not raise rates beyond their current level. Against this backdrop, markets have scaled back expectations of another US rate hike. Futures contract pricing now suggests there is around a 30% chance the Fed will raise rates again.

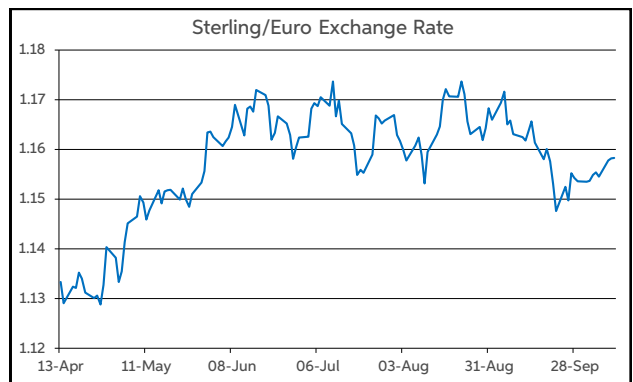
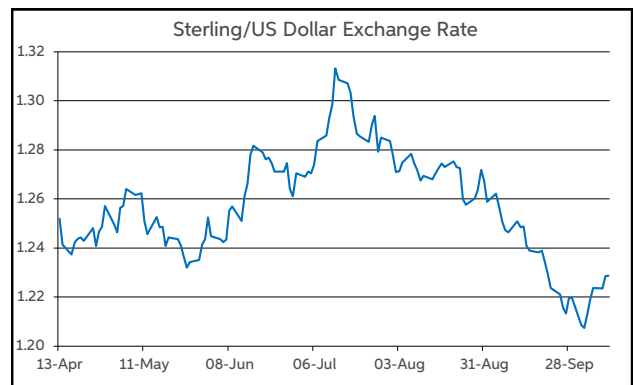
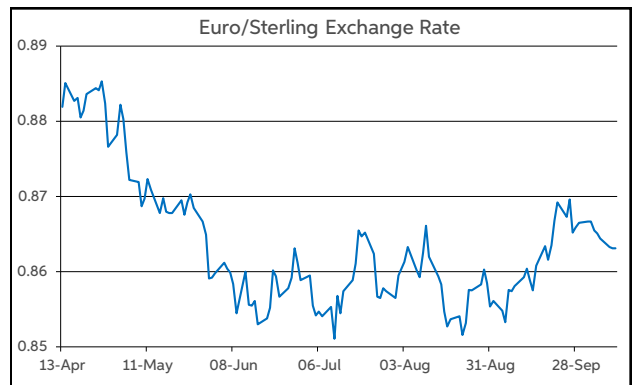
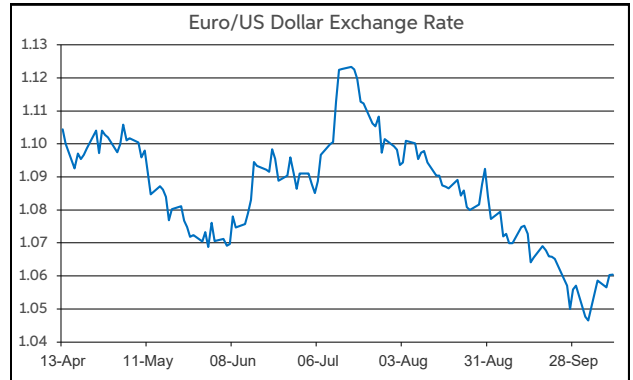
On bond markets, US Treasury yields were broadly unchanged during the European session, having fallen sharply before the open. Meantime, UK Gilt yields fell by 2-5bps along the curve, amid a softening in UK rate expectations also. In contrast, German Bund yields edged 2-4bps higher. However, across the board, medium to long-term yields are well below their peaks from last week.

Currency-wise, the dollar was under some downward pressure yesterday. The softening in US rate hike expectations and the firmer tone to risk appetite were unhelpful to the greenback. The dollar lost around 0.4% against the euro and sterling.

In level terms, the weaker dollar is evidenced by EUR/USD opening this morning above the \$1.06 threshold. At the same time, GBP/USD is up in the top half of the \$1.22-1.23 range. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remains tightly range bound, in the 86-87p band.

Turning to the day ahead, the main releases of note will be US PPI inflation and the Fed FOMC meeting minutes for September.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0604	0.42	-0.92
EUR/GBP	0.8631	-0.06	-2.41
GBP/USD	1.2284	0.47	1.55
GBP/EUR	1.1583	0.06	2.47
USD/JPY	148.94	0.13	13.60
EUR/JPY	157.94	0.54	12.57

* 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	5.46	5.67	5.64	5.20	4.69
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.98	4.08	3.72	3.36
GBP	5.25	5.21	5.29	5.38	5.29	4.81

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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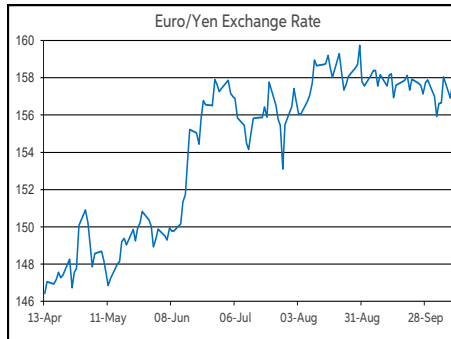
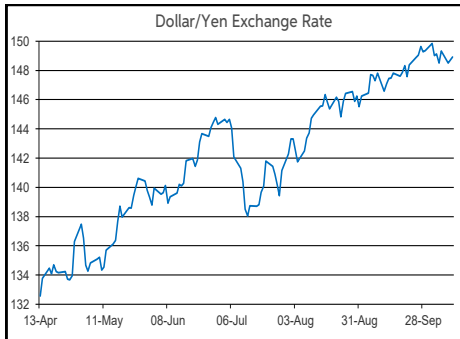
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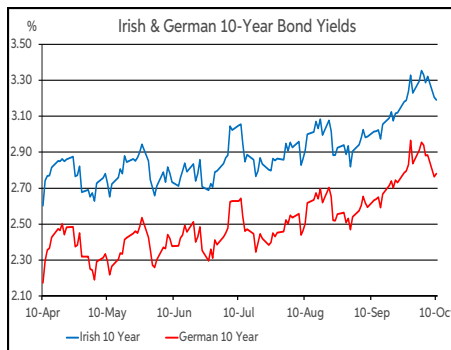
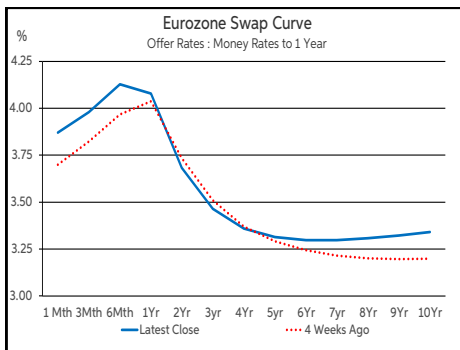
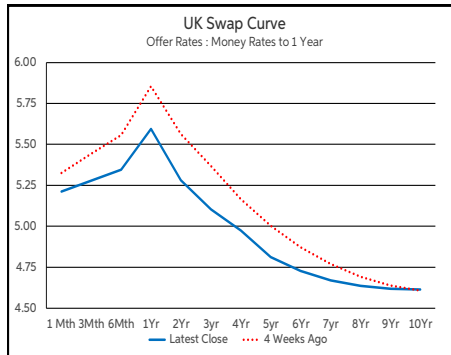
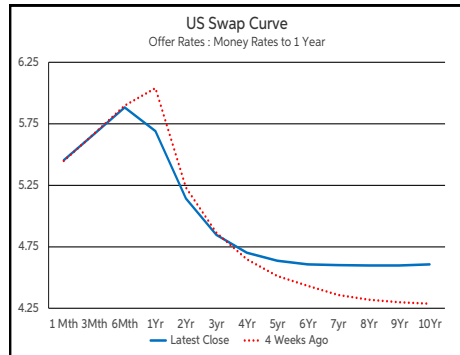
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8631	GBP/EUR	1.1583	USD/JPY	148.94
EUR/USD	1.0604	GBP/USD	1.2284	USD/CAD	1.359
EUR/JPY	157.94	GBP/CAD	1.6697	USD/CHF	0.9049
EUR/SEK	11.5339	GBP/NZD	2.0393	USD/CNY	7.2965
EUR/DKK	7.4561	GBP/JPY	182.96	USD/BRL	5.0516
EUR/NOK	11.4472	GBP/SEK	13.361	USD/RUB	100.3125
EUR/CHF	0.9597	GBP/DKK	8.6363	USD/INR	83.186
EUR/AUD	1.6527	GBP/NOK	13.256	AUD/USD	0.6415
EUR/HKD	8.2895	GBP/CHF	1.1117	NZD/USD	0.6022
EUR/CAD	1.4412	GBP/AUD	1.9147		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.66	-14	+38	+78
Germany	2.78	+2	+14	+22
UK	4.43	-5	+2	+76
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.64	-14	+16	+64
Eurozone	3.31	+1	+3	+8
UK	4.81	-4	-19	+51
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.14	-11	-5	+47
Eurozone	3.68	+1	-4	+30
UK	5.28	-2	-28	+60
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	43	-4	+2	-15
Belgium	66	-4	+1	+2
France	56	-4	+1	+1
Italy	195	-12	+18	-19
Spain	110	-6	+4	+1
Portugal	73	-5	-1	-31
Greece	158	-3	+18	-45



Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	87.65	-0.57	-4.79	+2.03
West Texas Oil	85.89	+3.69	-3.35	+7.15
Gold \$	1860.1	-0.04	-2.78	+1.96

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