

EUR/USD near the midpoint of \$1.12-1.13

Risk appetite was holding a firmer tone yesterday on both sides of the Atlantic. The Euro Stoxx 50 rebounded by 1.4%, having declined on Monday and Tuesday. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 rose by 0.6%, amid some strong quarterly earnings data.

Elsewhere on markets, oil prices remained elevated but Brent crude fell by circa 1.7% to \$108 per barrel. However, it has recouped its losses overnight and is currently north of \$111 per barrel. In terms of fixed income, UK Gilt yields moved 5-8bps lower along the curve, despite a hotter than anticipated inflation report for September. US Treasury and German Bund yields were little changed. However, French 10-year yields breached 5% for the first time since 2002, widening the spread to Bunds to around 160bps.

Currency-wise, the main pairs operated in very narrow ranges yesterday. Of the very limited price action to note, the dollar was under some modest downward pressure. The greenback shed circa 0.2% against the euro and sterling, and fell by 0.6% versus the yen.

In level terms, EUR/USD opens today up near the midpoint of \$1.12-1.13. Meantime, GBP/USD is trading up at the \$1.34 threshold. USD/JPY is changing hands down near to the ¥157 handle. EUR/GBP continues to operate in the top half of the 83-84p corridor.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro data calendar is relatively sparse once again. The only release of note will be the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence for October. A marginal deterioration is expected in the month. However, barring any major surprises, the release is unlikely to impact the euro. Meanwhile, investors will be keeping an eye on developments regarding the conflict in the Middle East and in Ukraine. At the same time, the fiscal/political situation in France will remain in focus.

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Today's Opening FX Rates

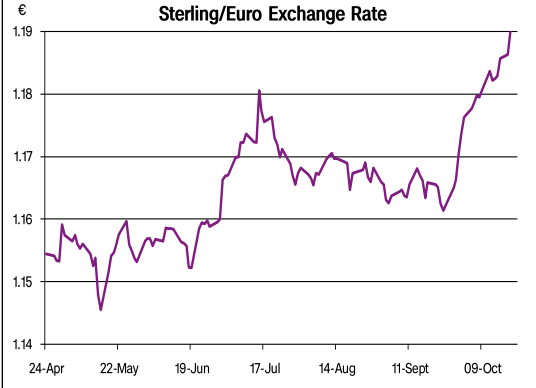
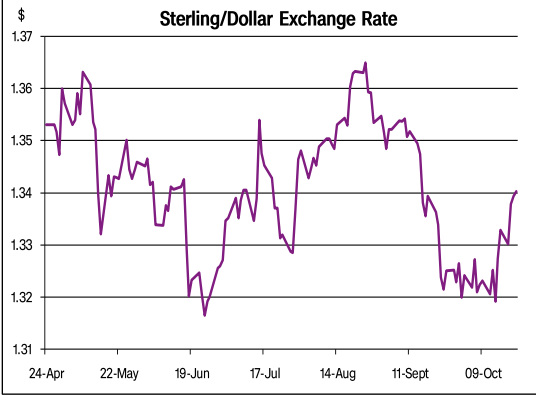
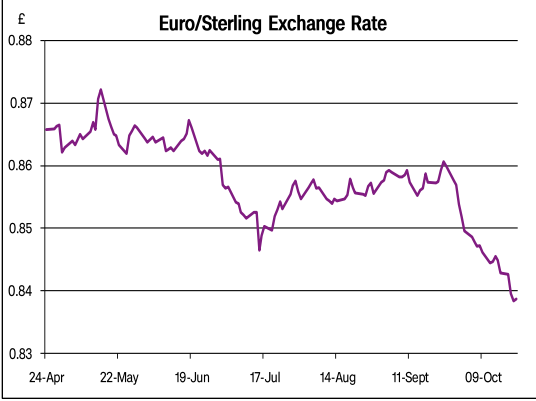
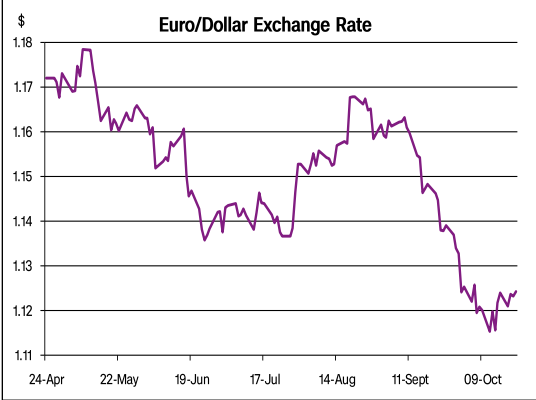
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1244	+0.19	-4.27
EUR/GBP	0.8387	-0.06	-3.76
GBP/USD	1.3404	+0.23	-0.51
GBP/EUR	1.192	+0.06	3.91
USD/JPY	157.12	-0.61	0.30
EUR/JPY	176.66	-0.45	-3.98

* 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	3.88	3.93	4.06		4.50	4.90	4.90
EUR	2.50	2.40	2.65		3.28	3.46	3.49
GBP	3.75	3.87	3.99		4.52	4.96	5.00



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Euro

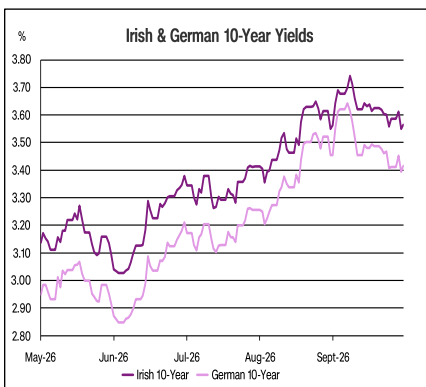
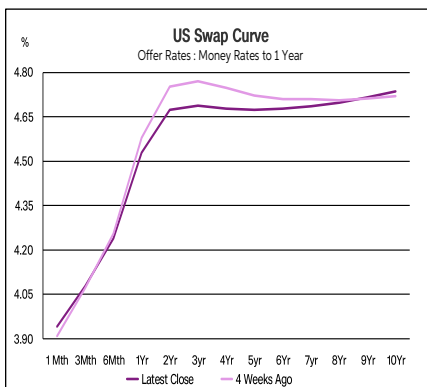
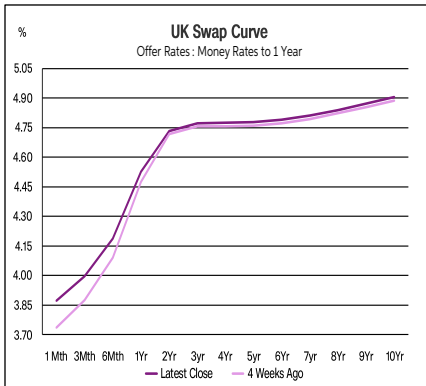
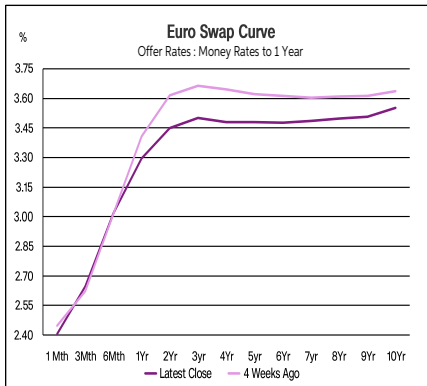
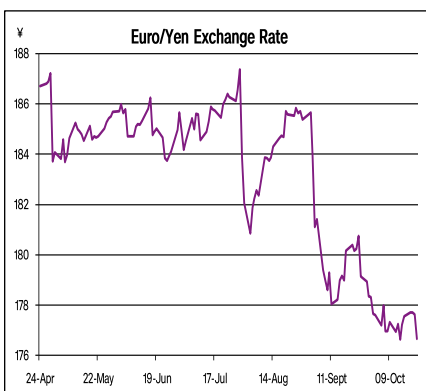
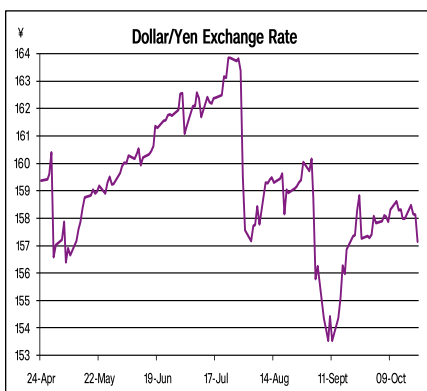
EUR/GBP	0.8387
EUR/USD	1.1242
EUR/JPY	176.67
EUR/SEK	11.1113
EUR/DKK	7.4747
EUR/NOK	10.5118
EUR/CHF	0.9229
EUR/AUD	1.6022
EUR/HKD	8.817
EUR/CAD	1.5759

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1919
GBP/USD	1.34
GBP/CAD	1.8786
GBP/NZD	2.3521
GBP/JPY	210.58
GBP/SEK	13.2437
GBP/DKK	8.9094
GBP/NOK	12.5306
GBP/CHF	1.1
GBP/AUD	1.91

Dollar

USD/JPY	157.15
USD/CAD	1.4021
USD/CHF	0.8208
USD/CNY	6.6741
USD/BRL	5.0238
USD/RUB	81.4700
USD/INR	94.7
AUD/USD	0.7015
NZD/USD	0.5695



Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 25
10 Year Yield %				
US	5.15	+3	+3	+99
Germany	3.42	+2	-13	+55
UK	5.38	-3	+3	+91
Ireland	3.56	+1	-8	+54
Belgium	4.43	+9	+20	+108
France	5.01	+9	+35	+145
Italy	4.59	+7	+8	+108
Spain	4.08	+5	+4	+79
Portugal	3.94	+5	+2	+78
Greece	4.39	-2	+8	+91

5 Year Swap %				
US	4.93	+2	-6	+121
Eurozone	3.47	+2	-14	+91
UK	4.99	-5	-1	+110

2 Year Swap %				
US	4.91	+2	-10	+134
Eurozone	3.44	+2	-17	+119
UK	4.95	-4	-2	+122

10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	15	-1	+6	-2
Belgium	102	+6	+6	+34
France	159	+6	+6	+48
Italy	117	+4	+4	+21
Spain	66	+3	+3	+17
Portugal	52	+3	+15	+22
Greece	97	-4	+21	+21

Commodities

	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	108.82	+0.03	+5.57	+78.83
West Texas Oil	103.95	-3.65	+11.32	+81.54
Gold \$	4140.4	+0.39	-3.42	-4.03

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