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Morning Comment

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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.

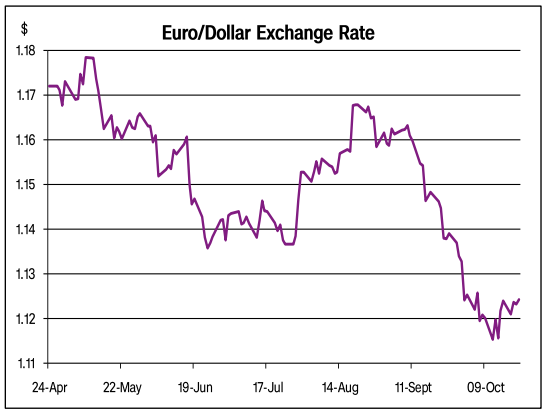
Elsewhere on markets, oil prices remained elevated but Brent crude fell by circa 1.7% to $108 per barrel. However, it has recouped its losses overnight and is currently north of $111 per barrel. In terms of fixed income, UK Gilt yields moved 5-8bps lower along the curve, despite a hotter than anticipated 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.

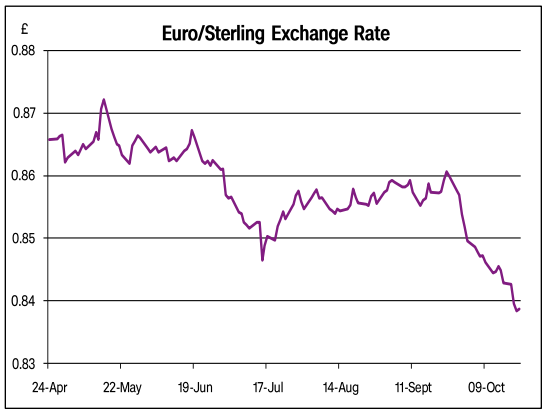
Currency-wise, the main pairs operated in very narrow ranges yesterday. Of the very limited price action to note, the dollar was under some modest downward pressure. The greenback shed circa 0.2% against the euro and sterling, and fell by 0.6% versus the yen.

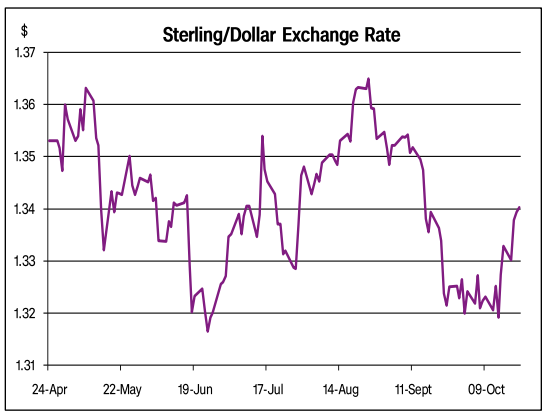
In level terms, EUR/USD opens today up near the midpoint of $1.12-1.13. Meantime, GBP/USD is trading up at the $1.34 threshold. USD/JPY is changing hands down near to the ¥157 handle. EUR/GBP continues to operate in the top half of the 83-84p corridor.

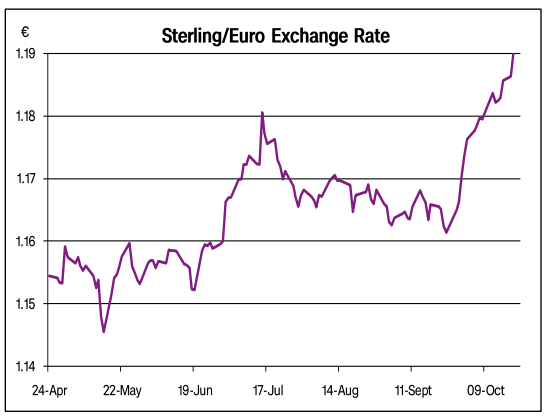
Turning to the day ahead, the macro data calendar is relatively sparse once again. The only release of note will be the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence for October. A marginal deterioration is expected in the month. However, barring any major surprises, the release is unlikely to impact 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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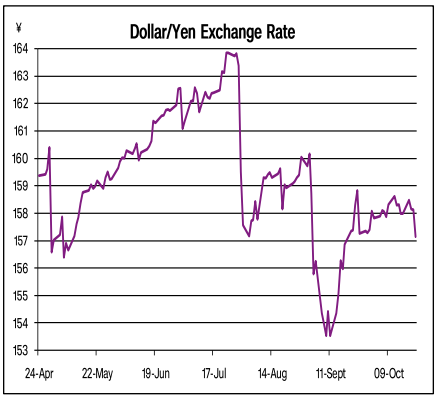
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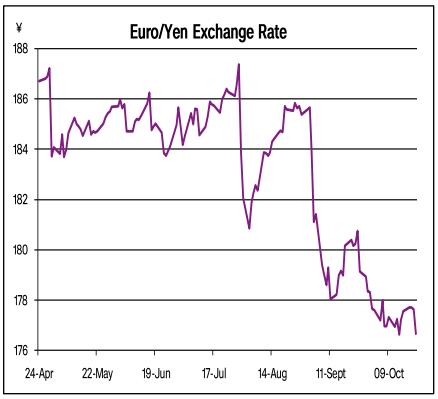
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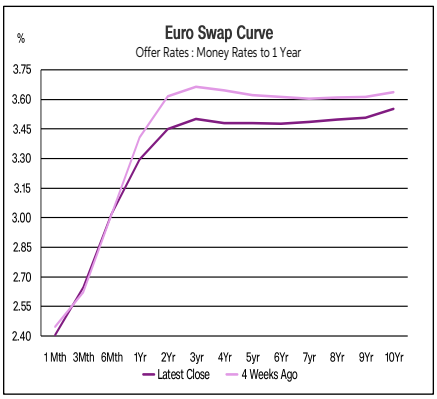
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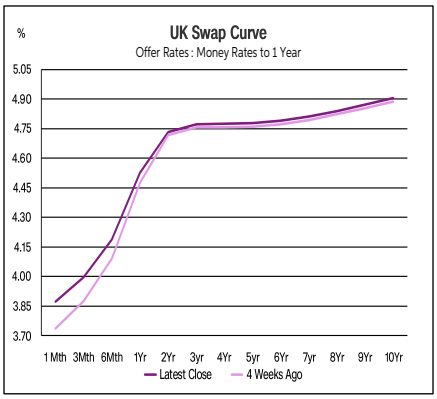
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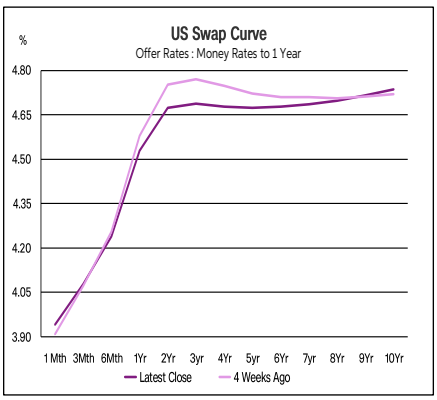
Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8387	GBP/EUR	1.1919	USD/JPY	157.15
EUR/USD	1.1242	GBP/USD	1.34	USD/CAD	1.4021
EUR/JPY	176.67	GBP/CAD	1.8786	USD/CHF	0.8208
EUR/SEK	11.1113	GBP/NZD	2.3521	USD/CNY	6.6741
EUR/DKK	7.4747	GBP/JPY	210.58	USD/BRL	5.0238
EUR/NOK	10.5118	GBP/SEK	13.2437	USD/RUB	81.4700
EUR/CHF	0.9229	GBP/DKK	8.9094	USD/INR	94.7
EUR/AUD	1.6022	GBP/NOK	12.5306		
EUR/HKD	8.817	GBP/CHF	1.1	AUD/USD	0.7015
EUR/CAD	1.5759	GBP/AUD	1.91	NZD/USD	0.5695

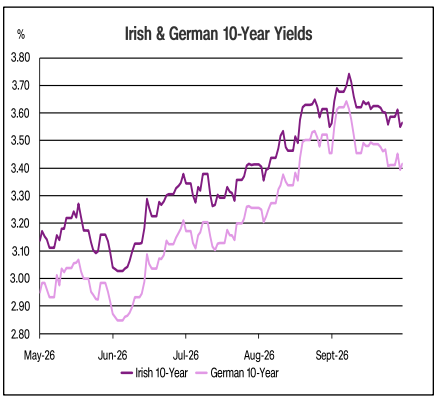












Debt Markets

	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

	Close	% Change 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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