

Dollar in the ascendency

The key benchmark equity indices moved lower on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, as oil prices rose and market interest rate expectations firmed. The Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 0.4% while the S&P 500 shed 0.8%.

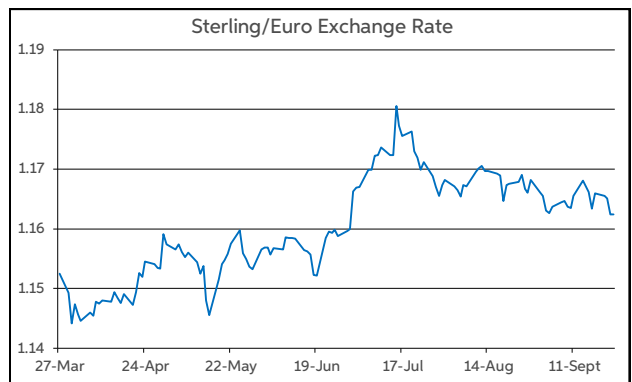
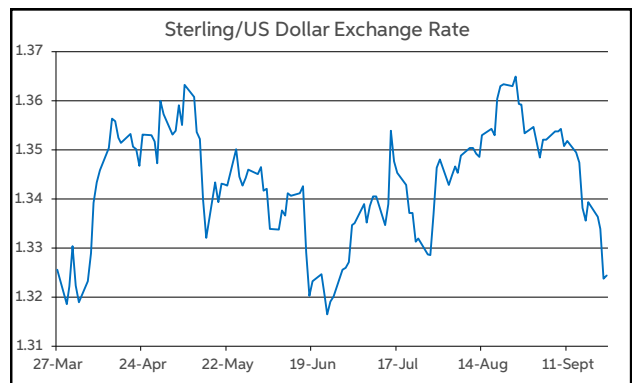
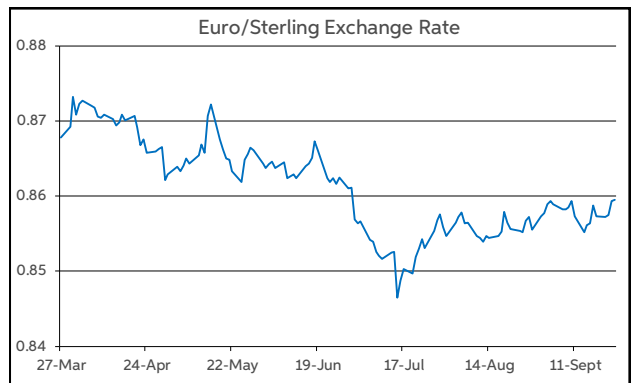
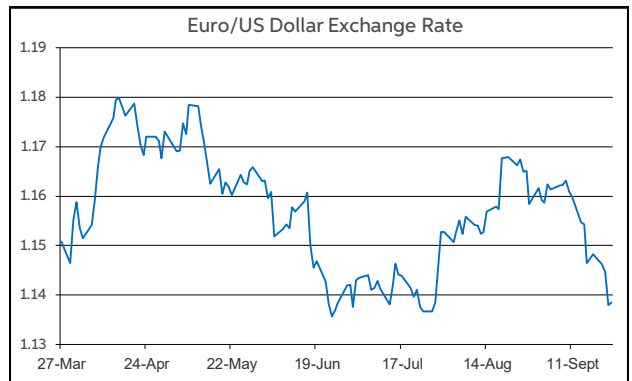
Brent crude prices moved circa 4% higher to \$103 per barrel. Meantime, the market is now pricing in up to 90bps of policy tightening in the US and Eurozone, as well as circa 100bps of rate hikes in UK by the end of next year. Against this backdrop, yields moved sharply upwards by 5-20bps. Notably, the key 10-year US Treasury yield climbed to a new near two-decade peak at 5.12%.

Market rates firmed due to further hawkish remarks from Fed officials (mainly from Governor Barr), and in the aftermath of the US PMI data for September. Both the manufacturing and services PMIs beat expectations, surging to all-time survey highs, indicating that activity levels are robust in the US. However, the underlying details of the survey showed that inflationary pressures remain elevated. Elsewhere, the Eurozone PMIs modestly beat the consensus, while the UK PMIs printed broadly in line with the forecasts.

Currency-wise, the dollar was in the ascendency yesterday. The greenback was supported by the hawkish Fed rhetoric and the rise in oil prices. At the same time, sterling was under some slight downward pressure. This is reflected by GBP/USD opening today back below the midpoint of \$1.32-1.33. EUR/USD is below \$1.14. EUR/GBP is changing hands up at the 86p mark.

The macro data schedule is limited today. On the monetary policy front, remarks from Fed and BoE officials will warrant attention. Meanwhile, newsflow regarding the summit between Presidents Trump and Xi, or in relation to the Middle East, may impact markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1384	-0.37	-3.07
EUR/GBP	0.8596	0.20	-1.37
GBP/USD	1.3241	-0.55	-1.72
GBP/EUR	1.1629	-0.20	1.38
USD/JPY	158.44	0.54	1.14
EUR/JPY	180.37	0.16	-1.97

* 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	3.88	3.89	4.07	4.57	5.03	5.01
EUR	2.50	2.46	2.61	3.37	3.59	3.61
GBP	3.75	3.73	3.87	4.47	4.92	4.99

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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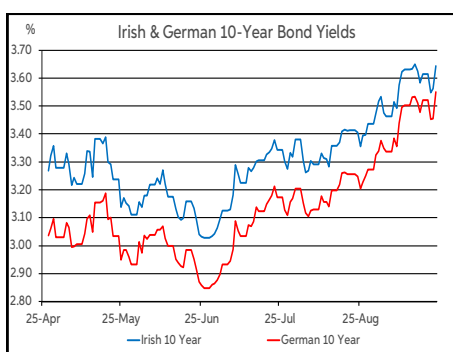
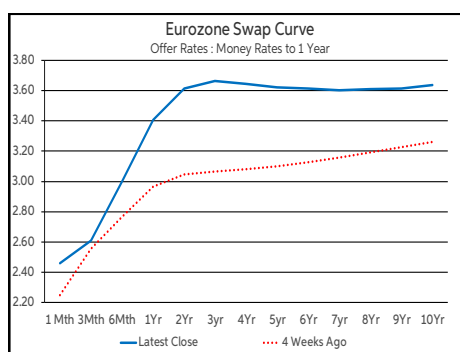
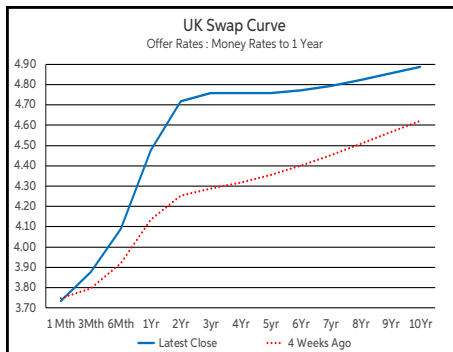
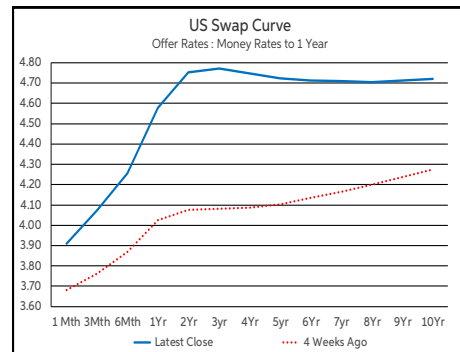
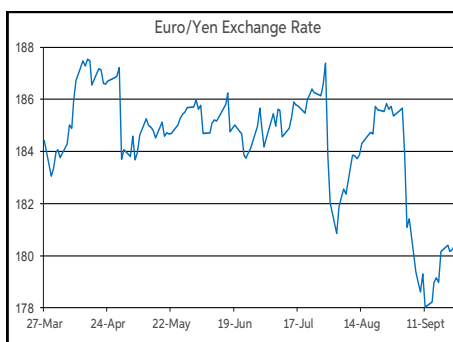
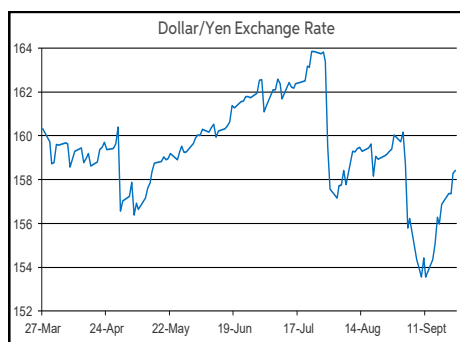
EUR/GBP	0.8596
EUR/USD	1.1385
EUR/JPY	180.38
EUR/SEK	11.2807
EUR/DKK	7.4754
EUR/NOK	10.7929
EUR/CHF	0.9382
EUR/AUD	1.6181
EUR/HKD	8.9301
EUR/CAD	1.6052

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1629
GBP/USD	1.3241
GBP/CAD	1.8669
GBP/NZD	2.3311
GBP/JPY	209.78
GBP/SEK	13.1197
GBP/DKK	8.694
GBP/NOK	12.5499
GBP/CHF	1.0912
GBP/AUD	1.8816

Dollar

USD/JPY	158.44
USD/CAD	1.4102
USD/CHF	0.824
USD/CNY	6.7129
USD/BRL	5.1648
USD/RUB	85.175
USD/INR	95.885
AUD/USD	0.7035
NZD/USD	0.5677



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 25
10 Year Yield %				
US	5.11	+15	+45	+96
Germany	3.55	+10	+32	+69
UK	5.35	+11	+31	+88
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.99	+17	+63	+126
Eurozone	3.62	+16	+52	+106
UK	5.01	+14	+41	+111
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.01	+14	+70	+144
Eurozone	3.61	+13	+57	+135
UK	4.97	+13	+47	+124
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	9	-2	-7	-7
Belgium	68	+4	+13	+19
France	111	+6	+26	+41
Italy	96	+6	+14	+31
Spain	49	+2	+4	+6
Portugal	37	-1	+0	+7
Greece	76	+1	+11	+14

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	103.08	+3.86	+17.35	+69.40
West Texas Oil	93.38	-3.14	+11.89	+63.08
Gold \$	4286.9	-1.56	-6.65	-0.63

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