Morning Comment

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US payrolls & core-PCE inflation due this week

There was a mixed tone to investor sentiment throughout last week. Initially, there was a positive mood on markets, amid hopes of some diplomatic progress between the US & Iran. However, as the week progressed, the newflow regarding the Middle East deteriorated. Meanwhile, market interest rate expectations firmed following a slew of hawkish remarks from central bankers particularly Fed officials, and on the back of some solid survey data.

Against this backdrop, Brent crude prices closed on Friday up circa 2%, above $104 per barrel. They have risen slightly further again at the start of this week, and are currently near $107 per barrel. On bond markets, German bund yields are 5-10bps higher on the week, while UK Gilt yields are up 8-16bps and US Treasury yields have risen by 15-20bps. At the same time, the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 rallied on Friday to register gains of circa 1% last week.

On the currency front, the dollar was in the ascendancy throughout last week. The greenback was supported by the aforementioned hawkish Fed rhetoric, as well as the rise in oil prices and the cautious tone to investor sentiment in the middle of the week. Elsewhere, the yen and sterling were under some modest downward pressure.

In level terms, EUR/USD starts this week in the top half of the $1.13-1.14 range. GBP/USD is down in the lower half of $1.32-1.33. EUR/GBP is operating just below the 86p threshold. Meantime, USD/JPY is changing hands in and around the halfway mark of $_{0}$157-158.

Turning to the week ahead, a busy US data calendar features the labour market report for September and core-PCE inflation for August. Both releases will garner significant attention. In the Eurozone, the flash reading of HICP inflation for September is due.
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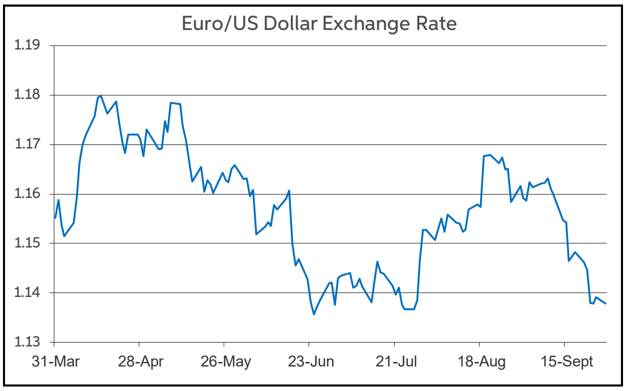

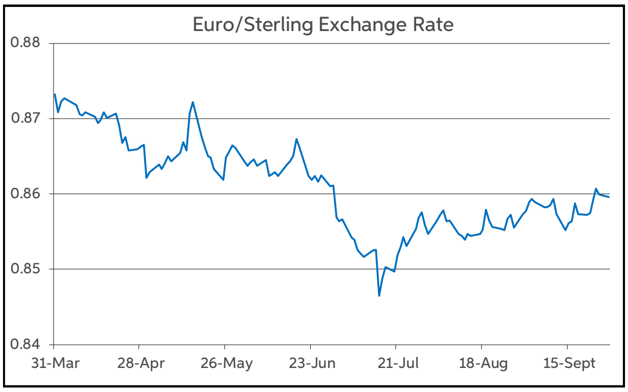

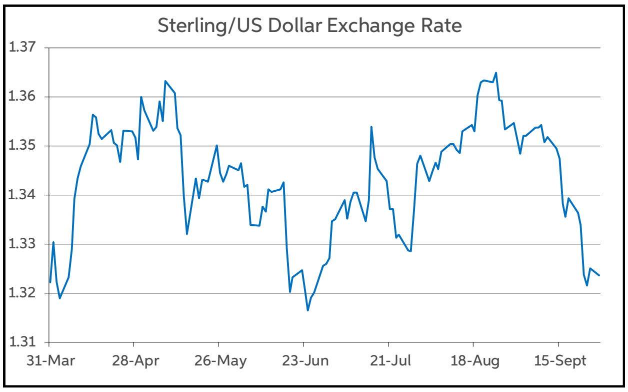

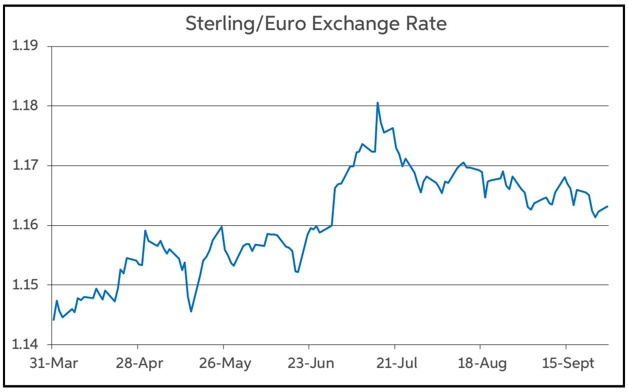

Today's Opening FX Rates

		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1379	0.08	-3.12
EUR/GBP	0.8596	-0.09	-1.37
GBP/USD	1.3237	0.20	-1.75
GBP/EUR	1.1631	0.09	1.38
USD/JPY	157.44	-0.61	0.50
EUR/JPY	179.15	-0.54	-2.63

* 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	3.89	4.08	4.58	5.04	5.04
EUR	2.50	2.46	2.61	3.39	3.62	3.66
GBP	3.75	3.73	3.89	4.45	4.91	5.00

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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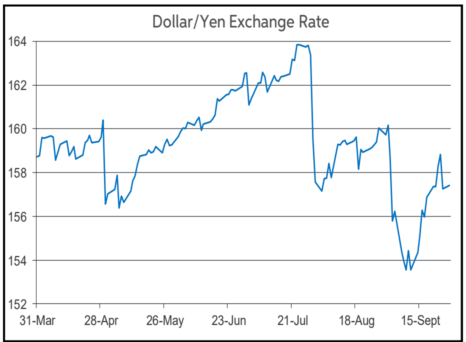
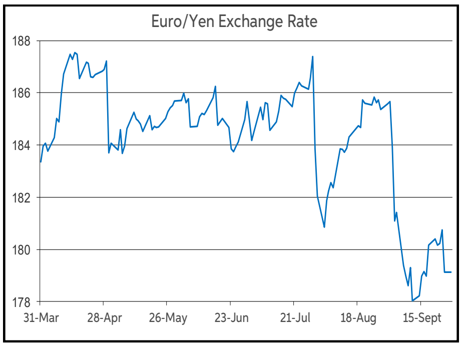
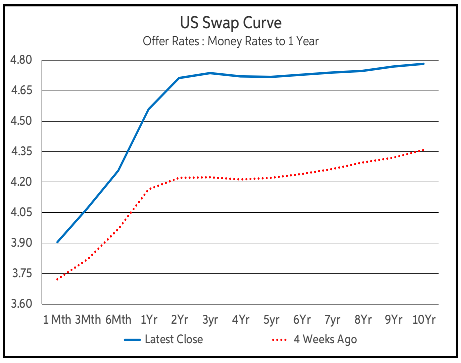
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8596
EUR/USD	1.1379
EUR/JPY	179.15
EUR/SEK	11.3115
EUR/DKK	7.4749
EUR/NOK	10.8287
EUR/CHF	0.9449
EUR/AUD	1.6207
EUR/HKD	8.9248
EUR/CAD	1.6105

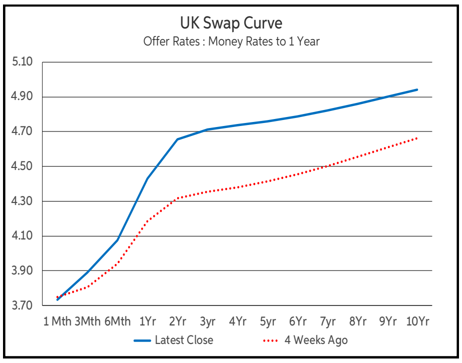
Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1631
GBP/USD	1.3237
GBP/CAD	1.873
GBP/NZD	2.3355
GBP/JPY	208.4
GBP/SEK	13.1579
GBP/DKK	8.6939
GBP/NOK	12.587
GBP/CHF	1.0991
GBP/AUD	1.8853

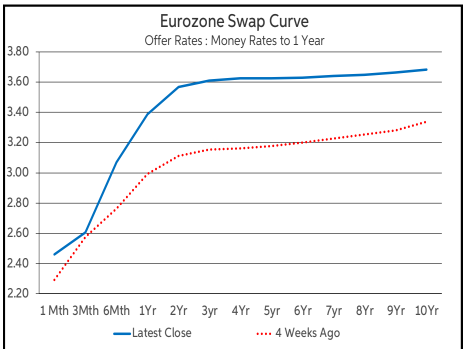
Dollar	
USD/JPY	157.44
USD/CAD	1.4152
USD/CHF	0.8304
USD/CNY	6.7137
USD/BRL	5.1868
USD/RUB	84.205
USD/INR	95.9775
AUD/USD	0.7019
NZD/USD	0.5665

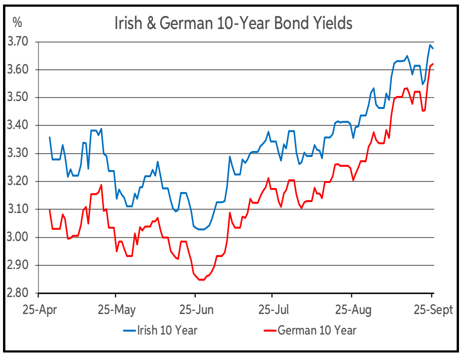












Debt Markets

		Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
10 Year Yield %				
US	5.18	+2	+46	+103
Germany	3.62	+1	+35	+76
UK	5.36	-3	+29	+89
Ireland	3.68	-1	+24	+65
Belgium	4.29	+4	+47	+95
France	4.73	+3	+60	+117
Italy	4.55	-0	+44	+104
Spain	4.11	+3	+38	+82
Portugal	4.00	-0	+36	+84
Greece	4.42	+3	+50	+94
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.98	-6	+51	+125
Eurozone	3.61	-4	+44	+105
UK	4.94	-3	+29	+104
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.96	-8	+50	+138
Eurozone	3.55	-6	+44	+129
UK	4.83	-5	+29	+110
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	6	-2	-11	-11
Belgium	67	+3	+12	+19
France	111	+2	+25	+41
Italy	93	-1	+9	+28
Spain	49	+2	+3	+6
Portugal	38	-1	+1	+8
Greece	80	+2	+16	+18

Commodities

		% Change		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	104.32	-2.14	+16.81	+71.44
West Texas Oil	85.23	-11.11	+0.78	+48.85
Gold $	4286.2	+0.19	-3.74	-0.65

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