FX Volumes and Spreads

Volume

Bid offer spread

G10 vs. EM Electronically Traded Volumes

G10 vs. EM Bid/Offer Spreads

Sources: Primary and ECN venues

Volumes dropping in Q1, spreads compressing
FX Volumes and Spreads – looking further back

Volume

Bid offer spread

Sources: Primary and ECN venues

2020/2021 vs 2022/2023
USD performance

USD vs EUR, CHF, JPY, GBP

USD vs PLN, ZAR, BRL, CNH

USD shorts squeezed to start the year

Sources: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas
Summary of recent market moves

US GDP growth has been revised continually higher in contrast to elsewhere

2024 Consensus GDP Growth Forecast

- **Eurozone**
- **US**

Sources: Bloomberg, Macrobond, BNP Paribas

USD short positions have been fully unwound

BNP Paribas FX Positioning Tracker - USD

Sources: Bloomberg, Macrobond, BNP Paribas

Market pricing for Fed Funds has converged with the FOMC’s DOTs

Fed funds: market implied path

- Current (6-Mar ’24)
- 31-Dec ’23
- Fed DOTs

Sources: Federal Reserve, Bloomberg, BNP Paribas

Less policy divergence suggests balanced risks for FX vol

Sources: Bloomberg, Macrobond, BNP Paribas

US exceptionalism has seen Fed rate cut expectations unwind and FX vol de-couple from rates vol
We see further room for FX carry outperformance.
**EURUSD – range bound**

Resilient US growth and high US yields overwhelm positive EUR fundamentals going into year end

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**Average change in DXY and 3m yields during recessions**

- **DXY**
- **3m t-bill yield (RHS)**

Recession start and end are those defined by NBER. See [Business Cycle Dating | NBER](https://www.nber.org/business-cycle-dates).

Sources: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas.

**Eurozone’ broad basic balance of payments has improved**

- **Broad Basic Balance (3m sum)**
- **Portfolio Investment**
- **FDI**
- **Current Account**

Sources: Macrobond, ECB, BNP Paribas.
GBPUSD – green shoots

GBP is cheap and we think high UK yields and the general election are supportive for GBP this year.

Sources: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas.

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USDJPY – treading water

After the BoJ exits NIRP, domestic investors could slow purchases of foreign debt, but this remains to be seen and carry is negative.
FX vol: Steady trend lower

Realised volatility trending lower from Q4 2022

Event Risk is stable except…

Realised volatility trending lower, with only one major event priced in the calendar

Sources: BNP Paribas

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A lot of risk premium is already in the price for the US election

Sources: BNP Paribas
Discussion points

- Internalisation rates impacting volumes and spreads?
- More cuts or less cuts – where is the risk asymmetry?
- Is the US election that important?
- EUR – higher or lower?
- Does BoJ matter for JPY?
- Lower volatility – the new normal?

Any questions?
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