Morning Comment

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Dollar boosted by the US labour market report

Equity markets continued to move higher on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.5%, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 rose by 0.8%. In terms of fixed income, both German Bund and UK Gilt yields declined by around 5-8bps. In contrast though, US Treasury yields rose by 5-10bps along the curve, amid a firming in US futures contracts. The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" passed by the US House of Representatives overnight may also have contributed to the rise in Treasury yields.

Data-wise, the US labour market report for June was stronger than anticipated. Non-farm payrolls rose by 147k in the month (vs. 110k f'cast), while the May figure was also revised higher to 144k from 139k. At the same time, the unemployment rate dropped back to the low of its recent range, to 4.1% (vs. 4.3% f'cast). Meanwhile, average earnings growth slowed slightly to 3.7% (vs. 3.9% f'cast). Following the release, US futures contracts firmed somewhat. Market pricing now indicates there is an 80% chance that the Fed will cut rates in September, and in total, just 55bps of easing is expected this year, compared to circa 65bps previously.

Amid the firming in US rate expectations, the dollar was in the ascendancy on currency markets. However, the greenback was unable to maintain all of its gains overnight. At the same time, sterling recouped some of its losses from the day prior.

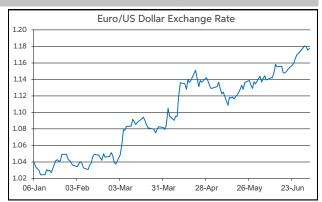
In level terms, this is reflected by EUR/GBP opening today down near the 86p mark. GBP/USD is operating up in the top half of the \$1.36-1.37 corridor. Meanwhile, EUR/USD remains in the upper region of \$1.17-1.18. USD/JPY is in the bottom half of ¥144-145.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro calendar is relatively sparse. The main release of note will be Eurozone producer price inflation for May. US markets are closed for Independence Day.

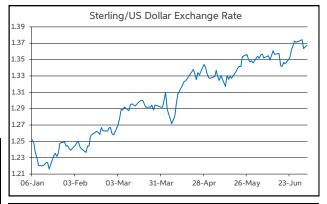
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1774	-0.13	13.73	
EUR/GBP	0.8608	-0.49	4.05	
GBP/USD	1.3673	0.33	9.29	
GBP/EUR	1.1611	0.49	-3.89	
USD/JPY	144.26	0.29	-8.22	
EUR/JPY	169.87	0.18	4.37	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates							
		Money Market			Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	4.38	4.33	4.32	3.95	3.92	3.84	
EUR	2.00	1.89	1.96	1.96	1.97	2.23	
GBP	4.25	4.21	4.06	3.77	3.85	3.92	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8608
EUR/USD	1.1774
EUR/JPY	169.87
EUR/SEK	11.2557
EUR/DKK	7.4604
EUR/NOK	11.8488
EUR/CHF	0.9337
EUR/AUD	1.7918
EUR/HKD	9.2432
EUR/CAD	1.5978

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1611		
GBP/USD	1.3673		
GBP/CAD	1.8555		
GBP/NZD	2.2494		
GBP/JPY	197.25		
GBP/SEK	13.0722		
GBP/DKK	8.6624		
GBP/NOK	13.752		
GBP/CHF	1.0842		
GBP/AUD	2.0804		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	144.26			
USD/CAD	1.3569			
USD/CHF	0.793			
USD/CNY	7.1636			
USD/BRL	5.4088			
USD/RUB	78.8			
USD/INR	85.386			
AUD/USD	0.657			
NZD/USD	0.6076			



US Swap Curve

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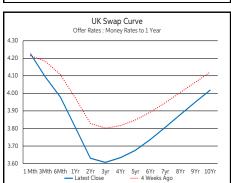
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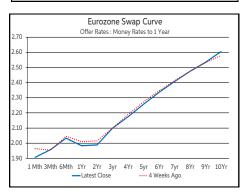
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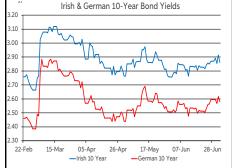
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.34	+5	-5	-24
Germany	2.58	-4	-1	+22
UK	4.54	-7	-8	-3
Ireland	2.90	-5	+0	+25
Belgium	3.16	-4	+3	+18
France	3.28	-4	+1	+8
Italy	3.48	-6	-7	-4
Spain	3.23	-4	+6	+16
Portugal	3.05	-5	-1	+20
Greece	3.34	-4	+2	+9
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.80	+6	-9	-49
Eurozone	2.25	-3	-2	+2
UK	3.92	-4	-16	-36
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.88	+10	-6	-45
Eurozone	1.99	-1	-2	-21
UK	3.86	-3	-17	-63
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	32	-1	+1	+4
Belgium	58	+0	+4	-4
France	70	-0	+2	-14
Italy	90	-2	-7	-26
Spain	65	-1	+6	-5
Portugal	47	-1	-0	-1
Greece	76	-0	+3	-13

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	68.8	-0.45	+5.30	-7.82	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold\$	3326.3	-0.92	-0.80	+26.77	

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