Morning Comment

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ECB hikes by 75bps

Yesterday, the ECB hiked its key interest rates by 75bps for the first time ever. The deposit rate was raised to 0.75% and the refi rate to 1.25%. It was a close call between a 50 or 75bps hike, but the central bank opted for the latter to "frontload", its move away from highly accommodative policy. Further rate hikes can be expected "over the next several meetings", which President Lagarde explained to mean between the next 2-4. Markets currently expect a further 100bps worth of rate hikes this year, and 50bps in 2023.

The reaction to the ECB decision was somewhat muted on currency markets, with the euro continuing to straddle parity versus the dollar. However, hawkish rhetoric from Fed Chair Powell coincided with a firmer tone to the dollar before the European close. Overnight though, the dollar lost its momentum.

Elsewhere, on bond markets, yields moved higher in the US, UK and Eurozone. German yields rose by 10-22bps, with short-term yields rising the most, reflecting the larger ECB rate hike. US yields climbed by 5-7bps on Chair Powell's hawkish comments, while UK Gilt yields rose by 6-14bps, with longer-term yields rising the most, reflecting PM Truss's plan to cap energy bills, which will increase the UK national debt.

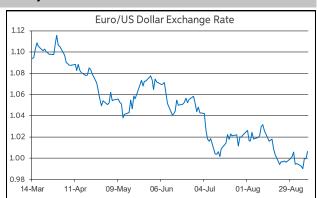
In level terms, the softer dollar tone overnight, sees EUR/USD open today up just above parity. GBP/USD is operating up near the \$1.16 mark. EUR/GBP remains in the top half of 86-87p.

Turning to the day ahead, there is a sparse data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic. Meanwhile, a meeting of EU energy ministers in Brussels to debate EU-wide measures to tackle the energy crisis will garner close attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2021	
EUR/USD	1.0063	0.75	-11.48	
EUR/GBP	0.8676	-0.08	3.29	
GBP/USD	1.1596	0.80	-14.29	
GBP/EUR	1.152	0.08	-3.18	
USD/JPY	142.73	-0.88	24.03	
EUR/JPY	143.65	-0.14	9.77	
* 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	2.375	2.70	3.19	3.94	3.85	3.46
EUR	0.50	0.39	0.82	2.04	2.31	2.40
GBP	1.75	2.21	2.69	3.94	4.13	3.82









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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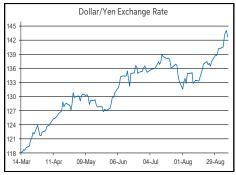
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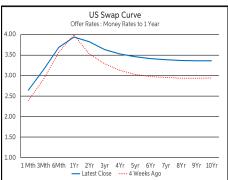
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8676
EUR/USD	1.0063
EUR/JPY	143.66
EUR/SEK	10.6917
EUR/DKK	7.4364
EUR/NOK	10.0214
EUR/CHF	0.9697
EUR/AUD	1.4722
EUR/HKD	7.8994
EUR/CAD	1.3108

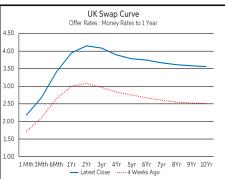
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.152			
GBP/USD	1.1596			
GBP/CAD	1.5105			
GBP/NZD	1.8991			
GBP/JPY	165.5			
GBP/SEK	12.32			
GBP/DKK	8.5675			
GBP/NOK	11.5477			
GBP/CHF	1.1175			
GBP/AUD	1.6964			

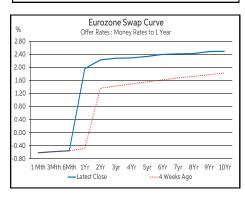
Dollar				
USD/JPY	142.72			
USD/CAD	1.3024			
USD/CHF	0.9634			
USD/CNY	6.9317			
USD/BRL	5.2141			
USD/RUB	60.7			
USD/INR	79.633			
AUD/USD	0.6836			
NZD/USD	0.6105			













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.32	+6	+43	+181	
Germany	1.71	+14	+75	+189	
UK	3.16	+13	+110	+219	
Ireland	2.35	+18	+77	+211	
Belgium	2.31	+11	+75	+213	
France	2.25	+10	+72	+206	
Italy	3.95	+8	+93	+276	
Spain	2.84	+9	+76	+224	
Portugal	2.75	+10	+79	+227	
Greece	4.21	+6	+104	+289	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.46	+7	+47	+213	
Eurozone	2.34	+7	+79	+233	
UK	3.79	+3	+103	+251	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.83	+6	+34	+289	
Eurozone	2.23	+8	+88	+253	
UK	4.15	+3	+108	+296	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	64	+5	+2	+21	
Belgium	60	-3	+0	+24	
France	54	-4	-2	+17	
Italy	224	-6	+18	+87	
Spain	112	-5	+2	+35	
Portugal	104	-3	+4	+38	
Greece	250	-7	+29	+100	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21	
Brent Oil	89.15	+1.31	-10.49	+14.62	
West Texas Oil	84.04	+1.87	-13.38	+11.56	
Gold \$	1707.3	-0.61	-4.59	-6.62	

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