

Flash PMIs due today

As expected, the BoE left policy on hold yesterday. The voting breakdown remained split 7:2 also, with the dissenters in favour of a 25bps rate cut. However, for a number of those who voted for no change, it was a “finely balanced” decision, indicating that they may be leaning towards cutting rates soon. In the aftermath, UK futures contracts softened. Market pricing suggests there is a 40% chance of a rate cut in August, with 45bps of easing by year end.

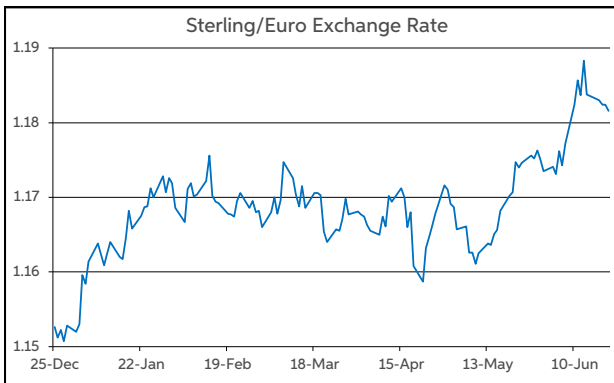
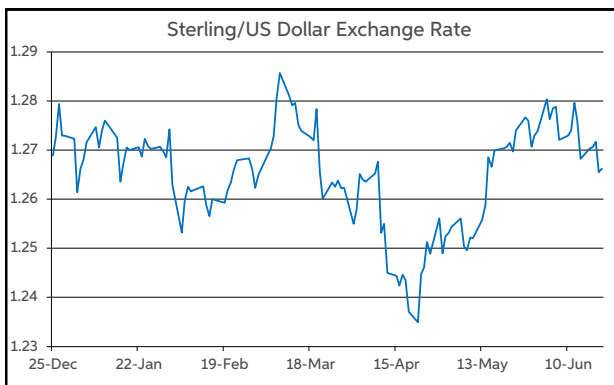
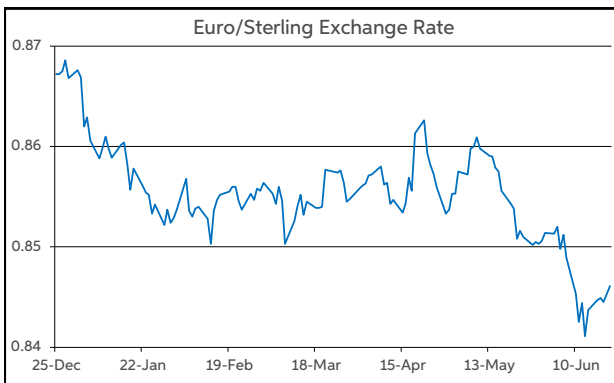
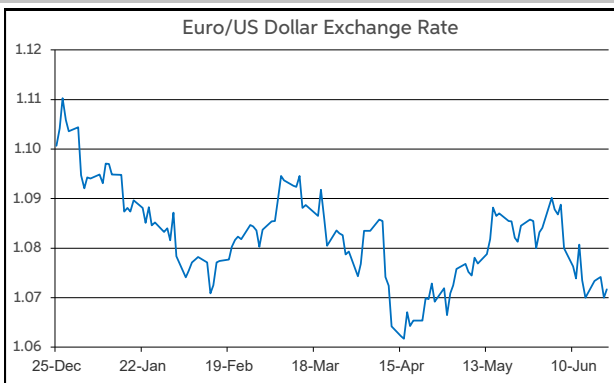
Amid the softening in UK rate expectations, the 2-year Gilt yield fell by circa 6bps. Elsewhere on bond markets, German Bunds yields were little changed, although spreads to other Eurozone yields narrowed. The 10-year French German yield spread declined to 73bps. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 continued to recoup some of its recent losses, rising by 1.3% yesterday.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs remained within relatively tight ranges yesterday. Of the limited price action to note, the dollar was holding a slightly firmer tone. Elsewhere, sterling was under some marginal downward pressure post the BoE meeting.

In level terms, the firmer dollar tone is evidenced by EUR/USD opening this morning back down near the \$1.07 handle. Meantime, GBP/USD is changing hands back below the \$1.27 mark. EUR/GBP is operating in the top half of the 84-85p range.

Already this morning, UK retail sales have printed above the consensus, rising by 2.9% in May (vs. +1.5% f'cast). However, the data have not impacted sterling in early trading. Later today, the flash PMIs for June in the US, Eurozone and UK will be the highlight. A modest rise is expected in the Eurozone and UK, while the US readings are forecast to edge down but stay above 50.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0716	-0.23	-2.90
EUR/GBP	0.8461	0.14	-2.39
GBP/USD	1.2662	-0.39	-0.53
GBP/EUR	1.1812	-0.14	2.45
USD/JPY	158.92	0.50	12.66
EUR/JPY	170.34	0.27	9.45

* 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	5.38	5.46	5.61	5.32	4.85	4.30
EUR	4.25	3.61	3.71	3.53	3.21	2.84
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.14	4.86	4.68	4.11

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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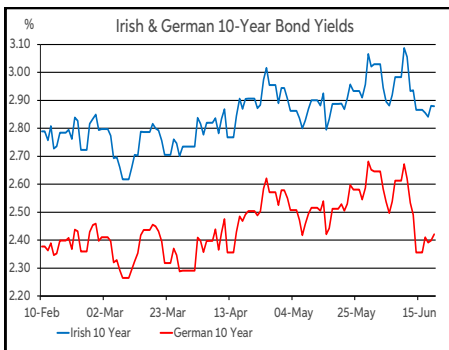
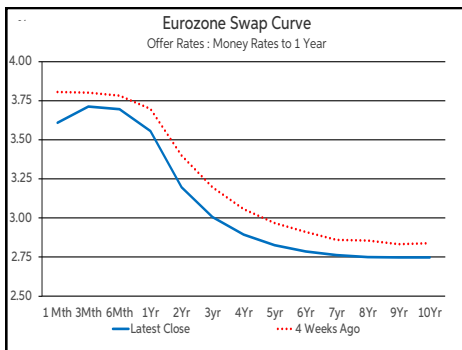
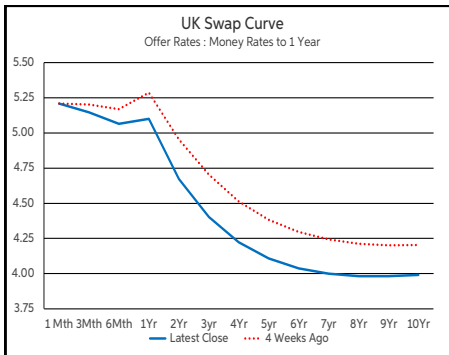
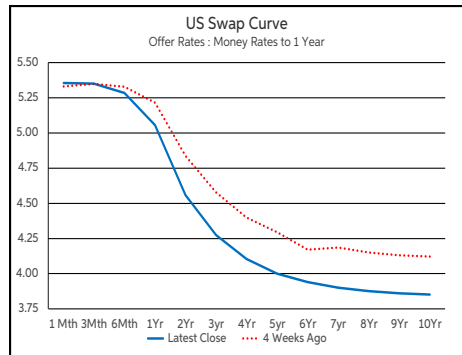
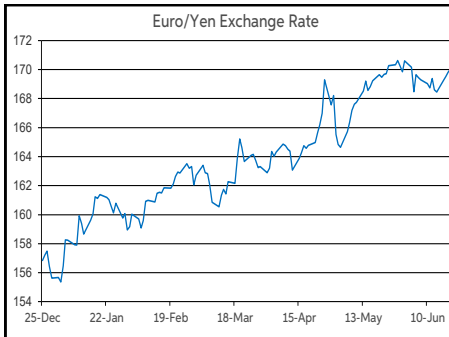
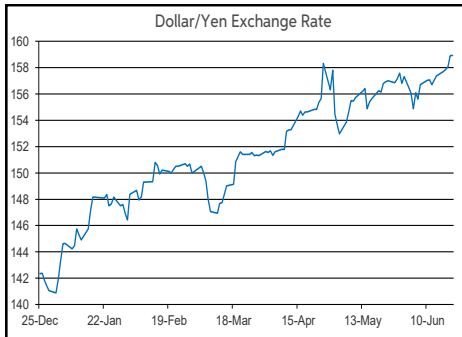
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EUR/USD	1.0716
EUR/JPY	170.34
EUR/SEK	11.2357
EUR/DKK	7.4575
EUR/NOK	11.2906
EUR/CHF	0.9551
EUR/AUD	1.6081
EUR/HKD	8.3622
EUR/CAD	1.4659

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1812
GBP/USD	1.2662
GBP/CAD	1.732
GBP/NZD	2.0674
GBP/JPY	201.22
GBP/SEK	13.276
GBP/DKK	8.8101
GBP/NOK	13.339
GBP/CHF	1.1286
GBP/AUD	1.9005

Dollar

USD/JPY	158.92
USD/CAD	1.3677
USD/CHF	0.8913
USD/CNY	7.2609
USD/BRL	5.4537
USD/RUB	87.5
USD/INR	83.6075
AUD/USD	0.6662
NZD/USD	0.6123



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.25	+4	-22	+39
Germany	2.42	+2	-18	+40
UK	4.06	-1	-21	+52
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.26	+3	-28	+47
Eurozone	2.83	+1	-13	+40
UK	4.11	-4	-27	+46
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.81	+0	-27	+48
Eurozone	3.20	+0	-19	+40
UK	4.67	-5	-28	+41
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	48	-1	+10	+15
Belgium	67	-2	+14	+0
France	73	-2	+25	+20
Italy	152	-2	+23	-15
Spain	92	-3	+16	-5
Portugal	73	-2	+10	-3
Greece	125	+2	+27	+20

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	85.71	+0.75	+5.35	+11.25
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2359.6	+1.38	+1.34	+14.40

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