## **Morning Comment**

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## Increased concerns on the macro outlook

Last week saw increased 'recession' concerns dominate market sentiment. Fed Chair Powell's semi-annual testimony appeared to be more downbeat on the economic outlook, noting that a 'soft landing' will be hard to achieve. Meanwhile, weaker than expected June PMI data added to the nervousness on the macro outlook.

These 'recession' concerns were reflected in a softening of rate hike expectations. Futures contracts are now pricing in Eurozone rates getting to 1% by year-end (was 1.25% at the start of last week). The peak of rates in 2023 is now seen being nearer to 1.75% rather than 2.25%. In terms of the Fed, the market is now envisaging the peak of rates being 3.5% rather than nearer to 4%.

As a result, bond markets rallied, with yields falling across the board. The German 10-year bund yield was down around 20bps to back below 1.5%. Meantime, the 10-year US Treasury yield fell by circa 10bps to under the 3.2% level, moving further away from its recent peak of 3.5%.

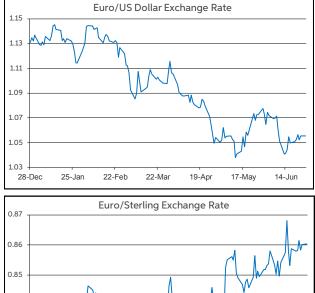
Currency-wise, the action was less eventful. The main pairs were confined to relatively narrow ranges over the week. EUR/USD was mostly within the \$1.05-1.06 band. EUR/GBP operated in a 85.6-86.4p trading range. Elsewhere, there was an improvement on equity markets amid the softening in rate expectations. The S&P 500 index finished the week over 6% higher. However the index is still down around 18% since the start of the year.

Looking ahead to this week, the key data highlights and, of most interest to markets, will be inflation updates. We get inflation readings from the US (Core-PCE for May) and Eurozone (flash HICP for June).

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2021	
EUR/USD	1.0558	0.18	-7.13	
EUR/GBP	0.8603	0.24	2.42	
GBP/USD	1.227	-0.07	-9.31	
GBP/EUR	1.1616	-0.24	-2.36	
USD/JPY	135.06	0.20	17.36	
EUR/JPY	142.61	0.38	8.97	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.625	1.63	2.23	3.30	3.42	3.26
EUR	0.00	-0.55	-0.22	0.89	1.52	1.97
GBP	1.25	1.22	1.63	2.71	2.97	2.81



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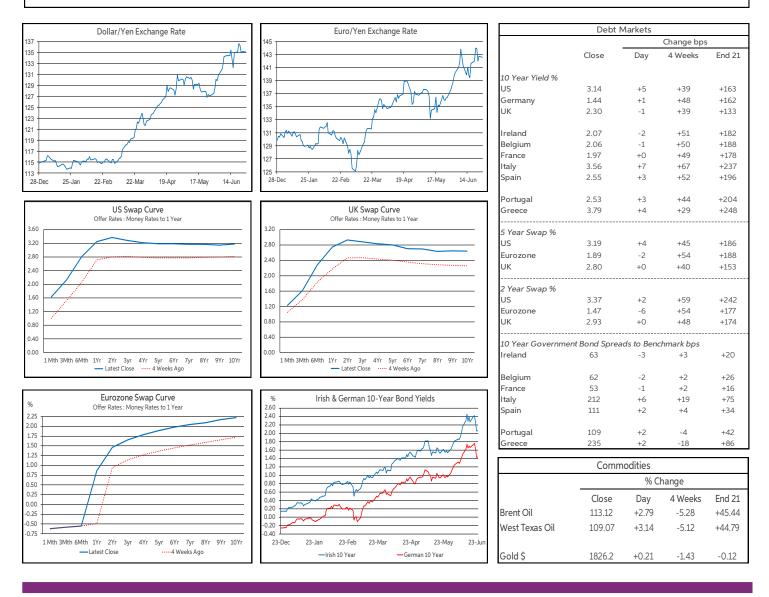
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Euro			
EUR/GBP	0.8604		
EUR/USD	1.0557		
EUR/JPY	142.59		
EUR/SEK	10.6947		
EUR/DKK	7.44		
EUR/NOK	10.4052		
EUR/CHF	1.0113		
EUR/AUD	1.5245		
EUR/HKD	8.2868		
EUR/CAD	1.3606		

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1618	
GBP/USD	1.2269	
GBP/CAD	1.5812	
GBP/NZD	1.9461	
GBP/JPY	165.72	
GBP/SEK	12.4279	
GBP/DKK	8.6447	
GBP/NOK	12.0909	
GBP/CHF	1.1753	
GBP/AUD	1.7717	

Dollar				
USD/JPY	135.07			
USD/CAD	1.2887			
USD/CHF	0.958			
USD/CNY	6.688			
USD/BRL	5.2424			
USD/RUB	53.5			
USD/INR	78.3025			
AUD/USD	0.6925			
NZD/USD	0.6302			



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