Morning Comment



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Ad-hoc ECB, Fed as expected, BoE ahead

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Monetary policy was very much in focus yesterday. The ECB convened an ad-hoc meeting, to discuss current market conditions. It announced that PEPP proceeds will be applied flexibly and that a "new anti-fragmentation" tool will also be developed. Both initiatives will aim to contain the spread between core-periphery Eurozone bond yields. 10yr German Bund yields declined by 10bps yesterday, while the spread between Italian BTPs and German Bunds narrowed by circa 25bps.

The euro, which had been on the defensive recently briefly rose above \$1.05 against the dollar. However, the move could not be sustained. Indeed, the single currency finished the day on the back -foot. Elsewhere, sterling reversed its losses from the day before.

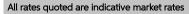
Overnight, the focus shifted to the US Fed. As had been speculated earlier in the week, the central bank hiked interest rates by 75bps. The latest interest rate dotplot shows that the Fed now expects rates to rise to 3.4% before year end as it tries to rein in inflation. There was a relatively limited reaction from the dollar to the Fed meeting.

Overall, EUR/USD opens this morning broadly unchanged from 24hrs earlier, down in the lower half of \$1.04-1.05. The firmer tone to sterling sees GBP/USD back above the \$1.21 threshold, and EUR/GBP back down below 86p.

Today, all eyes will be on the latest BoE meeting. The BoE is expected to hike by 25bps again, although, the MPC appears divided on the outlook. Therefore, the markets attention is likely to centre on the BoE's forward guidance regarding further rate hikes. As a result, there could be some volatility for sterling today. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates							
		% Change					
		Day *	End 2021				
EUR/USD	1.042	-0.05	-8.34				
EUR/GBP	0.8587	-1.14	2.23				
GBP/USD	1.2132	1.09	-10.33				
GBP/EUR	1.164	1.15	-2.18				
USD/JPY	134.32	-0.54	16.72				
EUR/JPY	139.98	-0.60	6.96				
* v Previous Day's European Open							
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Opening Interest Rates							
		Money	Market		5		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	0.875	1.51	2.00	3.40	3.65	3.44	
EUR	0.00	-0.51	-0.24	1.01	1.77	2.16	
GBP	1.00	1.29	1.60	2.78	3.06	2.99	



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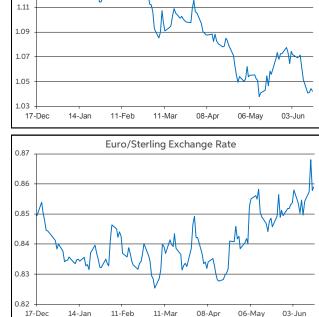
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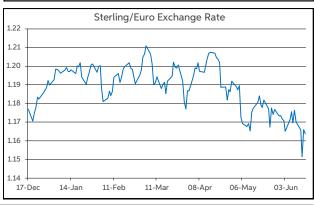
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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate



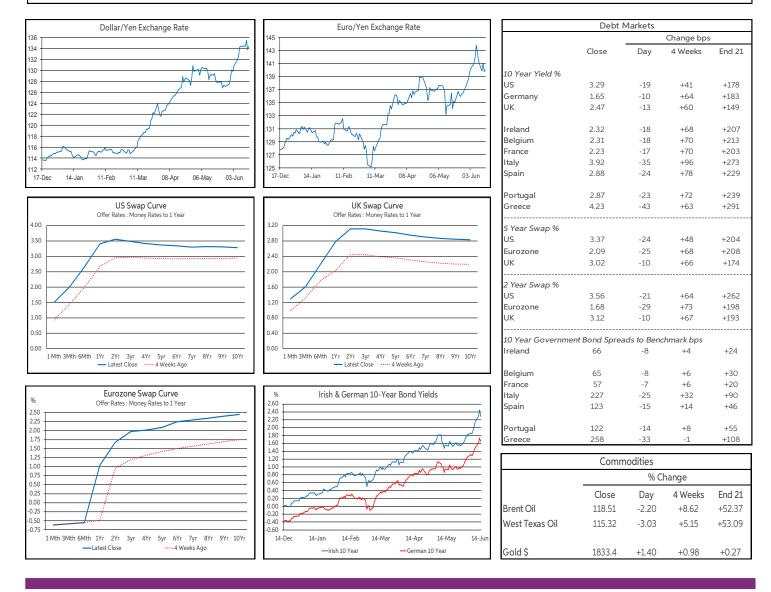


Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterl	Sterling		Dollar	
UR/GBP	0.8589	GBP/EUR	1.1641	USD/JPY	134.31	
UR/USD	1.0419	GBP/USD	1.213	USD/CAD	1.2915	
UR/JPY	139.96	GBP/CAD	1.5669	USD/CHF	0.9965	
UR/SEK	10.645	GBP/NZD	1.9339	USD/CNY	6.7021	
UR/DKK	7.4385	GBP/JPY	162.93	USD/BRL	5.0534	
UR/NOK	10.4278	GBP/SEK	12.3919	USD/RUB	56.9	
UR/CHF	1.0385	GBP/DKK	8.6587	USD/INR	78.0825	
UR/AUD	1.4912	GBP/NOK	12.1376			
UR/HKD	8.1803	GBP/CHF	1.2091	AUD/USD	0.6987	
UR/CAD	1.3459	GBP/AUD	1.7361	NZD/USD	0.6271	



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