# **Morning Comment**

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### US CPI inflation data in focus today

There was a positive tone to investor sentiment to start the week on financial markets yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 jumped by 2.1%. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 gained a more modest 1.1%. Meanwhile, benchmark sovereign bond yields were little changed in the US, Eurozone and UK. Elsewhere oil prices rose by over 1%, climbing to \$94 per barrel.

On currency markets, the dollar rally continued to go somewhat into reverse. Having reached a two decade high last Wednesday, the dollar index, which measures the value of the currency against a basket of peers, fell to its lowest level in a fortnight. Meantime, the yen edged higher, recouping some ground, having suffered heavy losses over the past few weeks.

In level terms, the softer tone to the dollar is evidenced by EUR/USD opening up above the \$1.01 threshold. GBP/USD is operating up near the \$1.17 handle. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands in the upper half of the 86-87p trading range. USD/JPY is back in the lower half of ¥142-143.

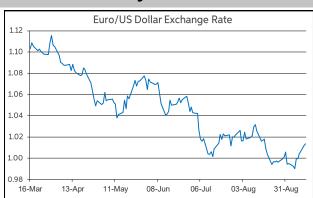
Already this morning, UK labour market data suggest conditions have tightened further in the jobs market. The unemployment rate fell to 3.6% in July, while average earnings were up 5.5% y/y (vs. +5.4% f'cast). Sterling has been a touch firmer in early trading.

Later today, the focus will shift to the release of US CPI inflation for August. Headline CPI fell in July for only the second time in the last year, and it is expected to ease lower again to 8.1% in August. The release poses some event risk for the dollar, with an above consensus reading likely to rubber stamp market expectations for a 75bps increase from the Fed next week.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates         |        |          |          |  |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
|                                  |        | % Change |          |  |
|                                  |        | Day *    | End 2021 |  |
| EUR/USD                          | 1.0139 | 0.63     | -10.81   |  |
| EUR/GBP                          | 0.8672 | -0.12    | 3.24     |  |
| GBP/USD                          | 1.1691 | 0.75     | -13.59   |  |
| GBP/EUR                          | 1.1527 | 0.12     | -3.14    |  |
| USD/JPY                          | 142.39 | -0.54    | 23.73    |  |
| EUR/JPY                          | 144.39 | 0.07     | 10.33    |  |
| * 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                    | 2.375     | 2.77         | 3.25  | 3.97       | 3.89 | 3.48 |
| EUR                    | 0.50      | 0.48         | 0.93  | 2.03       | 2.28 | 2.35 |
| GBP                    | 1.75      | 2.24         | 2.67  | 3.96       | 4.14 | 3.79 |









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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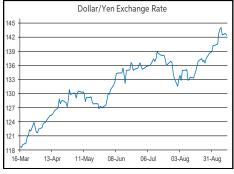
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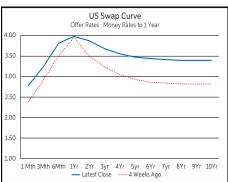
| Euro    |         |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.867   |
| EUR/USD | 1.0138  |
| EUR/JPY | 144.35  |
| EUR/SEK | 10.6201 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4365  |
| EUR/NOK | 9.9675  |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9642  |
| EUR/AUD | 1.475   |
| EUR/HKD | 7.9579  |
| EUR/CAD | 1.3171  |

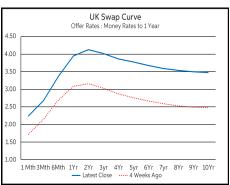
| Sterling |        |  |  |
|----------|--------|--|--|
| GBP/EUR  | 1.1523 |  |  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.1691 |  |  |
| GBP/CAD  | 1.519  |  |  |
| GBP/NZD  | 1.9073 |  |  |
| GBP/JPY  | 166.44 |  |  |
| GBP/SEK  | 12.249 |  |  |
| GBP/DKK  | 8.5756 |  |  |
| GBP/NOK  | 11.5   |  |  |
| GBP/CHF  | 1.1121 |  |  |
| GBP/AUD  | 1.7013 |  |  |

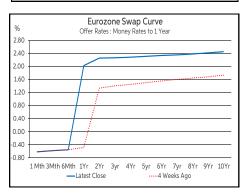
| Dollar  |        |  |  |  |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 142.37 |  |  |  |
| USD/CAD | 1.2988 |  |  |  |
| USD/CHF | 0.9509 |  |  |  |
| USD/CNY | 6.9213 |  |  |  |
| USD/BRL | 5.093  |  |  |  |
| USD/RUB | 60.45  |  |  |  |
| USD/INR | 79.144 |  |  |  |
|         |        |  |  |  |
| AUD/USD | 0.6872 |  |  |  |
| NZD/USD | 0.6128 |  |  |  |
|         |        |  |  |  |













|                   | Debt  | Markets |            |        |  |
|-------------------|-------|---------|------------|--------|--|
|                   |       |         | Change bps | ;      |  |
|                   | Close | Day     | 4 Weeks    | End 21 |  |
| 10 Year Yield %   |       |         |            |        |  |
| US                | 3.36  | +4      | +56        | +185   |  |
| Germany           | 1.65  | -5      | +74        | +182   |  |
| UK                | 3.08  | -1      | +106       | +211   |  |
| Ireland           | 2.25  | -6      | +73        | +200   |  |
| Belgium           | 2.30  | -5      | +80        | +212   |  |
| France            | 2.22  | -4      | +76        | +203   |  |
| Italy             | 3.96  | -5      | +98        | +277   |  |
| Spain             | 2.80  | -6      | +79        | +221   |  |
| Portugal          | 2.71  | -6      | +79        | +223   |  |
| Greece            | 4.22  | -4      | +105       | +290   |  |
| <br>5 Year Swap % |       |         |            |        |  |
| US                | 3.47  | +1      | +58        | +214   |  |
| Eurozone          | 2.32  | -2      | +82        | +231   |  |
| UK                | 3.78  | -2      | +102       | +251   |  |
| 2 Year Swap %     |       |         |            |        |  |
| US                | 3.87  | -0      | +42        | +293   |  |
| Eurozone          | 2.26  | +1      | +93        | +256   |  |
| UK                | 4.13  | -O      | +98        | +294   |  |
|                   |       |         |            |        |  |
| Ireland           | 61    | -1      | -1         | +18    |  |
| Belgium           | 65    | +1      | +6         | +29    |  |
| France            | 58    | +1      | +1         | +21    |  |
| Italy             | 231   | +1      | +23        | +95    |  |
| Spain             | 116   | -1      | +5         | +38    |  |
| Portugal          | 107   | -1      | +5         | +40    |  |
| Greece            | 257   | +1      | +31        | +108   |  |

| Commodities    |        |          |         |        |  |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--|
|                |        | % Change |         |        |  |
|                | Close  | Day      | 4 Weeks | End 21 |  |
| Brent Oil      | 94     | +1.25    | -1.16   | +20.85 |  |
| West Texas Oil | 88.18  | +1.04    | -4.40   | +17.06 |  |
|                |        |          |         |        |  |
| Gold \$        | 1724.1 | +0.47    | -3.08   | -5.71  |  |

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