Morning Comment

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Risk averse mood supports the dollar

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The risk averse mood evident on markets last week carried over into the start of this week. Indeed, it gathered further momentum yesterday as investors are increasingly concerned about the impact that aggressive monetary policy tightening will have on the economic outlook. These concerns were reflected in the US yield curve inverting briefly, with the 2-year Treasury yield rose above the 10-year yield. This is seen by markets as a harbinger of a potential recession in the US economy.

In terms of market rate expectations, futures contracts now see US official rates rising near to 4% by the end of 2023, the UK Bank Rate peaking close to 3.5% next year and Eurozone rates rising near to 2.4% over the course of 2023.

The 'risk off' mood was very much in evidence on equity markets. On Wall Street, the global benchmark S&P 500 index entered bear market territory (falling by more than 20% from its most recent high). At the closing bell last night, the index was down 3.9% on the day, 22% below its early January peak.

Currency-wise, the dollar remained to the fore amid the risk averse backdrop and the resultant safe haven demand. The EUR/USD rate was testing down near its key support of \$1.04. Meanwhile, GBP/USD fell below the \$1.22 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continued to trade within 85-86p, edging slightly higher within this range.

Looking ahead to today, general market sentiment may remain the main driver of any moves on the currency front. Markets are likely to remain focused on the interest rate outlook with the Fed (Wed) and BoE (Thurs) meetings looming large. John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB

Today's Opening FX Rates							
		% Change					
		Day *	End 2021				
EUR/USD	1.0436	-0.51	-8.20				
EUR/GBP	0.8566	0.34	1.98				
GBP/USD	1.2184	-0.82	-9.94				
GBP/EUR	1.167	-0.34	-1.94				
USD/JPY	134.59	-0.32	16.95				
EUR/JPY	140.48	-0.81	7.34				
* 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	1.32	1.83	3.39	3.72	3.45		
EUR	0.00	-0.54	-0.30	1.01	1.84	2.18		
GBP	1.00	1.29	1.59	2.71	3.22	3.13		

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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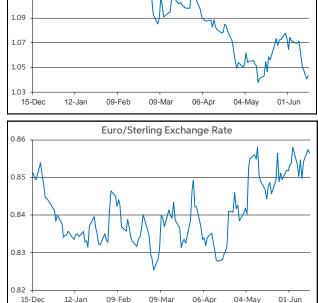
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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate



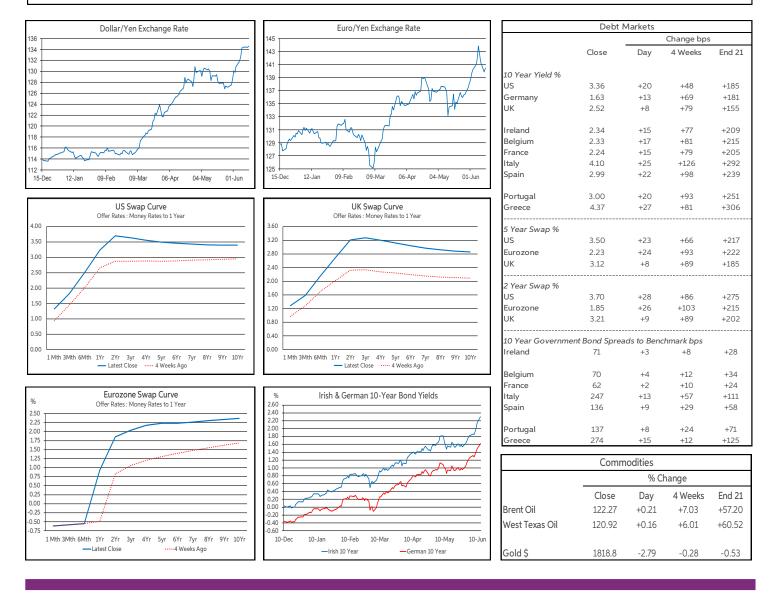


Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterl	Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8566	GBP/EUR	1.167	USD/JPY	134.59	
EUR/USD	1.0436	GBP/USD	1.2184	USD/CAD	1.287	
EUR/JPY	140.48	GBP/CAD	1.568	USD/CHF	0.9954	
EUR/SEK	10.593	GBP/NZD	1.9369	USD/CNY	6.7228	
EUR/DKK	7.4392	GBP/JPY	163.98	USD/BRL	5.1146	
EUR/NOK	10.2938	GBP/SEK	12.3679	USD/RUB	57	
EUR/CHF	1.0391	GBP/DKK	8.6829	USD/INR	78.0125	
EUR/AUD	1.4986	GBP/NOK	12.0184			
EUR/HKD	8.1931	GBP/CHF	1.2128	AUD/USD	0.6964	
EUR/CAD	1.3431	GBP/AUD	1.7493	NZD/USD	0.6289	



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