Morning Comment

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Dollar edges off its lows

There was some firming in risk appetite yesterday. This followed the 'risk off' end to last week on the back of President Trump's '50% tariff threat' on EU imports. Investors took some relief on Monday from weekend news that President Trump was pushing the deadline for the tariff hike from June 1st to July 9th, to allow more time for trade talks between the US and EU.

The improvement was reflected in European equity markets, with Wall Street closed for the Memorial Day holiday. The Euro Stoxx 50 posted a 1.3% gain on the day, after falling by 1.8% on Friday. The German Dax index was 1.7% higher at the close yesterday evening.

On the currency front, the action amongst the majors was confined to narrow ranges. The data calendar was very quiet with no top tier releases being published. Of the moves that did register, the dollar managed to stabilise after a challenging end to last week amid the tariff news. It has remained on the defensive over the past 24 hours, but is off its recent lows.

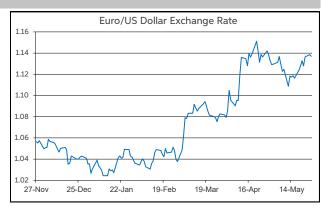
In level terms, EUR/USD has edged back below the \$1.14 mark, while GBP/USD is trading near to the midpoint of \$1.35-1.36, having opened yesterday within a whisker of the \$1.36 threshold. The USD/JPY pair has moved higher to regain the ¥143 level. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to operate within a tight band just under the 84p handle.

Looking ahead to today, US markets re-open after their long weekend and the macro data calendar has a busier agenda. In Europe, we get the EC economic sentiment survey for May. Across the Atlantic, today's macro highlights are the US durable goods report for April and the Conference Board measure of US consumer confidence for May. Market participants will also be mindful of any further trade/tariff news.

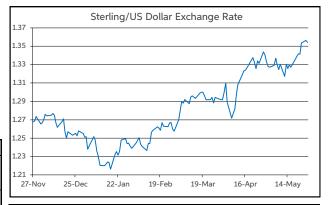
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.137	-0.34	9.82	
EUR/GBP	0.8392	-0.07	1.44	
GBP/USD	1.3542	-0.28	8.24	
GBP/EUR	1.1909	0.07	-1.42	
USD/JPY	143.27	0.50	-8.85	
EUR/JPY	162.94	0.17	0.12	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.38	4.32	4.32	4.09	4.03	3.96
EUR	2.40	2.09	2.04	1.98	1.97	2.23
GBP	4.25	4.20	4.18	3.97	4.11	4.13









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



0.8392
1.137
162.94
10.8409
7.4595
11.5048
0.935
1.7595
8.9113
1.5628

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1909		
GBP/USD	1.3542		
GBP/CAD	1.8614		
GBP/NZD	2.2675		
GBP/JPY	194.02		
GBP/SEK	12.9137		
GBP/DKK	8.8809		
GBP/NOK	13.7042		
GBP/CHF	1.1137		
GBP/AUD	2.0952		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	143.27			
USD/CAD	1.3747			
USD/CHF	0.822			
USD/CNY	7.1923			
USD/BRL	5.6676			
USD/RUB	79.8			
USD/INR	85.288			
AUD/USD	0.6462			
NZD/USD	0.5969			



US Swap Curve

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4.30

4.20

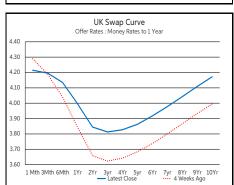
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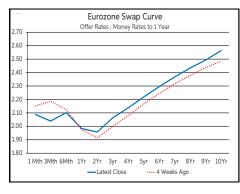
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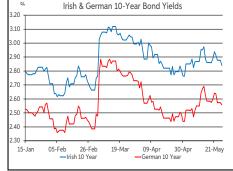
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr — Latest Close 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.51	-4	+30	-7		
Germany	2.56	-1	+5	+20		
UK	4.68	-7	+18	+11		
Ireland	2.88	-3	+0	+23		
Belgium	3.10	-2	+1	+11		
France	3.24	-3	+1	+4		
Italy	3.56	-5	-8	+3		
Spain	3.18	-2	+0	+11		
Portugal	3.07	-2	+2	+22		
Greece	3.33	-1	-5	+8		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.93	+0	+24	-36		
Eurozone	2.21	-2	+7	-2		
UK	4.08	-2	+15	-20		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.01	+0	+30	-32		
Eurozone	1.95	-1	+4	-24		
UK	4.07	-1	+17	-42		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	31	-2	-5	+3		
Belgium	54	-1	-4	-8		
France	68	-2	-5	-15		
Italy	99	-4	-13	-16		
Spain	62	-1	-5	-8		
Portugal	51	-1	-3	+2		
Greece	77	+0	-10	-12		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks Er				
Brent Oil	64.74	-0.06	-1.70	-13.26	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3342.8	-0.42	+0.04	+27.40	

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