Morning Comment

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Narrow ranges on FX markets

In a similar pattern to the day before, there was cautious tone to investor sentiment yesterday. A sparse data calendar once again, likely contributed to the muted price action. Against this backdrop, investors continued to digest President Trumps efforts to remove Fed Governor Cook from her position. Ongoing political developments in France were also in focus, with the Government currently expected to lose the confidence vote called for the 8th of September.

For a second consecutive day European equities underperformed, with the Euro Stoxx 50 falling by 1.1% yesterday. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 rallied late on to finish the day up 0.4%. In terms of fixed income, US Treasury yields initially moved slightly higher amid some concerns of encroachment on Fed independence from the White House. However, US bonds reversed course overnight, with yields declining by 2-4bps overall. German Bund yields also fell by 2-4bps, while French sovereign yields were little changed.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs continued to operate in narrow ranges. Initially the dollar maintained some of its momentum from Monday. However, as the European session progressed the dollar ran out of steam. Elsewhere, the euro weakened marginally.

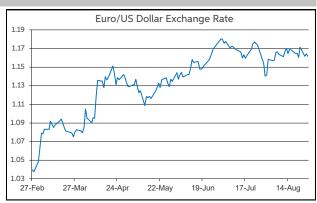
As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens in the lower half of \$1.16-1.17. GBP/USD remains at the midpoint of the \$1.34-1.35 corridor. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is in the bottom end of the 86-87p trading band.

Already today, German consumer sentiment has printed below the consensus, falling to -23.6 (vs. -22.0 f'cast). The data has coincided with a slight weakening in the euro in early trading. The rest of today's data schedule is barren on both sides of the Atlantic, which suggests that markets may remain subdued once more.

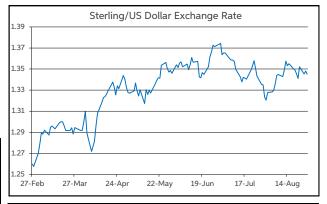
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1618	-0.09	12.22	
EUR/GBP	0.8633	-0.10	4.35	
GBP/USD	1.3452	-0.02	7.52	
GBP/EUR	1.1578	0.10	-4.17	
USD/JPY	147.75	-0.01	-6.00	
EUR/JPY	171.66	-0.13	5.47	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		;
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.31	4.19	3.78	3.72	3.68
EUR	2.00	1.88	2.02	2.05	2.08	2.34
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.96	3.87	4.00	4.09









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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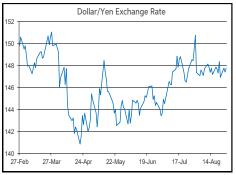
Opening Levels



	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8633
EUR/USD		1.1618
EUR/JPY		171.66
EUR/SEK		11.1276
EUR/DKK		7.4643
EUR/NOK		11.7811
EUR/CHF		0.9352
EUR/AUD		1.7901
EUR/HKD		9.0343
EUR/CAD		1.6077

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1578
GBP/USD	1.3452
GBP/CAD	1.8614
GBP/NZD	2.3005
GBP/JPY	198.75
GBP/SEK	12.8838
GBP/DKK	8.6408
GBP/NOK	13.6429
GBP/CHF	1.0828
GBP/AUD	2.0727

Dollar					
USD/JPY	147.75				
USD/CAD	1.3839				
USD/CHF	0.8049				
USD/CNY	7.1593				
USD/BRL	5.4312				
USD/RUB	80.5				
USD/INR	87.701				
AUD/USD	0.6487				
NZD/USD	0.5844				



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

1.40

4.30 4.20 4.10

4.00

3.90 3.80

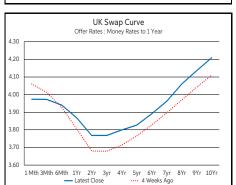
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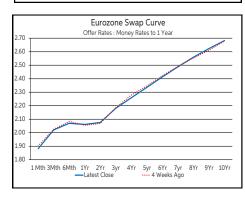
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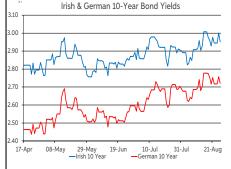
1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr
Latest Close







4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets					
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.26	-2	-7	-32	
Germany	2.72	-4	+3	+36	
UK	4.74	+5	+10	+17	
Ireland	2.99	-2	+5	+34	
Belgium	3.29	-3	+8	+31	
France	3.50	-0	+15	+30	
Italy	3.59	-3	+5	+6	
Spain	3.32	-5	+4	+25	
Portugal	3.16	-3	+4	+31	
Greece	3.44	-2	+5	+19	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.62	-5	-16	-67	
Eurozone	2.32	-4	-2	+9	
UK	4.09	+5	+8	-20	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.67	-6	-21	-67	
Eurozone	2.07	-3	+1	-12	
UK	3.99	+2	+8	-50	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	27	+1	+2	-2	
Belgium	57	+1	+5	-5	
France	78	+3	+12	-5	
Italy	86	+0	+2	-29	
Spain	60	-1	+1	-10	
Portugal	44	+1	+1	-5	
Greece	72	+2	+1	-17	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	67.22	-2.30	-7.30	-9.94	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3392.3	+0.77	+1.98	+29.29	

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