

Another muted day on the FX front

There was a more cautious tone to investor sentiment yesterday. This was reflected in most of the main global equity indices ending the day lower. At the close last night on Wall Street, the S&P 500 was down 0.8% on the day. Meanwhile, bond yields edged down amid the risk averse mood.

On the currency front, the action was once again confined to narrow ranges. This was not surprising given the dearth of any major macro releases for the market to digest. The lack of moves over the past 24 hours sees the main pairs commence this morning at levels very similar to yesterday's open.

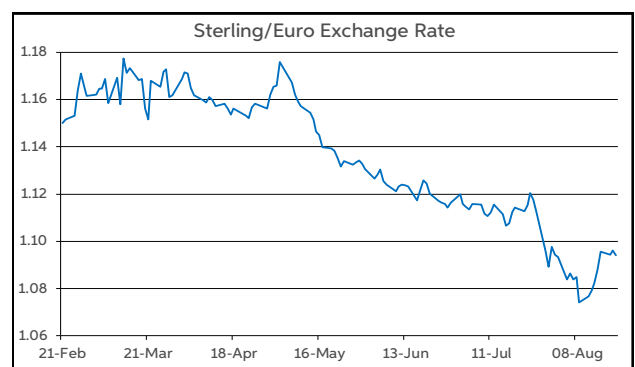
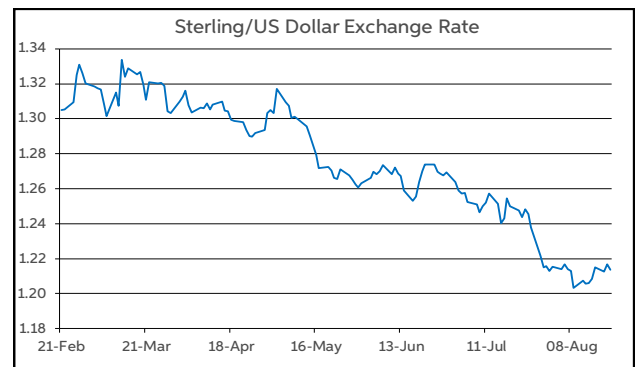
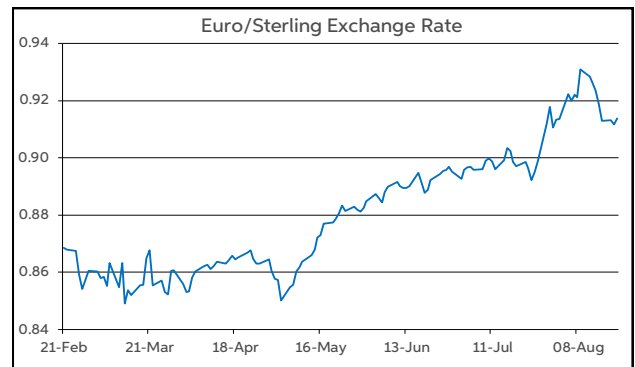
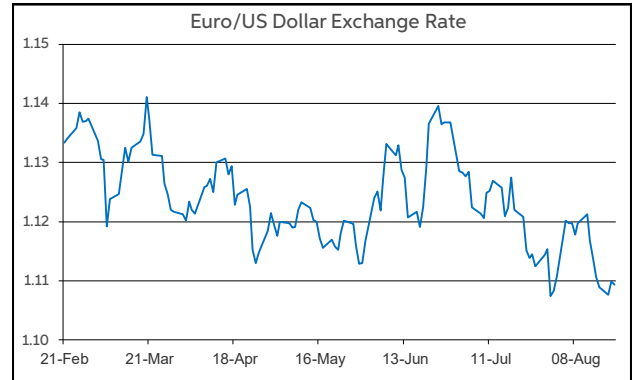
EUR/USD remains pinned down just below the \$1.11 mark. EUR/GBP continues to operate in the lower half of the 91-92p range. Meantime, cable (GBP/USD) is changing hands within the \$1.21-1.22 band.

Ahead today, the macro data release schedule is once again on the dull side. Indeed, the Eurozone diary contains nothing of any significance, meaning the euro could struggle for direction.

From a sterling viewpoint, the only data highlight is public finance figures for July, which are not expected to generate much reaction in the currency. However, given sterling's sensitivity to Brexit newsflow, there is some event risk for the currency, with UK PM Boris Johnson due to meet the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel.

For the dollar, existing home sales is the main data release of note. Meanwhile, the Fed meeting minutes will be looked to for additional insight into its recent decision to cut rates. However, the market may already be looking ahead to Fed Chair Powell's speech on Friday for a more timely update on its rate outlook.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2018
EUR/USD	1.1094	0.08	-3.27
EUR/GBP	0.914	0.01	1.74
GBP/USD	1.2138	0.07	-4.85
GBP/EUR	1.0938	-0.01	-1.71
USD/JPY	106.46	-0.08	-2.83
EUR/JPY	118.11	-0.02	-6.05

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term		
	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	2.125	2.17	2.15	1.95	1.52	1.41
EUR	0.00	-0.41	-0.42	-0.40	-0.54	-0.50
GBP	0.75	0.71	0.76	0.85	0.70	0.64

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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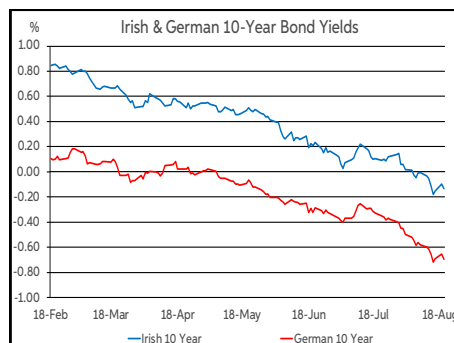
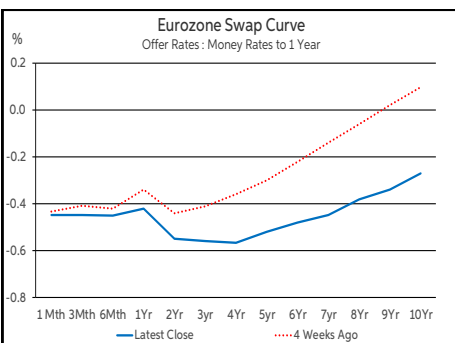
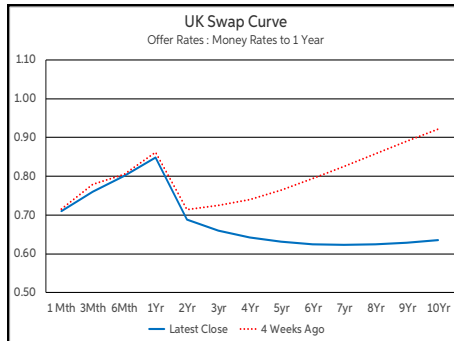
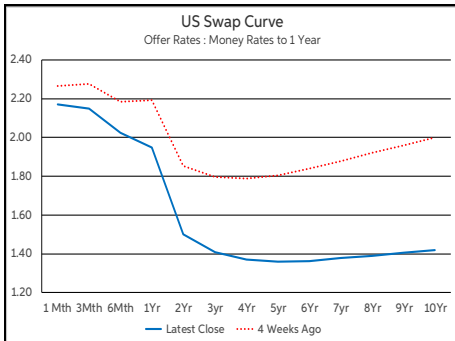
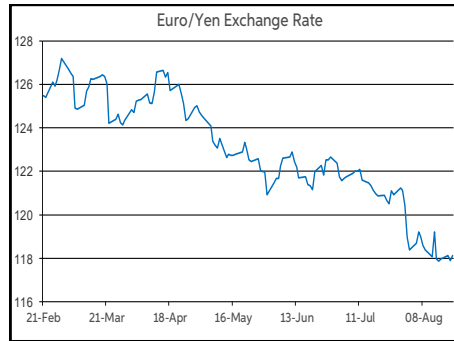
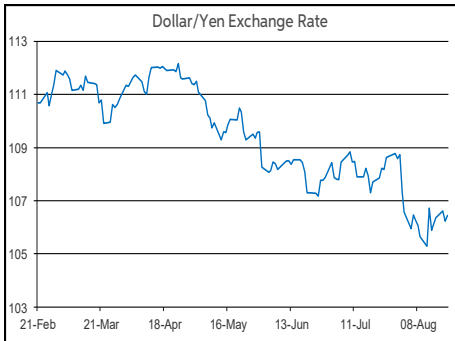
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.914	GBP/EUR	1.0938	USD/JPY	106.46
EUR/USD	1.1094	GBP/USD	1.2138	USD/CAD	1.331
EUR/JPY	118.11	GBP/CAD	1.6156	USD/CHF	0.979
EUR/SEK	10.7386	GBP/NZD	1.8939	USD/CNY	7.0562
EUR/DKK	7.4563	GBP/JPY	129.22	USD/BRL	4.053
EUR/NOK	9.9762	GBP/SEK	11.7426	USD/RUB	66.375
EUR/CHF	1.0862	GBP/DKK	8.1556	USD/INR	71.56
EUR/AUD	1.6364	GBP/NOK	10.9111	AUD/USD	0.6778
EUR/HKD	8.6993	GBP/CHF	1.1884	NZD/USD	0.6405
EUR/CAD	1.4761	GBP/AUD	1.7902		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18
10 Year Yield %				
US	1.55	-6	-53	-113
Germany	-0.69	-4	-34	-93
UK	0.45	-2	-24	-82
Ireland	-0.14	-4	-24	N/A
Belgium	-0.36	-4	-33	-112
France	-0.42	-5	-32	-112
Italy	1.36	-7	-24	-136
Spain	0.07	-4	-30	-134
Portugal	0.11	-4	-33	-159
Greece	1.95	-5	-6	-234
5 Year Swap %				
US	1.36	-6	-44	-120
Eurozone	-0.52	-3	-22	-75
UK	0.63	-2	-13	-68
2 Year Swap %				
US	1.50	-5	-35	-114
Eurozone	-0.55	-2	-11	-41
UK	0.69	-2	-3	-48
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	56	+0	+10	N/A
Belgium	34	+0	+1	-19
France	28	-1	+1	-19
Italy	205	-3	+10	-43
Spain	77	+0	+4	-41
Portugal	81	+0	+0	-66
Greece	265	-1	+28	-141

Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18
Brent Oil	60.03	+0.49	-5.95	+11.58
West Texas Oil	56.18	-0.11	-0.71	+24.43
Gold \$	1507.4	+0.79	+6.32	+17.49

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