## **Morning Comment**

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## Narrow FX ranges

Last week was for the most part bereft of action on the currency front. This was in large part due to an uneventful macro data/event calendar. The main pairs were confined to narrow ranges over the period. In level terms, EUR/USD mostly traded within the \$1.13-1.14 range. The EUR/GBP pair was changing hands in the 89-90p trading band. Overnight, renewed optimism regarding US/China trade relations, following weekend talks, has seen the Nikkei gain over 2% and the yen weaken, with USD/JPY above ¥108.

Ahead this week, the main focus from a data perspective will be on the US, with non-farm payrolls for June due. In May, payrolls printed much weaker than expected, with a reading of 75,000. This created an unhelpful backdrop for the dollar as it reinforced market expectations that the Fed could have to implement a number of rate cuts. Consensus forecasts are for a gain of 158,000 in June. However, if we got another significant downward surprise, it could bring some pressure to bear on the dollar. The other main US releases of note are the unemployment rate, earnings and ISMs.

For sterling, the main highlights are the PMI surveys for June. The manufacturing index is anticipated to have remained in contraction territory. The services PMI is expected to indicate a modest pace of growth in the sector. From a currency viewpoint, with the market awaiting clarity on Brexit (not expected over coming weeks) the data may not generate much reaction from sterling.

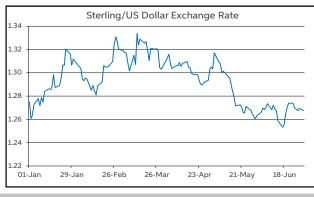
On the euro's side, the coming week is very dull in terms of macro releases. As a result, the currency is unlikely to get much direction from Eurozone data. Instead, attention may centre on attempts by EU leaders to agree on candidates for key EU positions, including that of ECB President. Talks are on-going this morning after yesterday's discussions were deadlocked. John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB

Opening Interest Rates							
	Short Term			Long Term			
E	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	2.375	2.40	2.32	2.18	1.83	1.79	
EUR	0.00	-0.39	-0.35	-0.21	-0.38	-0.22	
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.77	0.95	0.84	0.90	
Equity Indices							
		% Changes					
	Latest Close		on	Day	End 201	.8 to Date	
Dow Jones	26599.96		+(	+0.28		+14.03	
S&P 500	2941.76		+(	+0.58		+17.35	
FTSE 100	7425.63		+(	+0.31		+10.37	
DJ Stoxx 50	3473.69		+(	+0.91		+15.73	
ISEQ	6152.63		+(	+0.74		+12.28	
Nikkei	21729.97		+2	+2.13		+8.57	

Today's Opening Rates				
	<i>y</i> 1	% Change		
		Day *	End 2018	
EUR/USD	1.1325	-0.33	-1.26	
EUR/GBP	0.8933	-0.38	-0.57	
GBP/USD	1.2675	0.03	-0.64	
GBP/EUR	1.1189	0.38	0.57	
USD/JPY	108.4	0.72	-1.06	
EUR/JPY	122.76	0.38	-2.35	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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## All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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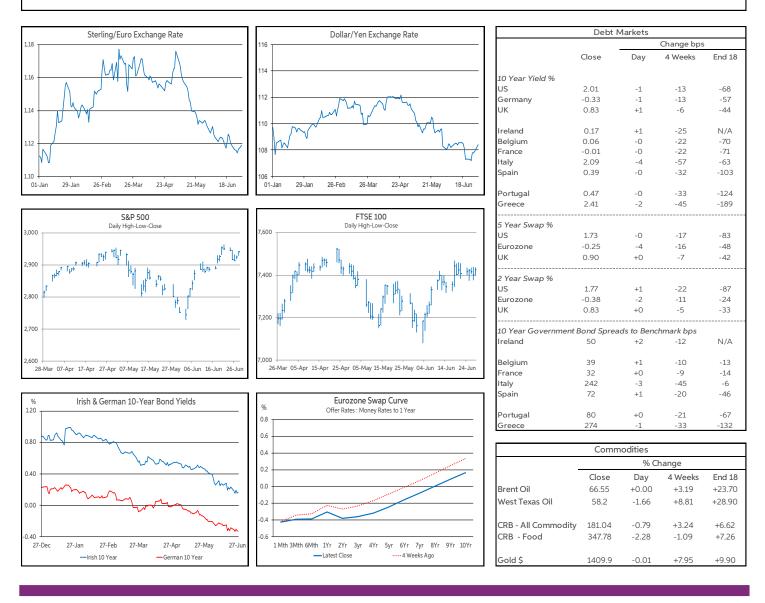
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EUR/GBP	0.8934
EUR/USD	1.1326
EUR/JPY	122.77
EUR/SEK	10.5469
EUR/DKK	7.4638
EUR/NOK	9.6697
EUR/CHF	1.1141
EUR/AUD	1.6194
EUR/HKD	8.8442
EUR/CAD	1.4836

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.119	
GBP/USD	1.2675	
GBP/CAD	1.6604	
GBP/NZD	1.8927	
GBP/JPY	137.37	
GBP/SEK	11.7981	
GBP/DKK	8.3517	
GBP/NOK	10.8239	
GBP/CHF	1.2469	
GBP/AUD	1.8124	

Dollar			
USD/JPY	108.38		
USD/CAD	1.31		
USD/CHF	0.9836		
USD/CNY	6.8442		
USD/BRL	3.8508		
USD/RUB	62.9448		
USD/INR	68.955		
AUD/USD	0.6993		
NZD/USD	0.6697		



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