Morning Comment

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Busy day on the Brexit front

Brexit very much dominated the newsflow yesterday. The market was digesting Friday evening's agreement by the UK cabinet on its post-Brexit EU trade proposals, as well as subsequent cabinet resignations. This in turn resulted in some volatility for sterling. Although, it must be noted that while the currency did show some sensitivity to the raft of headlines, the moves in sterling were within recent ranges.

So as trading gets underway this morning, the currency is weaker versus 24 hours earlier, but the losses are modest. In level terms, the EUR/GBP pair is changing hands in the upper half of the 88-89p range. Meantime, cable (GBP/USD) has been unable to hold the \$1.33 level and starts the European session in the lower half of the \$1.32-1.33 band.

Elsewhere, there was a very sparse schedule to both the Eurozone and US macro diaries. As a result, there was little to provide direction to the respective currencies. EUR/USD has been mostly trading in a tight range near \$1.175.

Looking ahead to today, there is busier macro agenda. In the UK, we get industrial output and trade data for May as well as the first release of the new monthly GDP estimate. The highlight from the Eurozone calendar is the German ZEW for July. Meantime in the US, the main release of note is the NFIB measure of small business sentiment for June.

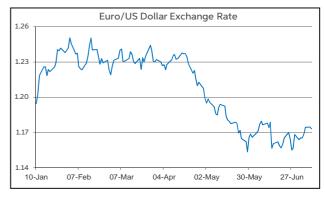
Currency-wise, while the data schedule contains some useful/important updates, unless any of the data spring a major surprise, the market may remain somewhat distracted by Brexit related headlines. Against this backdrop, sterling remains vulnerable to some volatility.

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Opening Interest Rates						
		Short Term			Long Term	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.875	2.08	2.33	2.78	2.80	2.88
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.32	-0.18	-0.17	0.27
GBP	0.50	0.54	0.72	1.01	1.06	1.30

Equity Indices				
		% Changes		
	Latest Close	on Day	End 2017 to Date	
Dow Jones	24776.59	+1.31	+0.23	
S&P 500	2784.17	+0.88	+4.14	
FTSE 100	7687.99	+0.92	+0.00	
DJ Stoxx 50	3460.44	+0.35	-1.24	
ISEQ	7013.12	+0.17	-0.36	
Nikkei	22196.89	+0.66	-2.50	

Today's Opening Rates					
		% CI	% Change		
		Day *	End 2017		
EUR/USD	1.1734	-0.23	-2.18		
EUR/GBP	0.8869	0.28	-0.16		
GBP/USD	1.3227	-0.53	-2.11		
GBP/EUR	1.1269	-0.28	0.16		
USD/JPY	111.07	0.57	-1.42		
EUR/JPY	130.35	0.36	-3.57		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8869
EUR/USD	1.1734
EUR/JPY	130.35
EUR/SEK	10.247
EUR/DKK	7.453
EUR/NOK	9.4029
EUR/CHF	1.1645
EUR/AUD	1.573
EUR/HKD	9.2092
EUR/CAD	1.5403

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1269			
GBP/USD	1.3227			
GBP/CAD	1.7361			
GBP/NZD	1.9341			
GBP/JPY	146.91			
GBP/SEK	11.545			
GBP/DKK	8.3988			
GBP/NOK	10.5944			
GBP/CHF	1.3125			
GBP/AUD	1.7729			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	111.07			
USD/CAD	1.3126			
USD/CHF	0.9923			
USD/CNY	6.6134			
USD/BRL	3.8714			
USD/RUB	62.3325			
USD/INR	68.82			
AUD/USD	0.746			
NZD/USD	0.6837			

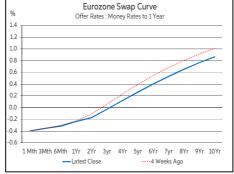












Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 17		
10 Year Yield %						
US	2.86	+3	-9	+45		
Germany	0.30	+1	-19	-12		
UK	1.27	+1	-13	+9		
Ireland	0.79	+2	-25	N/A		
Belgium	0.67	+0	-24	+6		
France	0.64	+1	-21	-14		
Italy	2.66	-5	-17	+67		
Spain	1.28	-2	-14	-27		
Portugal	1.77	-1	-20	-13		
Greece	3.87	-4	-56	-18		
US Eurozone UK	2.87 0.26 1.30	+2 +0 -3	-6 -13 -5	+62 -5 +26		
2 Year Swap %						
US -	2.78	+1	-1	+70		
Eurozone	-0.17	-0	-6	-3		
UK	1.04	-2	+2	+24		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	48	+1	-7	N/A		
Belgium	37	-1	-5	+17		
France	34	-O	-2	-2		
Italy	236	-6	+2	+78		
Spain	98	-3	+5	-15		
Portugal	147	-3	-1	-1		
Greece	357	-6	-37	-6		

Commodities					
_	% Change				
_	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 17	
Brent Oil	78.07	+1.24	+2.11	+16.75	
West Texas Oil	73.93	+0.20	+11.85	+22.28	
CRB - All Commodity	198.23	+0.09	-0.58	+2.25	
CRB - Food	349.46	+0.62	-2.01	+3.99	
Gold \$	1258.2	+0.19	-3.26	-3.41	

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