# **Morning Comment**

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### Limited FX action

Currency markets adopted a subdued tone yesterday. As expected, the second day of Fed Chair Powell's congressional testimony provided no fresh insights into the central bank's policy outlook. Meanwhile, the release of the ECB's account of its June meeting merely served to confirm that it is considering further monetary easing, as outlined by a host of recent Governing Council speakers.

Data-wise, the US headline rate of inflation in June came in at 1.6%, in line with expectations. This represented a slight moderation from May, largely due to lower oil prices compared to a year earlier. The core measure did surprise slightly to the upside (2.1% vs f'cast 2.0%). Overall, dollar impact was limited. However, the better than expected core data may have helped bond yields continue to edge higher globally. US 10-year Treasury yields rose by 8bps to 2.14%.

In level terms, the muted action on currency markets sees the main pairs open this morning broadly unchanged from 24 hours previous. EUR/USD remains above the midpoint of the \$1.12-1.13 band, while EUR/GBP is trading just below the 90p mark. Elsewhere, cable GBP/USD continues to change hands in the \$1.25-26 range.

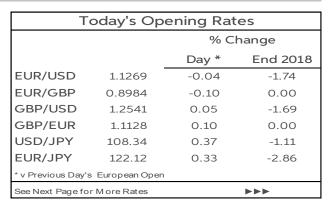
Turning to the day ahead, the only macro release of any note is the May reading of Eurozone industrial production. The expectation is for a 0.2% rise. However, there is the potential for an upside surprise, given very strong French and Italian data published on Wednesday. In any case, it is unlikely that today's release will prompt much of a move in the euro

Elsewhere, the UK and US schedules are barren. Therefore, it would not be surprising to see the dollar and sterling continue to range trade heading into the weekend.

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Opening Interest Rates						
		Short Term			Long Term	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	2.375	2.33	2.30	2.19	1.90	1.86
EUR	0.00	-0.39	-0.36	-0.25	-0.39	-0.19
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.77	0.89	0.80	0.88

Equity Indices				
		% Changes		
	Latest Close	on Day	End 2018 to Date	
Dow Jones	27088.08	+0.85	+16.12	
S&P 500	2999.91	+0.23	+19.67	
FTSE 100	7509.82	-0.28	+11.62	
DJ Stoxx 50	3496.73	-0.14	+16.50	
ISEQ	6276.12	+0.66	+14.53	
Nikkei	21677.5	+0.16	+8.31	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8984
EUR/USD	1.127
EUR/JPY	122.11
EUR/SEK	10.5552
EUR/DKK	7.467
EUR/NOK	9.6048
EUR/CHF	1.1148
EUR/AUD	1.6097
EUR/HKD	8.8145
EUR/CAD	1.468

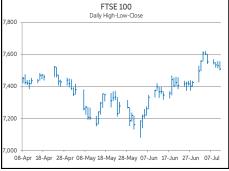
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1128		
GBP/USD	1.2541		
GBP/CAD	1.6331		
GBP/NZD	1.8759		
GBP/JPY	135.87		
GBP/SEK	11.7433		
GBP/DKK	8.3088		
GBP/NOK	10.6876		
GBP/CHF	1.2407		
GBP/AUD	1.7914		

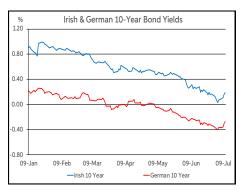
Dollar				
USD/JPY	108.34			
USD/CAD	1.3025			
USD/CHF	0.989			
USD/CNY	6.8721			
USD/BRL	3.7562			
USD/RUB	62.8237			
USD/INR	68.57			
AUD/USD	0.7			
NZD/USD	0.6683			

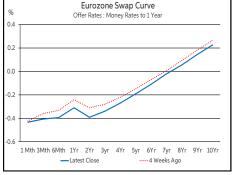












	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18
10 Year Yield %				
US	2.14	+8	+5	-54
Germany	-0.27	+4	-3	-51
UK	0.83	+8	+0	-43
Ireland	0.19	+3	-8	N/A
Belgium	0.09	+4	-8	-67
France	0.02	+4	-9	-68
Italy	1.70	-3	-66	-102
Spain	0.47	+4	-7	-94
Portugal	0.56	+6	-8	-115
Greece	2.22	-2	-44	-208
US Eurozone UK	1.86 -0.19 0.87	+6 +2 +4	+5 -4 -5	-70 -42 -44
2 Year Swap % US	1.07	. 4	. 2	77
	1.87	+1	+2 -8	-77
Eurozone UK	-0.39 0.79	-1 +2	-8 -8	-25 -37
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark hns	
Ireland	46	-1	-6	N/A
Belgium	36	-0	-6	-16
France	29	-0	-6	-18
Italy	197	-7	-63	-51
Spain	74	-0	-4	-44
Portugal	83	+2	-5	-64
Greece	249	-6	-42	-157

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18
Brent Oil	66.52	-0.73	+8.50	+23.64
West Texas Oil	59.93	-0.58	+14.41	+32.74
CRB - All Commodity	183.68	-0.27	+5.31	+8.17
CRB - Food	348.25	+1.20	-0.37	+7.41
Gold \$	1404.4	-1.04	+4.59	+9.47

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