Morning Comment

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Packed macro schedule this week

The moves on currency markets last week were generally confined to narrow ranges. Although, sterling did make some gains. This may have been linked to optimism surrounding the EU-UK trade talks and the unveiling of more fiscal stimulus.

In level terms, the support for sterling sees EUR/GBP start this week at the midpoint of the 89-90p band. At the same time, cable (GBP/USD) is changing hands above the \$1.26 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/USD opens above the \$1.13 mark, having oscillated around this handle for much of last week.

This week, the ECB will hold its July policy meeting. However, with no changes to policy expected it may be a non-event for the euro. Although, markets will be interested to hear the Governing Council's latest assessment of economic conditions. The European Council will also hold a special summit on Friday to try and agree on the EU Budget for 2021-27, which includes the Recovery Fund.

In the UK, there is a raft of data due. This includes the latest monthly estimate of GDP and labour market bulletin (both May), as well as the June print of CPI. The data are expected to provide further evidence of a partial recovery in the economy following the severe lockdown in April. However, the extent of the recovery may be limited as many Covid-19 restrictions remained in place in the month. Sterling impact, barring any surprises, could be limited.

Across the Atlantic, the highlight is the retail sales report for June. Industrial production figures for the same month and the July reading of the 'Uni of Michigan' measure of consumer confidence will also feature. Overall though, the dollar may prove more reactive to shifts in investor sentiment this week than to the data. **Conor Beakey, Economist, AIB**

Т	oday's Oper	ning FX Ra	tes
		% C	hange
		Day *	End 2019
EUR/USD	1.1323	0.48	1.01
EUR/GBP	0.8951	-0.04	5.88
GBP/USD	1.2649	0.52	-4.60
GBP/EUR	1.1168	0.04	-5.55
USD/JPY	106.89	-0.04	-1.58
EUR/JPY	121.06	0.45	-0.63
* v Previous Day's E	uropean 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	0.125	0.18	0.27	0.23	0.23	0.34
EUR	0.00	-0.50	-0.44	-0.39	-0.38	-0.33
GBP	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.19	0.15	0.21









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterl	Sterling	
EUR/GBP	0.8951	GBP/EUR	1.1168	
EUR/USD	1.1323	GBP/USD	1.2649	
EUR/JPY	121.06	GBP/CAD	1.7163	
EUR/SEK	10.3954	GBP/NZD	1.9245	
EUR/DKK	7.4476	GBP/JPY	135.22	
EUR/NOK	10.6497	GBP/SEK	11.6071	
EUR/CHF	1.064	GBP/DKK	8.3179	
EUR/AUD	1.6242	GBP/NOK	11.893	
EUR/HKD	8.7753	GBP/CHF	1.1884	
EUR/CAD	1.5363	GBP/AUD	1.8143	

Do	ollar
USD/JPY	106.89
USD/CAD	1.3569
USD/CHF	0.9395
USD/CNY	7.0004
USD/BRL	5.3238
USD/RUB	70.6558
USD/INR	75.15
AUD/USD	0 697
	0.6568



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