Morning Comment

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EUR/GBP back up above 90p

There was mixed tone to investor sentiment yesterday. Risk appetite was supported by some positive corporate newsflow as the earnings reporting season for Q2 got underway. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 1.6% on the day. This 'risk-on' mood carried over into the start on Wall Street. However, this was not sustained. The S&P 500 was down around 1% at the closing bell last night.

The action on currency markets was once again confined to relatively narrow ranges. Of the moves to register, sterling came under some downward pressure, ceding some of the ground it had made last week. This is reflected in EUR/GBP opening this morning back above the 90p mark. The softer tone to sterling is also evident in GBP/USD unable to hold onto the \$1.26 threshold.

Elsewhere, the euro had spent much of yesterday edging higher against the dollar. However, the more risk averse mood to market sentiment overnight has seen the pair move lower. As a result, EUR/USD is changing hands this morning broadly similar to 24 hours earlier.

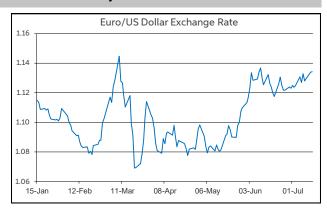
Already today the May estimate of UK GDP has been published. The monthly growth rate disappointed versus expectations, printing at 1.8% (f'cast 5.5%). This suggests the rebound in activity may not be as quick as had been anticipated. In year-on-year terms, GDP fell by 24% in May.

While there has so far been limited reaction from sterling to the release, it may make it more challenging for the currency to get back on the front foot today. Turning to the rest of the day, the June print of US CPI is the only item of note on the macro diary, but dollar impact is likely to be negligible.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
	_	Day *	End 2019	
EUR/USD	1.1342	0.19	1.18	
EUR/GBP	0.9041	1.05	6.94	
GBP/USD	1.2543	-0.86	-5.40	
GBP/EUR	1.1055	-1.04	-6.49	
USD/JPY	107.26	0.36	-1.24	
EUR/JPY	121.67	0.56	-0.13	
* v Previous Day's European 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	0.17	0.28	0.24	0.24	0.34	
EUR	0.00	-0.50	-0.44	-0.36	-0.37	-0.33	
GBP	0.10	0.07	0.09	0.19	0.16	0.23	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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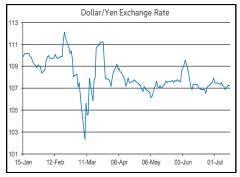
Opening Levels



Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.9041
EUR/USD	1.1342
EUR/JPY	121.67
EUR/SEK	10.4202
EUR/DKK	7.4441
EUR/NOK	10.7133
EUR/CHF	1.0682
EUR/AUD	1.6327
EUR/HKD	8.7907
EUR/CAD	1.5443

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1055		
GBP/USD	1.2543		
GBP/CAD	1.7078		
GBP/NZD	1.92		
GBP/JPY	134.54		
GBP/SEK	11.5172		
GBP/DKK	8.2305		
GBP/NOK	11.8409		
GBP/CHF	1.1809		
GBP/AUD	1.8059		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.26			
USD/CAD	1.361			
USD/CHF	0.9415			
USD/CNY	7.0104			
USD/BRL	5.4029			
USD/RUB	70.8246			
USD/INR	75.44			
AUD/USD	0.6945			
NZD/USD	0.6529			



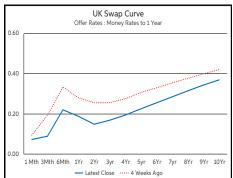
US Swap Curve

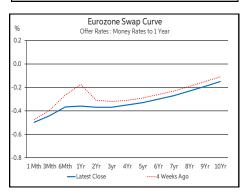
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 19	
10 Year Yield %					
US	0.62	-2	-10	-130	
Germany	-0.42	+5	+3	-23	
UK	0.18	+3	-3	-64	
Ireland	0.01	+4	+0	-11	
Belgium	-0.12	+4	-7	-22	
France	-0.09	+5	-5	-22	
Italy	1.31	+2	-10	-12	
Spain	0.45	+2	-12	-2	
Portugal	0.47	+3	-9	+2	
Greece	1.23	-O	+3	-23	
5 Year Swap %					
US	0.33	+2	-6	-138	
Eurozone	-0.33	+3	-3	-21	
UK	0.23	+2	-7	-65	
2 Year Swap %					
US	0.20	+1	-6	-146	
Eurozone	-0.37	+2	-5	-7	
UK	0.15	+1	-10	-65	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	43	-1	-3	+12	
Belgium	30	-1	-10	+1	
France	32	-1	-8	+1	
Italy	172	-3	-13	+11	
Spain	86	-4	-15	+21	
Portugal	88	-2	-12	+25	
Greece	165	-5	+0	+0	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 19				
Brent Oil	42.72	-1.20	+7.55	-35.27	
West Texas Oil	40.06	-1.23	+8.07	-34.48	
Gold \$	1802.7	+0.24	+4.53	+18.83	

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