Morning Comment

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Dollar little impacted by payrolls

The action on currency markets yesterday was generally confined to narrow trading ranges. This was despite an improvement in risk appetite linked to the release of better than expected labour market data in the US and the Eurozone. On equity markets, this was reflected in the S&P 500 gaining 0.5%, while earlier in the day the Euro Stoxx 50 closed up 2.8%.

Across the Atlantic, non-farm payrolls printed well ahead of expectations at 4.8m in June (f'cast +3m). This in turn saw the jobless rate fall to 11.1% from 12.3%. In the Eurozone, the success of furloughing schemes meant the unemployment rate only edged up to 7.4% in May, from 7.3% (f'cast 7.7%).

The data from both regions, however, should be treated with caution. For the US, the survey period for the report pre-dates the re-introduction of Covid-19 restrictions in the South and West in the second half of June. In the Eurozone, it is unclear as of yet if lay -offs will spike when short-time working schemes end.

In level terms, the lack of reaction to the data sees the main FX pairs trading at levels unchanged from yesterday's open this morning. EUR/USD is operating just below the \$1.125 mark, while EUR/GBP is holding above the 90p level. Meantime, cable (GBP/ USD) is changing hands in the upper half of the \$1.24-1.25 range.

Turning to the day ahead, there is a barren look to the macro schedule. The only items of any note are the final readings of the composite PMIs in the UK and Eurozone. However, they will attract minimal attention from an FX perspective. Overall then, we could be in for a fairly muted session to end the week, especially with US markets closed for the Independence Day holiday.

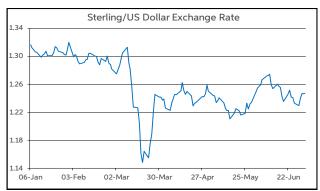
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2019	
EUR/USD	1.1237	-0.24	0.24	
EUR/GBP	0.9007	-0.10	6.54	
GBP/USD	1.2471	-0.17	-5.94	
GBP/EUR	1.1096	0.10	-6.14	
USD/JPY	107.5	0.07	-1.02	
EUR/JPY	120.78	-0.19	-0.86	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates			5		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.125	0.16	0.30	0.25	0.24	0.34
EUR	0.00	-0.51	-0.42	-0.37	-0.38	-0.35
GBP	0.10	0.08	0.14	0.24	0.20	0.26

Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate 1.16 1.14 1.12 1.10 1.08 1.06 03-Feb 06-Jan 02-Mai 30-Mai 27-Apr 25-May 22-Jun







All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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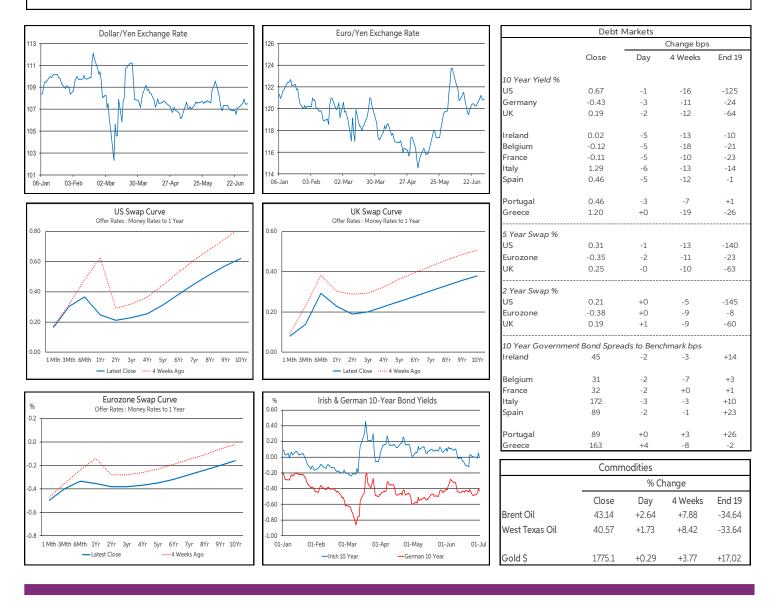
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Euro		
EUR/GBP	0.9008	
EUR/USD	1.1237	
EUR/JPY	120.78	
EUR/SEK	10.47	
EUR/DKK	7.4513	
EUR/NOK	10.707	
EUR/CHF	1.0632	
EUR/AUD	1.6199	
EUR/HKD	8.707	
EUR/CAD	1.5232	

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1096			
GBP/USD	1.2472			
GBP/CAD	1.6905			
GBP/NZD	1.9122			
GBP/JPY	134.06			
GBP/SEK	11.6211			
GBP/DKK	8.2698			
GBP/NOK	11.8796			
GBP/CHF	1.1799			
GBP/AUD	1.7979			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.49			
USD/CAD	1.3557			
USD/CHF	0.9462			
USD/CNY	7.0622			
USD/BRL	5.3596			
USD/RUB	70.2386			
USD/INR	74.7775			
AUD/USD	0.6936			
NZD/USD	0.652			



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