# **Morning Comment**

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### Payrolls Friday

Currency markets retained a subdued tone yesterday. A market holiday in the US, combined with a very quiet macro-data calendar, meant there was little to provide direction.

Indeed, the only release of any note yesterday was the Eurozone retail sales report for May. The data surprised to the downside, as sales dipped by 0.3% (f'cast +0.3%). However, there was no impact on the euro. The data in the region have generally been disappointing in Q2, suggesting that growth likely slowed in the quarter, following a solid performance in Q1.

In level terms, the lack of action on FX markets sees the main pairs open this morning broadly unchanged from 24 hours previous. EUR/GBP remains in the upper half of the 89-90p band, while EUR/USD continues to change hands below the \$1.13 level. Elsewhere, cable (GBP/USD) is trading under the \$1.26 threshold.

Today, the macro-schedule remains very sparse on this side of the Atlantic, meaning there will be little to influence either the euro or sterling. Therefore, the EUR/GBP pair could again be confined to a narrow trading range.

In the US, we get the much anticipated June employment report. Non-farm payrolls expanded by just 75k in May. The forecast for June, though, is for a solid 160k increase. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate looks to have held at the multi-decade low level of 3.6%. The tightness of labour market conditions is projected to see the year-on-year growth rate of average earnings edge back up to 3.2%, from 3.1%. Overall, the release poses some two-way risk for the dollar. The currency could make gains if payrolls surprise to the upside, but lose ground if they disappoint.

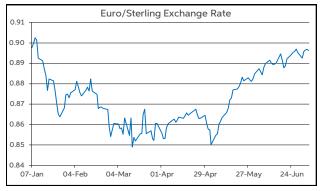
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Short Term			Long Term	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	2.375	2.36	2.30	2.18	1.78	1.72
EUR	0.00	-0.39	-0.35	-0.24	-0.40	-0.28
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.76	0.87	0.72	0.76

Equity Indices				
		% Changes		
	Latest Close	on Day	End 2018 to Date	
Dow Jones	26966	+0.00	+15.60	
S&P 500	2995.82	+0.00	+19.51	
FTSE 100	7603.58	-0.08	+13.01	
DJ Stoxx 50	3544.15	+0.10	+18.08	
ISEQ	6415.6	+1.08	+17.08	
Nikkei	21716.69	+0.07	+8.50	

Today's Opening Rates % Change End 2018 Day \* EUR/USD 1.1274 -0.10 -1.70 EUR/GBP 0.8961 -0.07 -0.26 GBP/USD 1.258 -0.04 -1.39 GBP/EUR 0.07 1 1155 0.26 USD/JPY 107 91 0.12-1 51 **EUR/JPY** 121.67 0.02 -3.21 v Previous Day's European Open See Next Page for More Rates  $\triangleright$ 







All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.896
EUR/USD	1.1274
EUR/JPY	121.67
EUR/SEK	10.529
EUR/DKK	7.4637
EUR/NOK	9.6237
EUR/CHF	1.1111
EUR/AUD	1.6067
EUR/HKD	8.7812
EUR/CAD	1.4729

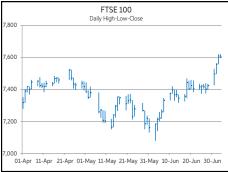
Sterling	l
GBP/EUR	1.1156
GBP/USD	1.258
GBP/CAD	1.6437
GBP/NZD	1.885
GBP/JPY	135.75
GBP/SEK	11.7509
GBP/DKK	8.3279
GBP/NOK	10.741
GBP/CHF	1.2396
GBP/AUD	1.7929

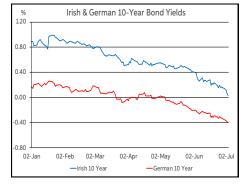
Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.91			
USD/CAD	1.3065			
USD/CHF	0.9852			
USD/CNY	6.8752			
USD/BRL	3.8018			
USD/RUB	63.491			
USD/INR	68.74			
AUD/USD	0.7015			
NZD/USD	0.6672			

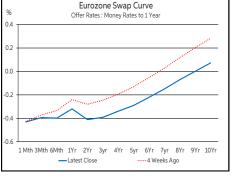












	Debt Markets					
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18		
10 Year Yield %						
US	1.95	-2	-17	-73		
Germany	-0.40	-1	-16	-64		
UK	0.67	-1	-15	-59		
Ireland	0.03	-4	-25	N/A		
Belgium	-0.07	-3	-25	-83		
France	-0.13	-3	-24	-83		
Italy	1.67	+7	-81	-105		
Spain	0.24	+3	-36	-117		
Portugal	0.33	+3	-34	-138		
Greece	2.02	+1	-87	-228		
US Eurozone UK	1.68 -0.29 0.75	-3 -3	-21 -16 -13	-88 -52 -56		
2 Year Swap %						
us	1.76	-2	-16	-88		
Eurozone	-0.41	-1	-13	-27		
UK	0.72	-2	-9	-45		
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	 chmark bps			
Ireland	43	-2	-9	N/A		
Belgium	33	-1	-9	-19		
France	27	-2	-8	-20		
Italy	207	+9	-65	-41		
Spain	64	+4	-20	-54		
Portugal	73	+4	-18	-74		
Greece	242	+2	-71	-164		

Commodities				
_	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18
Brent Oil	63.3	-0.81	+2.64	+17.66
West Texas Oil	57.06	+1.89	+8.50	+26.38
CRB - All Commodity	180.48	+1.48	+3.80	+6.29
CRB - Food	345.81	+0.00	-1.36	+6.66
Gold \$	1416.1	-0.23	+5.97	+10.38

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