Morning Comment

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Data supports investor sentiment

There was an improvement in risk appetite on financial markets last week. Sentiment was aided by some better than expected macro data. These included much stronger than anticipated US labour market and consumer confidence figures for June, as well as the May retail sales report in Germany.

The data was viewed as further evidence that the nascent economic recovery is taking place at faster than anticipated pace. As a result, equities moved higher. On the week, there gains of the 3-4% for the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500, respectively.

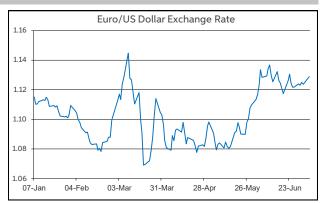
There was, however, no notable impact from the risk-on tone into FX markets. Sterling experienced some weakness in the early part of the week, with EUR/GBP briefly breaching the 91p support level. However, it has since recovered the lost ground.

In overnight action, the euro has adopted a marginally firmer tone as risk appetite has improved further. These small gains are reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning in the upper half of the \$1.12-1.13 band. At the same time, EUR/GBP is changing hands just below the midpoint of the 90-91p range. Elsewhere, cable (GBP/ USD) is operating up at the \$1.25 threshold.

This week, there is a very quiet look to the macro calendar on both sides of the Atlantic. The main items of interest come from the US, with the June print of the non-manufacturing ISM (today) and the latest set of US initial weekly jobless claims numbers due. The latter will be looked to for evidence of a rise in lay-offs as parts of the South and West re-introduce Covid-19 restrictions. Overall though, it is unlikely that the data will attract from attention from an FX perspective, meaning we could be in for a quiet week. Conor Beakey, Economist, AIB

Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2019	
EUR/USD	1.129	0.56	0.71	
EUR/GBP	0.9032	0.23	6.84	
GBP/USD	1.2498	0.31	-5.74	
GBP/EUR	1.1065	-0.23	-6.40	
USD/JPY	107.67	0.16	-0.87	
EUR/JPY	121.57	0.71	-0.21	
* 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	0.28	0.25	0.24	0.35
EUR	0.00	-0.50	-0.44	-0.36	-0.39	-0.34
GBP	0.10	0.08	0.11	0.24	0.20	0.26









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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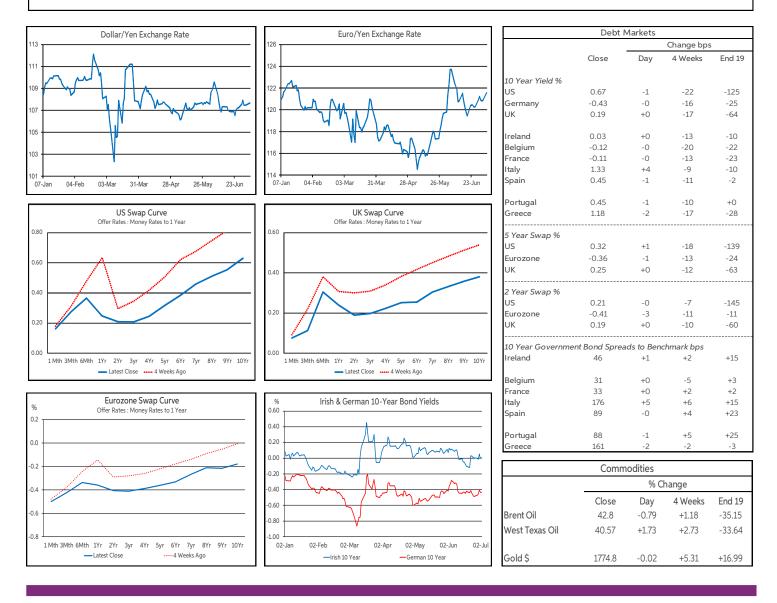
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Eur	0
EUR/GBP	0.9032
EUR/USD	1.129
EUR/JPY	121.57
EUR/SEK	10.4604
EUR/DKK	7.4508
EUR/NOK	10.6296
EUR/CHF	1.0647
EUR/AUD	1.6198
EUR/HKD	8.7506
EUR/CAD	1.5275

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1065	
GBP/USD	1.2498	
GBP/CAD	1.691	
GBP/NZD	1.9061	
GBP/JPY	134.54	
GBP/SEK	11.5735	
GBP/DKK	8.2463	
GBP/NOK	11.7605	
GBP/CHF	1.1785	
GBP/AUD	1.7929	
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Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.67			
USD/CAD	1.3531			
USD/CHF	0.943			
USD/CNY	7.0426			
USD/BRL	5.3143			
USD/RUB	71.0083			
USD/INR	74.71			
AUD/USD	0.6969			
NZD/USD	0.6554			



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