Morning Comment

AIB Treasury Economic Research Unit



Tuesday 07 July 2020 07:52 am

EUR/USD up near \$1.13

Risk appetite got off to a good start to the week yesterday. Sentiment was aided by comments from Chinese state media indicative of government support for equity markets. A number of better than expected data prints also acted as tailwinds.

This included Eurozone retail sales, which increased by 17.8% in May (f'cast +15%). Households have shown some willingness to run down savings built up in the lockdown now restrictions have been eased. Meanwhile, the US non-manufacturing ISM for June also surprised strongly to the upside (57.1 vs f'cast 50.1).

The improvement in risk appetite was reflected in equities making some good gains. In Europe, the main indices finished up between 1.5-2.5% on the day. At the close on Wall Street, the S&P 500 was 1.6% higher. The Nasdaq also hit a record high yesterday

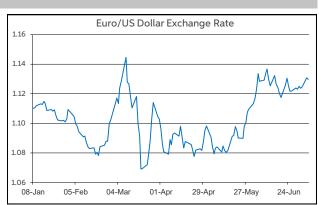
In relation to the main currency pairs, the risk-on mood saw the euro well supported for much of yesterday. Overnight though, it has edged slightly lower. This is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning up close to the \$1.13 level. At the same time, EUR/GBP is changing hands just below the midpoint of the 90-91p band. For cable (GBP/USD), the past 24 hours have been more uneventful, with the pair continuing to operate near the \$1.25 level.

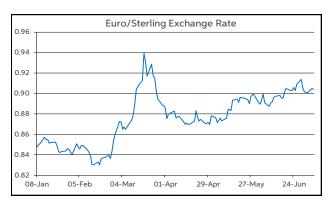
This morning, there was a rare downside data surprise, though market reaction has been muted. German industrial output increased by 7.8% in May (f'cast +10%), indicative of a slower restart to production post lockdown. In relation to the remainder of the day, there is little out from a data perspective to influence the main pairs. As a result, moves in the main pairs, if any, may be linked to shifts in investor sentiment.

Conor Beakey, Economist, AIB

Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
	_	Day *	End 2019	
EUR/USD	1.1296	0.04	0.77	
EUR/GBP	0.9039	0.06	6.92	
GBP/USD	1.2494	-0.01	-5.77	
GBP/EUR	1.1059	-0.06	-6.47	
USD/JPY	107.51	-0.12	-1.01	
EUR/JPY	121.46	-0.07	-0.30	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

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	0.22	0.34
EUR	0.00	-0.50	-0.44	-0.37	-0.39	-0.35
GRP	0.10	0.08	0.11	0.24	0.20	0.26









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

See Next Page for More Rates

See Next Page For More Rates & Charts

FX Spot Karl Cooke Shane Gargan Enda Homan

FX Options Mark Tuite Reuters AIBG.I Morning Comment John Fahey john.j.fahey@aib.ie

Equity Options Gary Luff

Reuters AIBG.I Morning Comment John Fahey john.j.fahey@aib.ie

Tuesday 07 July 2020 07:52 am

Opening Levels



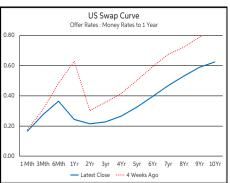
Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.9041
EUR/USD	1.1297
EUR/JPY	121.46
EUR/SEK	10.4635
EUR/DKK	7.4515
EUR/NOK	10.644
EUR/CHF	1.0651
EUR/AUD	1.6254
EUR/HKD	8.7539
EUR/CAD	1.5322

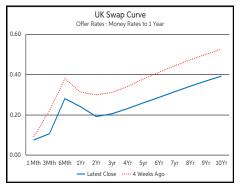
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1057		
GBP/USD	1.2494		
GBP/CAD	1.6947		
GBP/NZD	1.9093		
GBP/JPY	134.34		
GBP/SEK	11.5737		
GBP/DKK	8.2406		
GBP/NOK	11.7665		
GBP/CHF	1.1779		
GBP/AUD	1.7976		

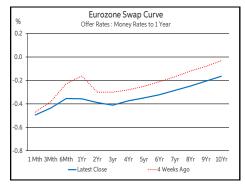
Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.52			
USD/CAD	1.3565			
USD/CHF	0.9427			
USD/CNY	7.0189			
USD/BRL	5.3542			
USD/RUB	71.8362			
USD/INR	74.83			
AUD/USD	0.6948			
NZD/USD	0.6541			













	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps	5	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 19	
10 Year Yield %					
US	0.68	+1	-20	-124	
Germany	-0.43	+0	-11	-25	
UK	0.20	+1	-13	-62	
Ireland	0.02	-1	-12	-10	
Belgium	-0.13	-1	-17	-23	
France	-0.12	-1	-16	-24	
Italy	1.31	-2	-10	-12	
Spain	0.43	-3	-13	-4	
Portugal	0.42	-2	-11	-2	
Greece	1.19	+1	-21	-26	
5 Year Swap %					
US	0.32	+2	-14	-138	
Eurozone	-0.35	-O	-9	-23	
UK	0.26	+1	-10	-62	
2 Year Swap %					
US	0.21	+1	-8	-145	
Eurozone	-0.39	+0	-8	-9	
UK	0.19	+0	-10	-60	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	45	-1	-1	+14	
Belgium	30	-1	-6	+2	
France	32	-1	-5	+1	
Italy	174	-2	+2	+13	
Spain	86	-3	-2	+21	
Portugal	86	-2	+0	+22	
Greece	163	+1	-10	-2	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks			End 19	
Brent Oil	43.1	+0.70	+5.64	-34.70	
West Texas Oil	40.51	-0.15	+6.13	-33.74	
Gold\$	1783.6	+0.49	+5.25	+17.57	

This publication is for information purposes and is not an invitation to deal. The information is believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed. Any expressions of opinions are subject to change without notice. This publication is not to be reproduced in whole or in part without prior permission. In the Republic of Ireland it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. and Allied Irish Banks (GB). In Northern Ireland it is distributed by First Trust Bank. In the United States of America it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., incorporated in Northern Ireland. Registered Office 92 Ann Street, Belfast BT1 3HH. Registered Number NI018800. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. In the United States of America, Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., New York Branch, is a branch licensed by the New York State Department of Financial Services. Deposits and other investment products are not FDIC insured, they are not guaranteed by any bank and they may lose value. Please note that telephone calls may be recorded in line with market practice.