Morning Comment

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Dollar lower on dovish Fed speakers

There was a mixed tone to risk appetite yesterday. Equities came under some downward pressure in the Eurozone, with the main indices falling by between 0.5-1.5%. Across the Atlantic, the S&P 500 gained circa 0.8% on the day.

Meanwhile, the day's macro highlight, the summer economic statement in the UK, had limited impact on sterling. Chancellor of the Exchequer Sunak announced an additional £30bn of stimulus measures in order to aid the nascent economic recovery. This brings the total UK direct fiscal response to the virus to £166bn (7.4% of GDP).

Of the limited action to register on currency markets, the dollar lost some ground yesterday. Dovish comments from a number of Fed speakers may have acted as a headwind. This is reflected in EUR/ USD opening this morning back up at the \$1.135 mark. At the same time, GBP/USD is trading up close to the \$1.26 level. Meantime, EUR/GBP continues to operate just below 90p.

Turning to the day ahead, there is once again a very subdued look to the global macro data schedule. Indeed, the only release of any note is the latest set of initial weekly jobless claims figures in the US. They will be looked to for evidence of how the re-imposition of Covid-19 related restrictions in parts of the South and the West are impacting the labour market.

Overall, though, it's unlikely that the release will generate much of a reaction in the dollar, barring a major surprise. As a result we could be in for another quiet session on forex markets. It is likely to be the case that moves in the main pairs, if any, will be as a result of shifts in risk sentiment.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2019	
EUR/USD	1.1355	0.71	1.29	
EUR/GBP	0.8989	0.11	6.33	
GBP/USD	1.2632	0.62	-4.73	
GBP/EUR	1.1124	-0.11	-5.95	
USD/JPY	107.23	-0.26	-1.27	
EUR/JPY	121.75	0.43	-0.07	
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	0.19	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.32
EUR	0.00	-0.51	-0.44	-0.36	-0.38	-0.34
GBP	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.21	0.18	0.24

Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate







All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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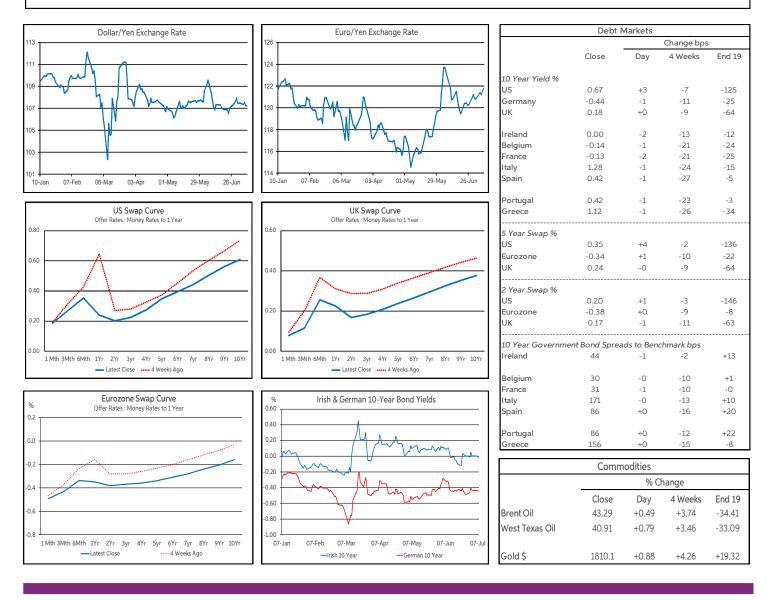
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Euro	C
EUR/GBP	0.8989
EUR/USD	1.1355
EUR/JPY	121.75
EUR/SEK	10.406
EUR/DKK	7.4497
EUR/NOK	10.6417
EUR/CHF	1.0636
EUR/AUD	1.6269
EUR/HKD	8.7988
EUR/CAD	1.5336

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1124	
GBP/USD	1.2632	
GBP/CAD	1.7067	
GBP/NZD	1.9199	
GBP/JPY	135.45	
GBP/SEK	11.5726	
GBP/DKK	8.287	
GBP/NOK	11.8359	
GBP/CHF	1.1832	
GBP/AUD	1.8098	

Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.23			
USD/CAD	1.3512			
USD/CHF	0.9366			
USD/CNY	6.9885			
USD/BRL	5.3422			
USD/RUB	71.029			
USD/INR	75.0025			
AUD/USD	0.6978			
NZD/USD	0.6576			



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