Morning Comment

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Dollar softer, EUR/USD above \$1.13

One of the standout features of the action on financial markets last week was the strong start to June from equity markets after a weak May. The improvement in investor sentiment coincided with dovish tones emanating from both the Fed and ECB. At the close on Wall Street Friday, the S&P 500 was up around 4% on the week.

From a currency viewpoint, the dollar was on the defensive. The dovish tone emanating from a number of Fed speakers, including Chair Powell, reinforced the market view that the next moves from the Fed would be rate cuts and soon. Friday's weaker than expected payroll data for May added even more credence to this view. For the euro, while the ECB did sound more dovish, the extent of this was not to the degree that markets had been expecting. As a result, the euro was slightly higher following the ECB meeting.

Overall then, as trading gets underway this morning, the softer dollar tone is reflected in EUR/USD above the \$1.13 mark and GBP/USD up at \$1.27. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands up at the 89p threshold.

Ahead this week, from a sterling viewpoint, it is a busy data week in the UK. This includes monthly GDP, a raft of labour market updates and industrial production. Meanwhile, the first round of voting in the Conservative party leadership contest gets underway and could provide some headline risk for sterling.

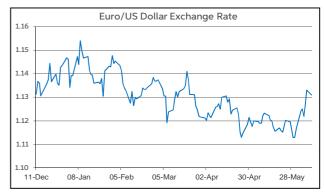
For the dollar, the main releases of note this week are CPI, retail sales and consumer sentiment. If the data add to the view that Fed could soon cut rates, then the dollar may remain on the back foot. In the Eurozone, the macro diary is very quiet. Therefore, any moves in the currency may be driven by the non-euro side.

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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	2.41	2.45	2.35	1.95	1.93
EUR	0.00	-0.38	-0.32	-0.18	-0.30	-0.14
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.78	0.98	0.81	0.86

Equity Indices					
		% Changes			
	Latest Close	on Day	End 2018 to Date		
Dow Jones	25983.94	+1.02	+11.39		
S&P 500	2873.34	+1.05	+14.62		
FTSE 100	7331.94	+0.99	+8.97		
DJ Stoxx 50	3378.38	+1.20	+12.56		
ISEQ	6178.39	+0.84	+12.75		
Nikkei	21134.42	+1.20	+5.59		

Today's Opening Rates % Change Day * End 2018 **EUR/USD** 1.131 0.39 -1 39 EUR/GBP 0.8901 0.30 -0.92 GBP/USD 1.2706 0.09 -0.40 GBP/EUR 1.1233 -0.30 0.93 USD/JPY 108.62 0.14 -0.86 **EUR/JPY** 122 85 0.52-2 28 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		0.8901
EUR/USD		1.131
EUR/JPY		122.85
EUR/SEK		10.6398
EUR/DKK		7.4681
EUR/NOK		9.7591
EUR/CHF		1.1202
EUR/AUD		1.6226
EUR/HKD		8.8695
EUR/CAD		1.4996

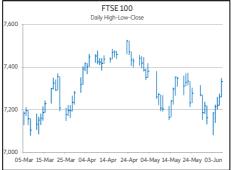
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1233		
GBP/USD	1.2706		
GBP/CAD	1.6849		
GBP/NZD	1.9158		
GBP/JPY	138.01		
GBP/SEK	11.9533		
GBP/DKK	8.389		
GBP/NOK	10.9627		
GBP/CHF	1.2585		
GBP/AUD	1.8227		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	108.62			
USD/CAD	1.3258			
USD/CHF	0.9903			
USD/CNY	6.9308			
USD/BRL	3.8773			
USD/RUB	64.828			
USD/INR	69.46			
AUD/USD	0.6969			
NZD/USD	0.6631			
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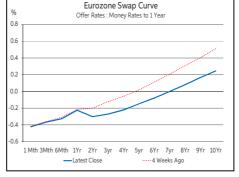












	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18	
10 Year Yield %					
US	2.08	-4	-39	-60	
Germany	-0.26	-2	-21	-50	
UK	0.81	-1	-31	-46	
Ireland	0.26	-2	-25	N/A	
Belgium	0.15	-3	-28	-61	
France	0.08	-3	-26	-62	
Italy	2.34	-13	-34	-37	
Spain	0.54	-6	-43	-87	
Portugal	0.61	-6	-49	-110	
Greece	2.78	-10	-70	-152	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	1.84	-5	-44	-72	
Eurozone	-0.15	-2	-17	-38	
UK	0.86	-3	-31	-46	
 2 Year Swap %					
US	1.88	-4	-48	-76	
Eurozone	-0.30	-2	-10	-16	
UK	0.79	-2	-21	-37	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	52	-O	-4	N/A	
Belgium	41	-1	-7	-11	
France	34	-1	-5	-13	
Italy	260	-11	-13	+12	
Spain	80	-4	-22	-37	
Portugal	87	-4	-28	-60	
Greece	304	-9	-49	-102	

Commodities					
_	% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18	
Brent Oil	63.29	+2.63	-10.38	+17.64	
West Texas Oil	53.95	+2.59	-12.49	+19.49	
CRB - All Commodity	174.42	+0.32	-2.54	+2.72	
CRB - Food	349.54	-1.04	+3.15	+7.81	
Gold \$	1341.1	+0.36	+4.25	+4.54	

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