Morning Comment

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Cautious mood returns to markets

There was a more cautious mood to investor sentiment yesterday. However, there was no overly negative data or newsflow driving this. Instead it may have been a case of some profit taking and markets pausing for breath after a strong rally recently.

This 'risk-off' tone was evident on equity markets. In Europe, most of the main indices fell by at least 1%, with the Euro Stoxx 50 down 1.4%. At the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was down 0.8% on the day. On bond markets, amid the more risk averse tone, the 10-year US treasury yield fell by around 5bps. Meanwhile, the launch of a new Irish government bond attracted very strong demand.

Currency-wise, of the limited moves to register over the past 24 hours, the dollar has been generally holding a softer tone. It has lost ground against a raft of currencies. At the same time, the euro has made some gains on the exchanges.

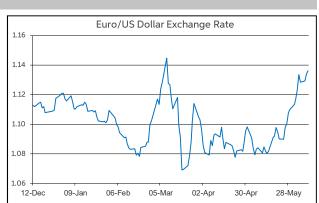
In level terms, the softer tone to the dollar sees EUR/USD open this morning up in \$1.13 territory, at \$1.136. Meantime, GBP/USD has moved into the upper half of the \$1.27-1.28 band. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP has edged higher, with the pair changing hands this morning up near to the 89p threshold.

Today, the macro highlight is the conclusion of the Fed policy meeting for June (after the close in Europe). Given that the fed funds rate is effectively at zero and the central bank is essentially implementing unlimited QE, no policy changes are expected today. Therefore, if the meeting finishes as envisaged, it is unlikely to prompt much of a reaction from the dollar. Meanwhile, the respective macro calendars for the euro and sterling are sparse.

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Today's Opening FX Rates						
		% Change				
		Day * End 2019				
EUR/USD	1.1364	0.71	1.37			
EUR/GBP	0.8898	0.17	5.25			
GBP/USD	1.2767	0.53	-3.71			
GBP/EUR	1.1232	-0.17	-4.99			
USD/JPY	107.46	-0.47	-1.06			
EUR/JPY	122.14	0.25	0.25			
* 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	0.19	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.45
EUR	0.00	-0.48	-0.37	-0.28	-0.29	-0.24
GBD	0.10	0.10	0.20	0.31	0.30	0.30









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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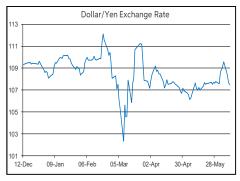
Opening Levels



Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8899			
EUR/USD	1.1363			
EUR/JPY	122.12			
EUR/SEK	10.419			
EUR/DKK	7.4548			
EUR/NOK	10.4758			
EUR/CHF	1.0785			
EUR/AUD	1.6238			
EUR/HKD	8.8058			
EUR/CAD	1.5198			

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1232			
GBP/USD	1.2767			
GBP/CAD	1.7075			
GBP/NZD	1.9476			
GBP/JPY	137.18			
GBP/SEK	11.7002			
GBP/DKK	8.3741			
GBP/NOK	11.767			
GBP/CHF	1.2116			
GBP/AUD	1.8239			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.47			
USD/CAD	1.3374			
USD/CHF	0.9489			
USD/CNY	7.0686			
USD/BRL	4.8998			
USD/RUB	68.4225			
USD/INR	75.433			
AUD/USD	0.6997			
NZD/USD	0.6553			

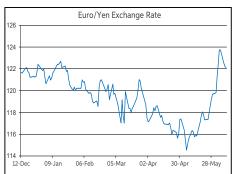


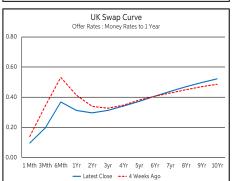
US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

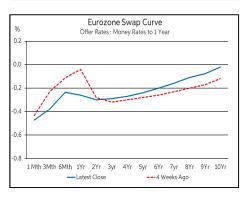
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr

Latest Close --- 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets						
		Change bps				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 19		
10 Year Yield %						
US	0.82	-5	+16	-110		
Germany	-0.31	+1	+20	-12		
UK	0.34	+0	+9	-49		
Ireland	0.15	+1	+1	+3		
Belgium	0.07	+3	+1	-3		
France	0.07	+3	+10	-5		
Italy	1.46	+6	-43	+4		
Spain	0.65	+9	-22	+18		
Portugal	0.60	+6	-33	+15		
Greece	1.46	+6	-69	+1		
5 Year Swap %						
US	0.43	-4	+9	-128		
Eurozone	-0.24	+2	+5	-12		
UK	0.37	+1	+1	-50		
2 Year Swap %						
US	0.28	-1	+3	-138		
Eurozone	-0.30	+1	-1	-0		
UK	0.30	+1	-3	-50		
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps						
Ireland	46	+1	-19	+16		
Belgium	38	+2	-19	+9		
France	39	+2	-10	+8		
Italy	177	+5	-63	+16		
Spain	96	+8	-42	+30		
Portugal	91	+6	-52	+28		
Greece	178	+5	-88	+13		

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 19					
Brent Oil	41.18	+0.93	+37.36	-37.61			
West Texas Oil	38.98	+2.12	+51.32	-36.24			
Gold \$	1714.3 +1.16 +0.72 +13.01						

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