# **Morning Comment**

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### Quiet FX day ahead of Tory leadership vote

For a third consecutive day, the action on currency markets was rather dull yesterday. The main pairs remained within narrow ranges. This lack of action was to be expected given the very unexciting data schedule and ahead of next week's key central bank meetings. Indeed, the only macro highlight of any note was US CPI data for May. Inflation, both headline and core, missed to the downside of expectations, registering readings of 1.8% (f'cast for 1.9) and 2% (vs. f'cast for 2.1) respectively.

So as trading gets underway this morning, the main pairs open at levels similar to 24 hours earlier, with the dollar exhibiting some very slight gains against the euro and sterling. The EUR/USD pair has edged back down to the \$1.13 threshold. Meanwhile, cable (GBP/USD) starts the day just below the \$1.27 mark. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to sit close to the 89p level.

The lack of moves has not just been confined to FX markets. Equity markets have also experienced fairly muted trading conditions over recent days. At the close last night on Wall Street, the S&P 500 was very modestly lower (-0.2%) on the day.

Looking ahead to today, it is another disappointing macro agenda for any data watchers out there. The only release of any note being Eurozone industrial production for April. Therefore, the macro diary does not pose much directional risk to the main currencies today.

However, for sterling, the first round of voting (10am) in the Conservative Party leadership contest (result expected around lunchtime) does provide some potential event risk today. For example, if the first ballot sees a very strong showing from hardline Brexiteer/no deal proponents, then this could weigh on sterling.

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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	2.40	2.43	2.33	1.91	1.84	
EUR	0.00	-0.38	-0.32	-0.18	-0.31	-0.15	
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.79	0.99	0.89	0.93	
Equity Indices							
				% Changes			
	Late	Latest Close		Day	End 201	.8 to Date	
Dow Jones	26	26004.83		-0.17		+11.48	
S&P 500	28	2879.84		-0.20		+14.88	
FTSE 100	73	7367.62		-0.42		+9.50	
DJ Stoxx 50	<b>)</b> 33	3386.63		-0.43		+12.83	
ISEQ	6	6131.58		-1.46		+11.89	
Nikkei	2	21032		-0.46		+5.08	

Today's Opening Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2018	
EUR/USD	1.1301	-0.28	-1.46	
EUR/GBP	0.8903	-0.04	-0.90	
GBP/USD	1.2691	-0.21	-0.52	
GBP/EUR	1.1225	0.04	0.91	
USD/JPY	108.28	-0.19	-1.17	
EUR/JPY	122.38	-0.46	-2.65	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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#### All rates quoted are indicative market rates



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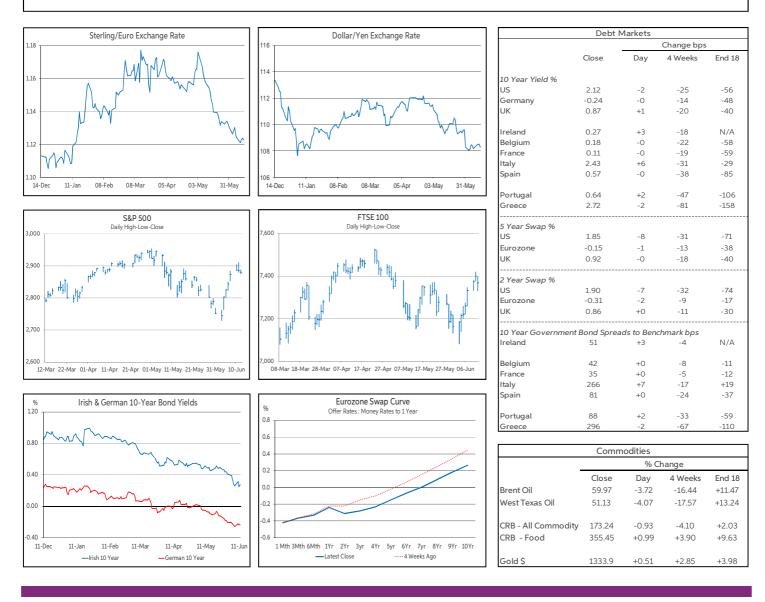
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Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8903
EUR/USD	1.1301
EUR/JPY	122.38
EUR/SEK	10.6981
EUR/DKK	7.4672
EUR/NOK	9.7813
EUR/CHF	1.1238
EUR/AUD	1.6355
EUR/HKD	8.8419
EUR/CAD	1.5056

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1225	
GBP/USD	1.2691	
GBP/CAD	1.6908	
GBP/NZD	1.9302	
GBP/JPY	137.42	
GBP/SEK	12.0099	
GBP/DKK	8.3836	
GBP/NOK	10.9773	
GBP/CHF	1.262	
GBP/AUD	1.8365	

Dollar				
USD/JPY	108.28			
USD/CAD	1.3322			
USD/CHF	0.9943			
USD/CNY	6.9175			
USD/BRL	3.8673			
USD/RUB	64.6925			
USD/INR	69.34			
AUD/USD	0.6908			
NZD/USD	0.6574			



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