

Subdued start to the week

There was a subdued start to the week on currency markets yesterday. The main pairs were largely confined to narrow ranges, as a relatively quiet macro calendar meant there was little to provide direction.

Yesterday's data highlight was the June reading of the German Ifo. It surprised slightly to the upside of expectations. However, the index did still fall to a 55 month low level of 97.4 (f'cast 97.2), indicating that the economy remains on a weak footing. Overall though, the impact on the euro was limited.

So as trading gets underway this morning, EUR/GBP remains in the lower half of the 89-90p band, while EUR/USD is up at the \$1.14 threshold. Meanwhile, GBP/USD continues to change hands close to the midpoint of the \$1.27-1.28 range.

Elsewhere, market sentiment was cautious yesterday. The S&P 500 closed marginally lower, down 0.2% on the day. In overnight trading, the Nikkei dipped by 0.5%. At the same time, there was some further support for bonds. US 10-year Treasury yields fell by 4bps.

Turning to the day ahead, there is once again a very sparse look to the data calendar in the Eurozone and the UK. Therefore, the euro and sterling could struggle for direction.

In the US, the schedule includes the June print of the Conference Board measure of consumer confidence. The index is projected to have dipped in the month. However, barring a major surprise, dollar reaction to the data could be limited. Meanwhile, markets will also keep an eye on today's busy slate of FOMC speakers, which includes Fed Chair Powell.

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Today's Opening Rates

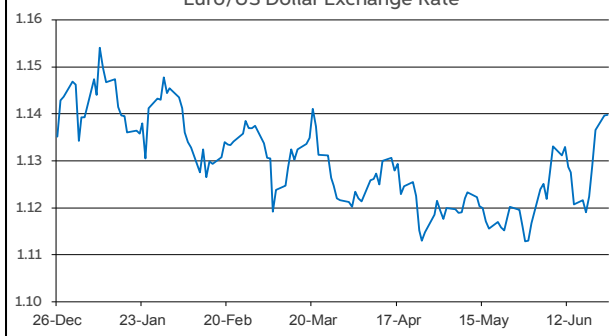
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		Day *	End 2018
EUR/USD	1.1399	0.23	-0.61
EUR/GBP	0.8939	0.20	-0.50
GBP/USD	1.2752	0.02	-0.04
GBP/EUR	1.1186	-0.20	0.50
USD/JPY	106.99	-0.40	-2.35
EUR/JPY	121.97	-0.18	-2.98

* v Previous Day's European Open

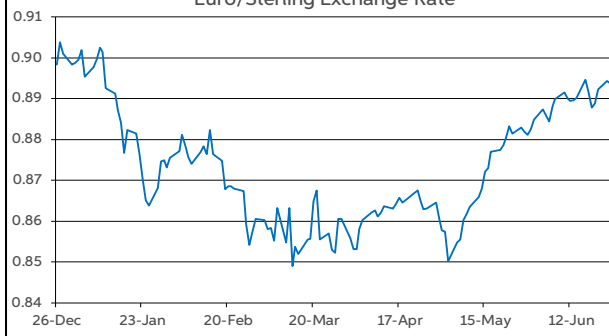
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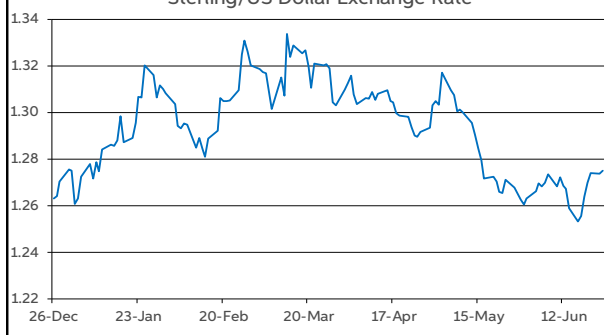
Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate



Euro/Sterling Exchange Rate



Sterling/US Dollar Exchange Rate



Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	2.375	2.40	2.33	2.18	1.73	1.70
EUR	0.00	-0.40	-0.34	-0.21	-0.35	-0.19
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.77	0.96	0.84	0.88

Equity Indices				
	Latest Close	% Changes		
		on Day	End 2018 to Date	
Dow Jones	26727.54	+0.03	+14.58	
S&P 500	2945.35	-0.17	+17.49	
FTSE 100	7416.69	+0.12	+10.23	
DJ Stoxx 50	3455.57	-0.33	+15.13	
ISEQ	6068.66	-1.05	+10.75	
Nikkei	21176.52	-0.51	+5.80	

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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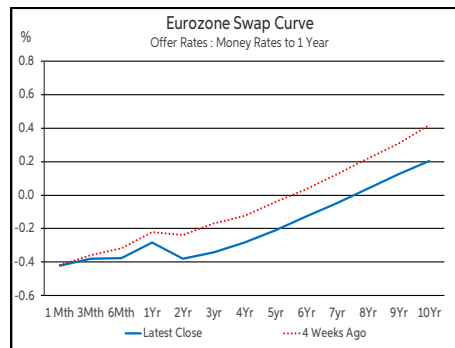
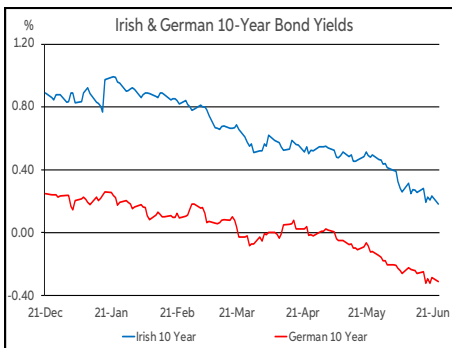
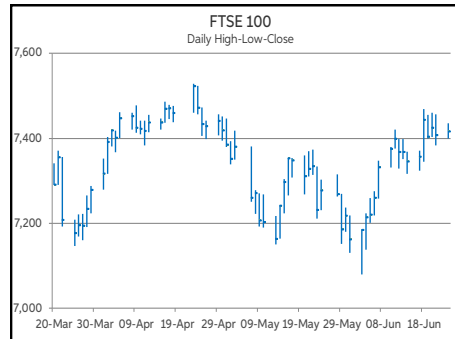
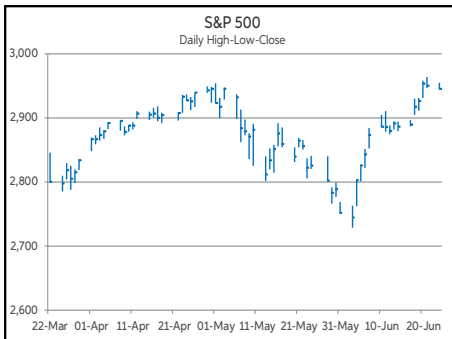
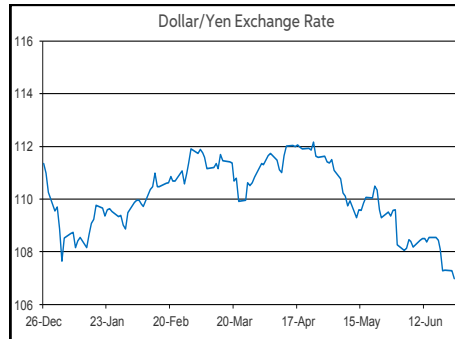
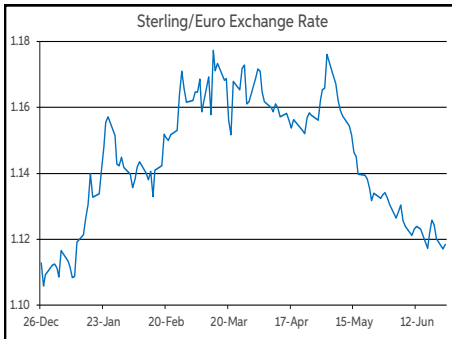
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8939	GBP/EUR	1.1186	USD/JPY	106.99
EUR/USD	1.1399	GBP/USD	1.2752	USD/CAD	1.3186
EUR/JPY	121.97	GBP/CAD	1.6815	USD/CHF	0.972
EUR/SEK	10.582	GBP/NZD	1.9199	USD/CNY	6.8798
EUR/DKK	7.4662	GBP/JPY	136.43	USD/BRL	3.8262
EUR/NOK	9.6802	GBP/SEK	11.8332	USD/RUB	62.5583
EUR/CHF	1.1081	GBP/DKK	8.3523	USD/INR	69.348
EUR/AUD	1.6375	GBP/NOK	10.828	AUD/USD	0.696
EUR/HKD	8.8963	GBP/CHF	1.2392	NZD/USD	0.6642
EUR/CAD	1.5029	GBP/AUD	1.8318		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 18
10 Year Yield %				
US	2.02	-4	-31	-67
Germany	-0.31	-2	-17	-55
UK	0.81	-3	-14	-45
Ireland	0.18	-5	-28	N/A
Belgium	0.09	-2	-27	-67
France	0.02	-2	-23	-68
Italy	2.15	+0	-50	-56
Spain	0.40	-3	-40	-101
Portugal	0.52	-4	-41	-119
Greece	2.39	-11	-68	-191
5 Year Swap %				
US	1.70	-6	-42	-86
Eurozone	-0.21	-2	-17	-44
UK	0.87	-3	-13	-45
2 Year Swap %				
US	1.72	-5	-48	-92
Eurozone	-0.38	-2	-14	-24
UK	0.83	-2	-9	-33
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	49	-3	-12	N/A
Belgium	40	+0	-10	-13
France	33	+0	-7	-13
Italy	246	+3	-33	-1
Spain	71	-0	-23	-46
Portugal	83	-2	-24	-64
Greece	270	-8	-52	-137

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 18
Brent Oil	64.86	-0.52	-7.49	+20.56
West Texas Oil	57.73	+0.66	-1.15	+27.86
CRB - All Commodity	179.99	+0.83	+0.76	+6.00
CRB - Food	356.37	+0.85	+2.40	+9.91
Gold \$	1420.0	+1.46	+10.45	+10.68

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