Morning Comment

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Another quiet data week ahead

Last week proved to be a relatively uneventful one from a currency market perspective. This reflects the sparse data calendar in both Europe and the US. Although, sterling did experience some volatility. This followed comments from a couple of BoE speakers, which seemed to highlight conflicting views with regard to a timeline for monetary policy tightening.

In level terms, the main FX pairs finished the week broadly in line with where they started it. The EUR/GBP pair continued to trade up near the 88p mark, while cable (GBP/USD) traded around the mid-point of the \$1.27-1.28 band. Meantime, EUR/USD maintained its position close to the \$1.12 level.

In the week ahead, the data/events schedule remains guite light. Most of the releases of note come in the Eurozone. Markets will be paying close attention to flash HICP data for June. Inflation has been on a weakening trend in recent months, which has helped to support the ECB's view that exceptionally loose monetary policy will still be required for some time. Both headline and core inflation are expected to slow further. Such a result could act as somewhat of a drag on the euro.

There is a consumer theme to the US calendar. Positive results are expected from both personal consumption (May) and the timelier Conference Board measure of consumer confidence (June). However, core PCE inflation looks set to slow further in May. Thus, the overall impact on the dollar from the data could be limited.

For sterling, there are no major data releases due in the UK. Although, the currency will remain sensitive to any UK political or Brexit related newsflow. Overall though, barring any updates on this front, sterling pairs could continue to trade near current levels. Dara Turnbull, Economist, AIB

Opening Interest Rates							
		Short Term			Long Term		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	0.875	1.22	1.29	1.73	1.56	1.83	
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.33	-0.16	-0.17	0.14	
GBP	0.25	0.25	0.30	0.67	0.61	0.82	
Equity Indices							
				% Changes			
	Late	st Close	on	Day	End 201	.6 to Date	
Dow Jones	5 21	21394.76		0.01	+8	3.26	
S&P 500	2	2438.3		+0.16		+8.91	
FTSE 100	74	7424.13		-0.20		+3.94	
DJ Stoxx 50) 35	3543.68		-0.34		+7.69	
ISEQ	69	6995.57		-1.31		+7.34	
Nikkei	20	20153.35		+0.10		+5.44	

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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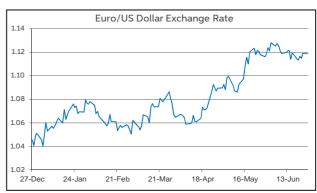
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Today's Opening Rates			
	% Change		hange
		Day *	End 2016
EUR/USD	1.1186	0.22	6.40
EUR/GBP	0.8774	-0.14	3.01
GBP/USD	1.2747	0.37	3.33
GBP/EUR	1.1393	0.14	-2.92
USD/JPY	111.36	0.04	-4.71
EUR/JPY	124.58	0.28	1.17
* v Previous Day's European Open			
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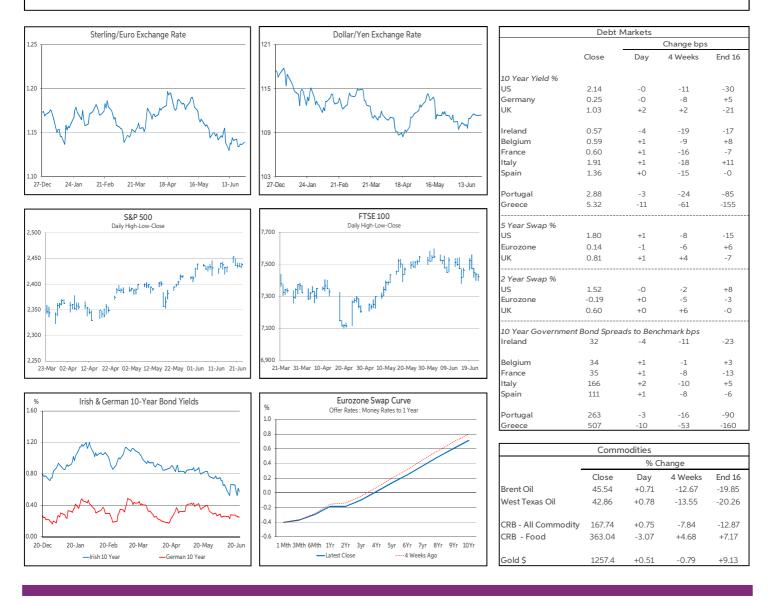


Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8774
EUR/USD	1.1186
EUR/JPY	124.58
EUR/SEK	9.7625
EUR/DKK	7.4366
EUR/NOK	9.443
EUR/CHF	1.0852
EUR/AUD	1.4764
EUR/HKD	8.7213
EUR/CAD	1.4826

Sterling)
GBP/EUR	1.1393
GBP/USD	1.2747
GBP/CAD	1.6895
GBP/NZD	1.7496
GBP/JPY	141.95
GBP/SEK	11.1211
GBP/DKK	8.4743
GBP/NOK	10.7573
GBP/CHF	1.2364
GBP/AUD	1.6825

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Dollar			
USD/JPY	111.36		
USD/CAD	1.3254		
USD/CHF	0.9701		
USD/CNY	6.8435		
USD/BRL	3.3422		
USD/RUB	59.3086		
USD/INR	64.48		
AUD/USD	0.7576		
NZD/USD	0.7284		



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