Morning Comment

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Uneventful 24 hours for EUR/USD and EUR/GBP

There was a generally quiet start to the week on financial markets yesterday. There was no significant macro data or events to have any directional impact. In the US, the National Bureau of Economic Research said the economy peaked in February and has since entered a downturn. This 'officially' brings to an end a record long expansion that started in June 2009.

On equity markets there was somewhat of a mixed tone to proceedings. In Europe, most of the main indices registered some modest losses. The Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.5%, although this came after an over 10% rise last week. Meanwhile, on Wall Street, the mood was more upbeat. At the closing bell last night, the S&P 500 managed to post a 1.2% increase on the day. As a result, the index is now back to the level where it started 2020.

On the currency front, the moves were subdued. Indeed most of the main pairs have been confined to very tight ranges over the past 24 hours. This means that the majors are trading at levels this morning very similar to yesterday's open. As a result, both the euro and sterling have held onto the bulk of the gains they closed out last week with against the dollar.

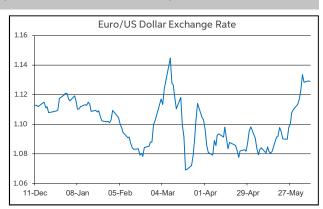
In level terms, the EUR/USD pair has been straddling \$1.13 and opens this morning just below this mark. Meantime, GBP/USD continues to operate up near to the \$1.27 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remains in a very narrow range around the 89p handle.

Looking ahead to today, the global macro agenda is again light on highlights and/or potential market movers. Therefore, from a currency viewpoint, it could be another day of subdued action.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2019	
EUR/USD	1.1291	0.03	0.72	
EUR/GBP	0.8882	0.02	5.06	
GBP/USD	1.271	0.01	-4.14	
GBP/EUR	1.1253	-0.02	-4.82	
USD/JPY	107.94	-1.36	-0.62	
EUR/JPY	121.89	-1.34	0.05	
* 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	0.18	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.48
EUR	0.00	-0.48	-0.35	-0.29	-0.31	-0.25
GBP	0.10	0.09	0.22	0.31	0.30	0.38









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

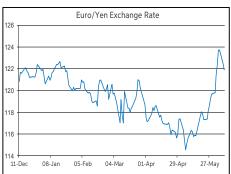


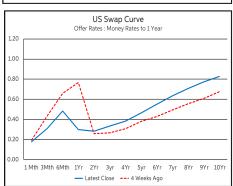
Euro	0
EUR/GBP	0.8882
EUR/USD	1.1291
EUR/JPY	121.89
EUR/SEK	10.4045
EUR/DKK	7.4544
EUR/NOK	10.4832
EUR/CHF	1.0808
EUR/AUD	1.6179
EUR/HKD	8.7502
EUR/CAD	1.5131

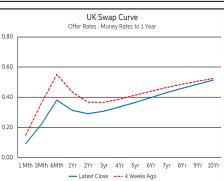
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1253		
GBP/USD	1.271		
GBP/CAD	1.7033		
GBP/NZD	1.9438		
GBP/JPY	137.19		
GBP/SEK	11.711		
GBP/DKK	8.3897		
GBP/NOK	11.7989		
GBP/CHF	1.2168		
GBP/AUD	1.8212		

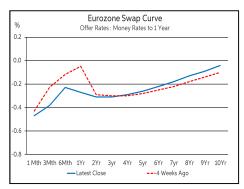
Dollar				
USD/JPY	107.94			
USD/CAD	1.3399			
USD/CHF	0.9572			
USD/CNY	7.0752			
USD/BRL	4.8227			
USD/RUB	68.2834			
USD/INR	75.465			
AUD/USD	0.6978			
NZD/USD	0.6537			













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 19	
10 Year Yield %					
US	0.88	-2	+17	-104	
Germany	-0.32	-4	+20	-13	
UK	0.34	-2	+7	-49	
Ireland	0.14	-2	-5	+2	
Belgium	0.04	-5	-4	-6	
France	0.05	+2	+6	-8	
Italy	1.41	-1	-48	-2	
Spain	0.56	-1	-33	+9	
Portugal	0.54	-2	-42	+9	
Greece	1.41	+6	-76	-5	
 5 Year Swap %					
US .	0.46	-4	+12	-125	
Eurozone	-0.26	-3	+3	-14	
UK	0.36	-O	-3	-51	
2 Year Swap %					
US .	0.28	-0	+3	-138	
Eurozone	-0.31	-1	-1	-1	
UK	0.29	+0	-7	-50	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	46	+2	-24	+15	
Belgium	35	-1	-23	+7	
France	37	+6	-14	+6	
Italy	173	+3	-68	+11	
Spain	88	+3	-52	+22	
Portugal	85	+3	-61	+22	
Greece	173	+10	-96	+8	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks				
Brent Oil	40.8	-3.55	+37.70	-38.18	
West Texas Oil	38.17	-3.34	+58.91	-37.57	
Gold \$	1694.6	+0.56	-0.08	+11.71	

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