

## Overall quiet start to the week

There was an overall subdued tone to currency markets as the week got underway yesterday. This reflected a light macro data and events calendar.

The euro did see some support yesterday, though, following comments from ECB President Draghi. He stated that underlying inflationary pressures in the Eurozone were building. His comments triggered some selling of Eurozone bonds. The yield on the German 10-year bund moved above 0.5% for the first time since May. For the euro, Draghi inspired gains proved to be short lived.

Sterling-wise, the UK currency saw some respite yesterday, after falling back towards the end of last week. This may partly reflect a lack of new information with regard to Brexit.

In the US, with no data of note released yesterday, there was little to provide direction to the dollar. Although, some renewed concerns around global trade (China stepping back from negotiations with the US) did see markets adopt a somewhat more cautious tone (both Euro Stoxx 50 and S&P 500 down). This looks to have provided some support to the safe-haven dollar at the margin.

In level terms, the lack of sustained major FX moves means that EUR/GBP opens this morning broadly unchanged around 89.6p. GBP/USD has managed to edge back above \$1.31, while EUR/USD remains close to the mid-point of the \$1.17-1.18 band.

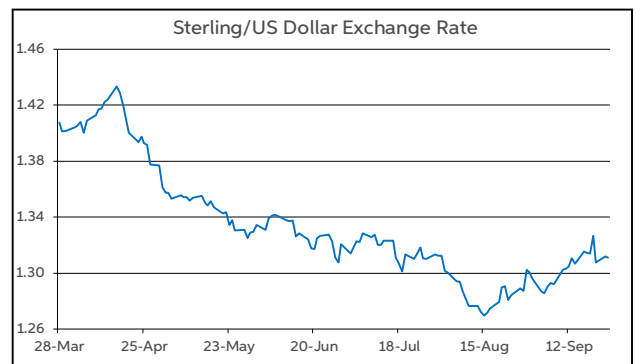
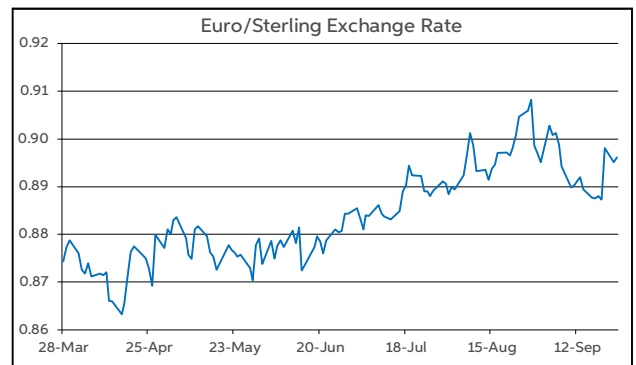
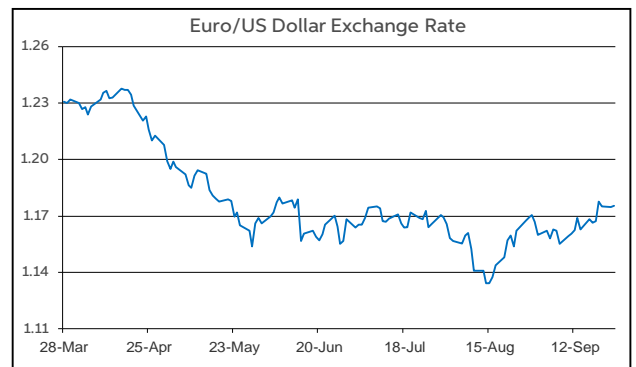
In the day ahead, there is a quiet data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic. Thus, barring any meaningful political updates, we could see FX watchers holding fire as they look ahead to tomorrow evening's Fed policy meeting outcome.

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Today's Opening Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2017
EUR/USD	1.1753	0.09	-2.03
EUR/GBP	0.896	-0.18	0.87
GBP/USD	1.3114	0.28	-2.95
GBP/EUR	1.1155	0.18	-0.86
USD/JPY	112.87	0.27	0.18
EUR/JPY	132.68	0.36	-1.85

\* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.875	2.22	2.37	2.91	2.99	3.09
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.32	-0.17	-0.11	0.41
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.80	1.06	1.15	1.45

Equity Indices				
	Latest Close	% Changes		
		on Day	End 2017 to Date	
Dow Jones	26562.05	-0.68	+7.46	
S&P 500	2919.37	-0.35	+9.19	
FTSE 100	7458.41	-0.42	-2.98	
DJ Stoxx 50	3410.44	-0.59	-2.67	
ISEQ	6583.58	-1.34	-6.46	
Nikkei	23940.26	+0.29	+5.16	

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

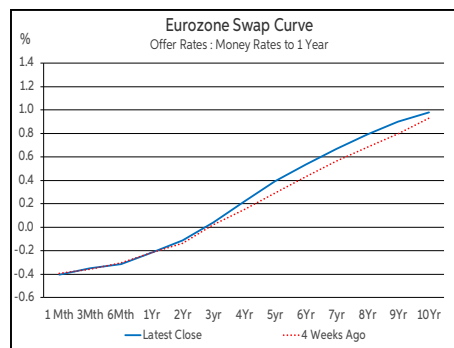
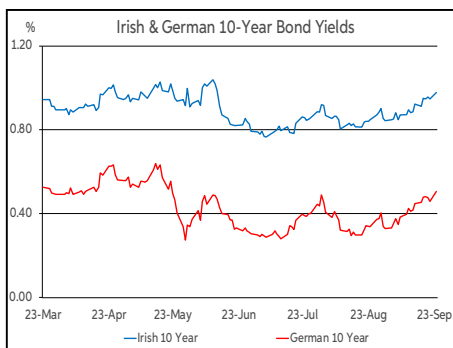
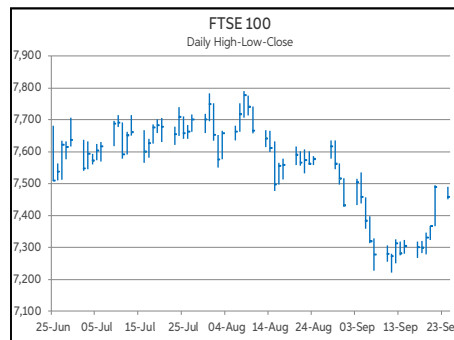
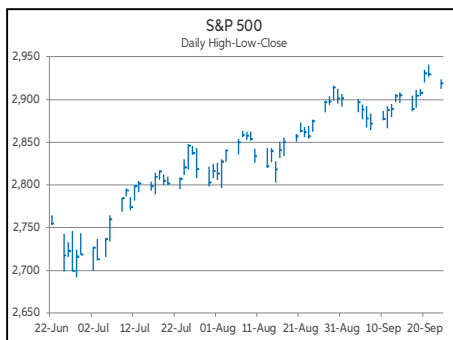
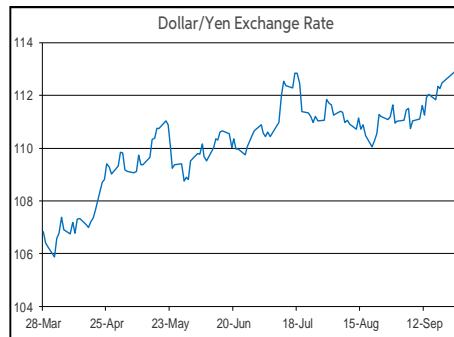
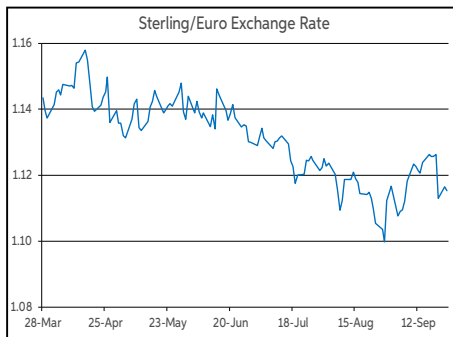
EUR/GBP	0.896
EUR/USD	1.1753
EUR/JPY	132.68
EUR/SEK	10.3334
EUR/DKK	7.4591
EUR/NOK	9.5692
EUR/CHF	1.1357
EUR/AUD	1.6219
EUR/HKD	9.1784
EUR/CAD	1.5228

## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1155
GBP/USD	1.3114
GBP/CAD	1.6992
GBP/NZD	1.9737
GBP/JPY	148.02
GBP/SEK	11.5254
GBP/DKK	8.3215
GBP/NOK	10.6771
GBP/CHF	1.2673
GBP/AUD	1.8097

## Dollar

USD/JPY	112.87
USD/CAD	1.2957
USD/CHF	0.9663
USD/CNY	6.8623
USD/BRL	4.0914
USD/RUB	65.6971
USD/INR	72.795
AUD/USD	0.7245
NZD/USD	0.6641



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 17
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	3.09	+2	+24	+68
Germany	0.51	+5	+13	+9
UK	1.60	+6	+33	+42
Ireland	0.98	+3	+11	N/A
Belgium	0.84	+6	+13	+23
France	0.82	+5	+11	+5
Italy	2.93	+12	-23	+93
Spain	1.51	+3	+13	-4
Portugal	1.89	+3	+7	-1
Greece	4.06	+3	-7	+2
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	3.06	+1	+20	+82
Eurozone	0.39	+4	+10	+8
UK	1.45	+3	+12	+41
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	2.96	-2	+15	+88
Eurozone	-0.11	+1	+3	+3
UK	1.14	+0	+5	+34
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	47	-2	-3	N/A
Belgium	33	+1	-0	+14
France	31	+0	-2	-4
Italy	242	+7	-36	+85
Spain	100	-1	-1	-13
Portugal	138	-2	-7	-10
Greece	355	-1	-20	-7

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 17
Brent Oil	81.2	+3.05	+6.55	+21.43
West Texas Oil	73.23	+3.43	+4.66	+21.12
CRB - All Commodity	194.78	+0.42	+0.99	+0.47
CRB - Food	336.14	+3.19	+5.83	+0.03
Gold \$	1199.2	-0.06	-1.03	-7.94

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