Morning Comment

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Narrow FX ranges so far this week

There was a muted tone to the market action for much of yesterday. One reason for this was the quiet data schedule. The main release of note came in the afternoon, with the publication of the US non-manufacturing ISM for July. The headline number missed to the downside of expectations. It fell to 50.1 last month, from 50.8 in June (vs. forecast for 51.5), indicating a lacklustre performance from the sector in July. The employment index fell to 46.4, providing further evidence of a softening in labour market conditions. Meantime the Prices Paid index rose to a 30 month high, suggesting the potential for upward pressure on inflation.

Investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone for much of yesterday. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 managed to post a very modest 0.1% increase. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.5% lower on the day.

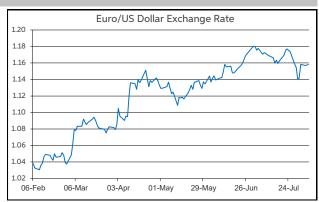
From a currency perspective, the ISM data provided an unhelpful backdrop for the dollar. Although, the moves amongst the majors were confined to relatively narrow ranges yesterday. This pattern has persisted in overnight trading on Asia-Pacific markets. As the European session gets underway this morning, the dollar is marginally lower versus the euro and sterling compared to 24 hours earlier. EUR/USD is operating in the upper half of \$1.15-1.16, while GBP/USD is straddling the \$1.33 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to change hands within a narrow corridor around 87p.

Today's macro diary has a 'summer' vibe to it, with a very sparse data agenda on both sides of the Atlantic. The only release of note comes from the Eurozone calendar, with retail sales for June due. However, the spending data is not envisaged to be a dial mover for markets. Investor's will also be awaiting for any updates on President Trump's pick to replace Fed Governor Kugler, who announced her resignation last week.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1583	0.22	11.88	
EUR/GBP	0.8703	0.07	5.20	
GBP/USD	1.3305	0.17	6.35	
GBP/EUR	1.1485	-0.07	-4.94	
USD/JPY	147.4	0.22	-6.22	
EUR/JPY	170.78	0.45	4.93	
* v Previous Day's European Open				











All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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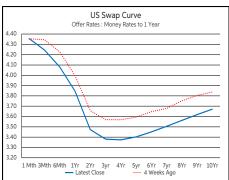
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8703
EUR/USD	1.1583
EUR/JPY	170.78
EUR/SEK	11.1981
EUR/DKK	7.4621
EUR/NOK	11.8635
EUR/CHF	0.9343
EUR/AUD	1.785
EUR/HKD	9.0931
EUR/CAD	1.5944

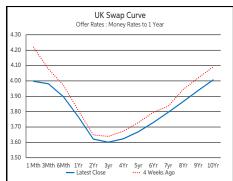
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1485		
GBP/USD	1.3305		
GBP/CAD	1.8311		
GBP/NZD	2.2466		
GBP/JPY	196.12		
GBP/SEK	12.8622		
GBP/DKK	8.5721		
GBP/NOK	13.6265		
GBP/CHF	1.0731		
GBP/AUD	2.0498		

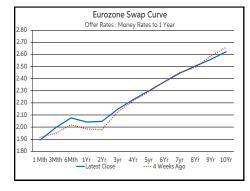
Dollar				
147.4				
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87.71				
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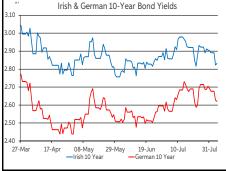












	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.20	-0	-22	-38
Germany	2.62	-1	-2	+26
UK	4.52	+1	-12	-5
Ireland	2.86	-1	-11	+21
Belgium	3.14	-0	-9	+16
France	3.29	+0	-8	+9
Italy	3.45	-1	-11	-7
Spain	3.20	-O	-10	+14
Portugal	3.04	-1	-9	+19
Greece	3.30	-3	-8	+5
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.67	+4	-17	-62
Eurozone	2.29	-0	+0	+5
UK	3.91	+1	-6	-37
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.75	+5	-15	-59
Eurozone	2.04	+0	+4	-15
UK	3.86	+1	-3	-63
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	24	-0	-9	-5
Belgium	52	+0	-7	-10
France	66	+1	-6	-17
Italy	83	-0	-9	-32
Spain	58	+1	-8	-12
Portugal	42	-0	-7	-7
Greece	68	-2	-6	-20

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
Brent Oil	67.64	-1.63	-3.58	-9.38		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	3380.7	+0.24	+2.43	+28.85		

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