Morning Comment

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Yen firms overnight

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Trading conditions on financial markets continued to stabilise during the European session yesterday, amid a barren data schedule. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 rebounded by 2% on the day. However, risk appetite soured over the course of the US session, with the S&P 500 reversing early gains to register a 0.8% loss last night. Meantime, on bond markets, benchmark yields moved higher across the board. 10-year German Bund, US Treasury and UK Gilt yields moved 3-9bps higher.

On the currency front, the main FX pairs operated in very tight ranges throughout the European session. Of the very limited action to note over the period, the euro was holding a marginally firmer tone, while the yen was under some modest downward pressure. Overnight though, the yen recouped its losses and took the ascendancy on the exchanges, following the release of the BoJ meeting minutes from last week.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD remains in the lower half of the \$1.09-1.10 range. GBP/USD continues to change hands close to the \$1.27 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is operating in and around the 86p handle. The firmer tone to the yen overnight is evidenced by USD/JPY trading back near ¥146.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro-calendar remains relatively quiet once again. The only release of note will be the latest weekly initial jobless claims figure. Last weeks print of +249k was the highest in almost a year, and contributed to a risk-off mood on markets. However, the consensus is for a slight improvement to +240k this week. As last week showed though, the data pose some event risk for markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates						
		% Change				
		Day *	End 2023			
EUR/USD	1.0938	0.25	-0.89			
EUR/GBP	0.8608	0.29	-0.69			
GBP/USD	1.2702	-0.02	-0.21			
GBP/EUR	1.1612	-0.29	0.70			
USD/JPY	146.17	-1.00	3.62			
EUR/JPY	159.91	-0.74	2.75			
* v Previous Day's E	v Previous Day's European Open					
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	Opening Interest Rates					
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.40	5.32	4.54	4.05	3.74
EUR	4.25	3.56	3.52	3.10	2.72	2.51
GBP	5.00	4.94	4.90	4.47	4.28	3.90

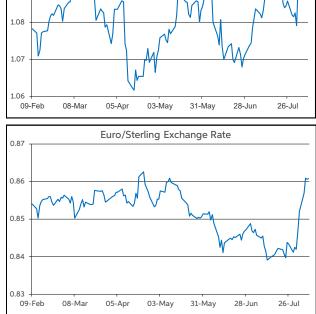
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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate





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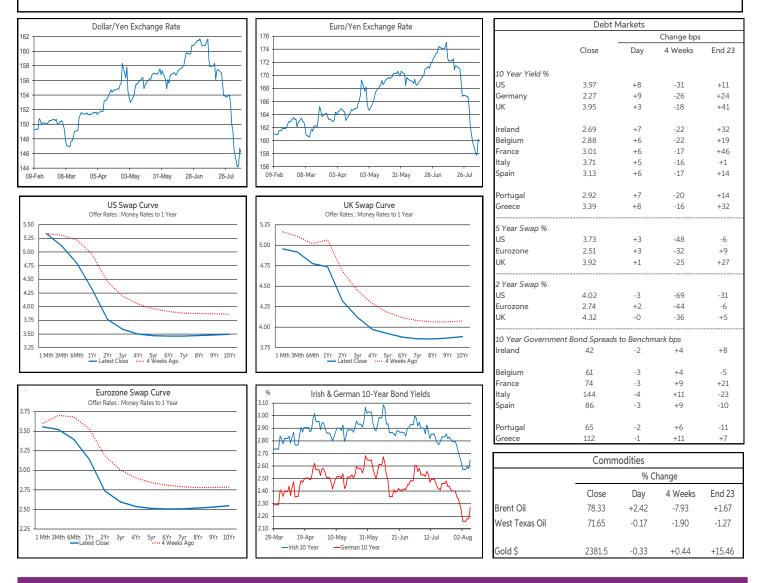
Opening Levels

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Euro		Ster	Sterling	
EUR/GBP	0.8609	GBP/EUR	1.1613	
EUR/USD	1.0939	GBP/USD	1.2705	
EUR/JPY	159.91	GBP/CAD	1.7445	
EUR/SEK	11.4063	GBP/NZD	2.1169	
EUR/DKK	7.4623	GBP/JPY	185.71	
EUR/NOK	11.786	GBP/SEK	13.2467	
EUR/CHF	0.9405	GBP/DKK	8.6666	
EUR/AUD	1.6679	GBP/NOK	13.685	
EUR/HKD	8.5188	GBP/CHF	1.092	
EUR/CAD	1.502	GBP/AUD	1.9376	

Dollar					
ISD/JPY	146.17				
ISD/CAD	1.3732				
ISD/CHF	0.8595				
ISD/CNY	7.159				
ISD/BRL	5.6369				
ISD/RUB	85.85				
ISD/INR	83.955				
UD/USD	0.6555				
IZD/USD	0.5999				



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