Morning Comment

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Important data due this week

A feature of the action amongst the FX majors last week was the firmer tone to sterling in the aftermath of the BoE meeting. Despite cutting rates by 25bps to 4.00% (as expected), the pound made gains on the exchanges amid the less dovish BoE tone and the resulting modest firming in rate expectations. At the same time, the dollar remained on the defensive. Last week's US macro diary was quiet, but the main release of note (non-manu ISM) missed to the downside of expectations, keeping the greenback under pressure.

In level terms, all of the above was evident in GBP/USD trading up into the top half of \$1.34-1.35. The firmer sterling tone also meant the EUR/GBP pair was unable to maintain the 87p threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/USD was on a general uptrend, trading to a peak of \$1.1698, before settling near to the midpoint of \$1.16-1.17

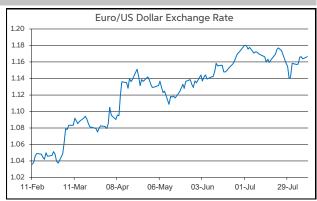
This week contains some important data from both a dollar and sterling perspective. For the dollar, July CPI inflation will receive a lot of attention. Investors and the Fed will be looking to see if there are further signs of tariff related upward pressure on prices. This data will form an important input into the Fed's decision on whether to keep rates on hold or cut in September. Retail sales and industrial production (both July) are also notable US releases due this week.

For sterling, the first estimate of Q2 GDP is expected to confirm that the economy lost momentum in the quarter, after tariff related front loading boosted growth in Q1. The UK diary also features a raft of labour market updates for Q2 (unemployment, employment, wage growth) as well as payroll data for July. Year-to-date, the data have been indicating a softening in labour market conditions and this trend is likely to continue to be reflected in the latest numbers. From a euro perspective, the macro schedule over the coming days is sparse. Employment data for Q2 and the second estimate of GDP for the quarter are the only releases of note.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1666	0.08	12.68		
EUR/GBP	0.8659	-0.17	4.67		
GBP/USD	1.347	0.28	7.67		
GBP/EUR	1.1544	0.17	-4.46		
USD/JPY	147.5	0.24	-6.16		
EUR/JPY	172.13	0.32	5.76		
* 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	4.38	4.35	4.22	3.83	3.80	3.75
EUR	2.00	1.90	2.02	2.06	2.10	2.35
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.96	3.82	3.95	4.01









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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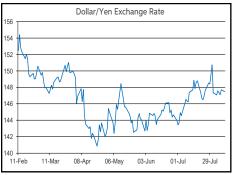
Opening Levels



Euro					
EUR/GBP	0.8658				
EUR/USD	1.1667				
EUR/JPY	172.13				
EUR/SEK	11.1494				
EUR/DKK	7.4638				
EUR/NOK	11.9585				
EUR/CHF	0.9409				
EUR/AUD	1.7879				
EUR/HKD	9.1587				
EUR/CAD	1.6043				

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1544			
GBP/USD	1.347			
GBP/CAD	1.8523			
GBP/NZD	2.2618			
GBP/JPY	198.68			
GBP/SEK	12.8703			
GBP/DKK	8.6157			
GBP/NOK	13.8181			
GBP/CHF	1.0867			
GBP/AUD	2.0637			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.5			
USD/CAD	1.3753			
USD/CHF	0.8065			
USD/CNY	7.1823			
USD/BRL	5.4332			
USD/RUB	79.8			
USD/INR	87.5525			
AUD/USD	0.6524			
NZD/USD	0.5952			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

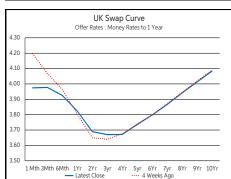
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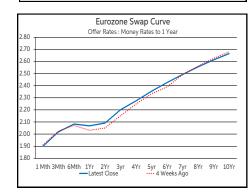
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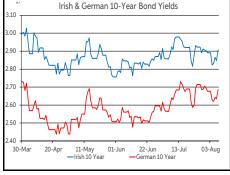
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets						
		Change bps				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.28	+4	-14	-29		
Germany	2.69	+5	+0	+32		
UK	4.61	+6	-3	+3		
Ireland	2.95	+6	-7	+30		
Belgium	3.20	+5	-7	+22		
France	3.35	+5	-7	+15		
Italy	3.51	+5	-10	-1		
Spain	3.26	+5	-8	+19		
Portugal	3.09	+4	-7	+24		
Greece	3.37	+5	-5	+12		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.73	+3	-10	-56		
Eurozone	2.32	+3	-1	+9		
UK	3.96	+1	-2	-33		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.78	+4	-12	-56		
Eurozone	2.07	+0	+2	-13		
UK	3.91	+1	+3	-58		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	27	+1	-7	-2		
Belgium	51	-O	-7	-11		
France	66	-0	-7	-17		
Italy	82	+0	-10	-34		
Spain	57	+0	-8	-13		
Portugal	40	-1	-8	-9		
Greece	68	+0	-6	-21		

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24						
Brent Oil	66.59	+0.24	-5.36	-10.79			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	3398.4	+0.04	+1.28	+29.52			

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