Morning Comment

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US inflation data in focus today

The start of the week on financial markets was muted yesterday. This was not overly surprising given the quiet macro diary. As a result, investor sentiment was holding a generally cautious tone, lacking in direction amid the dearth of macro newsflow. This was reflected in the lacklustre performance of the main equity indices. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 was 0.3% lower. Meantime, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was also down 0.3% on the day.

On the currency front, the majors were confined to relatively narrow ranges. Of the action to register, the dollar regained some ground. At the same time, the euro had a modestly softer tone against some of the other majors. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning down near the \$1.16 threshold. EUR/GBP has edged back below the midpoint of 86-87p. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is operating in the lower half of \$1.34-1.35.

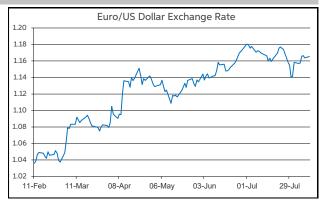
After yesterday's sparse data schedule, today's macro agenda is much busier. Already this morning we have had a raft of labour market updates from the UK. The unemployment rate, as expected remained at 4.7% in the three months to June. Underlying wage growth also printed in line with forecasts, rising by 5.0% y/y. The data has had no noticeable impact on sterling.

Later today, attention will turn to the US calendar with the lunchtime release (13:30) of CPI inflation numbers of July. Investors and the Fed will be assessing the data 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. As a result, the release could be a source of volatility for the dollar today. Both the headline and core rates are expected to edge slightly higher, to 2.8% (from 2.7%) and 3.0% (from 2.9%), respectively.

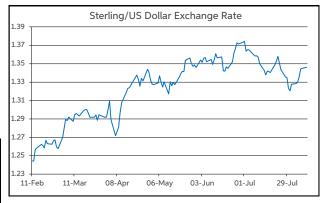
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1611	-0.39	12.15		
EUR/GBP	0.864	-0.39	4.44		
GBP/USD	1.3431	-0.01	7.35		
GBP/EUR	1.1566	0.39	-4.25		
USD/JPY	148.27	0.76	-5.67		
EUR/JPY	172.19	0.36	5.80		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates				5	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.35	4.23	3.84	3.82	3.76
EUR	2.00	1.90	2.02	2.06	2.10	2.35
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.95	3.78	3.89	3.95









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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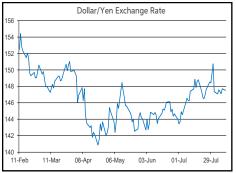
Opening Levels



E	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.864
EUR/USD		1.1611
EUR/JPY		172.19
EUR/SEK		11.1917
EUR/DKK		7.4627
EUR/NOK		11.8743
EUR/CHF		0.9415
EUR/AUD		1.7864
EUR/HKD		9.1149
EUR/CAD		1.5995

Sterling					
GBP/EUR	1.1566				
GBP/USD	1.3431				
GBP/CAD	1.8505				
GBP/NZD	2.2649				
GBP/JPY	199.17				
GBP/SEK	12.948				
GBP/DKK	8.6323				
GBP/NOK	13.749				
GBP/CHF	1.0896				
GBP/AUD	2.0665				

Dollar					
USD/JPY	148.27				
USD/CAD	1.3776				
USD/CHF	0.8109				
USD/CNY	7.1898				
USD/BRL	5.442				
USD/RUB	79.55				
USD/INR	87.66				
AUD/USD	0.6496				
NZD/USD	0.5927				



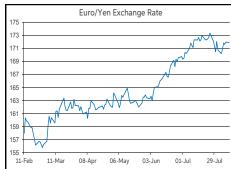
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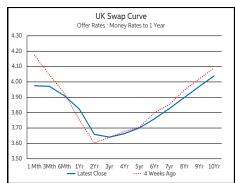
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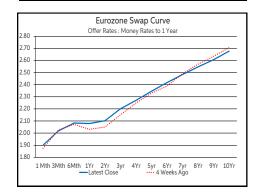
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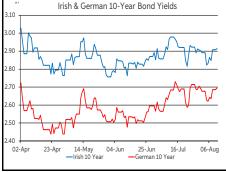
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.27	-1	-15	-30
Germany	2.70	+1	-4	+33
UK	4.57	-4	-3	-0
Ireland	2.94	-1	-7	+29
Belgium	3.21	+1	-8	+23
France	3.36	+1	-8	+16
Italy	3.51	+1	-11	-1
Spain	3.26	+0	-8	+20
Portugal	3.10	+1	-8	+25
Greece	3.38	+1	-6	+13
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.72	-0	-13	-57
Eurozone	2.34	-0	+1	+10
UK	3.94	-4	-0	-34
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.78	+0	-13	-56
Eurozone	2.08	-0	+5	-11
UK	3.89	-3	+5	-60
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	 mark bps	
Ireland	25	-2	-3	-4
Belgium	51	-0	-4	-11
France	66	-0	-4	-17
Italy	82	-0	-7	-34
Spain	56	-1	-5	-14
Portugal	40	-O	-4	-9
Greece	68	-0	-3	-21

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	66.63	+0.06	-3.73	-10.73			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	3344.1 -1.60 +0.02 +27.45						

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