## **Morning Comment**

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## Narrow ranges amongst most of the FX majors

There was a mixed tone to investor sentiment yesterday. This was evident in the differing performance of some of the main equity indices. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.9%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the mood was more subdued, with the S&P 500 flat on the day.

From a data perspective yesterday, after the 7am release of UK Q2 GDP, attention turned to the Eurozone calendar during the morning session. Both employment and the second reading of GDP for Q2 printed in line with expectations. Industrial production for the currency bloc for June did miss to the downside of forecasts. Overall though, the data had no noticeable impact on the euro.

Meantime, in terms of the main US data highlight yesterday, PPI inflation numbers for July came in ahead of consensus expectations. The headline rate registered a 3.3% y/y reading for July (vs. fcast for 2.5%), while core PPI rose by 3.7% last month (f'cast for 2.9%). The higher than expected inflation prints did result in a modest firming in US rate expectations and in turn provide some support to the dollar which had been under pressure in the first half of the week.

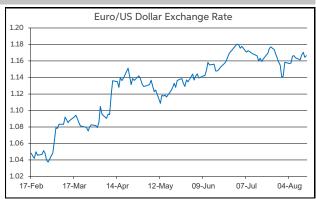
As trading gets underway this morning, the EUR/USD pair is operating nearer to the midpoint \$1.16-1.17, GBP/USD has edged back into the lower half of \$1.35-1.36, while USD/JPY has managed to regain the ¥147 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remains near to the 86p level.

Today's macro diary is very US centric, with no European data releases of any note due. The US agenda features retail sales, industrial production (both July) as well as consumer sentiment (August). However, barring any significant data surprises versus expectations, the main pairs may trade within relatively confined ranges heading into the weekend.

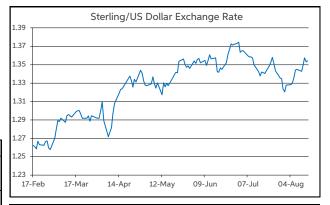
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1666	-0.32	12.68	
EUR/GBP	0.8611	-0.09	4.09	
GBP/USD	1.3542	-0.24	8.24	
GBP/EUR	1.1606	0.09	-3.93	
USD/JPY	147.15	0.54	-6.38	
EUR/JPY	171.7	0.22	5.50	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.34	4.19	3.80	3.77	3.74
EUR	2.00	1.84	2.04	2.06	2.09	2.35
GBP	4.00	3.97	3.97	3.83	3.93	4.00









## All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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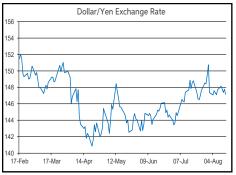
## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8611
EUR/USD	1.1666
EUR/JPY	171.7
EUR/SEK	11.1621
EUR/DKK	7.4632
EUR/NOK	11.9146
EUR/CHF	0.9408
EUR/AUD	1.7942
EUR/HKD	9.1262
EUR/CAD	1.6103

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1606			
GBP/USD	1.3542			
GBP/CAD	1.8694			
GBP/NZD	2.2872			
GBP/JPY	199.29			
GBP/SEK	12.9555			
GBP/DKK	8.6623			
GBP/NOK	13.823			
GBP/CHF	1.0923			
GBP/AUD	2.0823			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.15			
USD/CAD	1.3804			
USD/CHF	0.8064			
USD/CNY	7.1812			
USD/BRL	5.4135			
USD/RUB	80.1			
USD/INR	87.629			
AUD/USD	0.65			
NZD/USD	0.5917			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

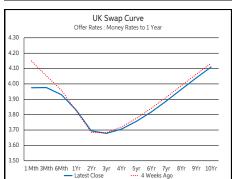
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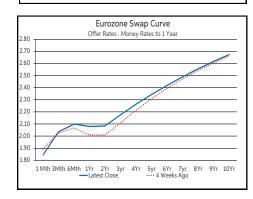
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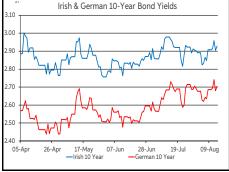
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close .... 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.29	+5	-17	-28		
Germany	2.71	+3	+3	+34		
UK	4.64	+5	-1	+7		
Ireland	2.96	+4	+1	+31		
Belgium	3.22	+4	-1	+24		
France	3.37	+4	-1	+18		
Italy	3.52	+4	-4	-0		
Spain	3.27	+3	-3	+20		
Portugal	3.10	+2	-3	+25		
Greece	3.36	+2	-3	+11		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.71	+6	-16	-58		
Eurozone	2.33	+3	+3	+10		
UK	4.00	+3	-3	-29		
 2 Year Swap %						
US	3.74	+5	-18	-59		
Eurozone	2.08	+1	+7	-11		
UK	3.92	+2	-1	-56		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	25	+1	-2	-3		
Belgium	52	+2	-4	-10		
France	67	+1	-4	-16		
Italy	81	+1	-8	-34		
Spain	56	+1	-6	-14		
Portugal	39	-O	-6	-10		
Greece	65	-1	-7	-23		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	66.84	+1.84	-3.86	-10.45	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3335.7	-0.56	-0.09	+27.13	

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