Morning Comment

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EUR/USD at parity

There remained a subdued mood on financial markets yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 gained 0.4% and 0.3%, respectively, erasing their losses from the day before. On bond markets, UK Gilt yields jumped by 5-18bps along the curve, rising the most at the front-end. The policy sensitive 2-year Gilt yield is now up over 100bps since the start of the month. Eurozone and US Treasury yields rose by a more modest 4-8bps yesterday.

On the currency front, the main FX pairs operated in relatively tight ranges yesterday. A sparse data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. Of the limited moves to register, the euro was holding a slightly firmer tone, registering gains of 0.4-0.7% against a number of its peers.

As trading gets underway this morning, the firmer tone to the euro sees EUR/USD open at parity. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is changing hands near the halfway mark of 84-85p. GBP/USD is operating at the midpoint of the \$1.18-1.19 corridor.

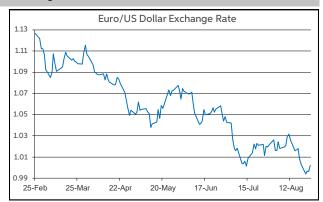
Turning to the day ahead, the latest ECB monetary policy account will be under the microscope. The account is from the ECB meeting in July, when the central bank opted to end its negative interest rate strategy. Investors will be looking for any clues regarding the future pace of rate hikes from the minutes. For the same reason, in the US, the Jackson-Hole Economic Symposium, which gets underway this evening, will also garner attention. However, Chair Powell is not speaking until tomorrow.

Data-wise, the bellwether German Ifo (August), and the second reading of US GDP for Q2 will feature. Barring any major surprises though, the data are unlikely to impact on currency markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
	_	Day *	End 2021		
EUR/USD	1.0022	0.66	-11.84		
EUR/GBP	0.8456	0.44	0.67		
GBP/USD	1.185	0.22	-12.41		
GBP/EUR	1.1822	-0.44	-0.66		
USD/JPY	136.54	0.05	18.65		
EUR/JPY	136.86	0.71	4.58		
* v Previous Day's European Open					

Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates					
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	2.375	2.45	3.01	3.75	3.70	3.24
EUR	0.50	0.06	0.47	1.47	1.87	2.05
GBP	1.75	1.92	2.40	3.75	4.02	3.61









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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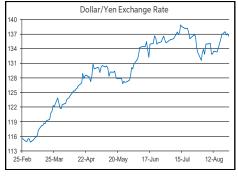
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8456
EUR/USD	1.0022
EUR/JPY	136.86
EUR/SEK	10.56
EUR/DKK	7.4374
EUR/NOK	9.64
EUR/CHF	0.9645
EUR/AUD	1.4369
EUR/HKD	7.8628
EUR/CAD	1.2943

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1822			
GBP/USD	1.185			
GBP/CAD	1.5303			
GBP/NZD	1.9003			
GBP/JPY	161.79			
GBP/SEK	12.4836			
GBP/DKK	8.791			
GBP/NOK	11.3982			
GBP/CHF	1.1403			
GBP/AUD	1.6987			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	136.54			
USD/CAD	1.2912			
USD/CHF	0.9622			
USD/CNY	6.8463			
USD/BRL	5.1101			
USD/RUB	59.85			
USD/INR	79.87			
AUD/USD	0.6975			
NZD/USD	0.6234			



US Swap Curve

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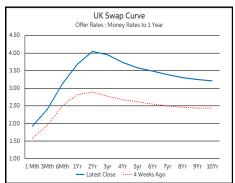
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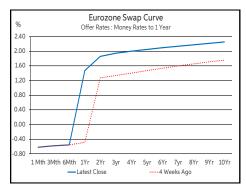
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
		Change bps				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21		
10 Year Yield %						
US	3.11	+5	+32	+160		
Germany	1.36	+4	+43	+154		
UK	2.70	+12	+74	+173		
Ireland	2.00	+6	+38	+175		
Belgium	2.01	+7	+44	+183		
France	1.98	+7	+45	+179		
Italy	3.67	+3	+25	+249		
Spain	2.57	+6	+42	+198		
Portugal	2.46	+4	+39	+198		
Greece	3.99	+5	+96	+268		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	3.24	+7	+41	+191		
Eurozone	2.05	+8	+58	+204		
UK	3.59	+9	+98	+231		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.66	+2	+46	+272		
Eurozone	1.86	+6	+60	+216		
UK	4.05	+15	+117	+286		
10 Year Governr	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	64	+2	-5	+21		
Belgium	65	+3	+2	+29		
France	62	+3	+2	+25		
Italy	231	-1	-18	+95		
Spain	121	+2	-1	+43		
Portugal	110	-1	-4	+43		
Greece	263	+1	+53	+114		

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 21						
Brent Oil	101.22	+1.00	-5.06	+30.14			
West Texas Oil	95.52	-0.97	-4.51	+26.80			
Gold \$	1750.9	+0.18	+0.98	-4.24			

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