

EUR/USD remains within \$1.11-1.12

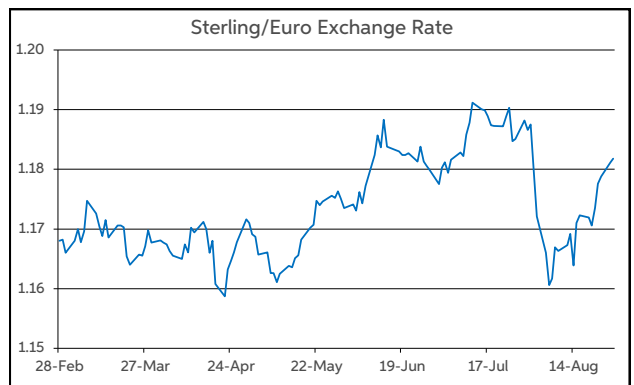
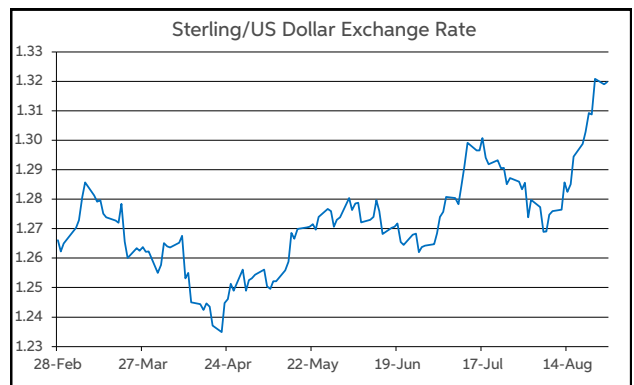
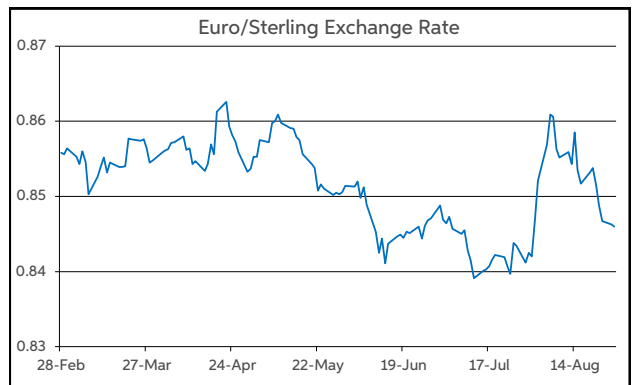
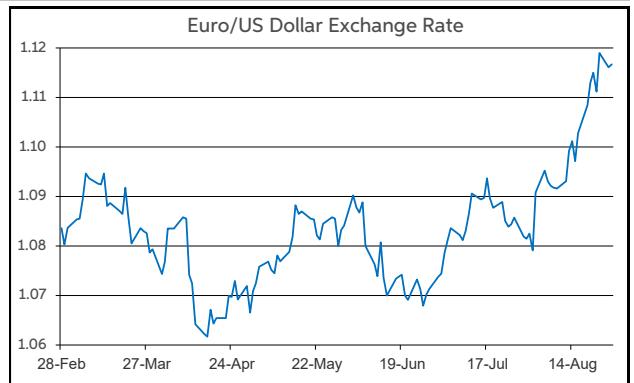
There was a generally subdued start to the week on markets yesterday. This was evident from limited price action on most of the main asset markets. One exception was oil, with Brent crude up 3% to above \$81 p/b amid Middle East tensions and supply disruptions in Libya. Overall, investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone. At the close on Wall street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.3% lower on the day.

Data-wise, the main Eurozone release yesterday was the German Ifo for August. The headline index fell to 86.6 (from 87.0), which was slight better than forecast (86.0). However, it represented the third straight fall in German business sentiment, highlighting the challenging outlook for the Eurozone's largest economy. The main US macro release was the Durable goods report for July. While the headline number surprised to the upside, at +9.9% (vs. f'cast for +5.7%), the underlying details in the report, in terms of core orders and shipments, indicated some weakness in business investment.

From a currency viewpoint, neither release had any noticeable impact on their respective currencies. Indeed, the majors have been confined to narrow ranges over the past 24 hours. This means that the dollar retains it weaker tone, with both EUR/USD and GBP/USD remaining near to their year-to-date highs. EUR/USD opens this morning in the upper half of the \$1.11-1.12 band, while GBP/USD is in and around the \$1.32 handle. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to trade above the midpoint of 84-85p.

Looking ahead to today, the macro data calendar is fairly sparse. The main highlight is the Conference Board measure of US consumer confidence for August. Given the quiet diary, the main FX pairs could remain within relatively tight ranges today.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.1167	-0.14	1.19
EUR/GBP	0.846	-0.13	-2.40
GBP/USD	1.3197	0.00	3.68
GBP/EUR	1.1817	0.13	2.46
USD/JPY	144.75	0.49	2.62
EUR/JPY	161.65	0.36	3.87

* v Previous Day's European Open
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	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.39	5.34	4.52	4.01	3.65
EUR	4.25	3.60	3.53	3.08	2.70	2.49
GBP	5.00	4.93	4.87	4.44	4.33	3.96

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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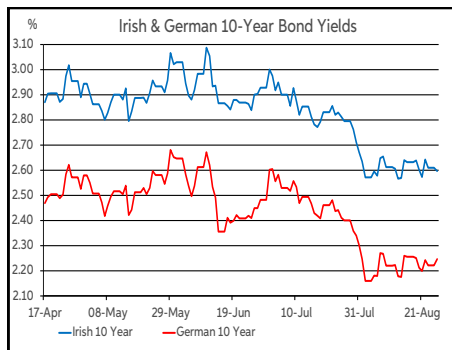
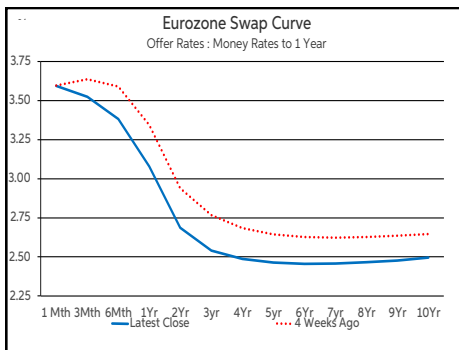
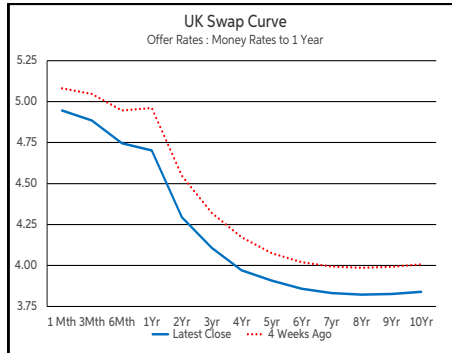
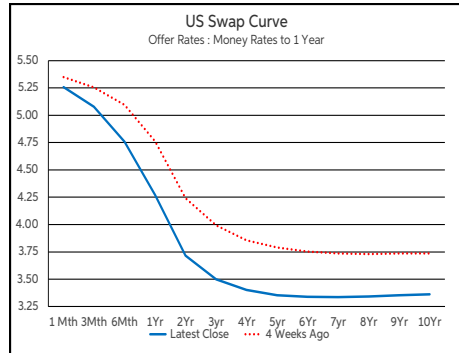
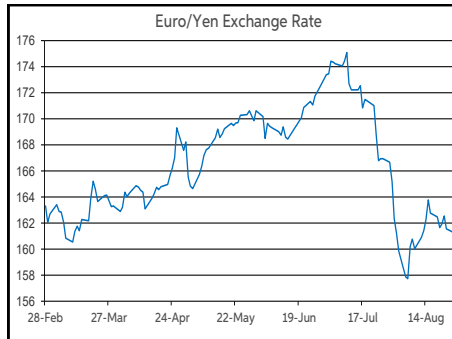
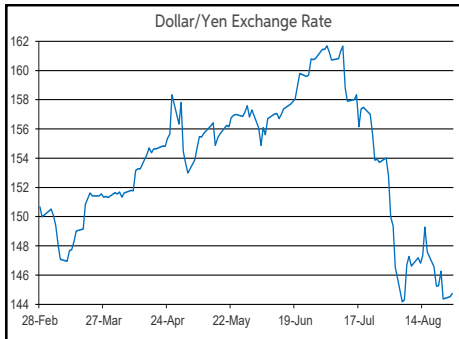
EUR/GBP	0.846
EUR/USD	1.1167
EUR/JPY	161.65
EUR/SEK	11.3947
EUR/DKK	7.4603
EUR/NOK	11.7701
EUR/CHF	0.9463
EUR/AUD	1.6453
EUR/HKD	8.7087
EUR/CAD	1.5053

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1817
GBP/USD	1.3197
GBP/CAD	1.7791
GBP/NZD	2.1207
GBP/JPY	191.03
GBP/SEK	13.4602
GBP/DKK	8.8174
GBP/NOK	13.9079
GBP/CHF	1.1185
GBP/AUD	1.9446

Dollar

USD/JPY	144.75
USD/CAD	1.348
USD/CHF	0.8473
USD/CNY	7.1221
USD/BRL	5.4968
USD/RUB	91.6
USD/INR	83.933
AUD/USD	0.6787
NZD/USD	0.6223



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	3.82	+1	-36	-4
Germany	2.25	+2	-11	+22
UK	3.91	-5	-14	+38
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.60	+0	-44	-19
Eurozone	2.46	+2	-17	+4
UK	3.91	-2	-16	+26
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.97	+3	-53	-37
Eurozone	2.69	+3	-24	-11
UK	4.29	-1	-25	+3
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	41	-0	-2	+7
Belgium	58	+0	-1	-8
France	71	+0	+0	+18
Italy	135	+0	-0	-32
Spain	80	+0	-3	-16
Portugal	59	+1	-6	-17
Greece	103	-4	+0	-1

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	81.43	+3.05	+2.07	+5.70
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2516.9	+0.19	+5.59	+22.03

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