

Dollar on the defensive overnight

The summer lull persisted on markets yesterday, amid a barren data calendar on both sides of the Atlantic. Against this backdrop, European equities recovered some modest ground, rising by 0.2%. Similarly, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 moved 0.2% higher.

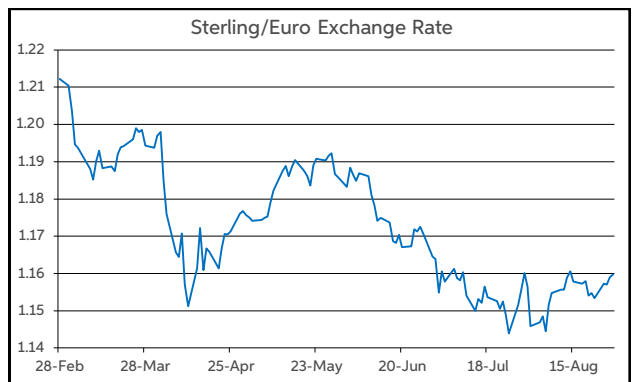
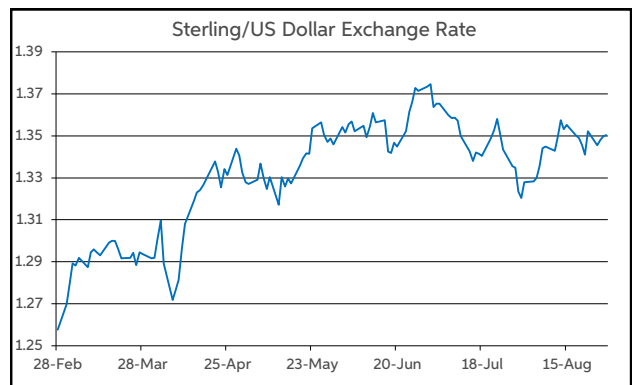
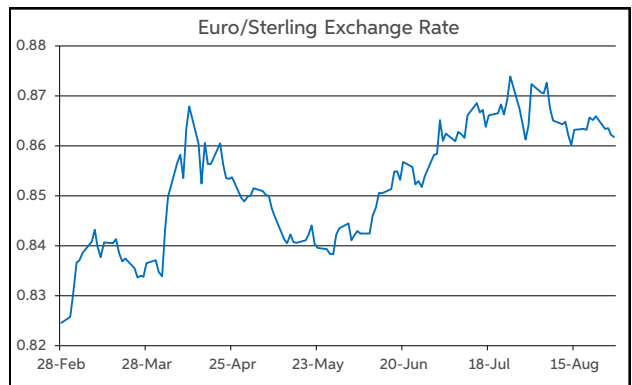
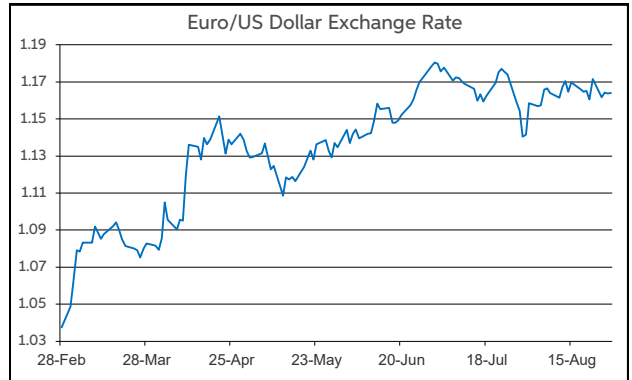
In terms of fixed income, benchmark sovereign bond yields inched slightly lower across the board. 10-year US Treasury, UK Gilt and German Bund yields declined by 2-4bps yesterday. However, it should be noted that the spread between German and French yields widened by 5bps to 83bps, amid ongoing concerns regarding the political/fiscal outlook in France.

At the same time, the aforementioned issues in France continued to act as a headwind for the euro throughout the European session. However, the dollar came under some downward pressure overnight, as White House officials continued to advocate for Governor Cook to leave her position ahead of the September FOMC meeting.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is up near the midpoint of \$1.16-1.17, having traded below \$1.16 yesterday. GBP/USD is at the \$1.35 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP remains in the lower end of the 86-87p trading band. USD/JPY is in the bottom half of the ¥147-148 range.

Turning to the day ahead, the ECB meeting minutes from the July gathering will feature. Data-wise, the main release of note will be the EC sentiment indices for August. A modest improvement in Eurozone economic sentiment is expected. Meantime in the US, the second reading of GDP is set to confirm the economy expanded by around 3.0% annualised in Q2. The latest weekly initial jobless claims figures will also warrant attention. However, barring any major surprises, the data may not impact markets. On the US monetary policy front, remarks from Fed Governor Waller will be of interest.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.164	0.24	12.43
EUR/GBP	0.8618	-0.17	4.17
GBP/USD	1.3502	0.41	7.92
GBP/EUR	1.1598	0.17	-4.00
USD/JPY	147.28	-0.45	-6.30
EUR/JPY	171.46	-0.21	5.35

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market			Swap Rates		
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	4.38	4.25	4.15	3.74	3.68	3.62
EUR	2.00	1.88	2.02	2.05	2.06	2.31
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.96	3.85	3.98	4.07

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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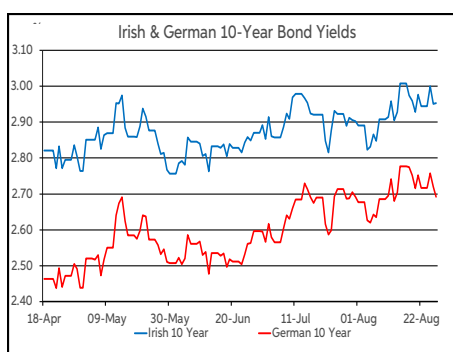
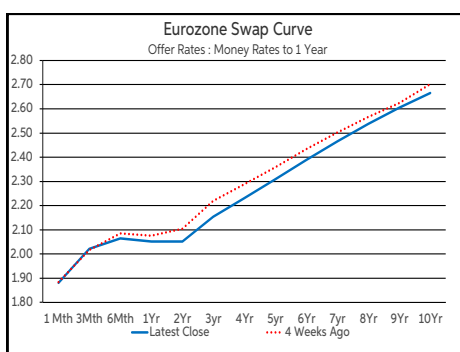
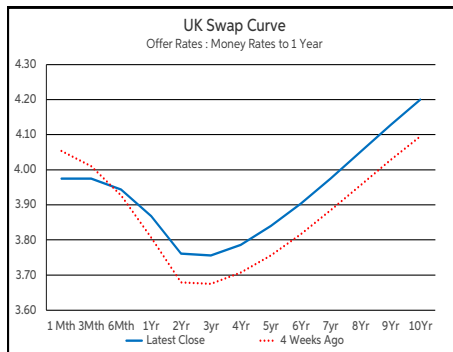
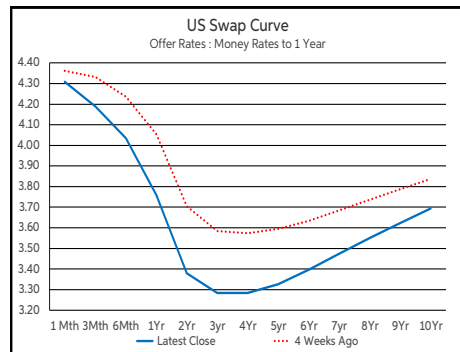
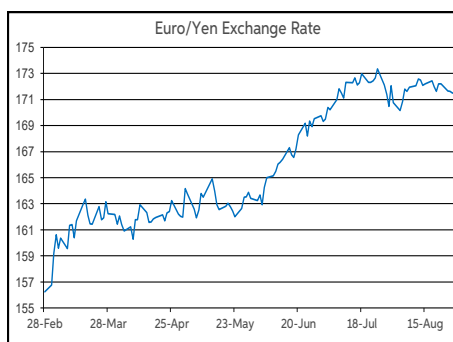
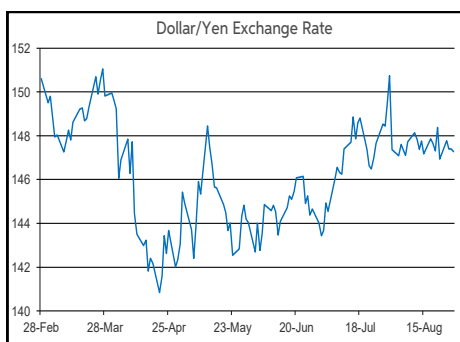
EUR/GBP	0.8619
EUR/USD	1.164
EUR/JPY	171.45
EUR/SEK	11.0835
EUR/DKK	7.465
EUR/NOK	11.7375
EUR/CHF	0.9331
EUR/AUD	1.7874
EUR/HKD	9.0753
EUR/CAD	1.6039

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1599
GBP/USD	1.3503
GBP/CAD	1.8604
GBP/NZD	2.3035
GBP/JPY	198.87
GBP/SEK	12.8565
GBP/DKK	8.6573
GBP/NOK	13.606
GBP/CHF	1.0821
GBP/AUD	2.0733

Dollar

USD/JPY	147.28
USD/CAD	1.3781
USD/CHF	0.8015
USD/CNY	7.1462
USD/BRL	5.4177
USD/RUB	80.3
USD/INR	87.6625
AUD/USD	0.6509
NZD/USD	0.5858



Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.24	-2	-14	-34
Germany	2.69	-3	-1	+33
UK	4.74	-0	+13	+16
Ireland	2.98	-1	+5	+33
Belgium	3.30	+0	+7	+31
France	3.52	+2	+16	+33
Italy	3.61	+2	+5	+9
Spain	3.33	+1	+4	+26
Portugal	3.15	-0	+1	+30
Greece	3.44	+0	+3	+19
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.59	-3	-25	-70
Eurozone	2.29	-3	-6	+6
UK	4.08	-1	+8	-20
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.63	-4	-33	-70
Eurozone	2.05	-2	-5	-15
UK	3.99	+0	+8	-49
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	29	+2	+6	-0
Belgium	60	+3	+8	-2
France	83	+5	+17	-0
Italy	91	+5	+6	-24
Spain	63	+3	+5	-7
Portugal	46	+2	+2	-3
Greece	75	+3	+4	-14

Commodities

	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	68.05	+1.23	-7.09	-8.83
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3396.9	+0.13	+3.73	+29.46

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