Morning Comment

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Dollar benefits from risk-off tone

There was a risk-off tone to investor sentiment across financial markets yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 shed 0.9%. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, the S&P 500 closed only slightly lower, having staged a strong rebound from its intraday nadir. On bond markets, benchmark sovereign yields fell by 4-8bps. Currency-wise, the dollar was holding the upper hand on the exchanges.

Risk sentiment soured as OPEC+ failed to reach a deal on increasing future supply, resulting in crude oil prices spiking higher. However, the move could not be sustained with crude prices closing down 3.4%. The concern is that if supply is not increased, oil prices may surge as economies re-open, limiting growth and boosting inflation further.

Elsewhere, US data disappointed versus expectations yesterday which did little to lift the mood. The non-manufacturing ISM printed below the consensus. Meanwhile, both the composite and services PMIs for June were revised slightly lower also. Although the data remained at elevated levels, they suggest that growth in the US may have peaked in Q2.

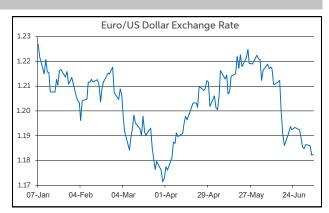
In level terms, the firmer tone to the dollar is reflected in EUR/USD opening down near to \$1.18. Cable (GBP/USD) is trading back at the \$1.38 handle also. Meantime, EUR/GBP continues to operate in a tight 85-86p corridor.

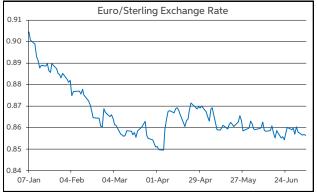
Turning to the day ahead, there is a sparse data schedule. After the close in Europe though, the latest Fed meeting minutes will be released. The minutes will be monitored closely for any colour on the potential path of QE tapering. Overall though, the main pairs may trade within fairly narrow ranges today.

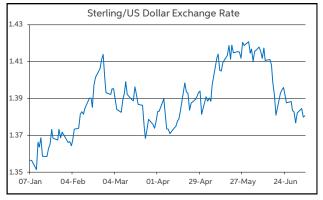
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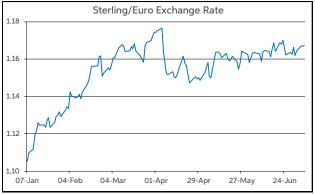
Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2020		
EUR/USD	1.1822	-0.41	-3.20		
EUR/GBP	0.8564	0.12	-4.17		
GBP/USD	1.3801	-0.57	0.94		
GBP/EUR	1.167	-0.12	4.36		
USD/JPY	110.6	-0.21	7.13		
EUR/JPY	130.78	-0.62	3.66		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates					
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.125	0.10	0.14	0.16	0.31	0.88
EUR	0.00	-0.55	-0.54	-0.50	-0.46	-0.29
GBP	0.10	0.05	0.08	0.22	0.40	0.66









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8564
EUR/USD	1.1822
EUR/JPY	130.78
EUR/SEK	10.1608
EUR/DKK	7.4353
EUR/NOK	10.291
EUR/CHF	1.092
EUR/AUD	1.5766
EUR/HKD	9.1826
EUR/CAD	1.4736

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.167			
GBP/USD	1.3801			
GBP/CAD	1.7202			
GBP/NZD	1.9648			
GBP/JPY	152.64			
GBP/SEK	11.8607			
GBP/DKK	8.6799			
GBP/NOK	12.0115			
GBP/CHF	1.2748			
GBP/AUD	1.8403			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	110.6			
USD/CAD	1.246			
USD/CHF	0.9235			
USD/CNY	6.4672			
USD/BRL	5.1967			
USD/RUB	74.2025			
USD/INR	74.75			
AUD/USD NZD/USD	0.7498			
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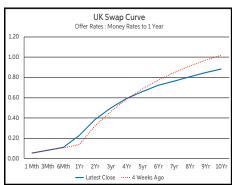
US Swap Curve

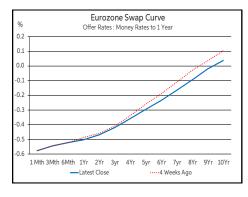
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 20	
10 Year Yield %					
US	1.35	-8	-19	+44	
Germany	-0.27	-6	-5	+31	
UK	0.64	-8	-14	+44	
Ireland	0.12	-5	-7	+42	
Belgium	0.04	-6	-8	+42	
France	0.06	-6	-8	+40	
Italy	0.75	-6	-12	+23	
Spain	0.35	-5	-9	+30	
Portugal	0.32	-6	-12	+26	
Greece	0.77	-4	-10	+14	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	0.85	-7	+3	+43	
Eurozone	-0.30	-3	-3	+16	
UK	0.66	-5	-2	+47	
2 Year Swap %					
US	0.29	+0	+8	+10	
Eurozone	-0.47	-1	-O	+6	
UK	0.39	-1	+7	+36	
 10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	39	+1	-3	+12	
Belgium	31	+1	-3	+12	
France	33	+0	-3	+10	
Italy	102	+0	-7	-8	
Spain	62	+1	-4	-1	
Portugal	59	+0	-7	-5	
Greece	104	+2	-6	-16	

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 20					
Brent Oil	74.53	-3.41	+3.20	+43.88			
West Texas Oil	73.62	-2.32	+5.01	+52.26			
Gold\$	1796.7	+0.28	-5.08	-5.26			

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