

Narrow trading for the FX majors

Yesterday's macro data calendar was very quiet on both sides of the Atlantic. Instead, the main focus was on Fed Chair Powell's semi-annual testimony to Congress. Overall, his prepared remarks and subsequent comments in the Q&A did not provide any surprises or new insight into the Fed's current mindset in relation to when it may start to cut interest rates.

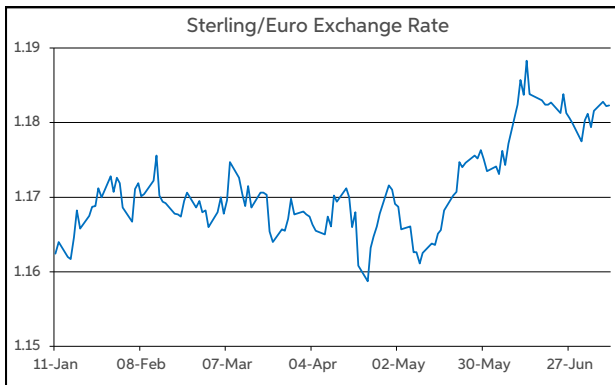
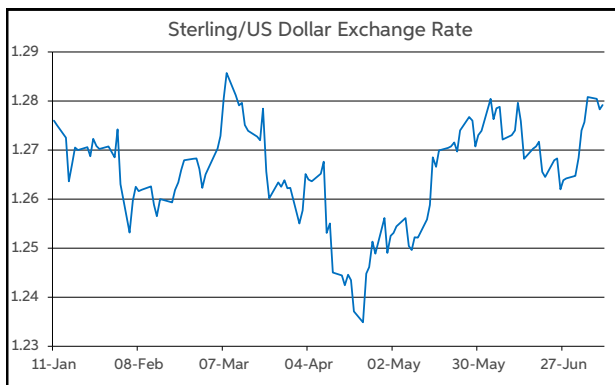
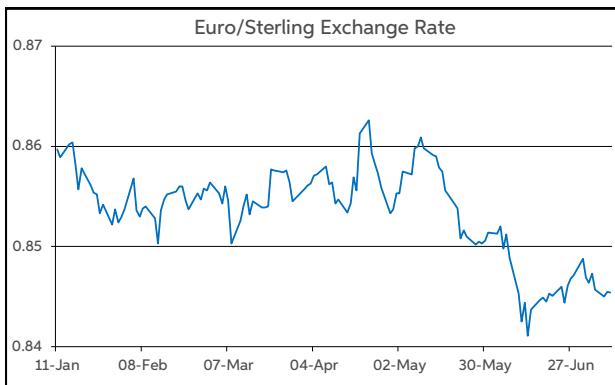
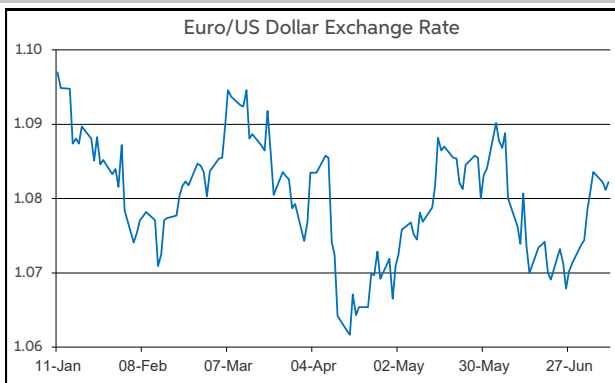
As a result, his testimony had no impact on interest rate expectations or the dollar. Futures contracts continue to indicate that the market is anticipating 50bps of rate cuts in total from the Fed by year end. The market is attaching around a 75% chance that the first 25bps cut could happen in September.

On the currency front, the action on the exchanges yesterday remained characterised by narrow range trading for most of the majors. This has persisted in overnight trading on Asia-Pacific markets. This sees most of the main FX pairs start this morning's European session broadly similar to yesterday's open.

In level terms, EUR/USD remains above the \$1.08 handle. EUR/GBP continues to operate in a very narrow corridor in and around the midpoint of 84-85p. Meanwhile, GBP/USD has spent the past 24 hours straddling the \$1.28 mark. Elsewhere, the yen is slightly softer, with USD/JPY back above the ¥161 threshold.

Looking ahead to today, there is another sparse schedule of data releases. Meanwhile, Fed Chair Powell has his second day of testimony to Congress. However, he is unlikely to provide any additional observations on what he said yesterday. Remarks from other Fed officials may also garner some attention. Overall though, range trading could remain the order of the day on FX markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0817	-0.11	-1.98
EUR/GBP	0.8454	-0.01	-2.47
GBP/USD	1.2791	-0.12	0.49
GBP/EUR	1.1821	0.01	2.53
USD/JPY	161.43	0.30	14.44
EUR/JPY	174.64	0.18	12.21

* 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	5.38	5.44	5.57	5.21	4.75	4.26
EUR	4.25	3.63	3.70	3.52	3.20	2.85
GBP	5.25	5.15	5.08	4.83	4.69	4.20

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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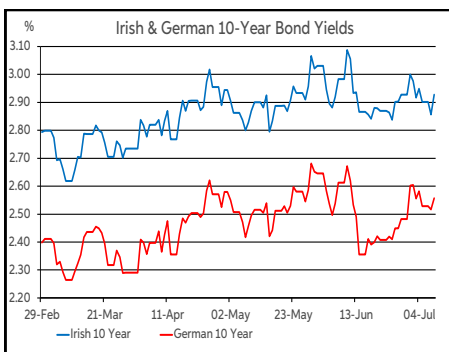
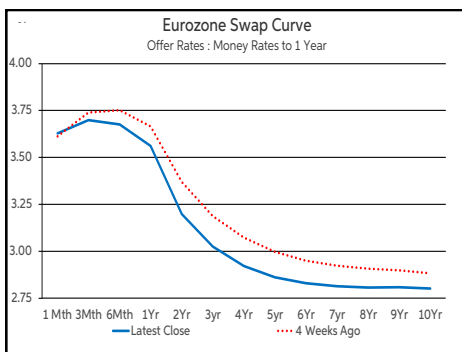
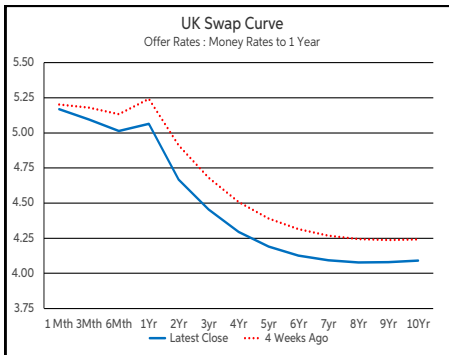
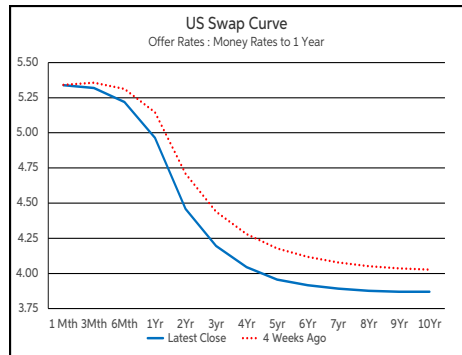
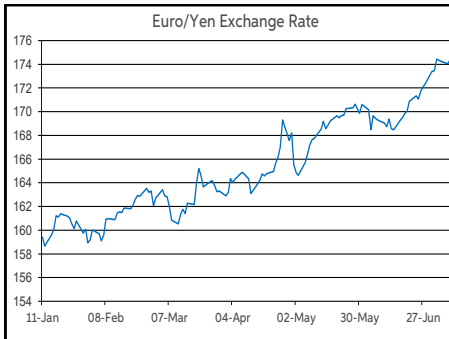
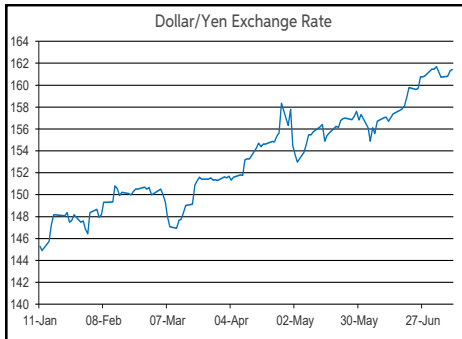
EUR/GBP	0.8454
EUR/USD	1.0817
EUR/JPY	174.64
EUR/SEK	11.4204
EUR/DKK	7.4594
EUR/NOK	11.5195
EUR/CHF	0.9704
EUR/AUD	1.6044
EUR/HKD	8.4511
EUR/CAD	1.4749

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1821
GBP/USD	1.2791
GBP/CAD	1.7441
GBP/NZD	2.1012
GBP/JPY	206.49
GBP/SEK	13.5021
GBP/DKK	8.8198
GBP/NOK	13.6217
GBP/CHF	1.1475
GBP/AUD	1.8972

Dollar

USD/JPY	161.43
USD/CAD	1.3633
USD/CHF	0.8972
USD/CNY	7.2756
USD/BRL	5.4177
USD/RUB	87.5
USD/INR	83.48
AUD/USD	0.6742
NZD/USD	0.6086



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.30	+3	-10	+44
Germany	2.56	+4	-6	+53
UK	4.16	+5	-11	+62
Ireland	2.97	+7	-10	+60
Belgium	3.17	+7	-5	+48
France	3.25	+9	+1	+70
Italy	3.95	+6	-11	+26
Spain	3.37	+6	-9	+38
Portugal	3.20	+7	-8	+41
Greece	3.60	+2	-20	+53
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.22	+0	-21	+43
Eurozone	2.86	+3	-13	+43
UK	4.19	+3	-19	+54
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.71	-2	-24	+37
Eurozone	3.20	+1	-16	+40
UK	4.68	+1	-22	+42
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	41	+3	-4	+7
Belgium	61	+3	+1	-5
France	69	+4	+8	+16
Italy	139	+2	-5	-28
Spain	81	+2	-3	-16
Portugal	64	+3	-2	-12
Greece	104	-2	-14	-1

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	84.66	-1.27	+3.34	+9.89
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2363.6	+0.20	+2.04	+14.59

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