

Dollar maintains the upper hand

Investor sentiment was holding a somewhat subdued tone yesterday. A sparse macro release calendar likely contributed to the limited price action across asset classes. Indeed, the only release of note was the latest weekly batch of US jobless claims data. The closely watched initial claims figure fell to 227k (vs. 235k f'cast) from a downwardly revised 232k the week prior. However, the data had no material impact on markets.

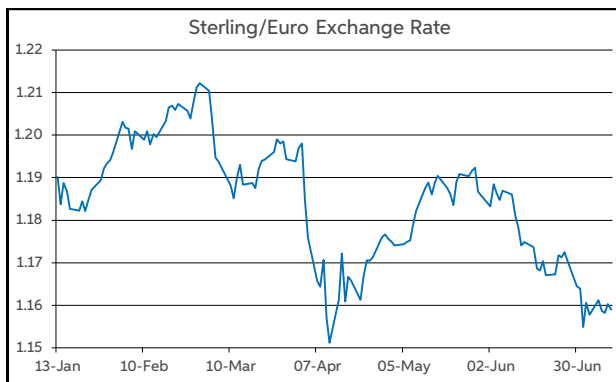
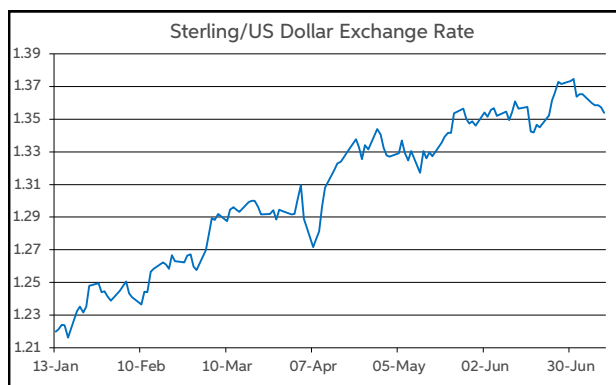
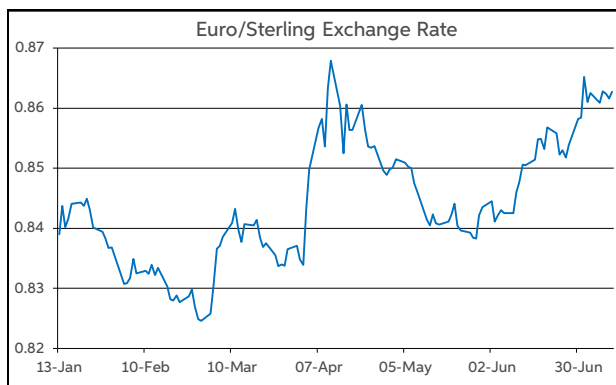
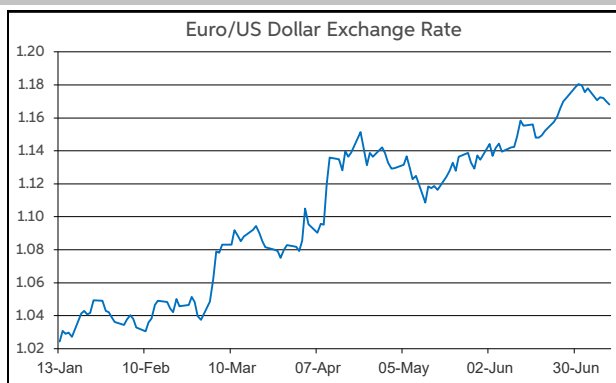
Against this backdrop, equity markets traded largely sideways for most of yesterday. Overall, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished the day down by 0.1%. Meantime the S&P 500 was 0.3% higher at the closing bell on Wall Street. Some upbeat earnings forecasts supported the index.

On the currency front, the dollar maintained its recent upward momentum. At the same time, the euro handed back some of the gains it has registered over the past number of weeks. The greenback has risen by circa 0.5% against the euro, sterling and yen.

In level terms, this sees EUR/USD start today below the \$1.17 handle, having probed below that level throughout this week. GBP/USD is changing hands down in the lower half of the \$1.35-1.36 range. Meantime, USD/JPY in the upper half of ¥146-147. EUR/GBP remains in the bottom half of 86-87p.

Already this morning, UK GDP data for May have been released. GDP contracted by 0.1% m/m (vs. +0.1% f'cast). At the same time, industrial production declined by a sharp 0.9% in May, well below expectations for it to stagnate. The release has coincided with a softer tone to sterling in early trading. Looking ahead, the remainder of today's data calendar is quiet once again. Thus the focus, will likely be on US trade policy, given the White House threatened to impose higher tariffs on key trading partners (including Canada) once more overnight.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.1681	-0.45	12.83
EUR/GBP	0.8625	0.02	4.25
GBP/USD	1.3539	-0.47	8.22
GBP/EUR	1.159	-0.02	-4.08
USD/JPY	146.75	0.38	-6.64
EUR/JPY	171.44	-0.08	5.34

* 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	4.33	4.31	3.96	3.91	3.85
EUR	2.00	1.93	1.97	2.01	2.03	2.31
GBP	4.25	4.21	4.04	3.77	3.87	3.96

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8625
EUR/USD	1.1681
EUR/JPY	171.44
EUR/SEK	11.1222
EUR/DKK	7.4612
EUR/NOK	11.7969
EUR/CHF	0.9312
EUR/AUD	1.7731
EUR/HKD	9.1698
EUR/CAD	1.5994

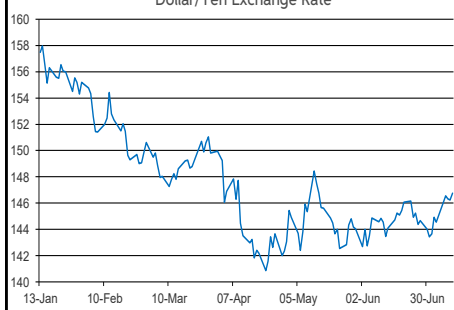
Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.159
GBP/USD	1.3539
GBP/CAD	1.8535
GBP/NZD	2.2486
GBP/JPY	198.68
GBP/SEK	12.8911
GBP/DKK	8.6477
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GBP/CHF	1.079
GBP/AUD	2.0548

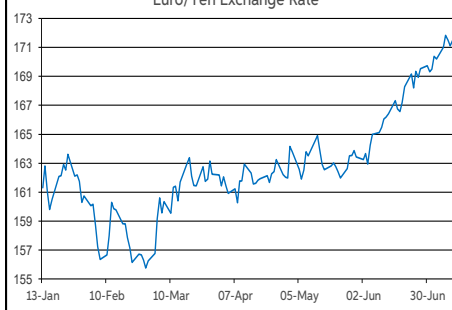
Dollar

USD/JPY	146.75
USD/CAD	1.3694
USD/CHF	0.7971
USD/CNY	7.1702
USD/BRL	5.5321
USD/RUB	77.75
USD/INR	85.8525
AUD/USD	0.6585
NZD/USD	0.6017

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

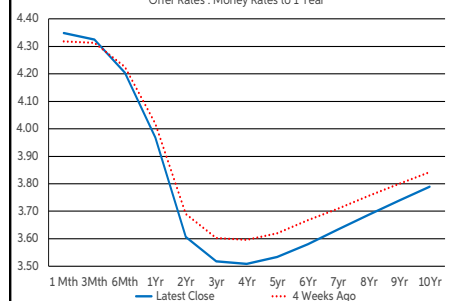


Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



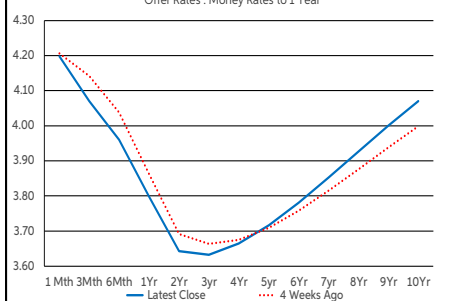
US Swap Curve

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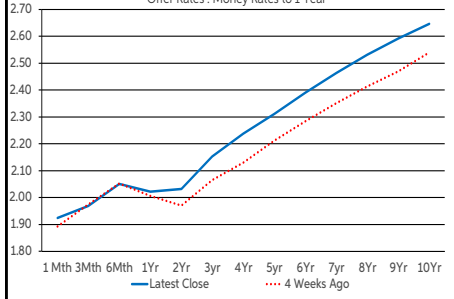
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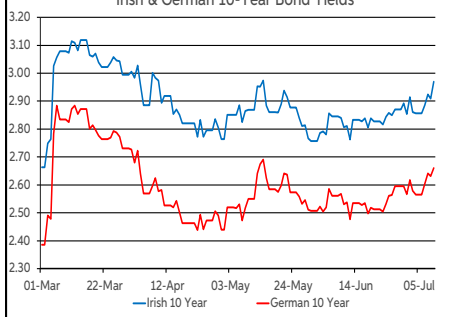


Eurozone Swap Curve

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Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



Debt Markets

	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.35	+0	-1	-23
Germany	2.66	+3	+18	+30
UK	4.60	-1	+12	+3
Ireland	2.99	+4	+18	+34
Belgium	3.26	+3	+23	+28
France	3.40	+4	+22	+21
Italy	3.59	+4	+17	+7
Spain	3.32	+3	+24	+26
Portugal	3.14	+2	+17	+29
Greece	3.41	+3	+15	+16
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.79	+2	-7	-50
Eurozone	2.31	+4	+10	+7
UK	3.96	-0	+2	-33
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.87	+2	-8	-46
Eurozone	2.03	+3	+6	-17
UK	3.87	-1	-4	-61
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	33	+1	-0	+4
Belgium	60	+0	+4	-2
France	74	+1	+3	-9
Italy	93	+1	-1	-23
Spain	66	+0	+6	-4
Portugal	48	-1	-1	-0
Greece	74	-0	-3	-14

Commodities

	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
% Change				
Brent Oil	68.64	-2.21	-1.04	-8.04
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3322.7	+0.28	-1.81	+26.64

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