Morning Comment

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Dollar firmer post CPI release

Investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone yesterday on both sides of the Atlantic. This was reflected by the Euro Stoxx 50 inching 0.3% lower, while on Wall Street the S&P 500 declined y 0.4%. On bond markets, German Bund yields fell circa 2bps. In contrast, UK Gilt yields rose by 1-5bps, while US Treasury yields moved 3-6bps higher along the curve. The move in Treasury yields followed the release of CPI inflation data for June.

Overall, US CPI inflation was broadly in-line with expectations. The headline rate rose to 2.7% (vs. 2.6% fcast), while the core rate increased to 2.9% (vs. 3.0% fcast). However, the underlying details of the report showed some signs that tariffs may be contributing to higher prices for certain items. Indeed, core goods excluding autos prices, jumped by 0.5% in the month, the fastest pace of increase since June 2022.

US rate expectations firmed following the release, albeit market pricing is still leaning towards two rate cuts in the second half of the year. Around 45bps of easing is expected by year end. On the currency front, the dollar was in the ascendancy in the aftermath of the CPI release also. This was evidenced by the dollar gaining around 0.2% against sterling and 0.5% versus the euro yesterday.

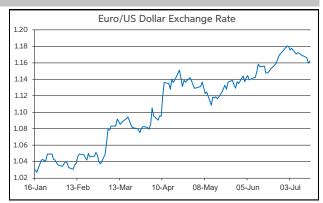
As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is down in the lower half of the \$1.16-1.17 range, having tested below \$1.16 yesterday. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is back at the \$1.34 threshold. EUR/GBP is changing hands nearer to the midpoint of the 86-87p corridor.

Already today, UK CPI inflation for June has been released. Both the headline and the core rate have printed above the consensus, rising to 3.6% (vs. 3.4% f'cast) and 3.7% (vs. 3.5%). Sterling has been a touch firmer in early trading following the release. Later today, the main highlight will be US PPI inflation for June.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1622	-0.46	12.26		
EUR/GBP	0.8665	-0.30	4.74		
GBP/USD	1.3409	-0.16	7.18		
GBP/EUR	1.1537	0.30	-4.52		
USD/JPY	148.68	0.70	-5.41		
EUR/JPY	172.82	0.24	6.19		
* 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	4.38	4.34	4.33	4.01	3.99	3.94
EUR	2.00	1.87	2.04	2.01	2.03	2.33
GBP	4.25	4.13	4.03	3.78	3.89	3.99









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8665
EUR/USD	1.1622
EUR/JPY	172.82
EUR/SEK	11.2851
EUR/DKK	7.463
EUR/NOK	11.894
EUR/CHF	0.9305
EUR/AUD	1.781
EUR/HKD	9.1232
EUR/CAD	1.5936

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1537			
GBP/USD	1.3409			
GBP/CAD	1.8384			
GBP/NZD	2.2524			
GBP/JPY	199.37			
GBP/SEK	13.0177			
GBP/DKK	8.6079			
GBP/NOK	13.727			
GBP/CHF	1.0733			
GBP/AUD	2.0546			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	148.68			
USD/CAD	1.3714			
USD/CHF	0.8005			
USD/CNY	7.1788			
USD/BRL	5.5588			
USD/RUB	78.12			
USD/INR	85.769			
AUD/USD	0.6521			
NZD/USD	0.5949			
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US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

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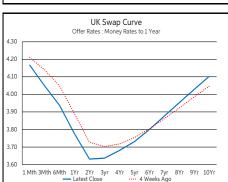
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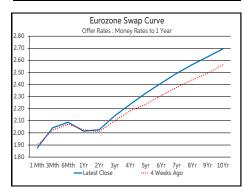
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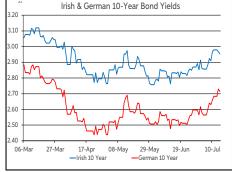
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.49	+6	+10	-9	
Germany	2.72	-2	+18	+35	
UK	4.62	+2	+7	+5	
Ireland	3.00	-1	+11	+35	
Belgium	3.27	-2	+15	+28	
France	3.41	-2	+16	+21	
Italy	3.60	-2	+8	+8	
Spain	3.32	-2	+9	+26	
Portugal	3.16	-2	+11	+31	
Greece	3.39	-5	+9	+14	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.90	+5	+3	-39	
Eurozone	2.32	-0	+9	+9	
UK	3.97	+3	-1	-31	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.95	+4	-3	-38	
Eurozone	2.02	-1	+1	-17	
UK	3.86	+2	-9	-63	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps		
Ireland	28	+1	-7	-1	
Belgium	55	-O	-3	-7	
France	69	-1	-2	-14	
Italy	89	+0	-10	-27	
Spain	61	-1	-9	-9	
Portugal	44	-O	-7	-4	
Greece	68	-3	-9	-21	

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	68.71	-0.72	-10.12	-7.94			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold\$	3322.2 -0.64 -1.95 +26.62						

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