Morning Comment

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Dollar starts the week firmer

Amid a relatively sparse macro-calendar, the mixed mood on markets from last week carried over into yesterday. Having moved higher in early trading, the S&P 500 finished broadly flat for the day. Meanwhile the Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 1%.

On the currency front, trading conditions were somewhat volatile, albeit within generally confined ranges. Overall, the dollar was in the ascendancy. Meantime, sterling initially weakened as UK rates softened. Market pricing is now consistent with a 60% probability that the BoE will cut rates this week (up from 50%). This saw EUR/GBP trade to a high of 84.6p. However, sterling recovered its losses versus the euro before the close. Elsewhere, the yen was under some downward pressure.

In level terms, EUR/GBP opens this morning back closer to the 84p threshold. Meanwhile, the firmer dollar is reflected in EUR/USD operating down in the lower half of the \$1.08-1.09 range. GBP/USD is at the midpoint of the \$1.28-1.29 corridor. Elsewhere, USD/JPY is changing hands up in the top half of the ¥154-155 band.

Already this morning, French GDP for Q2 has printed slightly ahead of the consensus, rising by 0.3% q/q (vs. +0.2% f'cast). Furthermore, Q1 was revised higher to +0.3% q/q also, up from +0.2%. The data have not impacted the euro in early trading, but offer some insight ahead of the first reading of Eurozone GDP for Q2 due later today. A 0.2% q/q rise is pencilled in for the bloc wide measure.

Elsewhere in the Eurozone, the EC sentiment indicators for July will be released. Meantime, the flash readings of German and Spanish HICP inflation will be of interest. In the US, consumer confidence (July) and the latest JOLTS job openings data (June) are due. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2023		
EUR/USD	1.082	-0.34	-1.96		
EUR/GBP	0.8421	-0.13	-2.85		
GBP/USD	1.2848	-0.19	0.93		
GBP/EUR	1.1873	0.13	2.93		
USD/JPY	154.74	0.87	9.70		
EUR/JPY	167.43	0.51	7.58		
* 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	5.38	5.46	5.52	5.02	4.54	4.09
EUR	4.25	3.62	3.66	3.34	2.94	2.64
GBP	5.25	5.06	5.03	4.71	4.55	4.08

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

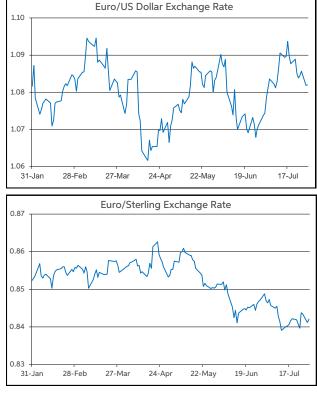
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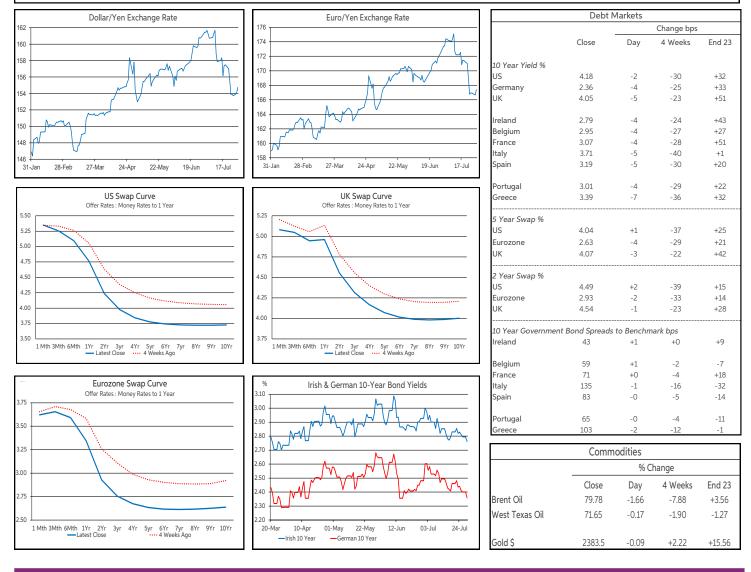


Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterl	Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8421	GBP/EUR	1.1873	USD/JPY	154.74	
EUR/USD	1.082	GBP/USD	1.2848	USD/CAD	1.3845	
EUR/JPY	167.43	GBP/CAD	1.7788	USD/CHF	0.8873	
EUR/SEK	11.7156	GBP/NZD	2.1811	USD/CNY	7.2613	
EUR/DKK	7.4615	GBP/JPY	198.81	USD/BRL	5.6158	
EUR/NOK	11.9028	GBP/SEK	13.9081	USD/RUB	86	
EUR/CHF	0.9601	GBP/DKK	8.8601	USD/INR	83.7315	
EUR/AUD	1.6505	GBP/NOK	14.1318			
EUR/HKD	8.4515	GBP/CHF	1.1401	AUD/USD	0.6555	
EUR/CAD	1.498	GBP/AUD	1.9597	NZD/USD	0.5889	



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