Morning Comment

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Busy data schedule ahead today

Trading conditions remained subdued yesterday, as investor sentiment continued to hold a cautious tone. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 edged 0.2% lower. In contrast, the S&P 500 rose by 0.6%. On bond markets, benchmark sovereign yields in the US, UK and Germany fell by 2-4bps. At the same time, oil prices declined by over 2%, with Brent crude back below \$64 per barrel.

Elsewhere, survey data continued to deteriorate on both sides of the Atlantic in April. The Eurozone EC economic sentiment indicator fell to 93.6 in April (vs. 94.5 f'cast), amid a broad based decline across the industrial and services sectors. In the US, the Conference Board measure of consumer confidence plunged to 86.0 in April (vs. 87.5 f'cast), its lowest level since May 2020. Meanwhile, in terms of the labour market, JOLTs job openings dropped to 7,192k in March, well below expectations for 7,500k. Overall, the data provided an unhelpful backdrop for risk appetite yesterday.

On the currency front, the main pairs have operated in relatively tight ranges over the past 24 hours. EUR/USD has continued to straddle the \$1.14 handle, while \$1.338-1.345 has covered all the action in GBP/USD. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is just below \$1.14, with GBP/USD at the \$1.34 mark. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands at the 85p threshold.

Today, a busy data schedule includes updates on GDP and inflation. The main focus will be on the first estimate of GDP for Q1 in the US, where a marked slowdown in the pace of growth is expected, largely owing to a surge in imports amid tariff front-running. A 0.3% annualised rise in output is pencilled in for Q1. In the Eurozone, GDP growth is forecast to remain muted, at 0.2% q/q again in the first quarter. On the inflation front, US core-PCE is projected to ease back to 2.6% in March from 2.8%. German, French and Italian flash HICP inflation estimates for April are also due.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1393	0.13	10.05	
EUR/GBP	0.8501	0.12	2.76	
GBP/USD	1.3399	0.04	7.10	
GBP/EUR	1.176	-0.12	-2.68	
USD/JPY	142.57	0.04	-9.30	
EUR/JPY	162.38	0.14	-0.23	
* 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	4.31	4.26	3.78	3.72	3.70
EUR	2.40	2.15	2.19	1.98	1.93	2.17
GBP	4.50	4.25	4.16	3.82	3.86	3.90









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.176			
GBP/USD	1.3399			
GBP/CAD	1.8514			
GBP/NZD	2.2544			
GBP/JPY	191.03			
GBP/SEK	12.89			
GBP/DKK	8.7796			
GBP/NOK	13.8763			
GBP/CHF	1.1031			
GBP/AUD	2.0896			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	142.57				
USD/CAD	1.382				
USD/CHF	0.8234				
USD/CNY	7.2648				
USD/BRL	5.62				
USD/RUB	81.55				
USD/INR	84.975				
AUD/USD	0.6409				
NZD/USD	0.594				



US Swap Curve

1.40

4.30 4.20

4.00 3.90 3.80

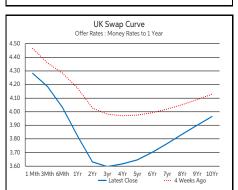
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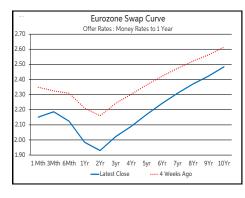
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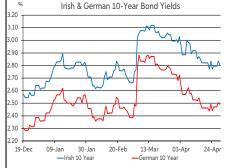
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.17	-4	+2	-40		
Germany	2.49	-2	-19	+13		
UK	4.48	-2	-15	-9		
Ireland	2.85	-2	-16	+20		
Belgium	3.08	-1	-17	+10		
France	3.22	-1	-18	+2		
Italy	3.62	-1	-17	+10		
Spain	3.17	-1	-15	+10		
Portugal	3.05	+0	-16	+20		
Greece	3.37	-O	-15	+12		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	3.65	-4	-23	-64		
Eurozone	2.17	+2	-20	-7		
UK	3.89	-4	-33	-39		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.67	-4	-30	-67		
Eurozone	1.93	+1	-23	-27		
UK	3.86	-3	-40	-63		
 10 Year Governmei	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	36	-1	+3	+7		
Belgium	59	+1	+2	-3		
France	73	+0	+1	-11		
Italy	113	+0	+2	-3		
Spain	67	+0	+4	-3		
Portugal	56	+2	+3	+7		
Greece	88	+1	+4	-0		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	64.25	-2.44	-13.75	-13.92	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3316.1	-0.76	+6.61	+26.39	

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