Morning Comment

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Risk-off mood continued yesterday

The strong risk-off mood on markets from last week carried through into trading yesterday. Concerns in relation to health of the US economy following last weeks disappointing labour market report, and the unwinding of the significant yen carry trade, have led to increased levels of volatility on markets, with the VIX index spiking to a high of 65 yesterday. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 1.4% yesterday, while the S&P 500 shed 3%.

On the monetary policy front, Fed officials Goolsbee and Daly sought to clam the market turmoil yesterday. Both indicated that the Fed is open to cutting rates in September, but argued the US economy is slowing and not "falling off a cliff". Meanwhile, the US non-manufacturing ISM printed above the consensus. It rose to 51.4 in July, from 48.8 (and vs. 51.0 f'cast). Furthermore, the survey details showed new orders and employment expanded in the month. US market rate expectations firmed by circa 10bps along the curve after the release.

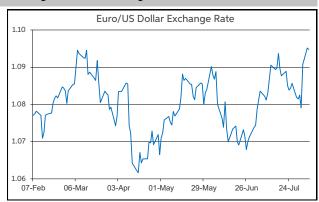
Currency-wise, trading conditions remained volatile, particularly in relation to the yen. Indeed, USD/JPY operated in a very wide ¥141.7-146.6 range yesterday. Elsewhere, EUR/USD tested above \$1.10. However, the dollar recouped its losses overnight. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning at the midpoint of \$1.09-1.10. GBP/USD is changing hands in the top half \$1.27-1.28. Meantime, EUR/GBP is in the upper half of the 85-86p corridor. USD/JPY is in the ¥145-146 trading band.

Turning to the day ahead, Eurozone retail sales for June will be released. A modest 0.1% contraction is pencilled in for the month. However, the data are unlikely to impact the euro. Indeed, the main focus today will likely remain on trading conditions.

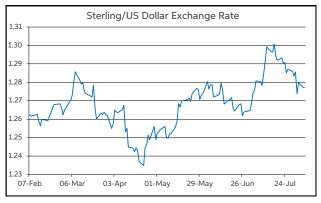
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0948	0.16	-0.80	
EUR/GBP	0.857	0.36	-1.13	
GBP/USD	1.2772	-0.22	0.34	
GBP/EUR	1.1665	-0.36	1.14	
USD/JPY	145.89	1.90	3.42	
EUR/JPY	159.72	2.05	2.63	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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	Opening Interest Rates					
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.47	5.49	4.59	4.09	3.72
EUR	4.25	3.61	3.62	3.10	2.76	2.50
GBP	5.00	4.93	4.90	4.49	4.32	3.89









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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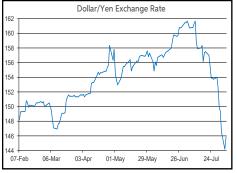
Opening Levels



0.857
1.0948
159.72
11.5276
7.4605
12.0109
0.9381
1.6781
8.5322
1.5126

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1665			
GBP/USD	1.2772			
GBP/CAD	1.7647			
GBP/NZD	2.1525			
GBP/JPY	186.33			
GBP/SEK	13.4394			
GBP/DKK	8.7033			
GBP/NOK	14.0179			
GBP/CHF	1.0944			
GBP/AUD	1.9576			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	145.89			
USD/CAD	1.3816			
USD/CHF	0.8568			
USD/CNY	7.1491			
USD/BRL	5.7239			
USD/RUB	85.3			
USD/INR	83.871			
AUD/USD	0.6523			
NZD/USD	0.5932			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

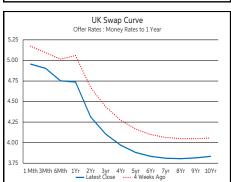
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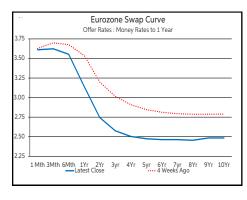
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	3.78	-1	-49	-8		
Germany	2.18	+2	-34	+15		
UK	3.87	+4	-24	+33		
Ireland	2.62	+2	-27	+26		
Belgium	2.85	+3	-25	+16		
France	2.98	+2	-19	+42		
Italy	3.69	+6	-21	-1		
Spain	3.09	+4	-22	+10		
Portugal	2.88	+2	-25	+10		
Greece	3.33	+2	-25	+25		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.62	+3	-60	-17		
Eurozone	2.48	+2	-36	+5		
UK	3.88	+5	-28	+23		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.98	+4	-75	-35		
Eurozone	2.75	+1	-44	-5		
UK	4.31	+5	-35	+5		
10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	44	-1	+7	+10		
Belgium	66	+1	+9	+0		
France	80	-0	+15	+27		
Italy	150	+4	+13	-17		
Spain	91	+1	+12	-5		
Portugal	70	-O	+9	-6		
Greece	115	+0	+9	+10		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks				
Brent Oil	76.3	-0.66	-11.02	-0.96	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2407.6	-1.46	+2.07	+16.73	

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