Morning Comment

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Firmer tone to the dollar

Having suffered heavy losses over the past few sessions, equity markets in Europe and the US stabilised yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 edged 0.1% higher, while the S&P 500 gained 1.0%. The modest recovery coincided with calmer, albeit still choppy trading conditions, amid a relatively quiet macro-calendar. Meanwhile, Japanese stocks continued to recover overnight.

Data-wise, Eurozone retail sales printed below the consensus, contracting by 0.3% in June (vs. -0.1% f'cast). They were also 0.3% lower in year-on-year terms. Meantime, German industrial orders rose by 3.9% in June, above expectations for a 0.5% increase. However, neither release had a meaningful impact on the euro.

Indeed, the main FX pairs have operated in much tighter ranges over the past 24 hours. Of the price action to note, the yen and sterling have been under some downward pressure. Elsewhere, the dollar was holding a firmer tone.

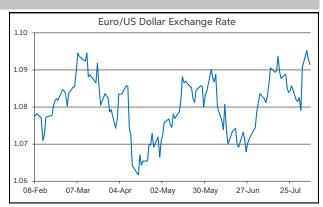
In level terms, the stronger dollar sees EUR/USD open this morning down in the lower half of the \$1.09-1.10 range. GBP/USD is changing hands back near to the \$1.27 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is operating just below the 86p handle. USD/JPY is trading up above the midpoint of the \$1.47 corridor.

Already this morning, German industrial production data for June have been released. Output expanded by 1.4% in the month (vs. +1.0% f'cast). The release has coincided with a marginally firmer tone to the euro in early trading. The remainder of today's macro calendar is quiet on both sides of the Atlantic.

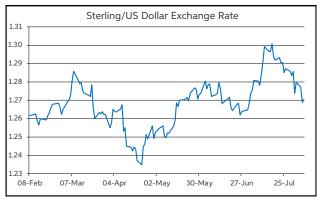
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0915	-0.33	-1.10	
EUR/GBP	0.859	0.20	-0.90	
GBP/USD	1.2705	-0.52	-0.19	
GBP/EUR	1.164	-0.20	0.91	
USD/JPY	146.63	0.78	3.95	
EUR/JPY	160.05	0.41	2.84	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.44	5.39	4.58	4.08	3.74
EUR	4.25	3.57	3.58	3.11	2.73	2.50
GBP	5.00	4.94	4.91	4.49	4.31	3.90









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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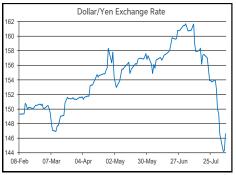
Opening Levels



Eur	0
EUR/GBP	0.859
EUR/USD	1.0915
EUR/JPY	160.05
EUR/SEK	11.4727
EUR/DKK	7.4627
EUR/NOK	11.8759
EUR/CHF	0.9346
EUR/AUD	1.6667
EUR/HKD	8.5066
EUR/CAD	1.5033

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.164			
GBP/USD	1.2705			
GBP/CAD	1.7498			
GBP/NZD	2.1153			
GBP/JPY	186.31			
GBP/SEK	13.3512			
GBP/DKK	8.686			
GBP/NOK	13.8191			
GBP/CHF	1.0879			
GBP/AUD	1.9405			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	146.63			
USD/CAD	1.3773			
USD/CHF	0.8562			
USD/CNY	7.1794			
USD/BRL	5.6567			
USD/RUB	85.55			
USD/INR	83.9303			
AUD/USD	0.6545			
NZD/USD	0.6005			



US Swap Curve

5.50

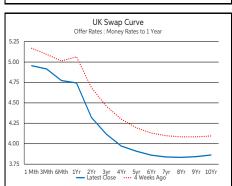
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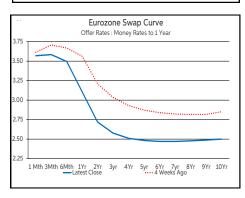
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	3.89	+11	-41	+3		
Germany	2.18	-0	-38	+15		
UK	3.92	+5	-24	+38		
Ireland	2.62	-O	-35	+25		
Belgium	2.82	-3	-35	+13		
France	2.95	-3	-30	+39		
Italy	3.66	-3	-30	-4		
Spain	3.07	-2	-30	+8		
Portugal	2.85	-3	-34	+7		
Greece	3.31	-2	-29	+24		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	3.69	+8	-53	-10		
Eurozone	2.48	+1	-38	+6		
UK	3.91	+3	-28	+26		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.04	+6	-67	-29		
Eurozone	2.72	-3	-48	-8		
UK	4.32	+1	-36	+6		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	44	-0	+3	+10		
Belgium	64	-3	+3	-3		
France	77	-3	+8	+24		
Italy	148	-3	+8	-20		
Spain	89	-2	+8	-8		
Portugal	67	-3	+4	-8		
Greece	113	-2	+9	+8		

Commodities					
	% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 23				
Brent Oil	76.48	+0.24	-9.66	-0.73	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2389.4	-0.76	+1.09	+15.84	

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