Morning Comment

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Yen firms overnight

Trading conditions on financial markets continued to stabilise during the European session yesterday, amid a barren data schedule. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 rebounded by 2% on the day. However, risk appetite soured over the course of the US session, with the S&P 500 reversing early gains to register a 0.8% loss last night. Meantime, on bond markets, benchmark yields moved higher across the board. 10-year German Bund, US Treasury and UK Gilt yields moved 3-9bps higher.

On the currency front, the main FX pairs operated in very tight ranges throughout the European session. Of the very limited action to note over the period, the euro was holding a marginally firmer tone, while the yen was under some modest downward pressure. Overnight though, the yen recouped its losses and took the ascendancy on the exchanges, following the release of the BoJ meeting minutes from last week.

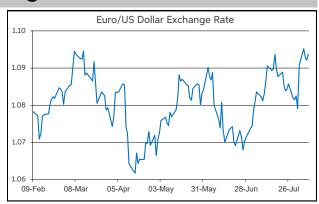
As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD remains in the lower half of the \$1.09-1.10 range. GBP/USD continues to change hands close to the \$1.27 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is operating in and around the 86p handle. The firmer tone to the yen overnight is evidenced by USD/JPY trading back near ¥146.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro-calendar remains relatively quiet once again. The only release of note will be the latest weekly initial jobless claims figure. Last weeks print of +249k was the highest in almost a year, and contributed to a risk-off mood on markets. However, the consensus is for a slight improvement to +240k this week. As last week showed though, the data pose some event risk for markets.

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Т	Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2023		
EUR/USD	1.0938	0.25	-0.89		
EUR/GBP	0.8608	0.29	-0.69		
GBP/USD	1.2702	-0.02	-0.21		
GBP/EUR	1.1612	-0.29	0.70		
USD/JPY	146.17	-1.00	3.62		
EUR/JPY	159.91	-0.74	2.75		
* v Previous Day's European Open					

Opening Interest Rates							
		Money Market			Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.40	5.32	4.54	4.05	3.74	
EUR	4.25	3.56	3.52	3.10	2.72	2.51	
GBP	5.00	4.94	4.90	4.47	4.28	3.90	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8609
EUR/USD	1.0939
EUR/JPY	159.91
EUR/SEK	11.4063
EUR/DKK	7.4623
EUR/NOK	11.786
EUR/CHF	0.9405
EUR/AUD	1.6679
EUR/HKD	8.5188
EUR/CAD	1.502

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1613			
GBP/USD	1.2705			
GBP/CAD	1.7445			
GBP/NZD	2.1169			
GBP/JPY	185.71			
GBP/SEK	13.2467			
GBP/DKK	8.6666			
GBP/NOK	13.685			
GBP/CHF	1.092			
GBP/AUD	1.9376			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	146.17				
USD/CAD	1.3732				
USD/CHF	0.8595				
USD/CNY	7.159				
USD/BRL	5.6369				
USD/RUB	85.85				
USD/INR	83.955				
AUD/USD	0.6555				
NZD/USD	0.5999				



US Swap Curve

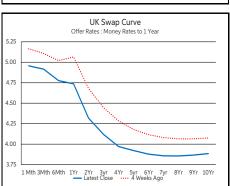
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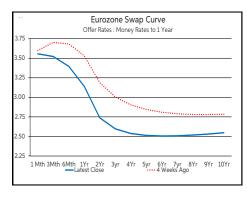
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.97	+8	-31	+11	
Germany	2.27	+9	-26	+24	
UK	3.95	+3	-18	+41	
Ireland	2.69	+7	-22	+32	
Belgium	2.88	+6	-22	+19	
France	3.01	+6	-17	+46	
Italy	3.71	+5	-16	+1	
Spain	3.13	+6	-17	+14	
Portugal	2.92	+7	-20	+14	
Greece	3.39	+8	-16	+32	
 5 Year Swap %					
US ,	3.73	+3	-48	-6	
Eurozone	2.51	+3	-32	+9	
UK	3.92	+1	-25	+27	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.02	-3	-69	-31	
Eurozone	2.74	+2	-44	-6	
UK	4.32	-O	-36	+5	
 10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps		
Ireland	42	-2	+4	+8	
Belgium	61	-3	+4	-5	
France	74	-3	+9	+21	
Italy	144	-4	+11	-23	
Spain	86	-3	+9	-10	
Portugal	65	-2	+6	-11	
Greece	112	-1	+11	+7	

Commodities					
	% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 23				
Brent Oil	78.33	+2.42	-7.93	+1.67	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2381.5	-0.33	+0.44	+15.46	

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