Morning Comment

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Dollar remains on the back-foot

There was a somewhat mixed tone to sentiment yesterday, as US markets returned from a long weekend and investors continued to digest a slew of executive orders from President Trump. Having edged higher on Monday, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished flat yesterday. Meantime on Wall Street, the mood was more upbeat, with the S&P 500 gaining 0.9%.

On the currency front, the price action was limited throughout the European session. Of the scant developments to note yesterday, the dollar remained under some downward pressure. A relatively quiet data calendar likely contributed to the muted moves. Indeed, although the main release of note, the German ZEW for January printed well below the consensus (10.3 vs. 15.3 f'cast), it had no major impact on the euro.

Overnight the greenback remained on the back-foot. Overall the dollar has declined by around 0.4% versus the euro and sterling in the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP has been very tightly range bound, while the yen has edged slightly lower across the board.

In level terms, the softer tone to the dollar sees EUR/USD open this morning up above the \$1.04 threshold. Meantime, GBP/USD is changing hands in the \$1.23-1.24 trading band. EUR/GBP remains in and around the midpoint of the 84-85p corridor. Elsewhere, USD/JPY is in the upper half of ¥155-156.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro calendar is rather sparse once again. However, remarks from ECB President Lagarde may garner some interest later today. At the same time, investors will keep one eye on potential developments from Washington.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0415	0.36	0.60	
EUR/GBP	0.845	-0.02	2.14	
GBP/USD	1.232	0.38	-1.53	
GBP/EUR	1.1828	0.02	-2.09	
USD/JPY	155.87	0.36	-0.83	
EUR/JPY	162.36	0.73	-0.24	
* 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	4.30	4.29	4.20	4.42	4.40
EUR	3.15	2.79	2.68	2.44	2.35	2.39
GBP	4.75	4.57	4.51	4.34	4.44	4.29









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



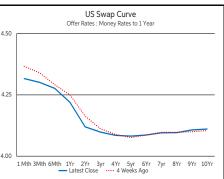
EUR/GBP 0.845 EUR/USD 1.0415
FUD/IDV 163.36
EUR/JPY 162.36
EUR/SEK 11.4526
EUR/DKK 7.4606
EUR/NOK 11.779
EUR/CHF 0.9439
EUR/AUD 1.663
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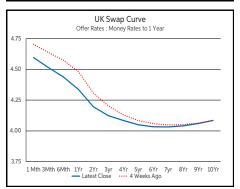
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1828			
GBP/USD	1.232			
GBP/CAD	1.766			
GBP/NZD	2.1774			
GBP/JPY	192.03			
GBP/SEK	13.5441			
GBP/DKK	8.8259			
GBP/NOK	13.934			
GBP/CHF	1.1166			
GBP/AUD	1.9674			

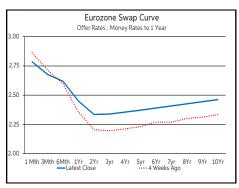
Dollar				
USD/JPY	155.87			
USD/CAD	1.4334			
USD/CHF	0.9062			
USD/CNY	7.2818			
USD/BRL	6.022			
USD/RUB	98.8			
USD/INR	86.535			
AUD/USD	0.626			
NZD/USD	0.5656			













	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.57	-4	-1	-0	
Germany	2.48	-1	+15	+11	
UK	4.59	-7	-1	+2	
Ireland	2.80	-O	+16	+15	
Belgium	3.06	-3	+13	+7	
France	3.27	-2	+13	+8	
Italy	3.59	-2	+10	+7	
Spain	3.14	-2	+11	+8	
Portugal	2.93	-2	+12	+8	
Greece	3.29	-2	+5	+4	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.35	-4	-0	+6	
Eurozone	2.37	-1	+15	+14	
UK	4.29	-5	-3	+0	
 2 Year Swap %					
US	4.38	-2	-3	+4	
Eurozone	2.34	-1	+14	+15	
UK	4.44	-2	-9	-5	
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps		
Ireland	32	+1	+0	+4	
Belgium	58	-1	-2	-4	
France	79	-1	-2	-4	
Italy	111	-1	-6	-4	
Spain	66	-O	-4	-4	
Portugal	45	-0	-3	-4	
Greece	81	-0	-10	-8	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24				
Brent Oil	79.29	-1.07	+7.76	+6.23	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold\$	2744.4	+1.34	+5.02	+4.60	

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