## **Morning Comment**

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## Action packed week ahead

This week sees an action packed calendar. On the political front, the second round of the French elections is on Sunday (7th July). The first round results are showing the National Rally (RN) on 33%, which was slightly below what some polls were indicating. Some analysts are anticipating RN may fall short of an absolute majority. Since the election was called there has been a widening in the French-German 10-year bond yield spread. This reflects market concerns on the impact a more extreme Left or Right wing Government could have on an already elevated French budget deficit. There is a high degree of uncertainty over the outcome of Round 2. This could create some volatility for the euro this week. EUR/USD opens this morning in the upper half of \$1.07-1.08

The other key political event is on Thursday with the UK General Election. Polls have consistently been indicating a win for Labour. If the actual result is in line with these polls it would not be a surprise to markets. Therefore it would not be expected to have much impact on sterling.

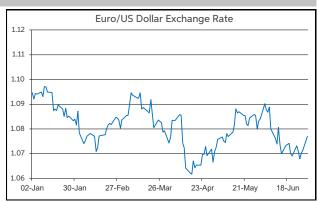
Data-wise, there are some top tier releases over the coming days. We get the flash reading of Eurozone inflation for June. In the US, non-farm payrolls (June) are due along with a raft of other labour market data, including the unemployment rate. On the central bank front, the ECB hosts its annual Central Banking forum which includes ECB President Lagarde and Fed Chair Powell. The Fed meeting minutes and ECB 'account' are also due.

Given such a busy/varied calendar, there is the potential for some increased volatility on FX markets this week. Expectations of potential intervention by Japan to support its currency will also persist with USD/JYP trading above ¥160.

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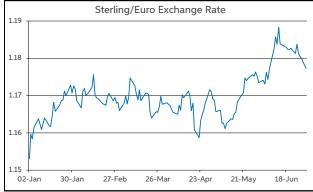
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.077	0.79	-2.41	
EUR/GBP	0.849	0.31	-2.05	
GBP/USD	1.2681	0.46	-0.38	
GBP/EUR	1.1773	-0.31	2.10	
USD/JPY	160.98	-0.02	14.12	
EUR/JPY	173.38	0.75	11.41	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	<b>Base Rate</b>	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.45	5.59	5.31	4.89	4.39
EUR	4.25	3.63	3.71	3.55	3.22	2.92
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.11	4.88	4.79	4.26









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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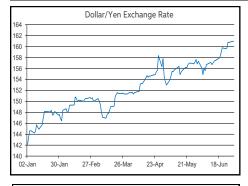
## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.849
EUR/USD	1.077
EUR/JPY	173.38
EUR/SEK	11.3661
EUR/DKK	7.458
EUR/NOK	11.4575
EUR/CHF	0.9682
EUR/AUD	1.6143
EUR/HKD	8.4127
EUR/CAD	1.4719

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1773			
GBP/USD	1.2681			
GBP/CAD	1.7331			
GBP/NZD	2.0784			
GBP/JPY	204.14			
GBP/SEK	13.3841			
GBP/DKK	8.7803			
GBP/NOK	13.4905			
GBP/CHF	1.1403			
GBP/AUD	1.9008			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	160.98			
USD/CAD	1.3665			
USD/CHF	0.899			
USD/CNY	7.2678			
USD/BRL	5.5915			
USD/RUB	84.9			
USD/INR	83.405			
AUD/USD	0.6671			
NZD/USD	0.6099			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

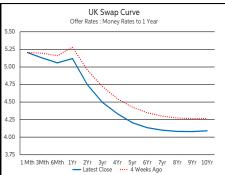
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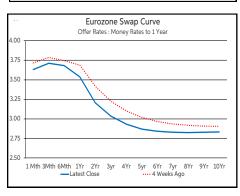
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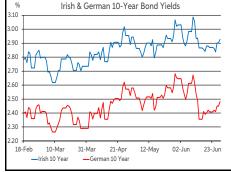
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets					
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.34	+5	-17	+48	
Germany	2.49	+3	-16	+46	
UK	4.18	+4	-15	+64	
Ireland	2.95	+2	-10	+59	
Belgium	3.13	-1	-7	+44	
France	3.29	+2	+14	+73	
Italy	4.07	+4	+9	+37	
Spain	3.41	+1	+2	+42	
Portugal	3.24	+1	-0	+45	
Greece	3.74	+3	+8	+66	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.36	+8	-16	+57	
Eurozone	2.87	+3	-14	+44	
UK	4.21	-1	-22	+55	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.86	+3	-18	+52	
Eurozone	3.21	+2	-20	+41	
UK	4.75	-0	-21	+48	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	 mark bps		
Ireland	47	-2	+7	+13	
Belgium	64	-4	+10	-2	
France	80	-1	+30	+27	
Italy	158	+0	+26	-9	
Spain	93	-3	+18	-4	
Portugal	75	-3	+16	-0	
Greece	125	-0	+25	+20	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	86.41	+0.02	+5.87	+12.16	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2325.7	-0.07	-0.05	+12.76	

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