Morning Comment

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Eurozone inflation in focus today

There was a positive tone to European investor sentiment yesterday. Market participants appeared to take comfort from the assessment that the result of the first round of the French elections meant it was unlikely that the Far Right or Far Left would win an absolute majority in round two this Sunday. Therefore, the risk of an overly aggressive programme of fiscal spending has lessened.

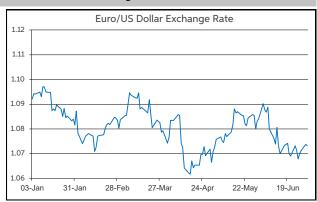
Amid the easing of concerns over the sovereign's fiscal outlook, the spread between the 10-year French yield and its German equivalent narrowed. It moved in from its 12-year high on Friday above 80bps to 74bps yesterday. The main European equity indices also experienced somewhat of a 'relief' rally. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.7% on the day. Lower than expected German inflation data for June was also supportive of risk appetite yesterday.

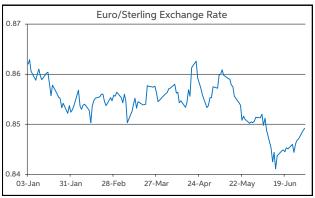
Currency-wise, the euro started yesterday's European session with some upward momentum as the market reacted positively to the election results. EUR/USD, which had ended last week above \$1.07 due to a softer dollar tone, traded initially higher yesterday to a peak at \$1.077. However, this move was not sustained. The dollar gained the upper hand amid higher US yields relative to elsewhere. EUR/USD moved back below the midpoint of \$1.07-1.08, while GBP/USD traded under the halfway mark of \$1.26-1.27. The EUR/GBP pair operated in a tight range just below 85p. Meanwhile, USD/JPY continued its upward trend, reaching a 37-year high of ¥161.7 yesterday.

Today, we get the key Eurozone macro release of the week, with the flash June reading of HICP inflation for the currency bloc. Meanwhile, both ECB President Lagarde and Fed Chair Powell are scheduled to speak at the ECB Forum on Central Banking today. **John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB**

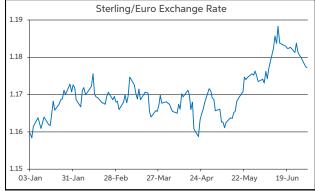
Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0732	-0.20	-2.75
EUR/GBP	0.8492	-0.04	-2.03
GBP/USD	1.2636	-0.15	-0.73
GBP/EUR	1.1771	0.04	2.07
USD/JPY	161.67	0.38	14.61
EUR/JPY	173.52	0.18	11.50
* v Previous Day's European Open			

Opening Interest Rates Money Market Swap Rates 1-Mth 3-Mth 2-Yr 5-Yr **Base Rate** 1-Yr USD 5.38 5.45 5.58 5.29 4.89 4.43 EUR 4.25 3.63 3.71 3.54 3.25 2.94 GBP 5.25









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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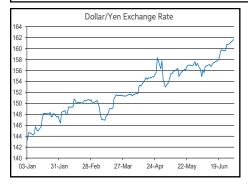
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8492
EUR/USD	1.0732
EUR/JPY	173.52
EUR/SEK	11.4066
EUR/DKK	7.4581
EUR/NOK	11.4513
EUR/CHF	0.9701
EUR/AUD	1.6156
EUR/HKD	8.3852
EUR/CAD	1.4751

Sterling	9
GBP/EUR	1.1771
GBP/USD	1.2636
GBP/CAD	1.7368
GBP/NZD	2.0872
GBP/JPY	204.29
GBP/SEK	13.4281
GBP/DKK	8.78
GBP/NOK	13.484
GBP/CHF	1.1423
GBP/AUD	1.9022

Dollar			
USD/JPY	161.67		
USD/CAD	1.3742		
USD/CHF	0.9039		
USD/CNY	7.2712		
USD/BRL	5.6563		
USD/RUB	87		
USD/INR	83.514		
AUD/USD	0.6642		
NZD/USD	0.6052		



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

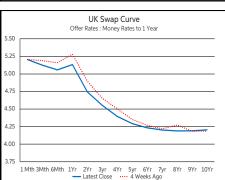
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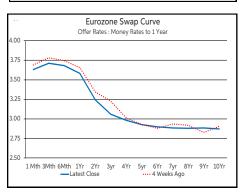
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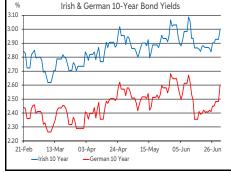
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.48	+14	+8	+62
Germany	2.61	+12	+2	+58
UK	4.28	+11	+6	+75
Ireland	3.04	+8	+8	+67
Belgium	3.22	+9	+9	+53
France	3.35	+6	+29	+79
Italy	4.11	+4	+23	+41
Spain	3.48	+7	+18	+49
Portugal	3.29	+5	+12	+51
Greece	3.76	+2	+12	+68
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.40	+4	-3	+60
Eurozone	2.93	+5	+1	+50
UK	4.29	+7	-5	+64
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.88	+1	-9	+54
Eurozone	3.24	+4	-9	+45
UK	4.78	+3	-12	+51
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	43	-4	+6	+9
Belgium	62	-3	+7	-5
France	74	-6	+27	+21
Italy	151	-8	+21	-16
Spain	88	-5	+16	-8
Portugal	69	-7	+10	-7
Greece	115	-10	+10	+10

Commodities					
		% Change			
Close Day 4 Weeks E				End 23	
Brent Oil	86.6	+0.22	+10.52	+12.41	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2331.7	+0.26	-0.79	+13.05	

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