Morning Comment

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USD/JPY continues to edge higher

The positive tone to European investor sentiment that was evident on Monday, saw some reversal yesterday. This is against the backdrop of still a high degree of uncertainty over the outcome of Sunday's second round of voting. At the same time, even after the election, French political uncertainty could persist if no government can be formed. The Euro Stoxx 50 finished yesterday 0.5% lower.

Data-wise, the flash reading of Eurozone HICP inflation for June was the main macro highlight yesterday. The headline rate printed in line with expectations at 2.5% (from 2.6% in May). Meanwhile, the core rate was unchanged at 2.9%. On the central bank front, Fed Chair Powell was sounding somewhat more dovish, noting that recent inflation data suggests the US economy may be back on a disinflationary path.

Overall though, from a currency perspective, most of the majors have been confined to narrow ranges over the past 24 hours. The EUR/USD pair has been trading within the lower half of the \$1.07-1.08 band.

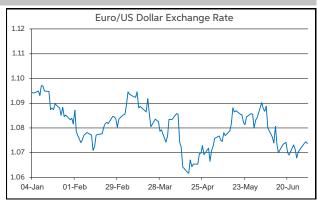
Of some of the limited FX moves to register, sterling has been holding a slightly firmer tone. EUR/GBP edged back nearer to the midpoint of 84-85p. GBP/USD has traded higher within the \$1.26-1.27 corridor. Elsewhere, USD/JPY is continuing its gradual ascent, trading to a new 38-year high at ¥161.9

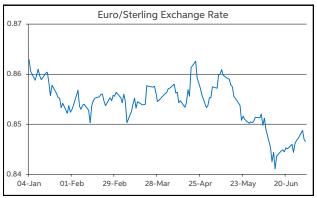
Today's macro data diary features the final readings of the PMIs for June from the US, Eurozone and UK. A busy US slate also includes the non-manufacturing ISM (June), weekly jobless claims and the ADP employment report. In terms of monetary policy, the Fed minutes from their June 11-12th meeting are also due.

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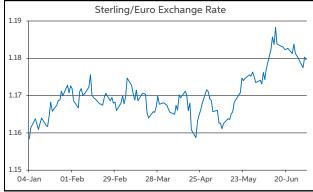
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0737	0.08	-2.71	
EUR/GBP	0.8466	-0.31	-2.33	
GBP/USD	1.2677	0.36	-0.41	
GBP/EUR	1.1805	0.31	2.39	
USD/JPY	161.92	0.15	14.79	
EUR/JPY	173.86	0.22	11.71	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.45	5.58	5.29	4.91	4.41
EUR	4.25	3.66	3.71	3.54	3.24	2.93
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.10	4.88	4.76	4.28









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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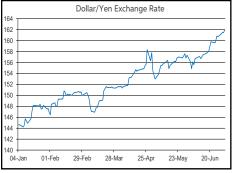
Opening Levels



Eu	ro
EUR/GBP	0.8466
EUR/USD	1.0737
EUR/JPY	173.86
EUR/SEK	11.3677
EUR/DKK	7.4584
EUR/NOK	11.4583
EUR/CHF	0.9714
EUR/AUD	1.6091
EUR/HKD	8.3874
EUR/CAD	1.4694

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1805			
GBP/USD	1.2677			
GBP/CAD	1.7351			
GBP/NZD	2.088			
GBP/JPY	205.27			
GBP/SEK	13.4196			
GBP/DKK	8.8075			
GBP/NOK	13.5343			
GBP/CHF	1.1471			
GBP/AUD	1.9004			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	161.92				
USD/CAD	1.3684				
USD/CHF	0.9046				
USD/CNY	7.2733				
USD/BRL	5.6759				
USD/RUB	86.8				
USD/INR	83.55				
AUD/USD	0.667				
NZD/USD	0.607				



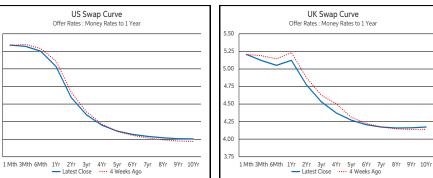
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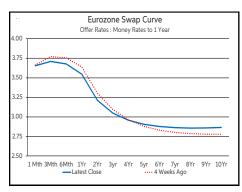
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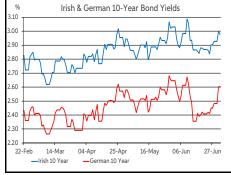
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	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.44	-4	+10	+58		
Germany	2.61	+0	+7	+58		
UK	4.25	-3	+7	+71		
Ireland	3.00	-4	+7	+64		
Belgium	3.20	-2	+11	+51		
France	3.32	-3	+28	+76		
Italy	4.07	-4	+21	+37		
Spain	3.46	-3	+17	+47		
Portugal	3.28	-1	+14	+49		
Greece	3.72	-4	+13	+64		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	4.37	-4	+437	+58		
Eurozone	2.91	-2	+4	+48		
UK	4.27	-2	-3	+62		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.84	-4	-8	+50		
Eurozone	3.22	-4	-8	+42		
UK	4.76	-2	-11	+49		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	 mark bps			
Ireland	39	-4	+0	+5		
Belgium	59	-3	+4	-7		
France	71	-3	+21	+18		
Italy	146	-5	+14	-21		
Spain	85	-3	+10	-12		
Portugal	67	-2	+7	-9		
Greece	111	-4	+6	+6		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	86.24	-0.42	+11.25	+11.94	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2329.3	-0.10	+0.07	+12.93	

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