Morning Comment

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Labour landslide, US Payrolls in spotlight today

There was a subdued mood on markets yesterday. This was against the backdrop of a very sparse macro data calendar, a market holiday in the US for Independence Day and a General Election in the UK.

As expected, the Labour Party won a landslide victory in the election. It will form the next government with a projected majority of 170. Given that the outcome had been well signposted by polls, there has been no noticeable impact on sterling from the result.

Indeed, looking at the main FX pairs over the past 24 hours, trading has been characterised by relatively confined ranges. Of the limited action to register, the dollar has maintained its softer. EUR/USD opens this morning above \$1.08. The GBP/USD pair has moved up into the top half of the \$1.27-1.28 band. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP remains in its narrow corridor near to the midpoint of 84-85p. Elsewhere. USD/JPY has traded back below the ¥161 threshold.

Looking ahead to today, US markets re-open and the focus will be on their data calendar, with the always eagerly anticipated non-farm payrolls data due. Payrolls growth for June is forecast to slow to 190,000, from 272,000 in May. Aside from the payrolls number, the unemployment rate is expected to remain at 4%, while average earnings are pencilled in for a 3.9% y/y increase last month.

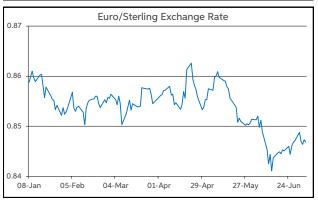
From a currency perspective, we saw on Wednesday the dollar under pressure following the very weak non-manufacturing ISM for June. Therefore, today's raft of labour market updates are a potential source of volatility for the dollar. Aside from the data, the second round of the French parliamentary elections on Sunday will be coming into focus, especially for European markets today.

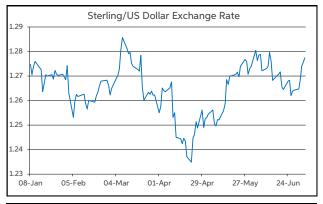
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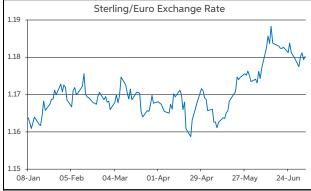
| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | | Day * | End 2023 | | |
| EUR/USD | 1.0821 | 0.33 | -1.95 | | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8469 | 0.06 | -2.30 | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2774 | 0.24 | 0.35 | | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.18 | -0.06 | 2.35 | | |
| USD/JPY | 160.6 | -0.54 | 13.85 | | |
| EUR/JPY | 173.82 | -0.21 | 11.69 | | |
| * v Previous Day's European Open | | | | | |
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| Opening Interest Rates | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|------------|------|------|
| | | Money Market | | Swap Rates | | 5 |
| | Base Rate | 1-Mth | 3-Mth | 1-Yr | 2-Yr | 5-Yr |
| USD | 5.38 | 5.45 | 5.58 | 5.26 | 4.82 | 4.33 |
| EUR | 4.25 | 3.64 | 3.71 | 3.53 | 3.24 | 2.89 |
| GBP | 5.25 | 5.17 | 5.09 | 4.86 | 4.73 | 4.24 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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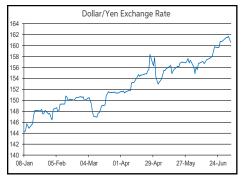
Opening Levels



| Euro | |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8469 |
| EUR/USD | 1.0821 |
| EUR/JPY | 173.82 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.3452 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4592 |
| EUR/NOK | 11.4214 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9721 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.6062 |
| EUR/HKD | 8.4521 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.472 |
| LON/CAD | 1.472 |

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|------|--------|--|---------|
| GBP/ | EUR | | 1.18 |
| GBP/ | USD | | 1.2774 |
| GBP/ | CAD | | 1.7377 |
| GBP/ | NZD | | 2.0868 |
| GBP/ | JPY | | 205.15 |
| GBP/ | SEK | | 13.3914 |
| GBP/ | DKK | | 8.805 |
| GBP/ | NOK | | 13.4782 |
| GBP/ | CHF | | 1.1472 |
| GBP/ | AUD | | 1.8964 |
| | | | |

| Dollar | | | | | |
|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 160.6 | | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.3602 | | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.8981 | | | | |
| USD/CNY | 7.2671 | | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.4887 | | | | |
| USD/RUB | 88 | | | | |
| USD/INR | 83.4925 | | | | |
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| AUD/USD | 0.6734 | | | | |
| NZD/USD | 0.6119 | | | | |
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US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

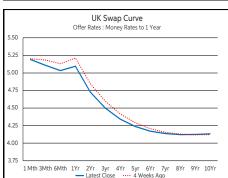
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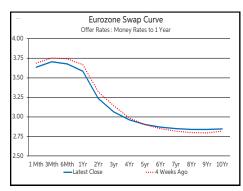
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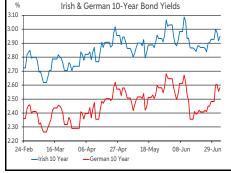
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



| Debt Markets | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--|
| | | Change bps | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 23 | |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | | |
| US | 4.35 | -9 | +7 | +49 | |
| Germany | 2.59 | +3 | +4 | +56 | |
| UK | 4.20 | +3 | +2 | +66 | |
| Ireland | 2.98 | +3 | +3 | +61 | |
| Belgium | 3.17 | +4 | +7 | +49 | |
| France | 3.28 | +2 | +24 | +72 | |
| Italy | 4.00 | +1 | +14 | +30 | |
| Spain | 3.40 | +1 | +12 | +41 | |
| Portugal | 3.22 | +2 | +7 | +44 | |
| Greece | 3.68 | -3 | +9 | +60 | |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 4.31 | +0 | -1 | +52 | |
| Eurozone | 2.90 | +3 | +1 | +48 | |
| UK | 4.24 | +2 | +424 | +59 | |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 4.81 | +0 | -5 | +48 | |
| Eurozone | 3.24 | +7 | -7 | +44 | |
| UK | 4.73 | -0 | -11 | +46 | |
| 10 Year Governme | nt Bond Spread | ls to Benchr | mark bps | | |
| Ireland | 39 | +0 | -1 | +6 | |
| Belgium | 59 | +2 | +3 | -7 | |
| France | 69 | -0 | +19 | +16 | |
| Italy | 142 | -1 | +10 | -25 | |
| Spain | 82 | -1 | +8 | -15 | |
| Portugal | 64 | -1 | +3 | -12 | |
| Greece | 109 | -5 | +5 | +4 | |

| Commodities | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|--------|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| Close Day 4 Weeks | | | | End 23 | |
| Brent Oil | 87.43 | +0.10 | +9.47 | +13.49 | |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65 | -0.17 | -1.90 | -1.27 | |
| | | | | | |
| Gold \$ | 2356.1 | +0.00 | -0.82 | +14.23 | |

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