Morning Comment

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Slightly softer dollar, modestly firmer sterling

There was an uneventful macro calendar on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday. Data-wise, the only release of any note was Italian industrial production for May, which surprised to the upside of expectations posting a 0.5% m/m increase (vs. f'cast for +0.1%). Not surprisingly, the data had no impact on the euro. Meanwhile, as expected, Fed Chair Powell's second day of Congressional testimony broke no new ground in terms of insight into the Fed's timeline for rate cuts. The testimony was a non-event for the dollar.

Of the limited FX action to register over the past 24 hours, sterling is marginally firmer, while the dollar has retained its softer tone. Sterling was supported in part yesterday by comments from BoE's Pill, noting that there is still work to be done to lower inflation. EUR/GBP has edged below the midpoint of 84-85p, while GBP/USD regained the \$1.28 level. Meanwhile, EUR/USD has moved slightly higher within the lower half of \$1.08-1.09.

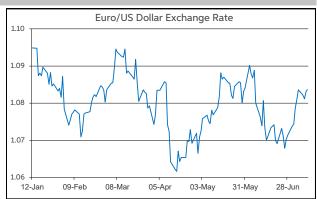
After a sparse few days on the data front, today sees some top tier releases. Already this morning UK GDP data for May has been released. The data suggest that economic growth picked up midway through Q2 after stalling at the start of the quarter. GDP rose by a better than expected 0.4% m/m in May (f'cast for +0.2%).

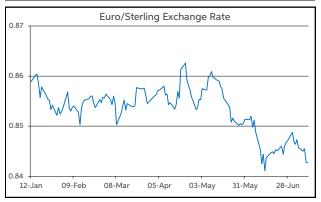
Meanwhile, later today we get some very important US data, with the publication of CPI inflation figures for June. This is a key release in the context of the Fed being in 'data dependent' mode in determining when it is comfortable to cut rates Markets are anticipating that the Fed may lower rates in September. Therefore, the data pose some headline risk for the dollar. Consensus forecasts are for headline CPI inflation to ease to 3.1% (from 3.3%), while the core rate is expected to be unchanged at 3.4%.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0837	0.18	-1.80	
EUR/GBP	0.8427	-0.33	-2.78	
GBP/USD	1.2859	0.52	1.02	
GBP/EUR	1.1861	0.33	2.86	
USD/JPY	161.7	0.16	14.63	
EUR/JPY	175.27	0.36	12.62	
* 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	5.44	5.57	5.21	4.73	4.26
EUR	4.25	3.62	3.71	3.53	3.20	2.87
GBP	5.25	5.15	5.09	4.82	4.68	4.18









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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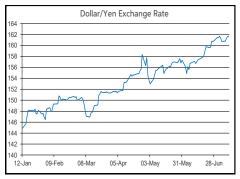
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	Eu	ro
E	UR/GBP	0.8427
Ε	UR/USD	1.0837
Е	UR/JPY	175.27
Ε	UR/SEK	11.426
Е	UR/DKK	7.4597
Е	UR/NOK	11.5945
Е	UR/CHF	0.9746
Ε	UR/AUD	1.603
Е	UR/HKD	8.464
Ε	UR/CAD	1.4761

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1861			
GBP/USD	1.2859			
GBP/CAD	1.7516			
GBP/NZD	2.1101			
GBP/JPY	207.93			
GBP/SEK	13.558			
GBP/DKK	8.8498			
GBP/NOK	13.758			
GBP/CHF	1.1566			
GBP/AUD	1.902			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	161.7			
USD/CAD	1.362			
USD/CHF	0.8993			
USD/CNY	7.2709			
USD/BRL	5.4156			
USD/RUB	87.5			
USD/INR	83.529			
AUD/USD	0.6759			
NZD/USD	0.6092			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

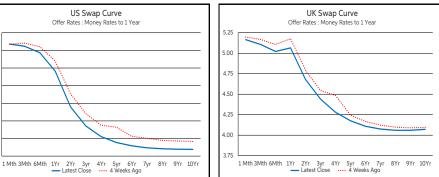
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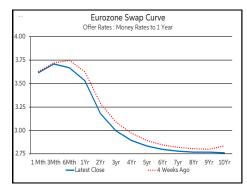
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	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.28	-2	-1	+42		
Germany	2.54	-2	+0	+51		
UK	4.13	-3	+0	+59		
Ireland	2.91	-5	-6	+55		
Belgium	3.11	-6	+311	+42		
France	3.19	-7	+3	+63		
Italy	3.86	-9	-6	+16		
Spain	3.31	-6	-6	+32		
Portugal	3.12	-7	-6	+34		
Greece	3.55	-5	-8	+48		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.22	-1	-11	+43		
Eurozone	2.83	-3	-5	+41		
UK	4.17	-2	-7	+52		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.71	-1	-17	+37		
Eurozone	3.18	-2	-10	+39		
UK	4.67	+1	-11	+41		
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	 nark bps			
Ireland	38	-3	-6	+4		
Belgium	57	-4	+310	-9		
France	65	-4	+2	+12		
Italy	133	-7	-6	-34		
Spain	77	-4	-6	-19		
Portugal	59	-5	-6	-17		
Greece	102	-3	-8	-3		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	85.08	+0.50	+3.00	+10.44	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2371.1	+0.32	+2.09	+14.96	

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