Morning Comment

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Dollar weaker on softer inflation data

The big focus for markets yesterday was on US CPI inflation data for June. This is in the context of the Fed emphasising that incoming data will determine when it is comfortable to start cutting rates. The inflation numbers printed softer than expected. The headline rate came in at 3%, from 3.3% in May and versus a market forecast for 3.1%. The core rate also registered a below consensus reading of 3.3% (vs. f'cast for an unchanged 3.4%).

The softer than anticipated inflation data had a noticeable market impact. US Treasury yields fell on the view that the data increases the prospects of rate cuts from the Fed sooner rather than later. The policy sensitive 2-year yield fell by over 10bps to near 4.5%. Meanwhile, future contracts pricing suggest that the market is now attaching a 98% probability to a 25bps cut in September. At the start of the week this was nearer to 80%.

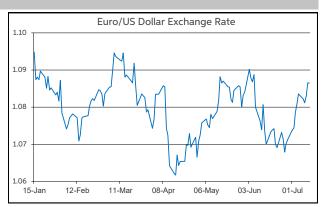
Not surprisingly against this dovish yield/rates backdrop, the dollar found itself under downward pressure yesterday. The EUR/USD pair rose to within touching distance of \$1.09 although it was unable to break into \$1.09 territory, and opens this morning at \$1.086. Meanwhile, GBP/USD moved above \$1.29, reaching a year-to-date high of \$1.2947 before settling back nearer to \$1.29. The action in EUR/GBP was much less eventful, with trading confined to the lower end of the 84-85p band. Elsewhere some apparent Japanese FX intervention coinciding with the softer dollar has seen USD/JPY fell from above ¥161 to ¥159.

Today's European macro diary is quiet. In the US, PPI inflation (June) and consumer sentiment (July) are the main highlights. If the data continue the recent trend of softer US indicators, then the dollar may remain on the defensive heading into the weekend.

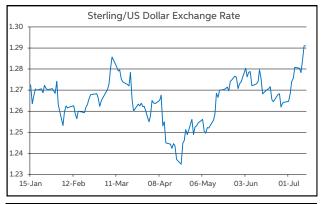
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0865	0.29	-1.55	
EUR/GBP	0.8414	-0.14	-2.93	
GBP/USD	1.2908	0.41	1.41	
GBP/EUR	1.1876	0.14	3.02	
USD/JPY	159.03	-1.64	12.74	
EUR/JPY	172.82	-1.36	11.05	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.56	5.12	4.61	4.14
EUR	4.25	3.60	3.70	3.47	3.12	2.80
GBP	5.25	5.14	5.08	4.79	4.61	4.11









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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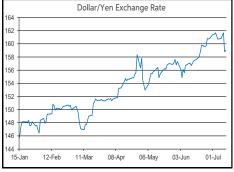
Opening Levels



	Euro
EUR/GBP	0.8414
EUR/USD	1.0865
EUR/JPY	172.82
EUR/SEK	11.4357
EUR/DKK	7.4604
EUR/NOK	11.6423
EUR/CHF	0.9736
EUR/AUD	1.6056
EUR/HKD	8.4821
EUR/CAD	1.48

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1876		
GBP/USD	1.2908		
GBP/CAD	1.7585		
GBP/NZD	2.1159		
GBP/JPY	205.28		
GBP/SEK	13.5831		
GBP/DKK	8.8623		
GBP/NOK	13.826		
GBP/CHF	1.1568		
GBP/AUD	1.9076		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	159.03			
USD/CAD	1.362			
USD/CHF	0.8961			
USD/CNY	7.264			
USD/BRL	5.4398			
USD/RUB	87.3			
USD/INR	83.533			
AUD/USD	0.6765			
NZD/USD	0.6099			



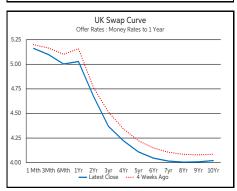
US Swap Curve

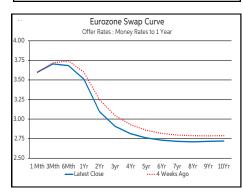
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.19	-9	-5	+33		
Germany	2.47	-6	-2	+44		
UK	4.08	-5	-4	+54		
Ireland	2.85	-6	-11	+48		
Belgium	3.04	-6	-9	+35		
France	3.13	-6	-6	+57		
Italy	3.79	-7	-16	+9		
Spain	3.24	-7	-14	+25		
Portugal	3.08	-5	-12	+29		
Greece	3.49	-6	-17	+41		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.11	-10	-13	+31		
Eurozone	2.76	-7	-9	+33		
UK	4.11	-7	-11	+46		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.58	-13	-22	+25		
Eurozone	3.10	-8	-14	+30		
UK	4.61	-7	-15	+34		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	38	+0	-9	+4		
Belgium	57	+0	-7	-9		
France	65	+0	-4	+12		
Italy	132	-1	-14	-35		
Spain	77	-O	-12	-20		
Portugal	60	+2	-9	-15		
Greece	102	+0	-15	-3		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	85.4	+0.38	+3.20	+10.85	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2414.8	+1.84	+4.85	+17.08	

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