Morning Comment

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EUR/USD straddles \$1.09

There was a relatively quiet start to the week on financial markets yesterday. On equity markets, the S&P 500 gained a modest 0.3% amid a slight softening in US market rate expectations. In contrast, the Euro Stoxx 50 shed 1.2%.

Data-wise, the main release of note was Eurozone industrial production for May. A weak reading showed output declined by 0.6% in the month, albeit this was better than the 0.8% contraction forecast. Meantime, in the US, the NY Fed manufacturing index deteriorated but also printed above the consensus, falling to -6.6 in June, compared to -7.0 expected. Overall, the data had only a negligible impact on markets.

Against this backdrop, the main FX pairs operated within quite tight ranges throughout yesterday. Of the limited moves to register, the dollar was under some marginal downward pressure. This was reflected by GBP/USD recording a fresh YTD high above \$1.299. At the same time EUR/USD tested above \$1.09 once more. However, the greenback recouped its losses overnight, supported by upbeat remarks from Fed Chair Powell on the US economy.

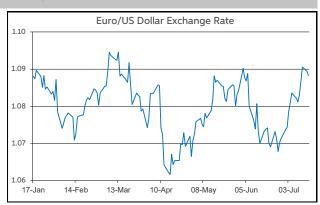
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning in the upper half of the \$1.08-1.09 corridor. GBP/USD is changing hands near the midpoint of \$1.29-1.30. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is at the 84p handle. USD/JPY is in the top half of the ¥158-159 trading band.

Turning to the day ahead, the German ZEW economic sentiment survey is expected to show a deterioration in July. In the US, retail sales, which have softened in recent months, are projected to contract by 0.3% in June. Elsewhere in the US, homebuilder sentiment is forecast to remain at 43.0 in July.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0883	-0.08	-1.39	
EUR/GBP	0.84	0.07	-3.09	
GBP/USD	1.2954	-0.14	1.77	
GBP/EUR	1.1899	-0.07	3.19	
USD/JPY	158.62	0.40	12.45	
EUR/JPY	172.67	0.33	10.95	
* 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	5.44	5.55	5.06	4.55	4.11
EUR	4.25	3.63	3.66	3.45	3.07	2.74
GBP	5.25	5.14	5.09	4.78	4.61	4.13









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



0.84
1.0883
172.67
11.5701
7.4606
11.8064
0.9742
1.6161
8.4952
1.4905

Sterling	9
GBP/EUR	1.1899
GBP/USD	1.2954
GBP/CAD	1.7738
GBP/NZD	2.1415
GBP/JPY	205.48
GBP/SEK	13.7677
GBP/DKK	8.8774
GBP/NOK	14.047
GBP/CHF	1.1594
GBP/AUD	1.9235

Dollar				
USD/JPY	158.62			
USD/CAD	1.3692			
USD/CHF	0.895			
USD/CNY	7.2653			
USD/BRL	5.4484			
USD/RUB	88			
USD/INR	83.585			
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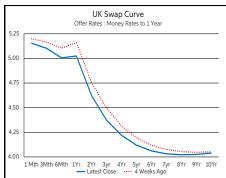
US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

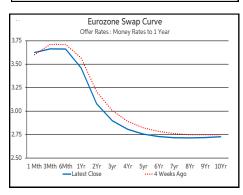
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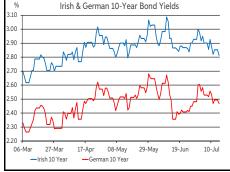
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.23	+4	-5	+37		
Germany	2.47	-3	+6	+44		
UK	4.10	-1	-2	+56		
Ireland	2.84	-4	-5	+48		
Belgium	3.03	-3	-6	+34		
France	3.11	-4	-5	+56		
Italy	3.75	-4	-20	+5		
Spain	3.23	-3	-13	+24		
Portugal	3.05	-3	-12	+27		
Greece	3.46	-3	-22	+38		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.09	+3	-20	+30		
Eurozone	2.76	-3	-6	+33		
UK	4.12	-1	-7	+47		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.53	-0	-33	+20		
Eurozone	3.08	-3	-12	+28		
UK	4.61	-2	-14	+34		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	37	-1	-11	+4		
Belgium	56	-1	-12	-10		
France	64	-1	-11	+11		
Italy	128	-2	-26	-39		
Spain	76	-1	-19	-20		
Portugal	58	-1	-18	-18		
Greece	99	-1	-27	-6		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	84.85	-0.21	+0.71	+10.14	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2422.1	+0.45	+4.45	+17.43	

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