Morning Comment

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Dollar moves off its lows overnight

There was a subdued mood on markets yesterday. Once more, a muted macro calendar likely contributed to the limited price action across the various asset classes. For a second day running the S&P 500 registered a meagre 0.1% gain. Meantime, the Euro Stoxx 50 moved 1.0% lower, amid some disappointing Q2 earnings reports.

On bond markets, yields continued to decline across the board, albeit the moves were not as pronounced as the day prior. Yields fell by circa 1-4bps in the US, UK and Eurozone. Once again though, there was no obvious catalyst for the moves, which may well have been exacerbated by thin summer trading conditions.

Currency-wise, the dollar remained on the defensive. Sterling was also under some downward pressure throughout the European session. However, the greenback and the pound recouped most/all of their losses overnight.

Meanwhile, trading conditions for the yen have been choppy over the past 24 hours. A trade deal between the US and Japan was agreed overnight, meaning a 15% tariff will now apply to Japanese exports. At the same time, reports suggest that PM Ishiba may resign, following poor election results for his party at the weekend. Against this backdrop, the yen remains firmer overall, but it is well of its peak.

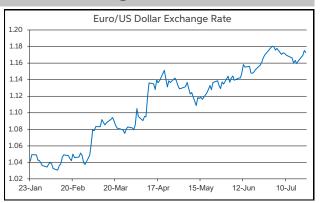
As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens in the lower half of \$1.17-1.18. GBP/USD is changing hands above \$1.35. EUR/GBP remains in the top half of the 86-87p band. USD/JPY is just above ¥147, having traded in the bottom half of ¥146-147 yesterday.

Today, the main release of note will be the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence for July. A slight improvement is expected in the month. In the US, existing home sales are due. However, barring any major surprises, the data are unlikely to influence markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1729	0.37	13.29	
EUR/GBP	0.8671	0.00	4.81	
GBP/USD	1.3522	0.33	8.08	
GBP/EUR	1.1527	0.00	-4.59	
USD/JPY	147.08	-0.37	-6.43	
EUR/JPY	172.54	-0.01	6.02	
* 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	4.38	4.34	4.31	3.97	3.89	3.83
EUR	2.00	1.89	1.97	1.97	1.98	2.25
GBP	4.25	4.10	4.02	3.77	3.87	3.96









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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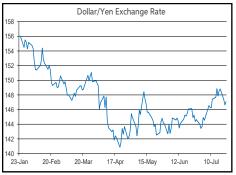
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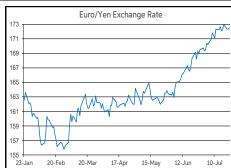


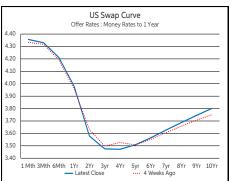
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8671
EUR/USD	1.1729
EUR/JPY	172.54
EUR/SEK	11.1648
EUR/DKK	7.4647
EUR/NOK	11.819
EUR/CHF	0.9315
EUR/AUD	1.7855
EUR/HKD	9.2075
EUR/CAD	1.5957

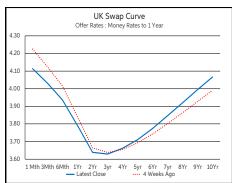
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1527			
GBP/USD	1.3522			
GBP/CAD	1.8396			
GBP/NZD	2.2463			
GBP/JPY	198.91			
GBP/SEK	12.8712			
GBP/DKK	8.6062			
GBP/NOK	13.6246			
GBP/CHF	1.0738			
GBP/AUD	2.0584			

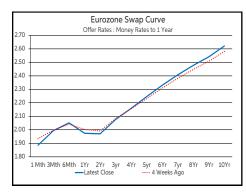
Dollar					
USD/JPY	147.08				
USD/CAD	1.3606				
USD/CHF	0.7941				
USD/CNY	7.1625				
USD/BRL	5.5647				
USD/RUB	78.4				
USD/INR	86.374				
AUD/USD	0.6567				
NZD/USD	0.6016				

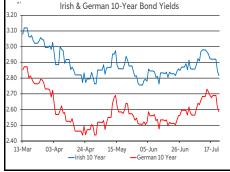












	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.34	-3	+4	-24		
Germany	2.59	-3	+5	+22		
UK	4.57	-3	+10	+0		
Ireland	2.86	-3	-3	+21		
Belgium	3.14	-3	+3	+15		
France	3.27	-3	+2	+7		
Italy	3.46	-2	-3	-6		
Spain	3.20	-1	-0	+14		
Portugal	3.04	-1	+2	+19		
Greece	3.31	-1	-1	+6		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.78	-3	+2	-52		
Eurozone	2.24	-1	+1	+1		
UK	3.95	-3	+1	-33		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.85	-1	+1	-48		
Eurozone	1.97	-1	-2	-23		
UK	3.87	-3	-4	-62		
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps			
Ireland	27	-0	-8	-2		
Belgium	55	+0	-3	-7		
France	68	-0	-4	-15		
Italy	88	+1	-8	-28		
Spain	62	+2	-6	-9		
Portugal	45	+2	-3	-3		
Greece	72	+2	-7	-16		

Commodities					
		% Change			
Close Day 4 We				End 24	
Brent Oil	68.59	-0.90	+2.16	-8.11	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3431.1	+1.05	+3.23	+30.77	

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