Morning Comment

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Attention on ECB meeting today

There was a subdued mood to investor sentiment for much of yesterday. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was flat on the day. Data-wise, the macro calendar had some mixed results. There were upward revisions to the final May readings of the composite PMIs for the US, Eurozone and UK. Meanwhile, the US ADP employment report (May) missed to the downside of expectations. However, this metric is not a reliable guide to the more important non-farm payrolls number due on Friday. The US non-manufacturing ISM for May also printed below forecasts.

From a currency perspective, the dollar found itself on the back foot yesterday amid the mixed results from the US macro diary and lower US yields. In level terms, the softer dollar is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning back above the \$1.14 threshold and GBP/USD operating at the midpoint of the \$1.35-1.36 trading band. Elsewhere, on the currency front, the action in EUR/GBP has remained confined to a very tight range, with the pair changing hands just above the 84p handle.

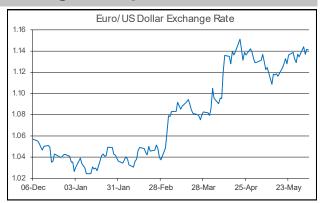
Looking ahead to today, the main scheduled highlight is the ECB policy setting meeting for June. The meeting provides some event risk for the euro. A 25bps rate cut is expected by markets. This would see the Depo rate lowered to 2.0% and represent the fourth consecutive rate cut from the ECB and eighth in total so far since it commenced its easing cycle last June.

Given that 25bps of easing is priced in by markets, a key point of focus will be what guidance, if any, is forthcoming from the Central Bank regarding the outlook for Eurozone rates. Therefore, the meeting statement, President Lagarde's press conference and updated macro projections will be scrutinized for insight on the potential for further policy easing. Futures contracts indicate that the market is anticipating the Depo rate ending the year near 1.75%.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1411	0.40	10.22	
EUR/ GBP	0.8417	80.0	1.74	
GBP/USD	1.3552	0.31	8.32	
GBP/EUR	1.1875	-0.08	-1.71	
USD/JPY	143.11	-0.79	-8.95	
EUR/JPY	163.32	-0.40	0.35	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market			Swap Rates		3
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.31	4.30	3.99	3.96	3.89
EUR	2.40	1.95	1.97	1.97	1.95	2.20
GBP	4.25	4.20	4.16	3.95	4.04	4.06









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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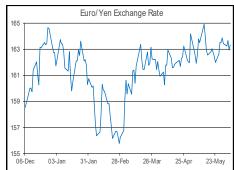


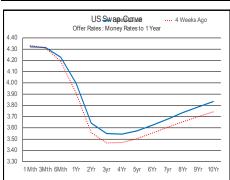
Eu	ro
EUR/GBP	0.8417
EUR/USD	1.1411
EUR/JPY	163.32
EUR/SEK	10.9564
EUR/ DKK	7.4597
EUR/NOK	11.5403
EUR/CHF	0.9346
EUR/AUD	1.7563
EUR/HKD	8.9533
EUR/CAD	1.5596

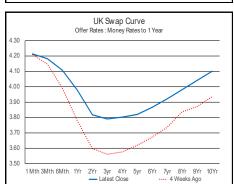
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1875			
GBP/USD	1.3552			
GBP/ CAD	1.8522			
GBP/NZD	2.2452			
GBP/JPY	193.93			
GBP/ SEK	13.0112			
GBP/ DKK	8.8592			
GBP/NOK	13.704			
GBP/CHF	1.1098			
GBP/AUD	2.0856			

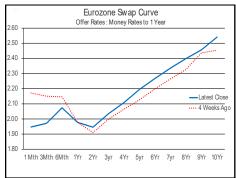
Dollar	
USD/JPY	143.11
USD/CAD	1.3671
USD/CHF	0.819
USD/CNY	7.1827
USD/BRL	5.632
USD/RUB	79.2
USD/INR	85.762
AUD/USD	0.6494
NZD/USD	0.6033













Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.37	-9	+9	-21		
Germany	2.52	+2	+5	+16		
UK	4.60	-5	+14	+3		
Ireland	2.83	+1	-3	+18		
Belgium	3.06	+2	-1	+8		
France	3.21	+2	+1	+1		
Italy	3.51	+1	-5	-1		
Spain	3.12	+2	-1	+6		
Portugal	3.01	+2	-1	+16		
Greece	3.29	+3	-4	+4		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.83	-9	+9	-46		
Eurozone	2.19	+2	+7	-5		
UK	4.06	-3	+19	-23		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.92	-6	+12	-41		
Eurozone	1.94	+1	+4	-25		
UK	4.03	-2	+19	-46		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	 nark bps			
Ireland	31	-1	-8	+2		
Belgium	54	+0	-5	-8		
France	68	-0	-4	-15		
Italy	99	-1	-10	-17		
Spain	60	-0	-6	-10		
Portugal	48	+0	-5	-0		
Greece	77	+1	-9	-11		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24				
Brent Oil	64.86	-1.17	+6.12	-13.10	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3375.4	+0.70	+0.33	+28.65	

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