Morning Comment

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Euro remains on the defensive

There was a risk off tone to investor sentiment throughout the European session, as investors continued to digest the impact of the EU parliamentary elections. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 0.7%, while 10-year sovereign yields rose by 6-12bps in the Eurozone, led higher by the French OAT. Meantime, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 edged 0.3% higher, and US Treasury yields rose by a more modest 4bps.

Data-wise, there was a sparse macro calendar on both sides of the Atlantic. The only releases of note, the EU sentix index printed above the consensus, improving for an eighth consecutive month, and rising to 0.3 in June from -3.6. However, the release had little impact on the euro yesterday.

Indeed, the single currency remained on the back-foot, having suffered significant losses in APAC trading at the start of the week. The euro registered its lowest reading against sterling since August 2022, at 84.4p. Similarly, EUR/USD fell to a fresh four-week low of \$1.073. However, the euro moved off its lows overnight.

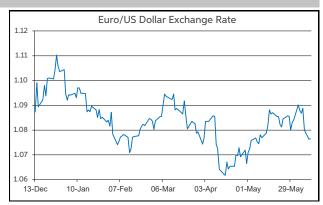
In level terms, EUR/GBP opens this morning just above the midpoint of 84-85p. EUR/USD is operating in the top half of the \$1.07-1.08 range. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is operating in the lower half of the \$1.27-1.28 corridor.

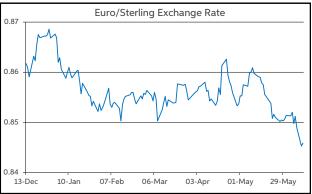
Already today, UK labour market data for April have been released. The unemployment rate printed slightly above the consensus, rising to 4.4% (vs. 4.3% f'cast). Meanwhile, average earnings growth accelerated to +5.9% y/y in the 3-months to April (vs. +5.7% y/y f'cast). However, the data have not impacted sterling in early trading. Later today, US small business optimism for May is due.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0765	0.10	-2.46	
EUR/GBP	0.846	0.06	-2.40	
GBP/USD	1.2725	0.09	-0.03	
GBP/EUR	1.1816	-0.06	2.46	
USD/JPY	157.25	0.09	11.48	
EUR/JPY	169.32	0.21	8.80	
* 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	5.60	5.42	5.02	4.52
EUR	4.50	3.68	3.76	3.67	3.39	3.02
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.17	5.03	4.95	4.44









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8459
EUR/USD	1.0765
EUR/JPY	169.32
EUR/SEK	11.2844
EUR/DKK	7.4593
EUR/NOK	11.4647
EUR/CHF	0.9653
EUR/AUD	1.6307
EUR/HKD	8.408
EUR/CAD	1.4813

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1818		
GBP/USD	1.2724		
GBP/CAD	1.7508		
GBP/NZD	2.0777		
GBP/JPY	200.1		
GBP/SEK	13.3346		
GBP/DKK	8.8141		
GBP/NOK	13.5477		
GBP/CHF	1.1407		
GBP/AUD	1.9272		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	157.26			
USD/CAD	1.3758			
USD/CHF	0.8964			
USD/CNY	7.2532			
USD/BRL	5.3545			
USD/RUB	88.7025			
USD/INR	83.5			
AUD/USD	0.6601			
NZD/USD	0.6123			



US Swap Curve

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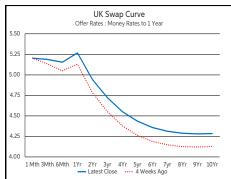
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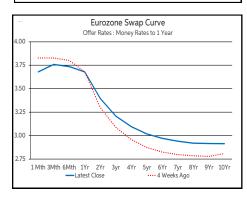
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.47	+4	-1	+61		
Germany	2.67	+6	+17	+65		
UK	4.32	+6	+15	+79		
Ireland	3.11	+9	+20	+74		
Belgium	3.27	+10	+22	+58		
France	3.24	+12	+23	+68		
Italy	4.08	+11	+22	+38		
Spain	3.49	+9	+19	+50		
Portugal	3.32	+9	+17	+54		
Greece	3.76	+10	+24	+69		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.49	+2	-4	+70		
Eurozone	3.02	+5	+16	+59		
UK	4.44	+7	+18	+78		
2 Year Swap %						
US	5.01	-0	-2	+68		
Eurozone	3.40	+2	+11	+60		
UK	4.94	+4	+17	+68		
 10 Year Governmei	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	43	+3	+3	+9		
Belgium	60	+4	+5	-7		
France	57	+6	+6	+4		
Italy	141	+5	+6	-27		
Spain	82	+4	+3	-14		
Portugal	65	+4	+0	-11		
Greece	109	+4	+7	+4		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	81.63	+2.52	-2.08	+5.96	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2310.6	+0.78	-1.09	+12.02	

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