Morning Comment

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Euro continues to feel post-election pressure

The risk averse mood that was evident on European equity markets on Monday remained a feature yesterday. This was against the backdrop of investors continuing to contemplate the fallout from the weekend EU election results. This has included the announcement of parliamentary elections in France at the end of the month, which entails some additional political risk/uncertainty.

The 'risk off' mood was reflected in the Euro Stoxx 50 declining by 1.0%, which followed a 0.7% fall on Monday. On Wall Street, risk appetite was also subdued. Although, at the closing bell last night, the S&P 500 managed to eke out a modest 0.3% gain on the day. On bond markets, in contrast to the previous day, some Eurozone yields fell. The German 10-year bund declined by 5bps to near 2.6%. However, the French 10-year yield remained above 3.20%

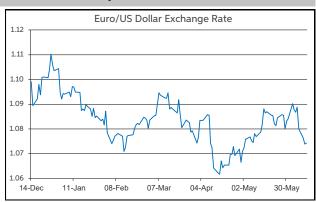
On the currency front, the downward pressure on the euro persisted amid the heightened political risks facing the region. This was evident in the euro losing further ground to the dollar and sterling. In level terms, EUR/USD is below the midpoint of \$1.07-1.08. At the same time, EUR/GBP is trading in the lower half of 84-85p, having fallen to a new YTD low of 84.19p yesterday.

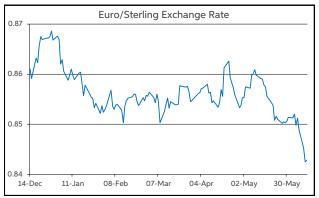
Aside from this morning's UK GDP (which printed as expected at 0.0% m/m for April), today's macro agenda is very much centred on the US. As a result, it provides the possibility of some volatility for the dollar. The Fed will conclude its two-day FOMC meeting (after European close). No rate changes are expected. Therefore, the focus will be on the updated 'dot plot' and Chair Powell's press conference for insight on the US rate outlook. Before then, we get the key US data release of the week with CPI inflation numbers for May due. Core inflation is forecast to edge slightly lower to 3.5%.

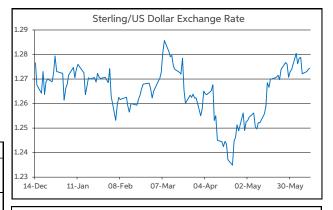
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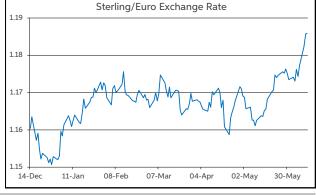
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0743	-0.21	-2.65	
EUR/GBP	0.8428	-0.31	-2.77	
GBP/USD	1.2746	0.09	0.13	
GBP/EUR	1.186	0.31	2.85	
USD/JPY	157.2	-0.04	11.44	
EUR/JPY	168.91	-0.26	8.53	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market			Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.45	5.61	5.40	4.98	4.46
EUR	4.50	3.65	3.74	3.63	3.36	2.96
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.16	5.00	4.91	4.39









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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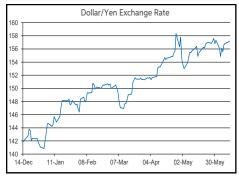
Opening Levels



0.8428
1.0743
168.91
11.2543
7.4587
11.4782
0.9639
1.6234
8.391
1.4768

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.186		
GBP/USD	1.2746		
GBP/CAD	1.7516		
GBP/NZD	2.0731		
GBP/JPY	200.37		
GBP/SEK	13.3462		
GBP/DKK	8.8454		
GBP/NOK	13.61		
GBP/CHF	1.1434		
GBP/AUD	1.9255		

Dollar			
157.2			
1.3741			
0.8971			
7.2535			
5.3658			
89.1			
83.5575			
0.6618			
0.6145			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

5.50

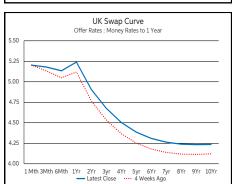
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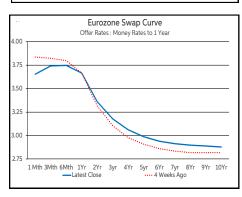
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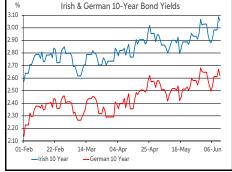
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.40	-7	-4	+54		
Germany	2.62	-5	+8	+59		
UK	4.27	-5	+10	+73		
Ireland	3.07	-4	+12	+70		
Belgium	3.22	-5	+14	+53		
France	3.24	+0	+18	+68		
Italy	4.07	-1	+17	+37		
Spain	3.46	-4	+12	+47		
Portugal	3.28	-4	+10	+50		
Greece	3.80	+4	+24	+72		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.42	-7	-5	+63		
Eurozone	2.99	-3	+9	+56		
UK	4.39	-5	+14	+73		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.95	-6	-3	+62		
Eurozone	3.36	-4	+5	+57		
UK	4.91	-4	+15	+64		
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	44	+1	+3	+11		
Belgium	60	+0	+5	-6		
France	62	+5	+10	+9		
Italy	145	+4	+9	-23		
Spain	83	+2	+4	-13		
Portugal	66	+1	+2	-10		
Greece	118	+9	+16	+13		

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks En					
Brent Oil	81.92	+0.36	-0.56	+6.33		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	2316.3	+0.25	-1.77	+12.30		

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