## **Morning Comment**

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## Inflation data in focus today

There was a subdued tone to investor sentiment yesterday. This was evident in the main equity indices being in sideways mode for much of their respective trading sessions. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was flat on the day. On bond markets, in the lead up to the French parliamentary election on Sunday, there was a noticeable widening in the 10-year French/ German yield spread. It moved out to 82bps.

Data-wise, there was a busy flow of releases yesterday. The Eurozone EC sentiment indices for June painted a similar picture to last week's PMIs, indicating some softening in activity at the end of Q2. Across the Atlantic, while headline US Durable Goods orders printed ahead of expectations, the underlying details were less encouraging from a business investment perspective. The data though did not appear to have much currency market impact.

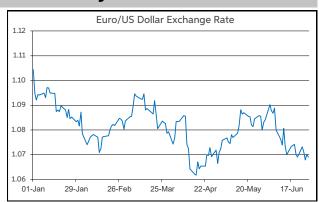
Overall, from a currency viewpoint, yen weakness remained the dominant theme. USD/JPY rose to a new 38-year high at ¥161.27. This will increase speculation that Japanese authorities will be forced to intervene again to support the currency. Elsewhere, the other FX majors operated within narrow ranges. EUR/USD was straddling the \$1.07 level, while EUR/GBP continued to trade near to the midpoint of 84-85p. GBP/USD remained in the lower half of \$1.26-1.27.

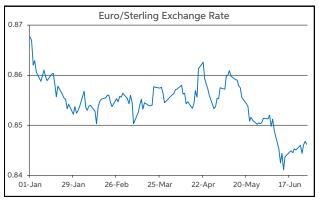
There is an inflation theme to today's macro diary. In the Eurozone, we get flash HICP inflation readings for June from France, Italy and Spain. Meanwhile, in the US, we get the Fed's preferred inflation gauge— core PCE for May. With central banks very much in data dependent mode and a particular focus on inflation metrics, today's releases do pose some event risk for their respective currencies.

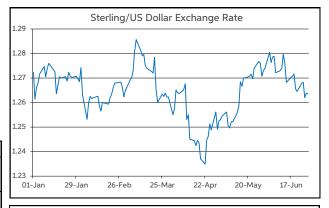
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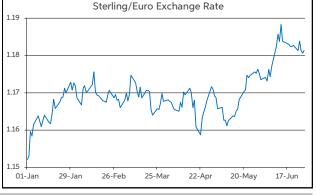
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0691	-0.01	-3.13	
EUR/GBP	0.8462	0.01	-2.38	
GBP/USD	1.2635	-0.01	-0.74	
GBP/EUR	1.1814	-0.01	2.43	
USD/JPY	160.94	0.39	14.09	
EUR/JPY	172.09	0.37	10.58	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	<b>Base Rate</b>	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.46	5.59	5.31	4.87	4.34
EUR	4.25	3.65	3.72	3.52	3.22	2.87
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.11	4.89	4.75	4.22









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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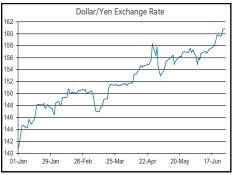
## **Opening Levels**



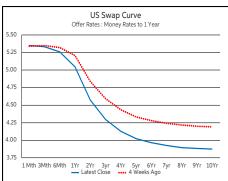
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8462
EUR/USD	1.0691
EUR/JPY	172.09
EUR/SEK	11.3746
EUR/DKK	7.4585
EUR/NOK	11.4065
EUR/CHF	0.9613
EUR/AUD	1.6132
EUR/HKD	8.3476
EUR/CAD	1.4673

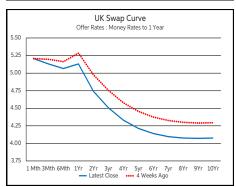
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1814			
GBP/USD	1.2635			
GBP/CAD	1.7337			
GBP/NZD	2.0834			
GBP/JPY	203.35			
GBP/SEK	13.4391			
GBP/DKK	8.811			
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GBP/AUD	1.9061			

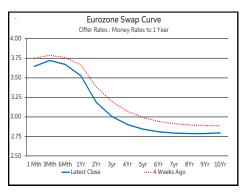
Dollar					
USD/JPY	160.94				
USD/CAD	1.3721				
USD/CHF	0.899				
USD/CNY	7.2678				
USD/BRL	5.5009				
USD/RUB	85.2				
USD/INR	83.453				
AUD/USD	0.6626				
NZD/USD	0.6063				

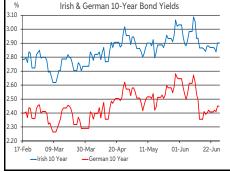












	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.29	-3	-27	+43	
Germany	2.45	+0	-20	+43	
UK	4.14	-0	-21	+60	
Ireland	2.94	+1	-10	+57	
Belgium	3.13	+3	-7	+45	
France	3.27	+8	+12	+71	
Italy	4.03	+4	+7	+33	
Spain	3.41	+2	+1	+41	
Portugal	3.23	+4	-3	+45	
Greece	0.00	-365	+0	-308	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.28	-4	-29	+49	
Eurozone	2.84	-0	-14	+42	
UK	4.21	+1	-24	+56	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.81	-6	-28	+48	
Eurozone	3.19	-1	-19	+39	
UK	4.75	+4	+475	+48	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	48	+1	+10	+15	
Belgium	68	+3	+13	+2	
France	82	+8	+32	+29	
Italy	158	+3	+27	-9	
Spain	95	+2	+22	-1	
Portugal	78	+4	+18	+2	
Greece	-245	-365	+20	-350	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	86.39	+1.34	+5.53	+12.14	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2327.4	+1.29	-0.66	+12.84	

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