Morning Comment

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Yen remains under pressure

There was a subdued tone to the action across markets yesterday. This was not overly surprising giving the dearth of top or even second tier data releases. The muted backdrop was evident in most of the main equity indices being in sideways mode for much of their respective trading sessions. This followed a strong performance last week. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a – 0.1% daily return. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was flat on the day.

Meanwhile, on bond markets, the main benchmark sovereign yields experienced only minimal change yesterday. The magnitude of movement was generally in a 1-2bps range. The 10-year US Treasury yield edged back below 4.5%, while the 10-year German Bund traded near to the 2.5% level.

On the currency front, most of the majors were confined to narrow trading ranges. Of the action to register over the past 24 hours, the yen remains on the defensive, while the dollar is modestly weaker versus the euro and sterling.

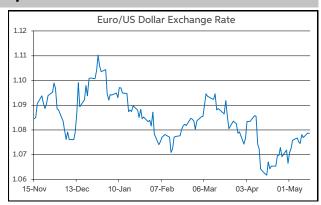
In level terms, USD/JPY is above ¥156, while EUR/JPY is up in 168-169 territory. EUR/USD has moved modestly higher to trade nearer to the \$1.08 threshold. GBP/USD is trading close to the midpoint of \$1.25-1.26. EUR/GBP continues to straddle the 86p handle.

Already this morning, we have got a raft of UK labour market data. This included the unemployment rate for Q1 printing at 4.3%, in line with forecasts. Data-wise, the remainder of today's calendar highlights are the German ZEW survey (May) and US PPI inflation (April). Meanwhile, in terms of central bank newsflow, US Fed Chair Powell is due to speak.

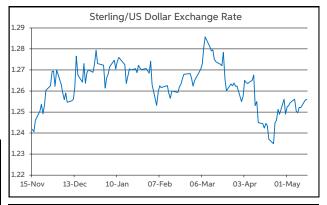
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0786	0.16	-2.27	
EUR/GBP	0.8586	-0.13	-0.95	
GBP/USD	1.2559	0.29	-1.34	
GBP/EUR	1.1642	0.13	0.96	
USD/JPY	156.47	0.44	10.92	
EUR/JPY	168.77	0.58	8.44	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.43	5.58	5.42	5.06	4.56
EUR	4.50	3.86	3.82	3.63	3.29	2.88
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.12	4.90	4.78	4.26









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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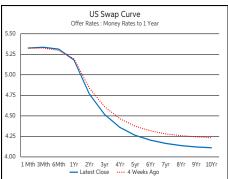
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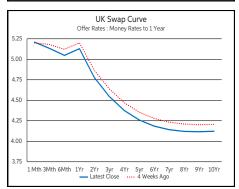
Sterling	l
GBP/EUR	1.1642
GBP/USD	1.2559
GBP/CAD	1.7174
GBP/NZD	2.0868
GBP/JPY	196.51
GBP/SEK	13.6225
GBP/DKK	8.6839
GBP/NOK	13.5798
GBP/CHF	1.1404
GBP/AUD	1.9023

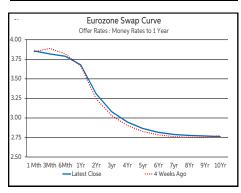
Dollar				
USD/JPY	156.47			
USD/CAD	1.3673			
USD/CHF	0.908			
USD/CNY	7.2378			
USD/BRL	5.157			
USD/RUB	91.225			
USD/INR	83.51			
AUD/USD	0.66			
NZD/USD	0.6016			













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.48	-2	-15	+62	
Germany	2.51	-1	+7	+48	
UK	4.18	+1	-7	+64	
Ireland	2.91	-1	+3	+54	
Belgium	3.05	-1	+5	+36	
France	3.01	-1	+5	+46	
Italy	3.86	+0	+1	+16	
Spain	3.30	-1	+2	+31	
Portugal	3.16	-1	+3	+37	
Greece	3.53	-1	+14	+45	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	4.52	-2	-10	+73	
Eurozone	2.86	-2	+5	+44	
UK	4.26	+2	-9	+61	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.02	-1	-7	+69	
Eurozone	3.31	-0	+7	+51	
UK	4.78	+2	-8	+51	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	 mark bps		
Ireland	40	+0	-5	+6	
Belgium	54	+0	-2	-12	
France	51	+0	-2	-2	
Italy	135	+1	-6	-32	
Spain	79	-0	-6	-17	
Portugal	65	+0	-4	-11	
Greece	102	+1	+7	-3	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	83.36	+0.69	-7.48	+8.20	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2336.0	-1.02	-1.95	+13.26	

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