Morning Comment

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EUR/GBP remains pinned at 85p

The subdued tone to investor sentiment continued yesterday, as market participants in the US and UK returned from respective bank holiday weekends. A limited macro calendar contributed to the lacklustre price action once again. In terms of the main benchmark equity indices, the Euro Stoxx 50 shed 0.6%, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished flat for the day amid relatively light trading conditions.

The only release of note yesterday was the May reading of the Conference Board measure of US Consumer Confidence. The index printed above the consensus of 95.9, and ended a run of three straight declines, rising to 102.0. However, the release had no major impact on the dollar yesterday.

Indeed, the main FX pairs were confined to quite narrow trading ranges, amid the muted release schedule. Of the limited price action to note, the dollar was under some slight downward pressure in the early part of the European session. However, before the closing bell, the greenback had recouped its losses. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continued to trade in and around the 85p mark.

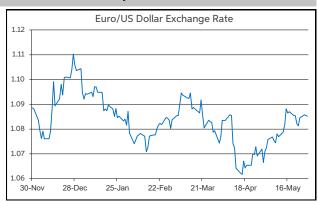
In level terms, as trading gets underway this morning, EUR/GBP opens at the 85p threshold. Meanwhile, GBP/USD remains in the top half of the \$1.27-1.28 corridor. EUR/USD is operating near to the midpoint of the \$1.08-1.09 band.

Turning to today, the main release will be the flash estimate of German HICP inflation for May. The headline rate is forecast to rise to 2.7% from 2.4%, largely owing to base effects in transport costs from reduced rail fares last year. Meantime, the Eurozone monetary aggregates and lending data for April are also due.

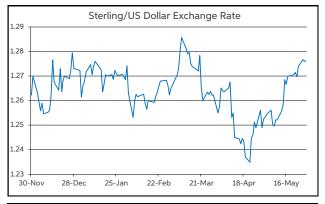
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0852	-0.20	-1.67	
EUR/GBP	0.8502	-0.12	-1.92	
GBP/USD	1.2761	-0.10	0.25	
GBP/EUR	1.1755	0.12	1.95	
USD/JPY	157.08	0.26	11.36	
EUR/JPY	170.5	0.05	9.55	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.47	5.16	4.64	
EUR	4.50	3.79	3.80	3.67	3.40	2.99	
GBP	5.25	5.20	5.18	5.07	4.98	4.41	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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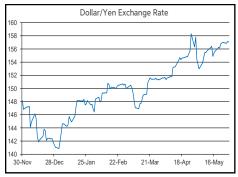
Opening Levels



Eu	iro
EUR/GBP	0.8502
EUR/USD	1.0852
EUR/JPY	170.5
EUR/SEK	11.48
EUR/DKK	7.4607
EUR/NOK	11.3967
EUR/CHF	0.9901
EUR/AUD	1.6308
EUR/HKD	8.48
EUR/CAD	1.482

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1755			
GBP/USD	1.2761			
GBP/CAD	1.7425			
GBP/NZD	2.0794			
GBP/JPY	200.45			
GBP/SEK	13.4984			
GBP/DKK	8.7713			
GBP/NOK	13.392			
GBP/CHF	1.1641			
GBP/AUD	1.9175			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	157.08			
USD/CAD	1.3654			
USD/CHF	0.9121			
USD/CNY	7.2476			
USD/BRL	5.1602			
USD/RUB	89.015			
USD/INR	83.3403			
AUD/USD	0.6654			
NZD/USD	0.6135			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

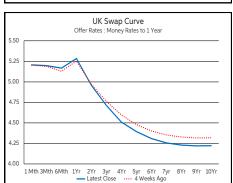
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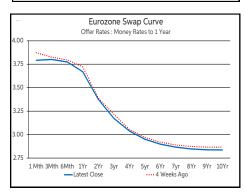
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.54	+7	-14	+68	
Germany	2.59	+4	+1	+56	
UK	4.29	+2	-7	+75	
Ireland	2.98	+5	+1	+62	
Belgium	3.13	+5	+2	+44	
France	3.08	+5	+1	+53	
Italy	3.90	+7	+2	+20	
Spain	3.35	+5	-0	+36	
Portugal	3.22	+5	+2	+43	
Greece	3.57	+2	+9	+49	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.60	+7	-14	+81	
Eurozone	2.95	+3	-1	+52	
UK	4.39	+1	-8	+74	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.11	+2	-12	+77	
Eurozone	3.38	+0	-O	+58	
UK	4.96	+1	-1	+69	
 10 Year Governmei	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	39	+1	+1	+5	
Belgium	54	+1	+1	-12	
France	49	+1	-0	-4	
Italy	131	+3	+1	-36	
Spain	76	+1	-1	-20	
Portugal	63	+1	+1	-13	
Greece	98	-2	+9	-7	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Week				
Brent Oil	84.22	+1.35	-4.14	+9.32	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2361.0	+0.43	+3.30	+14.47	

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