Morning Comment

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Risk-off mood on markets

Yesterday, the flash reading of German flash HICP inflation printed above the consensus, rising to 2.8% in May, from 2.4% (and vs. 2.7% f'cast). However, the increase was almost solely driven by base effects from reduced public transport costs last year. Nevertheless, Eurozone futures contracts firmed modestly, with market expectations now for 60bps of policy easing by year end.

Meantime, in the US, for a second time this week, Minneapolis Fed President Kashkari refused to rule out hiking rates this year (albeit he thinks a further rate hike is unlikely).

Against this backdrop, there was a risk-off mood on markets. Bond yields rose across the board. 10 year US Treasury, German Bund and UK Gilt yields moving 8-11bps higher. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 shed 1.2%, while the S&P 500 fell by 0.7%.

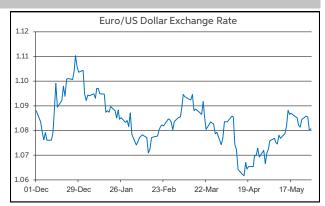
Currency-wise, the dollar was in the driving seat in the latter part of the European session, supported by the softer tone to risk appetite and the hawkish Fed rhetoric. The greenback gained circa 0.3% against the euro, dollar and yen. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP briefly traded at its lowest level since August 2022, falling below 84.9p. However, the move was not sustained. Indeed, in trading this morning, EUR/GBP is changing hands above the 85p threshold. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is down near the \$1.27 mark. EUR/USD is operating in the lower half of the \$1.08-1.09 band.

Already this morning Spanish inflation data was slightly above consensus at 3.8% in May on the HICP measure. A busier data schedule today includes the EC sentiment indices for May in the Eurozone. Across the Atlantic, the second reading of US GDP for Q1 and the latest initial jobless claims figures will feature.

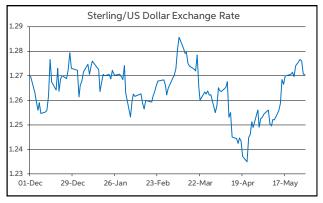
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0807	-0.36	-2.08	
EUR/GBP	0.8505	0.00	-1.88	
GBP/USD	1.2705	-0.35	-0.19	
GBP/EUR	1.1752	0.00	1.92	
USD/JPY	156.96	-0.18	11.27	
EUR/JPY	169.66	-0.53	9.01	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.44	5.61	5.47	5.13	4.66
EUR	4.50	3.76	3.79	3.65	3.40	3.01
GBP	5.25	5.20	5.19	5.07	4.99	4.47









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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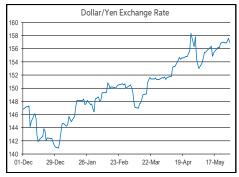
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8505
EUR/USD	1.0807
EUR/JPY	169.66
EUR/SEK	11.5215
EUR/DKK	7.46
EUR/NOK	11.4261
EUR/CHF	0.9834
EUR/AUD	1.6356
EUR/HKD	8.45
EUR/CAD	1.483

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1752			
GBP/USD	1.2705			
GBP/CAD	1.7432			
GBP/NZD	2.0821			
GBP/JPY	199.42			
GBP/SEK	13.5424			
GBP/DKK	8.7676			
GBP/NOK	13.425			
GBP/CHF	1.1561			
GBP/AUD	1.9226			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	156.96			
USD/CAD	1.3718			
USD/CHF	0.9098			
USD/CNY	7.2464			
USD/BRL	5.2018			
USD/RUB	89.76			
USD/INR	83.3725			
AUD/USD	0.6607			
NZD/USD	0.61			



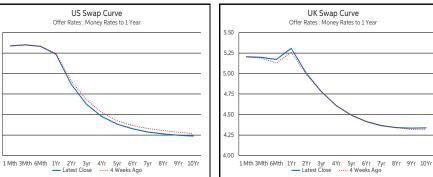
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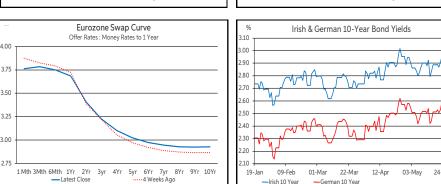
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Debt Markets					
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.62	+8	+3	+76	
Germany	2.68	+9	+10	+66	
UK	4.40	+11	+3	+86	
Ireland	3.08	+10	+11	+71	
Belgium	3.22	+10	+12	+53	
France	3.18	+9	+10	+62	
Italy	4.02	+12	+14	+32	
Spain	3.44	+9	+9	+45	
Portugal	3.30	+8	+10	+51	
Greece	3.67	+11	+20	+60	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.65	+4	-3	+86	
Eurozone	3.02	+7	+6	+60	
UK	4.49	+10	-O	+84	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.12	-1	-4	+78	
Eurozone	3.41	+3	+3	+61	
UK	5.01	+5	+2	+74	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	39	+0	+1	+6	
Belgium	54	+0	+2	-12	
France	50	+0	-O	-3	
Italy	133	+2	+4	-34	
Spain	75	-1	-2	-21	
Portugal	61	-1	-0	-15	
Greece	99	+1	+10	-6	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	83.6	-0.74	+0.19	+8.52	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2338.8	-0.94	+0.90	+13.39	

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