Morning Comment

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FX majors within tight ranges

There was a generally uneventful start to the week on financial markets yesterday. One reason for this was due to it being a market holiday in the US (Labor Day). Meanwhile, the European diary of macro releases was uninspiring, with no top tier data to influence proceedings. The quiet trading was reflected in fairly limited price action across most asset markets. The main European equity indices registered minimal movement on the day. The Euro Stoxx 50 posted a modest 0.3% gain.

Meanwhile, on bond markets, the benchmark Eurozone sovereigns saw their yields move within a 1-5bps corridor, amid a slight firming in Eurozone market rate expectations. The 10-year German bund was 5bps higher, rising above the 2.3% mark. On commodity markets, oil prices continued to move lower, with Brent crude falling below \$78 per barrel.

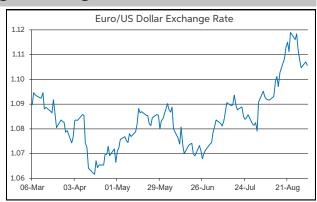
Currency-wise, the majors were confined to very narrow ranges yesterday. This has continued in overnight trading on Asia Pacific markets. As a result, the main FX pairs open this morning at levels similar to 24 hours earlier. EUR/USD continues to operate in a tight range in and around the midpoint of \$1.10-1.11. EUR/GBP remains pinned down near to the 84p threshold. Meantime, GBP/USD is changing hands in the lower half of the \$1.31-1.32 band.

Looking ahead to today, US markets re-open after their long weekend. However, the macro agenda continues to have a sparse appearance, with a quiet data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic. The main release of note comes from the US calendar, with the manufacturing ISM survey for August due. Given this backdrop, the main FX pairs could remain range bound.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.1057	0.08	0.19	
EUR/GBP	0.8429	0.17	-2.76	
GBP/USD	1.3111	-0.11	3.00	
GBP/EUR	1.1857	-0.17	2.84	
USD/JPY	146.21	0.19	3.65	
EUR/JPY	161.66	0.27	3.87	
* 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	5.31	5.28	4.50	4.02	3.70
EUR	4.25	3.59	3.49	3.05	2.69	2.52
GBP	5.00	4.92	4.86	4.45	4.34	4.00









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8429
EUR/USD	1.1057
EUR/JPY	161.66
EUR/SEK	11.3674
EUR/DKK	7.4591
EUR/NOK	11.7334
EUR/CHF	0.941
EUR/AUD	1.6422
EUR/HKD	8.6205
EUR/CAD	1.4955

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1857			
GBP/USD	1.3111			
GBP/CAD	1.7739			
GBP/NZD	2.1196			
GBP/JPY	191.74			
GBP/SEK	13.4783			
GBP/DKK	8.8453			
GBP/NOK	13.9138			
GBP/CHF	1.1161			
GBP/AUD	1.9478			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	146.21			
USD/CAD	1.3524			
USD/CHF	0.8509			
USD/CNY	7.1206			
USD/BRL	5.6162			
USD/RUB	89.6			
USD/INR	83.936			
AUD/USD	0.673			
NZD/USD	0.6186			



US Swap Curve

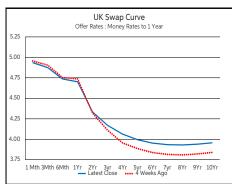
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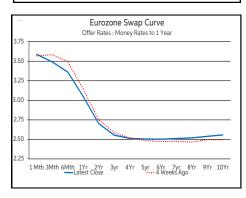
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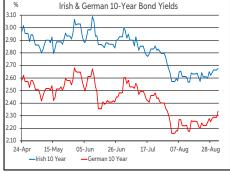
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
		Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	3.91	+4	+13	+5
Germany	2.34	+5	+16	+31
UK	4.06	+4	+18	+52
Ireland	2.71	+4	+9	+35
Belgium	2.91	+2	+6	+22
France	3.04	+3	+6	+48
Italy	3.71	+1	+2	+1
Spain	3.15	+3	+6	+16
Portugal	2.93	+4	+5	+15
Greece	3.39	+5	+6	+31
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.65	-1	+3	-14
Eurozone	2.50	+1	+3	+8
UK	3.99	+1	+11	+34
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.98	-0	-1	-36
Eurozone	2.70	+3	-4	-9
UK	4.33	-O	+2	+7
10 Year Governmei	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps	
Ireland	37	-1	-7	+3
Belgium	57	-2	-9	-9
France	70	-2	-10	+17
Italy	137	-3	-14	-30
Spain	81	-2	-10	-15
Portugal	59	-1	-11	-16
Greece	105	+0	-10	-0

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	77.52	-1.62	+1.60	+0.62	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2499.3	-0.15	+3.81	+21.17	

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