Morning Comment

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Very limited FX price action

There was a quiet start to the week on financial markets yesterday. A full market holiday in the US for Labour Day contributed to the muted price action. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 traded sideways for most of the day, and finished down a marginal 0.1%.

On bond markets, German Bund yields rose by 2-4bps, while UK Gilt yields climbed 3-6bps higher. However, there was no obvious catalyst for the moves. Meantime, oil prices continued to rise, with Brent crude up 0.5% to \$89 per barrel.

A relatively sparse data schedule also added to the limited moves across various asset classes. The only release of note, the EU Sentix index for September, printed below expectations, falling to -21.5 from -18.9 (and vs. -20.0 f'cast). Meanwhile, on the monetary policy front, in a speech yesterday, ECB President Lagarde steered away from providing any guidance on monetary policy.

Against this backdrop, the main FX pairs operated in very tight ranges throughout the day. EUR/USD traded between \$1.076-\$1.081, while EUR/GBP fluctuated in an extremely narrow 85.4-85.6p corridor. However, overnight, the dollar was holding a slightly firmer tone against the euro and sterling.

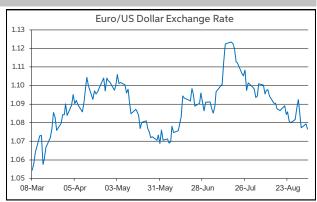
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning down near \$1.076. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP remains at the midpoint 85-86p. GBP/USD is back below the half \$1.26 threshold.

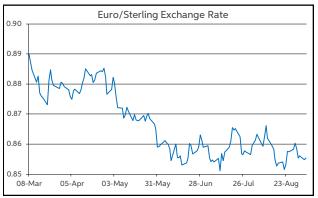
Turning to the day ahead, the main release of note will be Eurozone producer price inflation for July. However, barring any major surprises, the data are unlikely to impact on markets. Elsewhere, remarks from ECB officials may garner some attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0764	-0.19	0.58	
EUR/GBP	0.8553	-0.01	-3.29	
GBP/USD	1.2581	-0.20	4.00	
GBP/EUR	1.1687	0.01	3.40	
USD/JPY	146.97	0.56	12.10	
EUR/JPY	158.22	0.36	12.77	
* 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	5.66	5.65	5.10	4.40
EUR	4.25	3.64	3.77	3.99	3.67	3.23
GBP	5.25	5.28	5.45	5.74	5.70	5.08









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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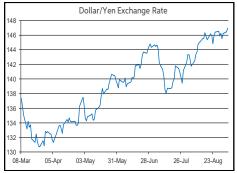
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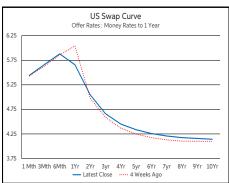
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8553
EUR/USD	1.0764
EUR/JPY	158.22
EUR/SEK	11.9324
EUR/DKK	7.4518
EUR/NOK	11.5285
EUR/CHF	0.954
EUR/AUD	1.6859
EUR/HKD	8.4362
EUR/CAD	1.4678

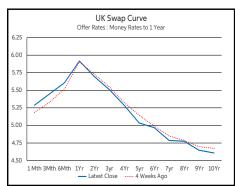
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1687		
GBP/USD	1.2581		
GBP/CAD	1.7158		
GBP/NZD	2.1371		
GBP/JPY	184.9		
GBP/SEK	13.9476		
GBP/DKK	8.7099		
GBP/NOK	13.4755		
GBP/CHF	1.1152		
GBP/AUD	1.9707		

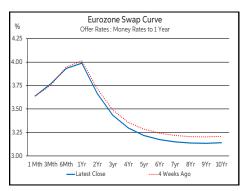
Dollar				
USD/JPY	146.97			
USD/CAD	1.3636			
USD/CHF	0.8862			
USD/CNY	7.2945			
USD/BRL	4.9373			
USD/RUB	97.2425			
USD/INR	82.9406			
AUD/USD	0.6384			
NZD/USD	0.5887			













	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.18	+7	+8	+30
Germany	2.58	+3	+2	+1
UK	4.47	+4	+1	+80
Ireland	2.97	+4	-2	-18
Belgium	3.19	+2	-5	-1
France	3.11	+4	-2	-1
Italy	4.29	+5	+3	-41
Spain	3.61	+4	-2	-4
Portugal	3.31	+3	-1	-29
Greece	3.94	+11	+5	-65
 5 Year Swap %				
US	4.33	-O	+12	+34
Eurozone	3.22	+4	-6	-1
UK	5.03	-4	-11	+73
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.05	-O	+11	+37
Eurozone	3.66	+2	-4	+27
UK	5.70	+3	-3	+101
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	39	+0	-4	-19
Belgium	61	-1	-6	-2
France	53	+0	-4	-2
Italy	171	+2	+2	-43
Spain	104	+1	-4	-6
Portugal	73	+0	-3	-31
Greece	136	+7	+3	-67

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
Brent Oil	89	+0.51	+4.29	+3.60	
West Texas Oil	85.52	+2.36	+4.37	+6.69	
Gold \$	1938.2	-0.03	+0.09	+6.24	

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