Morning Comment

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Dollar remains in the ascendancy

Risk appetite continued to deteriorate yesterday, with both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 falling by 0.7%. On bond markets, two-year German Bund and US Treasury yields rose by circa 7bps. Meanwhile, two-year UK Gilt yields were little changed. Elsewhere, Brent crude oil prices held steady, near \$90 per barrel.

The move higher in short-dated benchmark Eurozone yields coincided with some hawkish rhetoric from a number of ECB officials. Meantime, the US non-manufacturing ISM rose to 54.5 in August (vs. a fall to 52.5 f'cast), with the employment and prices paid sub-components printing at elevated levels. US Treasury yields maintained upward momentum following the release, while interest rate futures hardened, with markets reducing the extent of rate cuts expected next year. In contrast, UK Gilts were relatively static, despite some dovish remarks from BoE Governor Bailey.

Against this backdrop, the dollar remained in the ascendancy, supported by the risk-off tone to sentiment and the strong US data. Elsewhere, sterling was on the defensive, amid the dovish BoE comments. Overall, the greenback gained around 0.1% and 0.6%, respectively, against the euro and sterling.

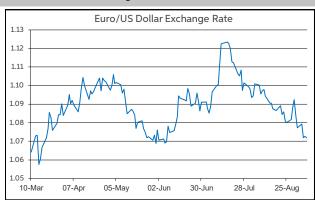
In level terms, the firmer dollar tone sees EUR/USD open this morning in the lower half of \$1.07-1.08. GBP/USD is back at the \$1.25 handle. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is in the top half of 85-86p.

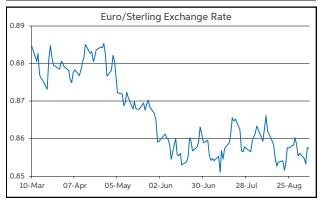
Turning to the day ahead, the main release of note is the revised reading of Eurozone Q2 GDP. Growth in the quarter is likely to be revised down from the 0.3% rate previously estimated. In the US, prepared remarks from a number of Fed speakers, and the latest weekly jobless claims data will garner some attention.

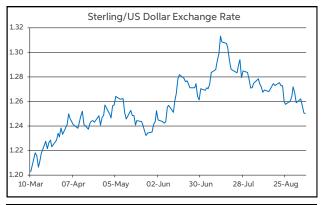
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0719	-0.14	0.16	
EUR/GBP	0.8576	0.47	-3.03	
GBP/USD	1.2497	-0.60	3.31	
GBP/EUR	1.1655	-0.47	3.13	
USD/JPY	147.51	0.09	12.51	
EUR/JPY	158.15	-0.05	12.72	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.65	5.67	5.20	4.50
EUR	4.25	3.63	3.80	3.98	3.70	3.28
GBP	5.25	5.30	5.43	5.73	5.72	5.14









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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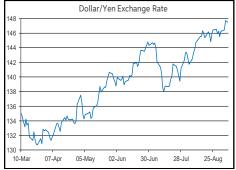
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8576
EUR/USD	1.0719
EUR/JPY	158.15
EUR/SEK	11.8985
EUR/DKK	7.4567
EUR/NOK	11.4769
EUR/CHF	0.9554
EUR/AUD	1.6773
EUR/HKD	8.4048
EUR/CAD	1.4616

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1655		
GBP/USD	1.2497		
GBP/CAD	1.7039		
GBP/NZD	2.1226		
GBP/JPY	184.34		
GBP/SEK	13.8757		
GBP/DKK	8.6914		
GBP/NOK	13.375		
GBP/CHF	1.1138		
GBP/AUD	1.9552		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.51			
USD/CAD	1.3634			
USD/CHF	0.8913			
USD/CNY	7.3255			
USD/BRL	4.9784			
USD/RUB	98.2025			
USD/INR	83.1606			
AUD/USD	0.6391			
NZD/USD	0.5885			

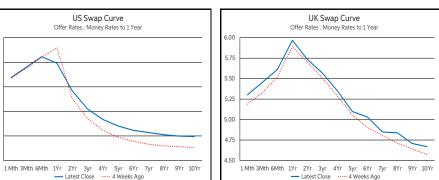


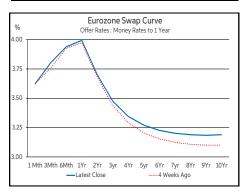
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	Debt	Markets		
		Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.30	+3	+28	+42
Germany	2.66	+5	+19	+9
UK	4.53	+1	+16	+86
Ireland	3.06	+5	+16	-9
Belgium	3.29	+6	+13	+9
France	3.19	+5	+16	+8
Italy	4.41	+6	+26	-29
Spain	3.71	+5	+18	+5
Portugal	3.42	+6	+20	-18
Greece	4.00	+7	+16	-59
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.45	+4	+26	+46
Eurozone	3.27	+4	+8	+4
UK	5.10	+1	+9	+80
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.17	+7	+19	+49
Eurozone	3.70	+4	+3	+31
UK	5.73	-2	+4	+105
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	40	-O	-3	-19
Belgium	63	+1	-6	-1
France	53	-0	-3	-2
Italy	175	+2	+7	-39
Spain	105	+0	-2	-5
Portugal	76	+1	+1	-28
Greece	134	+2	-4	-69

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	90.6	+0.62	+3.48	+5.46	
West Texas Oil	87.55	+0.93	+3.79	+9.22	
Gold\$	1916.3	-0.50	+0.09	+5.04	

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