Morning Comment

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EUR/USD pinned down near to \$1.07

Risk appetite remained under pressure yesterday. This was reflected in the performance of the main equity indices. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.4%. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.3% lower on the day. Meanwhile, oil prices eased slightly back from their recent highs.

On bond markets, yields moved lower amid the subdued backdrop to investor sentiment. The 10-year Treasury yield edged back to 4.25%, while the 10-year UK Gilt yield moved below the 4.5% mark.

Currency-wise, the dollar continued to hold the upper hand on the exchanges. Similar to the previous day, the greenback was supported by the cautious mood on markets as well as another better than expected US macro release.

This time it was the weekly jobless claims report that printed ahead of consensus forecasts, with initial claims rising by 216k (vs. f'cast for 234k). Meanwhile, a downward revision to Eurozone Q2 GDP, from +0.3% q/q to +0.1%, was at the margin, unhelpful to the euro.

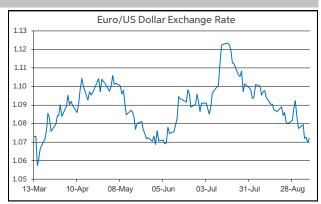
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning just above the \$1.07 threshold, having traded to a low of \$1.0687 yesterday. The firmer dollar tone is also evident in GBP/USD operating down at \$1.25 at the start of today's European trading session. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands in a very narrow range just below the 86p handle.

Looking ahead to today, the macro data agenda is very quiet. Indeed, there are no releases of note due on either side of the Atlantic. As a result, the main FX pairs may be confined to relatively tight trading bands heading into the weekend.

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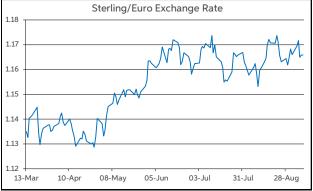
Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2022		
EUR/USD	1.072	0.02	0.17		
EUR/GBP	0.8573	-0.02	-3.06		
GBP/USD	1.2501	0.02	3.34		
GBP/EUR	1.1657	0.02	3.16		
USD/JPY	147.11	-0.30	12.20		
EUR/JPY	157.72	-0.28	12.42		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates					
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.44	5.67	5.63	5.12	4.41
EUR	4.25	3.65	3.80	3.97	3.66	3.22
GBP	5.25	5.29	5.43	5.67	5.63	5.08









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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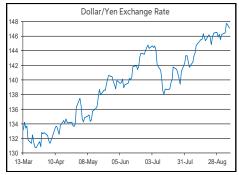
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8573
EUR/USD	1.072
EUR/JPY	157.72
EUR/SEK	11.8917
EUR/DKK	7.4587
EUR/NOK	11.446
EUR/CHF	0.9538
EUR/AUD	1.6735
EUR/HKD	8.402
EUR/CAD	1.4641

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1657			
GBP/USD	1.2501			
GBP/CAD	1.7073			
GBP/NZD	2.1147			
GBP/JPY	183.9			
GBP/SEK	13.8661			
GBP/DKK	8.6958			
GBP/NOK	13.346			
GBP/CHF	1.1123			
GBP/AUD	1.9513			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.11			
USD/CAD	1.3656			
USD/CHF	0.8896			
USD/CNY	7.3438			
USD/BRL	4.9767			
USD/RUB	98.42			
USD/INR	83.1525			
AUD/USD	0.6406			
NZD/USD	0.5911			

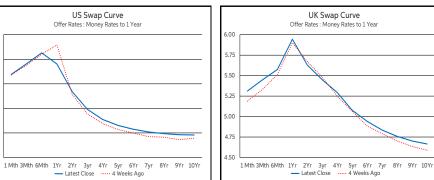


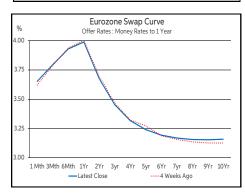
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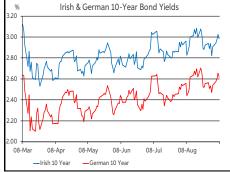
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	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.25	-5	+14	+37	
Germany	2.62	-4	+12	+6	
UK	4.45	-8	+9	+78	
Ireland	3.00	-5	+6	-14	
Belgium	3.25	-4	+7	+5	
France	3.15	-4	+9	+4	
Italy	4.36	-5	+20	-35	
Spain	3.66	-5	+11	-O	
Portugal	3.36	-6	+9	-24	
Greece	3.99	-1	+17	-61	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.40	-6	+12	+41	
Eurozone	3.24	-3	-3	+1	
UK	5.08	-2	+2	+78	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.09	-9	+9	+42	
Eurozone	3.68	-2	-1	+29	
UK	5.63	-11	-4	+95	
10 Year Governn	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	38	-2	-6	-20	
Belgium	63	+0	-5	-1	
France	53	-0	-3	-2	
Italy	173	-2	+9	-41	
Spain	103	-1	-1	-6	
Portugal	74	-3	-3	-30	
Greece	136	+2	+5	-67	

Commodities							
	% Change						
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 22						
Brent Oil	89.92	-0.75	+4.07	+4.67			
West Texas Oil	86.87	-0.78	+4.90	+8.37			
Gold \$	1919.2	+0.15	+0.37	+5.20			

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