Morning Comment

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Main FX pairs tightly range bound

Equity markets moved higher on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, amid a relatively quiet start to the week. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.4%, while the S&P 500 climbed 0.7% higher. On bond markets, the main move was UK Gilt yields rose by 3-6bps along the curve. US Treasury and German Bund yields were little changed. Elsewhere, Brent crude oil continued to tick slightly higher, with prices now approaching \$91 per barrel.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs were tightly range bound. A sparse data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. Of the limited moves to note, the yen handed back some of its gains made before the European open, following some hawkish remarks from BoJ Governor Ueda at the weekend, that it may consider ending its negative interest rate policy at year end. From a sterling viewpoint, the currency was unmoved by a hawkish speech from MPC member Mann, arguing that, "holding rates constant at the current level risks enabling further inflation persistence."

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is near the midpoint of the \$1.07-1.08 range. GBP/USD is in the lower half of \$1.25-1.26 corridor. Meantime, EUR/GBP is operating in the top half of 85-86p. USD/JPY is above the halfway mark of ¥146-147.

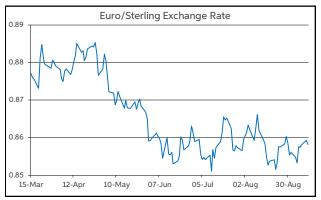
Already this morning, UK labour market data for July have been released. As expected, the unemployment rate edged higher to 4.3% from 4.2%. Meantime, average earnings printed above the consensus, up 8.5% y/y (vs. +8.2% y/y f'cast). The release has not impacted sterling so far in early trading. Later today, survey data for September, including the German ZEW and US small business optimism are due. However, barring any major surprises, the data are unlikely to impact on forex markets.

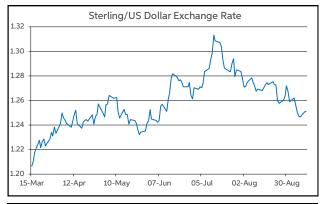
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0735	0.01	0.31	
EUR/GBP	0.8575	0.02	-3.04	
GBP/USD	1.2518	-0.01	3.48	
GBP/EUR	1.1657	-0.02	3.14	
USD/JPY	146.79	0.42	11.96	
EUR/JPY	157.6	0.41	12.33	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.66	5.19	4.49
EUR	4.25	3.68	3.80	4.00	3.71	3.28
GBP	5.25	5.31	5.44	5.65	5.58	5.04









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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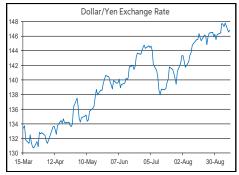
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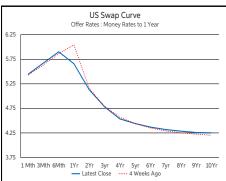
Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8575			
EUR/USD	1.0735			
EUR/JPY	157.6			
EUR/SEK	11.916			
EUR/DKK	7.4578			
EUR/NOK	11.4495			
EUR/CHF	0.957			
EUR/AUD	1.6713			
EUR/HKD	8.4079			
EUR/CAD	1.4587			

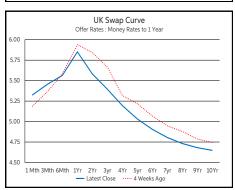
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1657		
GBP/USD	1.2518		
GBP/CAD	1.7008		
GBP/NZD	2.1182		
GBP/JPY	183.72		
GBP/SEK	13.8824		
GBP/DKK	8.6938		
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GBP/AUD	1.9485		
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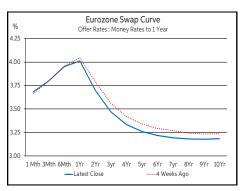
Dollar				
USD/JPY	146.79			
USD/CAD	1.3586			
USD/CHF	0.8913			
USD/CNY	7.2885			
USD/BRL	4.9304			
USD/RUB	94.2125			
USD/INR	82.975			
AUD/USD	0.6422			
NZD/USD	0.5903			

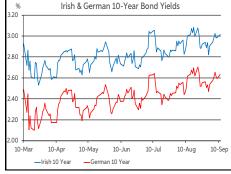












	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.29	+3	+9	+42		
Germany	2.64	+4	-O	+7		
UK	4.47	+5	-9	+80		
Ireland	3.03	+2	+0	-11		
Belgium	3.28	+4	-2	+8		
France	3.18	+3	-O	+6		
Italy	4.40	+5	+11	-31		
Spain	3.69	+5	+4	+3		
Portugal	3.38	+4	+3	-22		
Greece	4.02	+4	+9	-57		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.44	+0	+4	+45		
Eurozone	3.26	+2	-7	+3		
UK	5.03	+2	-14	+73		
2 Year Swap %						
US	5.13	-2	+1	+46		
Eurozone	3.70	+2	-8	+31		
UK	5.58	+1	-26	+90		
10 Year Governr	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	40	-2	+0	-19		
Belgium	64	-0	-1	+0		
France	54	-1	+0	-1		
Italy	176	+1	+11	-38		
Spain	105	+1	+4	-4		
Portugal	75	+0	+4	-29		
Greece	138	+1	+9	-65		

Commodities					
	% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 22				
Brent Oil	90.64	-0.01	+5.14	+5.51	
West Texas Oil	87.3	-0.24	+5.82	+8.91	
Gold\$	1921.7	+0.20	+0.72	+5.33	

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