Morning Comment

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US CPI inflation in focus today

Investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone yesterday. This was evident in equity markets handing back some of their gains from the day before. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.3%. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 was 0.6% lower at the closing bell last night. Meantime, on bond markets, the action was relatively muted. Although, UK Gilt yields continued to trend lower. Elsewhere, oil prices remained on an upward trajectory, with Brent crude trading up to \$92 per barrel.

Currency-wise, the main pairs were confined to fairly tight ranges yesterday. This was not overly surprising, as aside from the 7am publication of a batch of UK labour market updates, the remainder of Tuesday's macro diary was generally quiet.

Of the limited FX moves to register over the past 24 hours, sterling is somewhat weaker against the backdrop of lower UK yields. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/GBP is changing hands above the 86p mark, while GBP/USD is operating below the \$1.25 threshold. Meantime, EUR/USD is in the lower half of \$1.07-1.08.

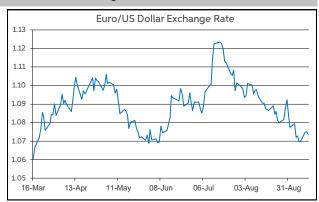
Today's macro calendar features some important updates. Indeed, already this morning, we have got UK GDP figures for July. The economy contracted by 0.5% in the month, which weaker than expectations for a 0.2% decline. The disappointing GDP data has seen sterling remain on the defensive this morning.

Later today, we get US CPI inflation numbers for August. The data will form a key input into the Fed's policy deliberations at its meeting next week (Sept 19th/20th). The consensus forecast is for headline inflation to accelerate from 3.2% to 3.6%. Meanwhile, the core rate is expected to ease from 4.7% to 4.3%.

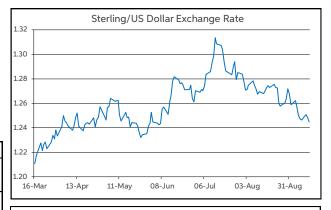
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0735	-0.02	0.31	
EUR/GBP	0.8621	0.45	-2.52	
GBP/USD	1.2449	-0.48	2.91	
GBP/EUR	1.1593	-0.45	2.59	
USD/JPY	147.33	0.41	12.37	
EUR/JPY	158.17	0.39	12.74	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.45	5.67	5.66	5.23	4.52
EUR	4.25	3.66	3.82	4.06	3.78	3.33
GBP	5.25	5.31	5.43	5.64	5.56	5.00









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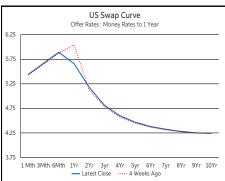
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8621
EUR/USD	1.0735
EUR/JPY	158.17
EUR/SEK	11.9351
EUR/DKK	7.4597
EUR/NOK	11.4772
EUR/CHF	0.9579
EUR/AUD	1.6764
EUR/HKD	8.4002
EUR/CAD	1.4565

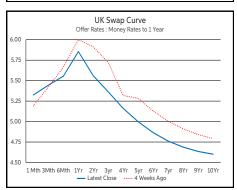
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1593		
GBP/USD	1.2449		
GBP/CAD	1.6891		
GBP/NZD	2.1124		
GBP/JPY	183.41		
GBP/SEK	13.8396		
GBP/DKK	8.6487		
GBP/NOK	13.303		
GBP/CHF	1.1108		
GBP/AUD	1.9439		

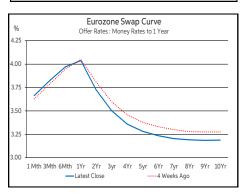
Dollar	
USD/JPY	147.33
USD/CAD	1.3568
USD/CHF	0.8923
USD/CNY	7.2821
USD/BRL	4.9469
USD/RUB	94.925
USD/INR	82.928
AUD/USD	0.6403
NZD/USD	0.5891













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.28	-1	+6	+40	
Germany	2.64	+1	-4	+8	
UK	4.42	-5	-18	+75	
Ireland	3.05	+2	-5	-10	
Belgium	3.29	+1	-5	+9	
France	3.19	+1	-3	+7	
Italy	4.41	+1	+5	-29	
Spain	3.70	+1	-1	+4	
Portugal	3.38	+0	-2	-22	
Greece	4.05	+3	+5	-55	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.47	+2	+6	+47	
Eurozone	3.28	+2	-9	+5	
UK	5.00	-4	-28	+69	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.18	+4	+9	+50	
Eurozone	3.72	+3	-7	+34	
UK	5.56	-2	-35	+88	
10 Year Governr	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	41	+1	-2	-18	
Belgium	64	+0	-2	+1	
France	55	+1	+0	-0	
Italy	177	+1	+9	-37	
Spain	106	+1	+3	-3	
Portugal	74	-O	+2	-30	
Greece	140	+2	+9	-62	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	92.06	+1.57	+8.45	+7.16	
West Texas Oil	88.87	+1.80	+9.63	+10.87	
Gold\$	1913.3	-0.44	+0.62	+4.87	

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