Morning Comment

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Narrow ranges amongst most of the FX majors

There was a mixed tone to investor sentiment vesterday. This was evident in the differing performance of some of the main equity indices. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.9%, Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the mood was more subdued, with the S&P 500 flat on the day.

From a data perspective yesterday, after the 7am release of UK Q2 GDP, attention turned to the Eurozone calendar during the morning session. Both employment and the second reading of GDP for Q2 printed in line with expectations. Industrial production for the currency bloc for June did miss to the downside of forecasts. Overall though, the data had no noticeable impact on the euro.

Meantime, in terms of the main US data highlight yesterday, PPI inflation numbers for July came in ahead of consensus expectations. The headline rate registered a 3.3% y/y reading for July (vs. f'cast for 2.5%), while core PPI rose by 3.7% last month (f'cast for 2.9%). The higher than expected inflation prints did result in a modest firming in US rate expectations and in turn provide some support to the dollar, which had been under pressure in the first half of the week.

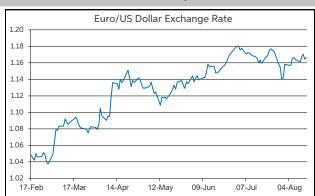
As trading gets underway this morning, the EUR/USD pair is operating nearer to the midpoint \$1.16-1.17, GBP/USD has edged back into the lower half of \$1.35-1.36, while USD/JPY has managed to regain the ¥147 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remains near to the 86p level.

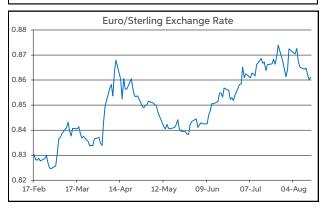
Today's macro diary is very US centric, with no European data releases of any note due. The US agenda features retail sales, industrial production (both July) as well as consumer sentiment (August). However, barring any significant data surprises versus expectations, the main pairs may trade within relatively confined ranges heading into the weekend.

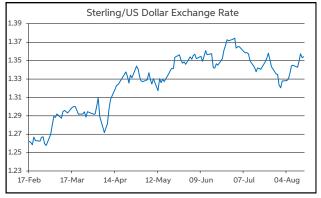
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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| | | % Change | | |
| | | Day * | End 2024 | |
| EUR/USD | 1.1666 | -0.32 | 12.68 | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8611 | -0.09 | 4.09 | |
| GBP/USD | 1.3542 | -0.24 | 8.24 | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1606 | 0.09 | -3.93 | |
| USD/JPY | 147.15 | 0.54 | -6.38 | |
| EUR/JPY | 171.7 | 0.22 | 5.50 | |
| * v Previous Day's European Open | | | | |
| See Next Page for More Rates | | | | |

| Opening Interest Rates | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|------------|------|------|
| | | Money | Market | Swap Rates | | |
| | Base Rate | 1-Mth | 3-Mth | 1-Yr | 2-Yr | 5-Yr |
| USD | 4.38 | 4.34 | 4.19 | 3.80 | 3.77 | 3.74 |
| EUR | 2.00 | 1.84 | 2.04 | 2.06 | 2.09 | 2.35 |
| GBP | 4.00 | 3.97 | 3.97 | 3.83 | 3.93 | 4.00 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



| Euro | |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8611 |
| EUR/USD | 1.1666 |
| EUR/JPY | 171.7 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.1621 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4632 |
| EUR/NOK | 11.9146 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9408 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.7942 |
| EUR/HKD | 9.1262 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.6103 |

| Sterling | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|
| 1.1606 | | | |
| 1.3542 | | | |
| 1.8694 | | | |
| 2.2872 | | | |
| 199.29 | | | |
| 12.9555 | | | |
| 8.6623 | | | |
| 13.823 | | | |
| 1.0923 | | | |
| 2.0823 | | | |
| | | | |

| Dollar | | | | |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 147.15 | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.3804 | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.8064 | | | |
| USD/CNY | 7.1812 | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.4135 | | | |
| USD/RUB | 80.1 | | | |
| USD/INR | 87.629 | | | |
| | | | | |
| AUD/USD | 0.65 | | | |
| NZD/USD | 0.5917 | | | |
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US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

4.20 4.10

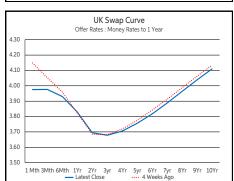
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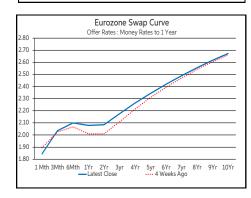
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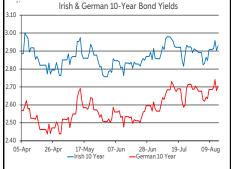
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



| Debt Markets | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------|
| | | | Change bps | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 24 |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | |
| US | 4.29 | +5 | -17 | -28 |
| Germany | 2.71 | +3 | +3 | +34 |
| UK | 4.64 | +5 | -1 | +7 |
| Ireland | 2.96 | +4 | +1 | +31 |
| Belgium | 3.22 | +4 | -1 | +24 |
| France | 3.37 | +4 | -1 | +18 |
| Italy | 3.52 | +4 | -4 | -0 |
| Spain | 3.27 | +3 | -3 | +20 |
| Portugal | 3.10 | +2 | -3 | +25 |
| Greece | 3.36 | +2 | -3 | +11 |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 3.71 | +6 | -16 | -58 |
| Eurozone | 2.33 | +3 | +3 | +10 |
| UK | 4.00 | +3 | -3 | -29 |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 3.74 | +5 | -18 | -59 |
| Eurozone | 2.08 | +1 | +7 | -11 |
| UK | 3.92 | +2 | -1 | -56 |
| 10 Year Governmen | t Bond Spread | s to Benchr | nark bps | |
| Ireland | 25 | +1 | -2 | -3 |
| Belgium | 52 | +2 | -4 | -10 |
| France | 67 | +1 | -4 | -16 |
| Italy | 81 | +1 | -8 | -34 |
| Spain | 56 | +1 | -6 | -14 |
| Portugal | 39 | -0 | -6 | -10 |
| Greece | 65 | -1 | -7 | -23 |

| Commodities | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|--------|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | Close Day 4 Weeks End | | | | |
| Brent Oil | 66.84 | +1.84 | -3.86 | -10.45 | |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65 | -0.17 | -1.90 | -1.27 | |
| Gold \$ | 3335.7 | -0.56 | -0.09 | +27.13 | |

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