Morning Comment

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US labour market data in focus today

The main event of yesterday's macro diary was the ECB policy setting meeting for June. As expected, the Governing Council cut rates by 25bps, with the Depo rate lowered to 2.0%. Given this was already fully priced in by markets, attention was centred on what guidance, if any, would be forthcoming from the ECB regarding future rate cuts.

In this regard, the ECB was non-committal, continuing to espouse a data-dependent and meeting-by-meeting approach. However, President Lagarde's comments during the press conference did include some less dovish rhetoric. She stated that the ECB was nearing the end of its current cycle and policy was in a "good position" to deal with uncertainty over the coming months.

This suggests there is a lower likelihood in the near term for further rate cuts. It also implies that the extent of any additional easing is limited. Futures contract indicate the market is envisaging one more 25bps rate cut before year end. However, barring a shock to the Eurozone economy, it could also turn out to be the case that yesterday's reduction was the last of this easing cycle from the ECB.

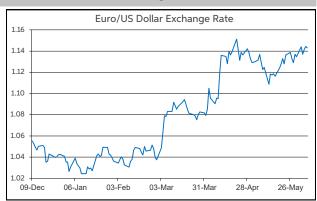
From a currency viewpoint, most of the majors have been confined to relatively narrow ranges over the past 24 hours. Of the action to register, the euro is modestly firmer following the less dovish ECB tone. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning at \$1.143, with EUR/GBP near 84.4p. GBP/USD is trading at the midpoint of \$1.35-1.36, similar to where it started yesterday. Elsewhere, the yen has lost some ground, not helped by weaker than forecast macro data.

Looking ahead to today, the focus shifts to the US macro diary, with a raft of May labour market data due, including the always eagerly awaited monthly payrolls number. There is some event risk for the dollar from today's US data.

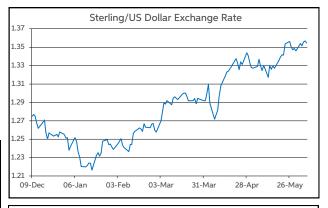
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1431	0.20	10.41	
EUR/GBP	0.8437	0.19	1.98	
GBP/USD	1.3547	0.01	8.28	
GBP/EUR	1.185	-0.19	-1.94	
USD/JPY	143.98	0.66	-8.40	
EUR/JPY	164.6	0.86	1.14	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.31	4.30	4.00	3.98	3.93
EUR	2.40	1.95	1.96	1.99	2.02	2.29
GBP	4.25	4.20	4.16	3.96	4.06	4.09









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



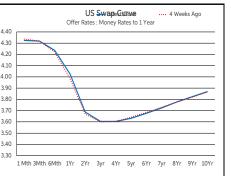
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8437
EUR/USD	1.1431
EUR/JPY	164.6
EUR/SEK	10.964
EUR/DKK	7.4603
EUR/NOK	11.532
EUR/CHF	0.9389
EUR/AUD	1.7594
EUR/HKD	8.9692
EUR/CAD	1.562

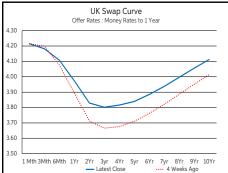
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.185		
GBP/USD	1.3547		
GBP/CAD	1.8508		
GBP/NZD	2.242		
GBP/JPY	195.06		
GBP/SEK	12.9919		
GBP/DKK	8.8408		
GBP/NOK	13.6665		
GBP/CHF	1.1125		
GBP/AUD	2.0843		

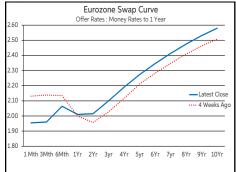
Dollar				
USD/JPY	143.98			
USD/CAD	1.3665			
USD/CHF	0.8215			
USD/CNY	7.1835			
USD/BRL	5.5845			
USD/RUB	78.3705			
USD/INR	85.746			
AUD/USD	0.6496			
NZD/USD	0.6038			

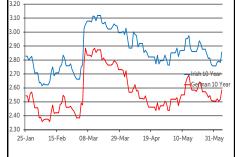












Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields

Debt Markets					
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.40	+3	+2	-18	
Germany	2.59	+6	+7	+22	
UK	4.63	+3	+8	+5	
Ireland	2.89	+5	+0	+24	
Belgium	3.13	+6	+2	+15	
France	3.26	+6	+3	+7	
Italy	3.55	+4	-4	+3	
Spain	3.17	+5	+0	+11	
Portugal	3.07	+6	+3	+22	
Greece	3.31	+2	-3	+6	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.90	+6	+0	-39	
Eurozone	2.27	+8	+6	+3	
UK	4.08	+2	+11	-20	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.95	+3	+5	-38	
Eurozone	2.01	+7	+6	-18	
UK	4.05	+2	+9	-43	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	30	-1	-7	+1	
Belgium	54	-0	-4	-8	
France	68	-1	-4	-16	
Italy	96	-3	-11	-20	
Spain	59	-1	-6	-12	
Portugal	48	-O	-4	-1	
Greece	73	-5	-10	-16	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	65.34	+0.74	+3.98	-12.46	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3353.1	-0.66	+1.45	+27.80	

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