## **Morning Comment**

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## Action packed week ahead

This week sees an action packed calendar. On the political front, the second round of the French elections is on Sunday (7th July). The first round results are showing the National Rally (RN) on 33%, which was slightly below what some polls were indicating. Some analysts are anticipating RN may fall short of an absolute majority. Since the election was called there has been a widening in the French-German 10-year bond yield spread. This reflects market concerns on the impact a more extreme Left or Right wing Government could have on an already elevated French budget deficit. There is a high degree of uncertainty over the outcome of Round 2. This could create some volatility for the euro this week. EUR/USD opens this morning in the upper half of \$1.07-1.08

The other key political event is on Thursday with the UK General Election. Polls have consistently been indicating a win for Labour. If the actual result is in line with these polls it would not be a surprise to markets. Therefore it would not be expected to have much impact on sterling.

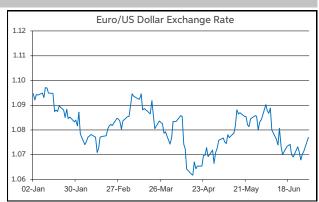
Data-wise, there are some top tier releases over the coming days. We get the flash reading of Eurozone inflation for June. In the US, non-farm payrolls (June) are due along with a raft of other labour market data, including the unemployment rate. On the central bank front, the ECB hosts its annual Central Banking forum which includes ECB President Lagarde and Fed Chair Powell. The Fed meeting minutes and ECB 'account' are also due.

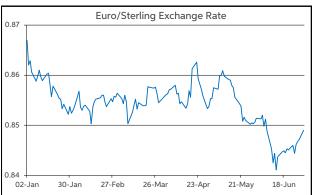
Given such a busy/varied calendar, there is the potential for some increased volatility on FX markets this week. Expectations of potential intervention by Japan to support its currency will also persist with USD/JYP trading above ¥160.

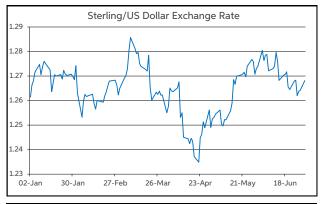
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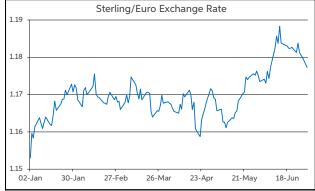
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.077	0.79	-2.41	
EUR/GBP	0.849	0.31	-2.05	
GBP/USD	1.2681	0.46	-0.38	
GBP/EUR	1.1773	-0.31	2.10	
USD/JPY	160.98	-0.02	14.12	
EUR/JPY	173.38	0.75	11.41	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates				;	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.45	5.59	5.31	4.89	4.39
EUR	4.25	3.63	3.71	3.55	3.22	2.92
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.11	4.88	4.79	4.26









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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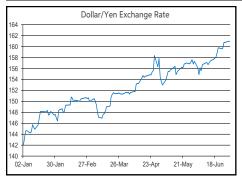
## **Opening Levels**



Euro					
EUR/GBP	0.849				
EUR/USD	1.077				
EUR/JPY	173.38				
EUR/SEK	11.3661				
EUR/DKK	7.458				
EUR/NOK	11.4575				
EUR/CHF	0.9682				
EUR/AUD	1.6143				
EUR/HKD	8.4127				
EUR/CAD	1.4719				

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1773		
GBP/USD	1.2681		
GBP/CAD	1.7331		
GBP/NZD	2.0784		
GBP/JPY	204.14		
GBP/SEK	13.3841		
GBP/DKK	8.7803		
GBP/NOK	13.4905		
GBP/CHF	1.1403		
GBP/AUD	1.9008		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	160.98			
USD/CAD	1.3665			
USD/CHF	0.899			
USD/CNY	7.2678			
USD/BRL	5.5915			
USD/RUB	84.9			
USD/INR	83.405			
AUD/USD	0.6671			
NZD/USD	0.6099			



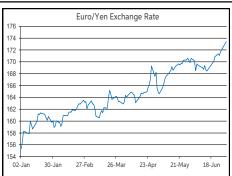
US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

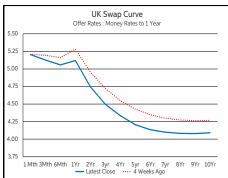
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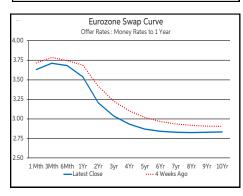
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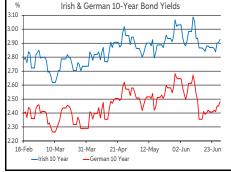
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets				
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.34	+5	-17	+48
Germany	2.49	+3	-16	+46
UK	4.18	+4	-15	+64
Ireland	2.95	+2	-10	+59
Belgium	3.13	-1	-7	+44
France	3.29	+2	+14	+73
Italy	4.07	+4	+9	+37
Spain	3.41	+1	+2	+42
Portugal	3.24	+1	-0	+45
Greece	3.74	+3	+8	+66
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.36	+8	-16	+57
Eurozone	2.87	+3	-14	+44
UK	4.21	-1	-22	+55
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.86	+3	-18	+52
Eurozone	3.21	+2	-20	+41
UK	4.75	-0	-21	+48
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	47	-2	+7	+13
Belgium	64	-4	+10	-2
France	80	-1	+30	+27
Italy	158	+0	+26	-9
Spain	93	-3	+18	-4
Portugal	75	-3	+16	-0
Greece	125	-0	+25	+20

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 23					
Brent Oil	86.41	+0.02	+5.87	+12.16		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	2325.7	-0.07	-0.05	+12.76		

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