Morning Comment

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Sterling softer post UK labour market updates

There was a passive mood to proceedings on financial markets for much of yesterday. One reason for this was the quiet macro data calendar. Indeed, there were no data releases of any note on either side of the Atlantic.

The subdued tone to investor sentiment was reflected in the muted moves on equity markets. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 declined by a modest 0.2%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was essentially flat on the day.

From a currency perspective, the main pairs were confined to narrow ranges yesterday. This continued in overnight trading on Asia-Pacific markets. As a result, the FX majors opened this morning showing no significant changes compared to 24 hours earlier. In level terms, the EUR/USD pair is operating just above the \$1.14 threshold in the early stages of this morning's European trading session.

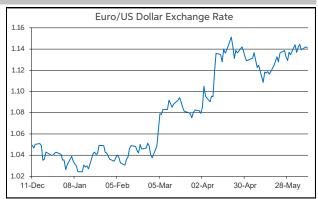
Today's macro diary has a busier agenda. Already this morning a raft of UK labour market data have been released. The unemployment rate for the three month period to April increased to 4.6%, which was in line with expectations. Meanwhile, underlying wage growth registered a +5.2% y/y rate over the period which was lower than envisaged (f'cast for +5.4% y/y). Sterling is a tad softer in the initial aftermath of the data. EUR/GBP has edged up nearer to the midpoint of 84-85p, while GBP/USD has leaned down closer to the \$1.35 handle.

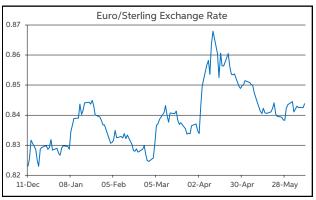
The remainder of today's macro calendar features Italian industrial output (April), EU Sentix survey (June) and the NFIB measure of US small business optimism (May). However, barring significant surprise results, none of the data would be expected to have a directional impact on their respective currencies.

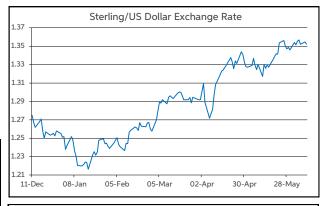
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1412	-0.05	10.23	
EUR/GBP	0.8436	0.17	1.97	
GBP/USD	1.3523	-0.21	8.09	
GBP/EUR	1.1849	-0.17	-1.93	
USD/JPY	144.48	0.07	-8.08	
EUR/JPY	164.9	0.03	1.32	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.30	4.32	4.07	4.06	4.01
EUR	2.00	1.97	1.96	2.00	2.01	2.26
GBP	4.25	4.20	4.16	3.96	4.05	4.09









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



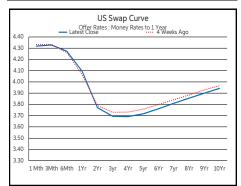
Е	uro
EUR/GBP	0.8436
EUR/USD	1.1412
EUR/JPY	164.9
EUR/SEK	10.9612
EUR/DKK	7.4598
EUR/NOK	11.4953
EUR/CHF	0.9375
EUR/AUD	1.7518
EUR/HKD	8.9568
EUR/CAD	1.5641

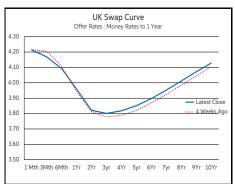
Sterling			
1.1849			
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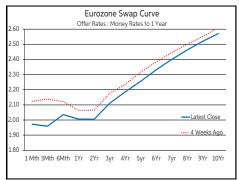
Dollar				
USD/JPY	144.48			
USD/CAD	1.3707			
USD/CHF	0.8212			
USD/CNY	7.1864			
USD/BRL	5.5584			
USD/RUB	79			
USD/INR	85.577			
AUD/USD	0.6513			
NZD/USD	0.6044			

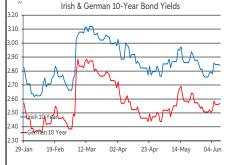












Debt Markets				
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.48	-3	+3	-9
Germany	2.57	+1	-7	+21
UK	4.63	-1	-1	+6
Ireland	2.88	-0	-11	+23
Belgium	3.10	-1	-10	+12
France	3.24	-0	-9	+4
Italy	3.49	-2	-20	-3
Spain	3.14	-1	-13	+8
Portugal	3.05	+0	-11	+20
Greece	3.31	+2	-14	+6
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.97	-4	-3	-32
Eurozone	2.25	-2	-6	+2
UK	4.09	-2	+2	-20
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.05	-1	+0	-29
Eurozone	2.00	-1	-6	-19
UK	4.05	-3	+0	-44
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	31	-1	-4	+2
Belgium	53	-1	-3	-9
France	67	-1	-2	-16
Italy	92	-3	-12	-24
Spain	57	-1	-5	-13
Portugal	48	-0	-4	-1
Greece	74	+1	-7	-14

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	67.04	+0.86	+3.20	-10.18	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3327.6	+0.54	+2.90	+26.82	

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