Morning Comment

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US inflation data in focus today

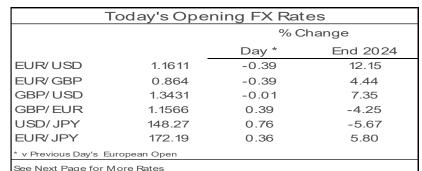
The start of the week on financial markets was muted yesterday. This was not overly surprising given the quiet macro diary. As a result, investor sentiment was holding a generally cautious tone, lacking in direction amid the dearth of macro newsflow. This was reflected in the lacklustre performance of the main equity indices. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 was 0.3% lower. Meantime, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was also down 0.3% on the day.

On the currency front, the majors were confined to relatively narrow ranges. Of the action to register, the dollar regained some ground. At the same time, the euro had a modestly softer tone against some of the other majors. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning down near the \$1.16 threshold. EUR/GBP has edged back below the midpoint of 86-87p. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is operating in the lower half of \$1.34-1.35.

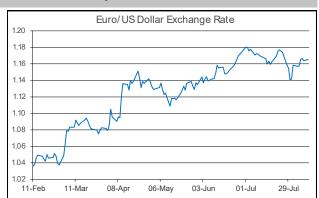
After yesterday's sparse data schedule, today's macro agenda is much busier. Already this morning we have had a raft of labour market updates from the UK. The unemployment rate, as expected remained at 4.7% in the three months to June. Underlying wage growth also printed in line with forecasts, rising by 5.0% y/y. The data has had no noticeable impact on sterling.

Later today, attention will turn to the US calendar with the lunchtime release (13:30) of CPI inflation numbers of July. Investors and the Fed will be assessing the data to see if there are further signs of tariff related upward pressure on prices. This data will form an important input into the Fed's decision on whether to keep rates on hold or cut in September. As a result, the release could be a source of volatility for the dollar today. Both the headline and core rates are expected to edge slightly higher, to 2.8% (from 2.7%) and 3.0% (from 2.9%), respectively.

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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	4.35	4.23	3.84	3.82	3.76
EUR	2.00	1.90	2.02	2.06	2.10	2.35
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.95	3.78	3.89	3.95









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.864
EUR/USD	1.1611
EUR/JPY	172.19
EUR/SEK	11.1917
EUR/ DKK	7.4627
EUR/NOK	11.8743
EUR/CHF	0.9415
EUR/AUD	1.7864
EUR/HKD	9.1149
EUR/ CAD	1.5995

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1566		
GBP/USD	1.3431		
GBP/CAD	1.8505		
GBP/NZD	2.2649		
GBP/JPY	199.17		
GBP/SEK	12.948		
GBP/ DKK	8.6323		
GBP/NOK	13.749		
GBP/CHF	1.0896		
GBP/AUD	2.0665		

Dollar	
USD/JPY	148.27
USD/CAD	1.3776
USD/CHF	0.8109
USD/CNY	7.1898
USD/BRL	5.442
USD/RUB	79.55
USD/INR	87.66
AUD/USD	0.6496
NZD/USD	0.5927



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

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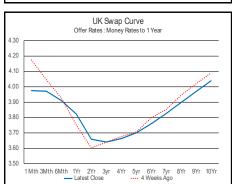
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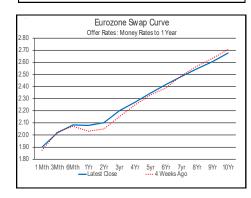
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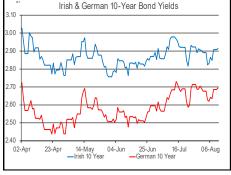
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.27	-1	- 15	-30	
Germany	2.70	+1	-4	+33	
UK	4.57	-4	-3	-0	
Ireland	2.94	-1	-7	+29	
Belgium	3.21	+1	-8	+23	
France	3.36	+1	-8	+16	
Italy	3.51	+1	-11	-1	
Spain	3.26	+0	-8	+20	
Portugal	3.10	+1	-8	+25	
Greece	3.38	+1	-6	+13	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.72	-0	-13	-57	
Eurozone	2.34	-0	+1	+10	
UK	3.94	-4	-0	-34	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.78	+0	-13	-56	
Eurozone	2.08	-0	+5	-11	
UK	3.89	-3	+5	-60	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	 nark bps		
Ireland	25	-2	-3	-4	
Belgium	51	-0	-4	-11	
France	66	-0	-4	-17	
Italy	82	-0	-7	-34	
Spain	56	-1	-5	-14	
Portugal	40	-0	-4	-9	
Greece	68	-0	-3	-21	

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
Brent Oil	66.63	+0.06	-3.73	-10.73		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	3344.1	-1.60	+0.02	+27.45		

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