Morning Comment

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Busy macro agenda ahead this week

Trade deal newsflow was a key feature of the market discourse last week. Overall, the tone of the developments were generally positive. A US-Japan trade deal was announced, while there was increasing speculation (which turned into reality over the weekend) of an agreement between the US and EU. Against this backdrop, the Japanese Nikkei equity index posted a 4.1% increase. On Wall Street, the gains were more modest. The S&P 500 registered a weekly rise of 1.5%. In Europe, sentiment was more cautious amid some disappointing corporate earnings updates.

On the currency front, the euro held the upper hand against the other majors, with the dollar's recent upward momentum waning. The euro was aided in part by the less dovish ECB communications and the resulting firming in Eurozone rate expectations (market is no longer fully pricing in another 25bps rate cut). The weekend news of the EU-US trade deal also provided an initial boost to the euro.

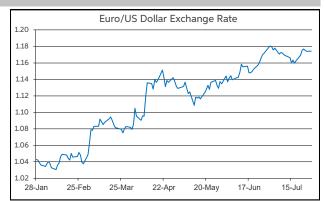
In level terms, the combination of the stronger euro and softer dollar saw EUR/USD move up from its \$1.16 position at the start of last week to trade back up in \$1.17-1.18 territory. It opens this morning near \$1.174. Meantime, EUR/GBP managed to breach the 87p handle for this first time since April. The pair has posted a new YTD high of 87.64p amid the weekend EU-US trade deal news. Elsewhere, GBP/USD tested above the \$1.35 level mid-week, but this was not maintained and it starts this week in the lower half of \$1.34-1.35.

Looking ahead, the global macro diary has some key events/releases over the coming days. From a dollar perspective, aside from the looming August 1st deadline for US trade deals, the Fed meeting (no change expected), payroll numbers (Jul) core-PCE inflation (June) and Q2 GDP are key agenda items. In the Eurozone, Q2 GDP and HICP inflation (Jul) are due. The UK diary is sparse this week.

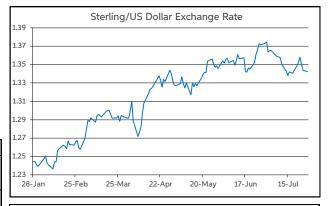
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1742	0.02	13.42	
EUR/GBP	0.8742	0.48	5.67	
GBP/USD	1.3426	-0.47	7.31	
GBP/EUR	1.1433	-0.48	-5.36	
USD/JPY	147.86	0.50	-5.93	
EUR/JPY	173.62	0.51	6.68	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.35	4.31	4.00	3.97	3.89
EUR	2.00	1.88	1.97	2.05	2.09	2.36
GBP	4.25	4.07	4.00	3.82	3.96	4.04









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



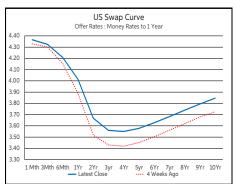
Е	uro
EUR/GBP	0.8742
EUR/USD	1.1742
EUR/JPY	173.62
EUR/SEK	11.1858
EUR/DKK	7.4634
EUR/NOK	11.9288
EUR/CHF	0.9345
EUR/AUD	1.7886
EUR/HKD	9.2161
EUR/CAD	1.6082

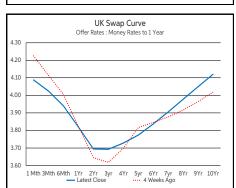
Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1433
GBP/USD	1.3426
GBP/CAD	1.8389
GBP/NZD	2.2339
GBP/JPY	198.52
GBP/SEK	12.79
GBP/DKK	8.535
GBP/NOK	13.6418
GBP/CHF	1.0685
GBP/AUD	2.0452

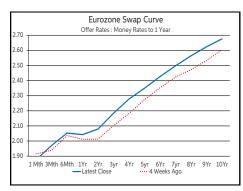
Dollar					
USD/JPY	147.86				
USD/CAD	1.3697				
USD/CHF	0.796				
USD/CNY	7.1681				
USD/BRL	5.56				
USD/RUB	79.4				
USD/INR	86.518				
AUD/USD	0.6562				
NZD/USD	0.6007				

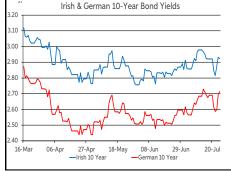












	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.39	-2	+10	-19
Germany	2.72	+2	+12	+35
UK	4.64	+1	+13	+6
Ireland	2.97	+1	+6	+32
Belgium	3.25	+1	+11	+27
France	3.39	+1	+12	+19
Italy	3.58	+1	+8	+6
Spain	3.32	+2	+9	+25
Portugal	3.15	+2	+10	+30
Greece	3.45	+4	+13	+20
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.85	-1	+14	-45
Eurozone	2.35	+1	+10	+11
UK	3.99	+1	+8	-29
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.93	+1	+16	-40
Eurozone	2.07	+2	+9	-12
UK	3.92	+3	+6	-57
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	25	-2	-6	-4
Belgium	53	-2	-1	-9
France	67	-1	+0	-16
Italy	87	-1	-3	-29
Spain	60	-1	-3	-10
Portugal	43	-0	-2	-5
Greece	73	+2	+1	-16

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	68.44	-1.07	+0.99	-8.31	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3335.9	-0.95	+1.92	+27.14	

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