# **Morning Comment**

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### Yields lower, some firming in risk appetite

There was a firming in risk appetite yesterday amid a fall back in sovereign yields. It followed the previous day's risk averse tone which occurred against the backdrop of concerns over fiscal sustainability in some of the key advanced economies. The more upbeat mood yesterday was evident in gains for equity markets on both sides of the Atlantic. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.6%, after a 1.4% fall on Tuesday. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.5% higher on the day.

Data-wise, yesterday's diary was generally sparse. One of the few highlights was US JOLTS Job Openings for July. Openings fell to 7.181m in the month, which was weaker than expected and the underlying details in the report provide some further signs of a softening in US labour market conditions.

On the currency front, the main pairs were confined to relatively narrow ranges. Having been supported by the 'risk-off' backdrop on Tuesday, the dollar gave up some of these gains yesterday amid the 'risk-on' tone to market sentiment. At the same time, sterling edged higher.

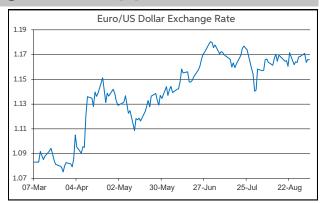
The modestly softer dollar tone over the past 24 hours is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning just above the midpoint of \$1.16-1.17 and GBP/USD back up in \$1.34 territory. Elsewhere, the EUR/GBP pair has edged back, to trade below the 87p threshold.

Looking ahead to today, the macro calendar is US centric. While not a reliable guide to non-farm payrolls, today's ADP employment report for August will still receive some attention ahead of tomorrow's official jobs numbers. The weekly jobless claims data as well as the ISM non-manufacturing survey (Aug) are the other highlights from today's US macro agenda.

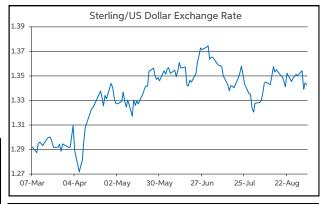
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1658	0.24	12.61		
EUR/GBP	0.8678	-0.23	4.90		
GBP/USD	1.3428	0.46	7.33		
GBP/EUR	1.1517	0.23	-4.67		
USD/JPY	148.2	-0.26	-5.71		
EUR/JPY	172.78	-0.03	6.16		
* v Previous Day's 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	4.21	4.11	3.71	3.65	3.60	
EUR	2.00	1.90	2.08	2.07	2.10	2.34	
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.95	3.84	4.00	4.08	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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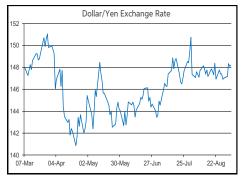
## **Opening Levels**



	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8678
EUR/USD		1.1658
EUR/JPY		172.78
EUR/SEK		10.9979
EUR/DKK		7.4641
EUR/NOK		11.7175
EUR/CHF		0.9372
EUR/AUD		1.7864
EUR/HKD		9.0927
EUR/CAD		1.6096

Sterling					
GBP/EUR	1.1517				
GBP/USD	1.3428				
GBP/CAD	1.8541				
GBP/NZD	2.2878				
GBP/JPY	199				
GBP/SEK	12.6708				
GBP/DKK	8.5993				
GBP/NOK	13.4996				
GBP/CHF	1.0795				
GBP/AUD	2.0579				

Dollar					
USD/JPY	148.2				
USD/CAD	1.3808				
USD/CHF	0.8039				
USD/CNY	7.1416				
USD/BRL	5.4499				
USD/RUB	80.9				
USD/INR	88.14				
AUD/USD	0.6523				
NZD/USD	0.5867				



US Swap Curve

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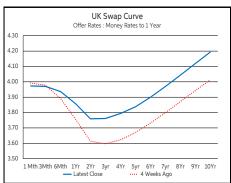
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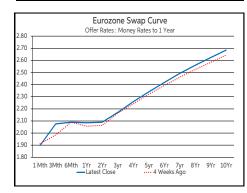
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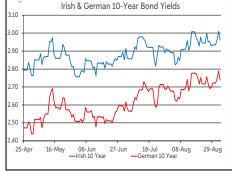
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
Latest Close .... 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.21	-7	-1	-37		
Germany	2.74	-5	+10	+38		
UK	4.75	-5	+21	+17		
Ireland	3.00	-5	+11	+35		
Belgium	3.32	-5	+14	+34		
France	3.54	-4	+22	+35		
Italy	3.64	-7	+16	+12		
Spain	3.35	-6	+11	+28		
Portugal	3.19	-6	+13	+34		
Greece	3.48	-4	+17	+23		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.59	-3	-9	-70		
Eurozone	2.33	-3	+2	+9		
UK	4.07	-4	+16	-21		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.63	-4	-9	-70		
Eurozone	2.08	-1	+3	-11		
UK	4.00	-2	+15	-49		
10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	26	+0	+1	-2		
Belgium	58	+0	+4	-4		
France	80	+0	+13	-3		
Italy	90	-2	+6	-26		
Spain	60	-1	+1	-10		
Portugal	45	-1	+3	-4		
Greece	74	+1	+7	-14		

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End					
Brent Oil	67.6	-2.23	+1.06	-9.43		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	3558.7	+0.73	+5.65	+35.63		

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