Morning Comment

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EUR/USD remains above \$1.08

There was a subdued mood across markets yesterday. Investors were digesting the result of the French election. While the overall outcome of a hung parliament was in line with expectations, the 'Left Alliance' becoming the largest grouping and not the National Rally party was a surprise. There was a modest narrowing in the yield spread between 10-year French and German bonds. The euro initially came under some mild downward pressure in the immediate aftermath, but the overall FX impact was limited.

Indeed, looking across the FX majors, the action has been contained within narrow ranges over the past 24 hours. This means that the dollar has for the most part held onto its softer tone which emerged over the course of last week. This occurred against the backdrop of disappointing US macro newsflow, resulting in a softening of US rate expectations and lower US yields, which combined to act as a headwind for the greenback.

In level terms, EUR/USD has maintained its position above the \$1.08 threshold, trading mostly in a very tight \$1.08-1.084 range since yesterday morning. The EUR/GBP pair has continued to operate in and around the midpoint of 84-85p. Meanwhile, GBP/USD opens this morning at \$1.28, very similar to where it started yesterday. Elsewhere, USD/JPY remains below the ¥161 level.

Looking ahead to today, the global macro diary remains sparse. From a currency viewpoint, the main agenda item worthy of attention will be Fed Chair Powell's semi-annual testimony to Congress. Last week, Chair Powell was sounding more dovish, noting that it appears that US inflation is back on a "disinflationary path". If his comments today are in a similar vein, then the dollar may struggle to generate upward momentum.

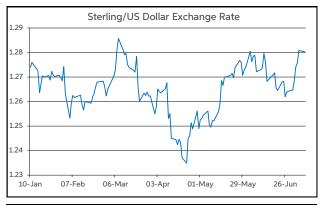
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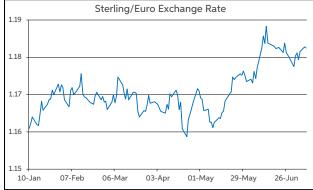
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0825	-0.02	-1.91	
EUR/GBP	0.8454	0.07	-2.47	
GBP/USD	1.2805	-0.05	0.60	
GBP/EUR	1.1825	-0.07	2.53	
USD/JPY	160.86	0.21	14.04	
EUR/JPY	174.15	0.18	11.90	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.44	5.57	5.21	4.76	4.26
EUR	4.25	3.64	3.71	3.53	3.21	2.86
GBP	5.25	5.16	5.08	4.82	4.67	4.16









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



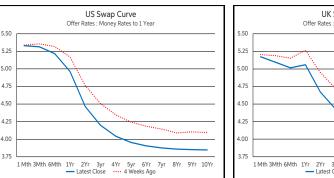
Eur	0
EUR/GBP	0.8454
EUR/USD	1.0825
EUR/JPY	174.15
EUR/SEK	11.4478
EUR/DKK	7.4582
EUR/NOK	11.4828
EUR/CHF	0.9726
EUR/AUD	1.6062
EUR/HKD	8.4571
EUR/CAD	1.4758

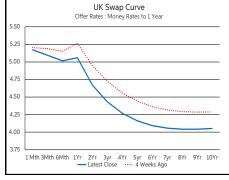
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1825		
GBP/USD	1.2805		
GBP/CAD	1.7456		
GBP/NZD	2.0912		
GBP/JPY	205.98		
GBP/SEK	13.5352		
GBP/DKK	8.8201		
GBP/NOK	13.575		
GBP/CHF	1.1504		
GBP/AUD	1.8995		

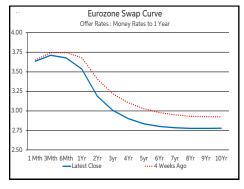
Dollar				
USD/JPY	160.86			
USD/CAD	1.3632			
USD/CHF	0.8984			
USD/CNY	7.2715			
USD/BRL	5.4714			
USD/RUB	87.8			
USD/INR	83.476			
AUD/USD	0.674			
NZD/USD	0.612			













	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.27	-0	-20	+41
Germany	2.52	-1	-16	+49
UK	4.12	-1	-21	+58
Ireland	2.89	-3	-22	+53
Belgium	3.10	-3	-17	+41
France	3.17	-4	-7	+61
Italy	3.89	-5	-19	+19
Spain	3.31	-4	-19	+32
Portugal	3.13	-4	-19	+35
Greece	3.58	-4	-19	+50
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.22	+1	-27	+43
Eurozone	2.84	-2	-18	+41
UK	4.16	-2	-28	+51
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.72	+1	-29	+39
Eurozone	3.19	+0	-21	+40
UK	4.67	-1	+467	+40
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	37	-2	-6	+3
Belgium	58	-2	-2	-8
France	65	-3	+8	+12
Italy	137	-4	-3	-30
Spain	79	-3	-3	-18
Portugal	61	-3	-4	-15
Greece	106	-3	-3	+1

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
Brent Oil	85.75	-0.91	+5.05	+11.31		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	2358.8	-1.37	+2.09	+14.36		

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