## **Morning Comment**

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## Focus on the Fed post-meeting press conference

Investors continued to digest the US-EU trade agreement yesterday, as they awaited clarity on some key aspects of the deal. At the same time, there was a busy macro data calendar and a slew of earnings reports which also influenced sentiment. Against this backdrop, European equities outperformed, with the Euro Stoxx 50 rebounding by 0.8% yesterday. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 registered a modest 0.3% fall.

Data-wise, the releases was US centric. The Conference Board measure of consumer confidence rose to 97.2 (vs. 95.0 f'cast). The survey details reveal that consumer inflation expectations have eased slightly, while expectations for future income growth improved. Elsewhere in the US, JOLTS job openings dropped to 7.437m in June, (vs. 7.5m f'cast), which is near the middle of the YTD range (7.2-7.7m) and suggests that labour demand remains broadly steady. Overall, the data provided a supportive backdrop for the dollar yesterday.

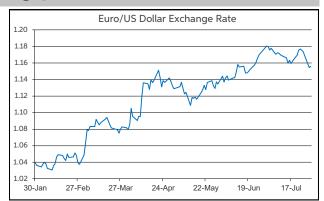
As a result, the dollar continued to hold a firmer tone throughout the European session yesterday. At the same time, the euro remained on the defensive. This saw EUR/USD record a five-week low of \$1.1519, while GBP/USD fell to a ten-week low of \$1.3308. However, the dollar was unable to maintain all of its gains overnight. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is just in the top half of the \$1.15-1.16 range. GBP/USD is operating at the midpoint of \$1.33-1.34. EUR/GBP is at the halfway mark of 86-87p.

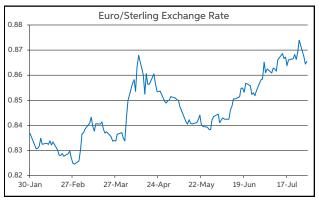
Today, the spotlight will be on the US Fed policy announcement, due after the close in Europe. The central bank is widely expected to leave rates on hold, despite some officials recently making the case to cut rates. However the post-meeting press conference with Chair Powell will garner very close attention for any guidance on the future path of policy. Beforehand, the first reading of GDP for Q2 in the US, Germany, France and Italy will be of interest.

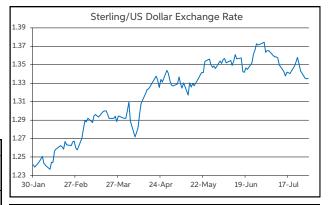
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1558	-0.26	11.64	
EUR/GBP	0.8653	-0.30	4.59	
GBP/USD	1.3352	0.04	6.72	
GBP/EUR	1.155	0.30	-4.39	
USD/JPY	147.89	-0.30	-5.91	
EUR/JPY	170.94	-0.56	5.03	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.34	4.28	3.96	3.92	3.83
EUR	2.00	1.88	2.02	2.05	2.08	2.37
GBP	4.25	4.05	4.00	3.79	3.92	4.02









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8655
EUR/USD	1.1558
EUR/JPY	170.95
EUR/SEK	11.1387
EUR/DKK	7.4633
EUR/NOK	11.7755
EUR/CHF	0.9304
EUR/AUD	1.7736
EUR/HKD	9.0729
EUR/CAD	1.5906

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1552			
GBP/USD	1.3353			
GBP/CAD	1.8375			
GBP/NZD	2.2374			
GBP/JPY	197.46			
GBP/SEK	12.8649			
GBP/DKK	8.6197			
GBP/NOK	13.5934			
GBP/CHF	1.0745			
GBP/AUD	2.049			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.88			
USD/CAD	1.3763			
USD/CHF	0.8047			
USD/CNY	7.1746			
USD/BRL	5.5741			
USD/RUB	81.8			
USD/INR	87.21			
AUD/USD	0.6514			
NZD/USD	0.5964			



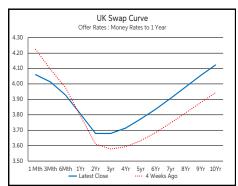
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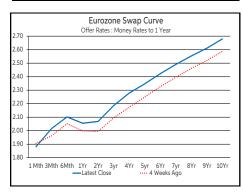
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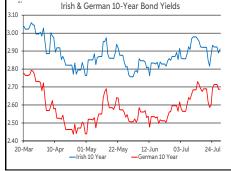
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close .... 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.33	-9	+8	-25	
Germany	2.69	+0	+12	+33	
UK	4.64	-2	+18	+6	
Ireland	2.94	+1	+5	+29	
Belgium	3.21	+0	+8	+23	
France	3.35	+0	+10	+16	
Italy	3.53	+0	+6	+1	
Spain	3.27	+0	+6	+21	
Portugal	3.12	+0	+8	+27	
Greece	3.39	+1	+10	+14	
5 Year Swap %					
US .	3.79	-7	+7	-50	
Eurozone	2.34	+1	+10	+11	
UK	4.01	-2	+14	-27	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.89	-4	+10	-45	
Eurozone	2.06	+0	+7	-13	
UK	3.91	-1	+6	-57	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	25	+1	-8	-4	
Belgium	52	-0	-4	-10	
France	66	+0	-2	-17	
Italy	84	-0	-7	-31	
Spain	58	-O	-6	-12	
Portugal	43	+0	-4	-6	
Greece	70	+1	-2	-18	

Commodities					
		% Change			
Close Day 4 Weeks En					
Brent Oil	72.51	+3.53	+8.05	-2.85	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3326.3	+0.37	-0.37	+26.77	

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