Morning Comment

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Dollar firmer despite oil price decline

Having moved sharply lower before the European open, oil prices continued to decline yesterday. Brent crude fell by a further 6%, bringing the price per barrel down to circa $86. The move was driven by a pause in military strikes by the US & Iran over the weekend, and remarks from President Trump indicating that both sides had resumed talks.

Despite the fall in oil prices, investor sentiment continued to hold a somewhat cautious tone yesterday. This was reflected by both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 finishing flat for the day. Ongoing concerns regarding the value of tech stocks weighed on both indices. This has also lead to a sharp decline in major stock indices across Asia overnight.

Data-wise, the macro calendar was relatively sparse. The main release of note was the bellwether German Ifo for July. The headline index improved by more than expected in the month. However, the release had no real impact on markets.

On the currency front, the dollar was under some modest downward pressure initially. However, as the day progressed, the greenback gained the ascendancy. Overall though, the moves were quite modest. The dollar rose by around 0.3-0.4% against the euro and sterling. As trading gets underway this morning, this sees EUR/USD open back below the $1.14 threshold. GBP/USD is down below the $1.33 handle. EUR/GBP is operating at the midpoint of 85-86p. USD/JPY remains in the ¥163-164 band.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro calendar is limited once again. The only release of note is the Conference Board of US consumer confidence for July. Meanwhile, investors will continue to keep a close eye on developments in the Middle East.

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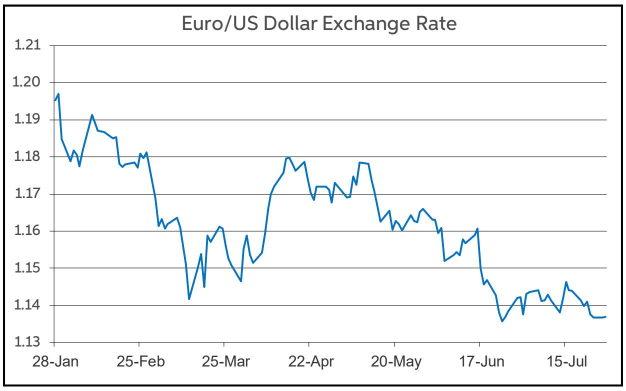

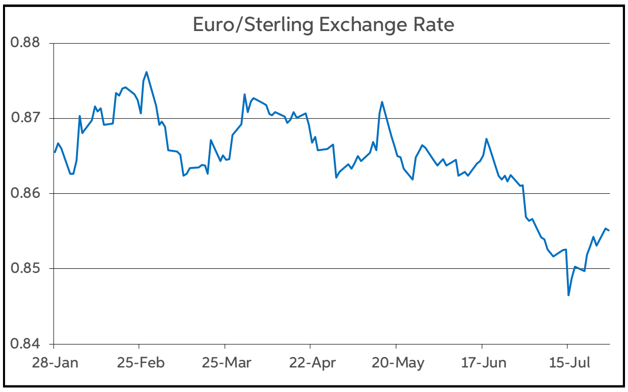

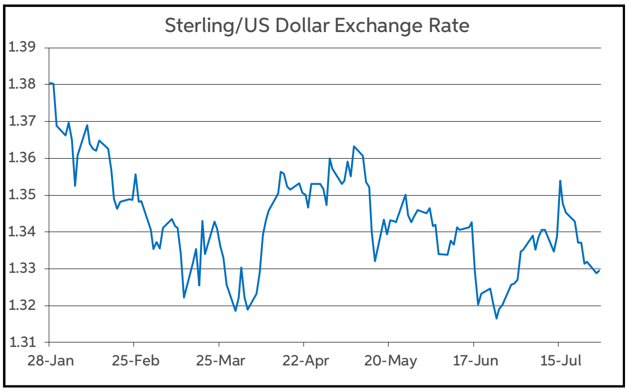

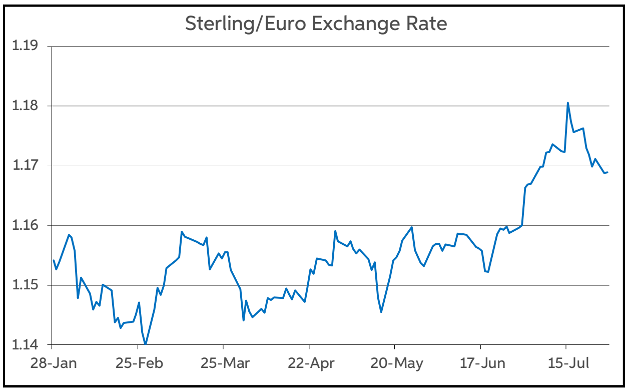

Today's Opening FX Rates

		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1368	-0.31	-3.21
EUR/GBP	0.8551	0.13	-1.88
GBP/USD	1.3293	-0.43	-1.34
GBP/EUR	1.1691	-0.13	1.92
USD/JPY	163.67	0.06	4.48
EUR/JPY	186.1	-0.24	1.15

* 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	3.63	3.74	3.83	4.13	4.42	4.36
EUR	2.25	2.20	2.49	2.88	2.97	3.00
GBP	3.75	3.73	3.80	4.15	4.48	4.54

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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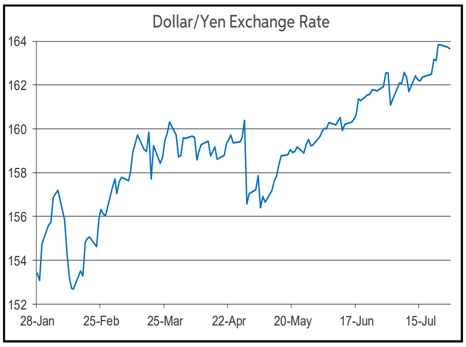
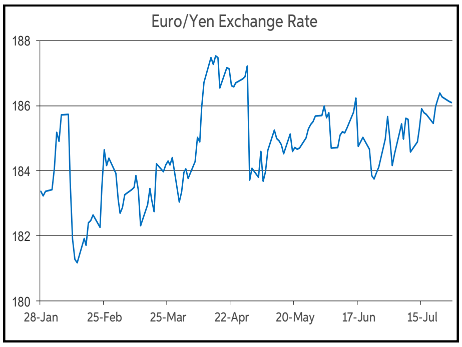
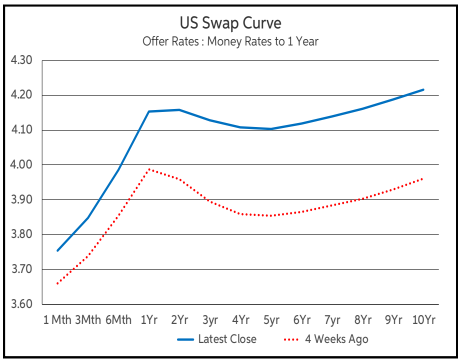
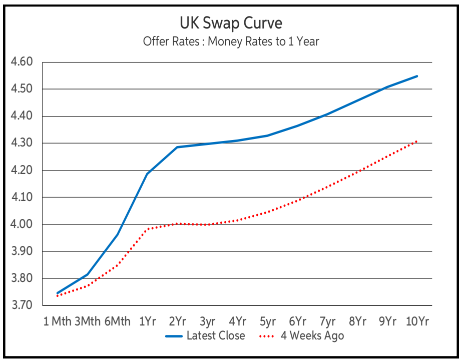
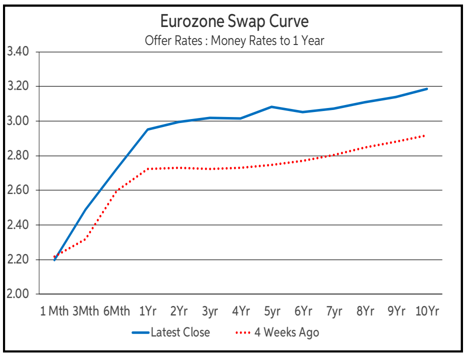
Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.855	GBP/EUR	1.169	USD/JPY	163.67
EUR/USD	1.1368	GBP/USD	1.3292	USD/CAD	1.4117
EUR/JPY	186.09	GBP/CAD	1.8764	USD/CHF	0.8191
EUR/SEK	11.0591	GBP/NZD	2.3028	USD/CNY	6.7674
EUR/DKK	7.4752	GBP/JPY	217.55	USD/BRL	5.1145
EUR/NOK	11.0111	GBP/SEK	12.9287	USD/RUB	78.35
EUR/CHF	0.9312	GBP/DKK	8.7386	USD/INR	95.755
EUR/AUD	1.6304	GBP/NOK	12.8672		
EUR/HKD	8.914	GBP/CHF	1.0887	AUD/USD	0.6971
EUR/CAD	1.6048	GBP/AUD	1.9064	NZD/USD	0.577

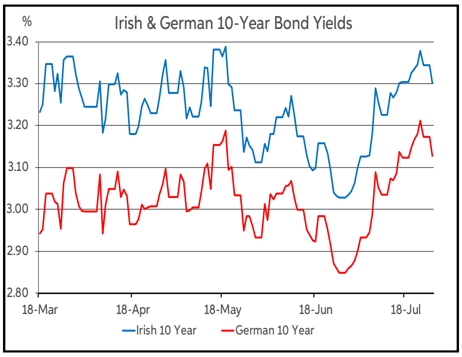












Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps Day	4 Weeks	End 25
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.64	-4	+27	+49
Germany	3.13	-5	+27	+27
UK	5.00	-3	+28	+53
Ireland	3.30	-4	+27	+27
Belgium	3.67	-5	+24	+33
France	3.92	-5	+28	+36
Italy	3.94	-7	+34	+43
Spain	3.59	-5	+24	+30
Portugal	3.49	-4	+23	+33
Greece	3.82	-9	+29	+34
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.38	-3	+26	+65
Eurozone	3.02	-6	+28	+46
UK	4.56	-5	+29	+67
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.41	-1	+20	+84
Eurozone	2.99	-6	+27	+73
UK	4.51	-5	+28	+78
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	17	+0	-0	+1
Belgium	54	-1	-3	+6
France	79	-0	+1	+10
Italy	81	-3	+8	+17
Spain	46	-0	-3	+3
Portugal	36	+0	-4	+7
Greece	69	-4	+2	+7

Commodities

	Close	% Change Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	86.24	-10.89	+17.89	+41.73
West Texas Oil	84.25	-8.16	+17.23	+47.14
Gold $	4075.2	+0.56	+1.47	-5.54

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