

Fed policy decision in focus

It was a quiet day on markets yesterday, as there was no new developments regarding the US-Iran war for investors to digest. At the same time, market participants may have been keeping their powder dry ahead of a busy period of central bank meetings/data releases over the next few days. Of the limited market action to note, the Euro Stoxx 50 edged a marginal 0.1% higher. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 gained 0.2%.

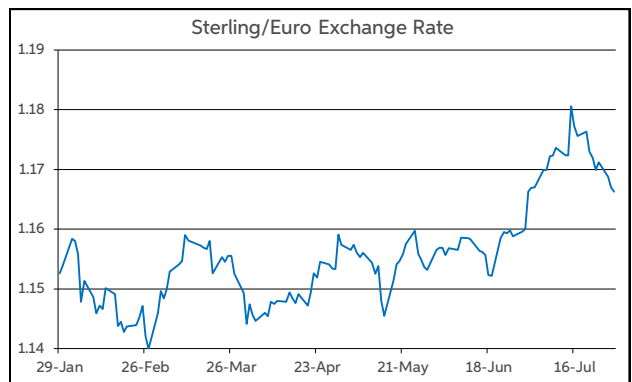
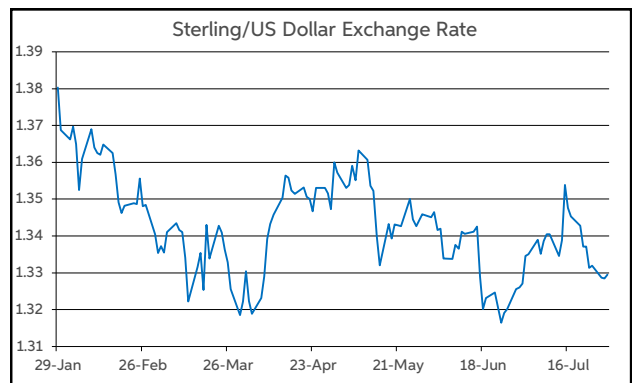
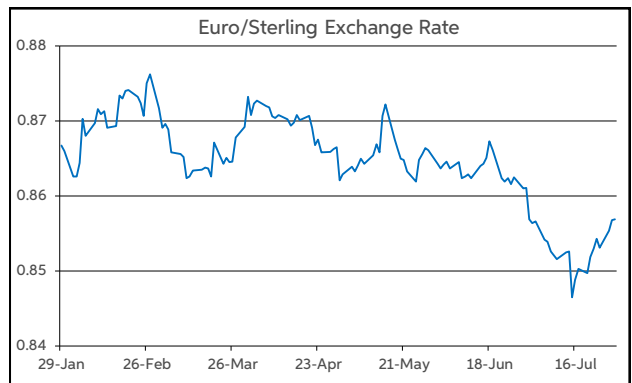
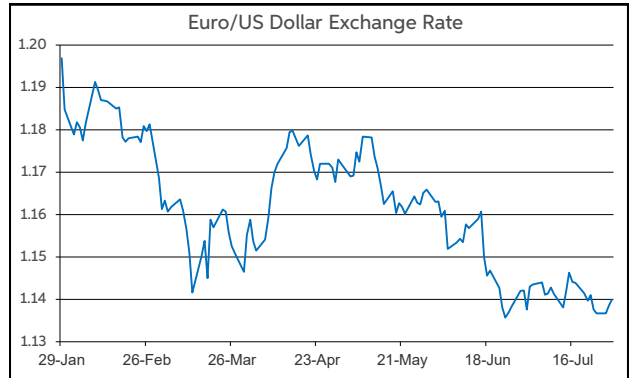
However, overnight the US has reported it intercepted missiles launched at military bases across the gulf originating from Iran. Oil prices have risen as a result. Brent crude fell back to a two-week low near \$84/bbl yesterday but start's today up above \$87/bbl.

Data-wise, the main release yesterday was the Conference board measure of US consumer confidence for July. It printed below the consensus, deteriorating to 90.8 in the month (vs. 92.3 f'cast). The survey indicated that conditions in the labour market weakened in July. Encouragingly though, one-year ahead inflation expectations dipped to their lowest levels since February.

On the currency front, the main pairs remained tightly range bound. Of the muted price action to register, the euro and yen strengthened slightly. As trading gets underway this morning, this sees EUR/USD open up at the \$1.14 threshold. GBP/USD is just below the \$1.33 handle. EUR/GBP is operating in the top half of the 85-86p corridor. USD/JPY is at the midpoint of the ¥163-164 band.

Turning to the day ahead, the focus will be on the Fed FOMC policy announcement, due after the close in Europe. The Fed is widely expected to leave rates unchanged. However, the press conference with Chair Warsh will warrant close attention. Developments in the Middle East will also continue to be watched closely.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1399	0.27	-2.95
EUR/GBP	0.8569	0.22	-1.68
GBP/USD	1.3295	0.02	-1.32
GBP/EUR	1.1661	-0.22	1.70
USD/JPY	163.41	-0.20	4.32
EUR/JPY	186.3	0.08	1.26

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.63	3.72	3.81	4.11	4.41	4.36
EUR	2.25	2.18	2.45	2.88	2.98	2.99
GBP	3.75	3.73	3.79	4.14	4.45	4.52

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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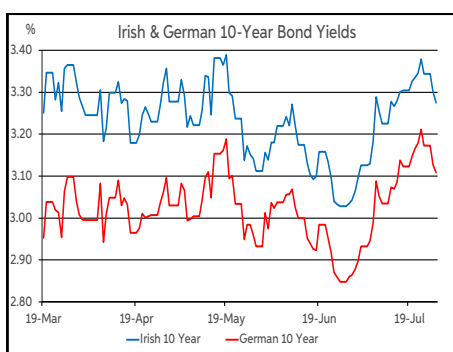
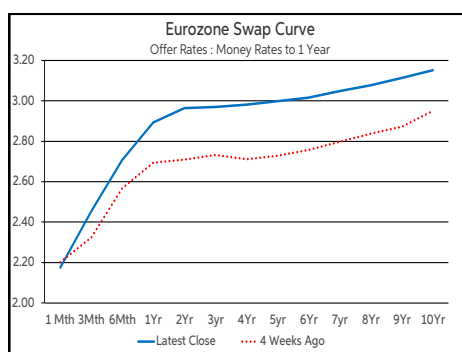
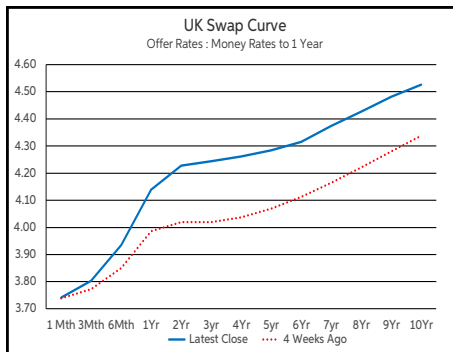
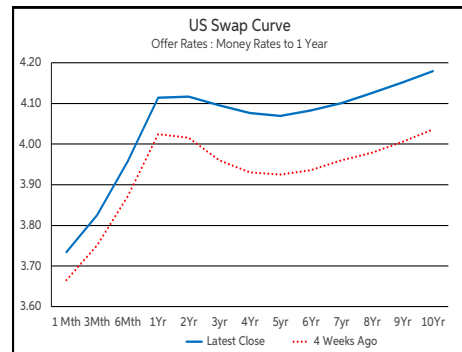
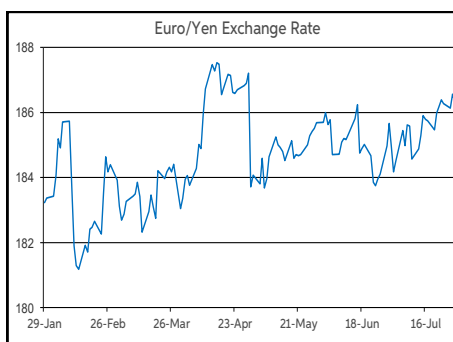
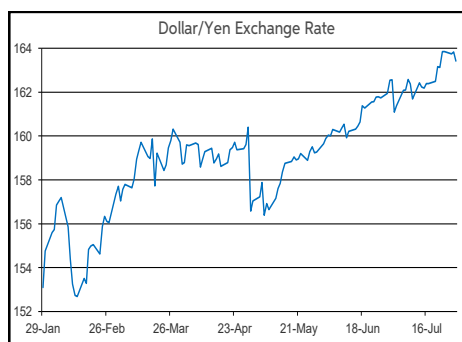
EUR/GBP	0.8569
EUR/USD	1.1399
EUR/JPY	186.3
EUR/SEK	11.032
EUR/DKK	7.4749
EUR/NOK	11.0174
EUR/CHF	0.9316
EUR/AUD	1.6384
EUR/HKD	8.9384
EUR/CAD	1.6061

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1661
GBP/USD	1.3295
GBP/CAD	1.8734
GBP/NZD	2.2957
GBP/JPY	217.25
GBP/SEK	12.867
GBP/DKK	8.7177
GBP/NOK	12.85
GBP/CHF	1.0871
GBP/AUD	1.9114

Dollar

USD/JPY	163.41
USD/CAD	1.409
USD/CHF	0.8172
USD/CNY	6.7703
USD/BRL	5.1265
USD/RUB	79.2
USD/INR	95.695
AUD/USD	0.6955
NZD/USD	0.5789



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.60	-4	+18	+45
Germany	3.11	-2	+24	+25
UK	4.95	-5	+19	+48
Ireland	3.27	-3	+23	+25
Belgium	3.64	-3	+20	+29
France	3.89	-3	+24	+33
Italy	3.92	-3	+32	+40
Spain	3.56	-3	+21	+27
Portugal	3.46	-3	+21	+30
Greece	3.84	+2	+31	+36
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.34	-3	+15	+62
Eurozone	2.99	-3	+27	+43
UK	4.51	-5	+22	+62
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.38	-5	+11	+81
Eurozone	2.96	-3	+25	+70
UK	4.44	-7	+19	+71
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	17	-1	-1	+0
Belgium	53	-1	-4	+5
France	78	-1	-1	+8
Italy	81	-1	+8	+16
Spain	45	-1	-3	+2
Portugal	35	-1	-4	+6
Greece	73	+4	+7	+11

Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	87.12	-1.40	+19.47	+43.17
West Texas Oil	80.91	-3.96	+14.67	+41.30
Gold \$	4027.1	-1.18	+0.50	-6.65

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