

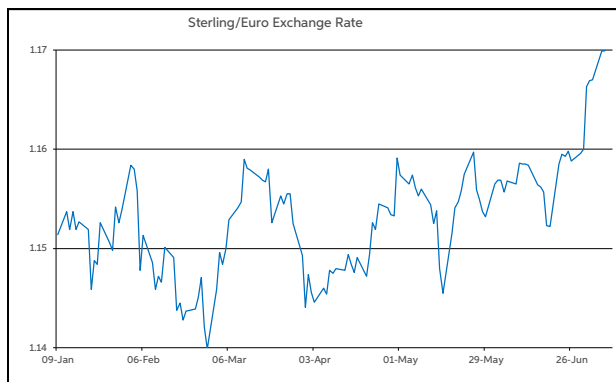
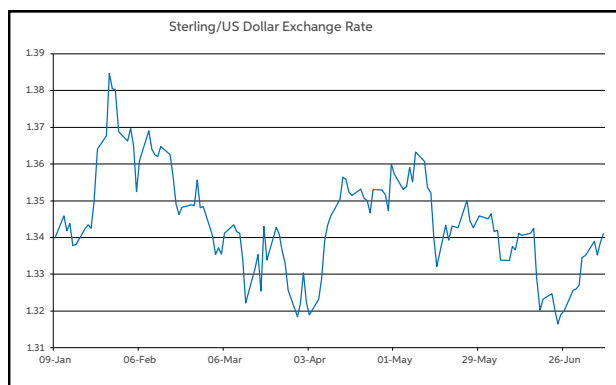
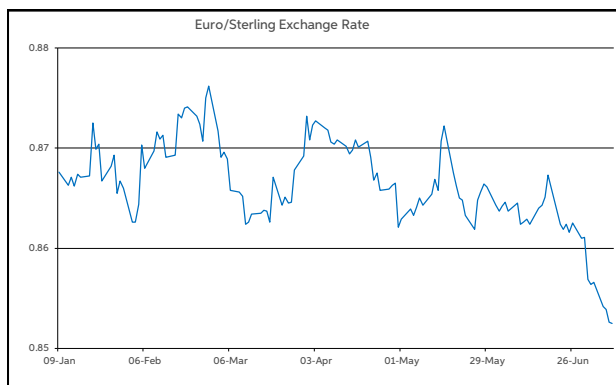
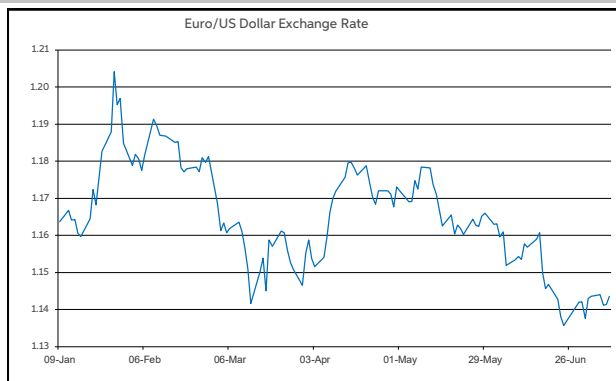
## Risk averse mood amid Middle East escalation

Market participants spent yesterday digesting developments in relation to the Middle East conflict amid renewed military strikes between the US and Iran, as well as President Trump stating that he viewed the interim peace deal to be over. Not surprisingly given this backdrop, oil prices were the most reactive to the 'Middle East' newsflow. They came under further upward pressure. Brent crude traded in a \$77-80 per barrel range. Meantime, equity markets were exhibiting a risk averse tone, albeit to differing extents. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 1.8%. However, on Wall Street, while cautious, the mood was less downbeat. At the closing bell last night, the S&P 500 was only 0.3% lower on the day.

Meanwhile, yesterday's macro data calendar was very sparse, with no releases of note on either side of the Atlantic. However, there was a top tier publication on the monetary policy front in the form of the Fed June minutes. This was the first meeting under new Chair Warsh. The text of the minutes showed that the Fed remains divided on the outlook for interest rates. However, there was no significant impact on the dollar. Indeed, the main FX pairs remained within generally narrow ranges yesterday. Most of the majors start this morning's European session showing minimal changes compared to 24 hours earlier. In level terms, EUR/USD remains in the lower half of \$1.14-1.15. Elsewhere, sterling is marginally firmer over the period, with EUR/GBP edging down nearer to the 85p threshold, while GBP/USD is operating just above \$1.34. Meanwhile, the USD/JPY pair has retained its position above the ¥162 mark.

Looking ahead to today, given further military strikes overnight, Middle East related developments/newsflow will remain in focus for markets. Data-wise, the only releases of note are US centric, with weekly jobless claims and existing home sales due. Meantime, in terms of monetary policy, the ECB meeting 'account' will garner some interest.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1436	0.20	-2.63
EUR/GBP	0.8525	-0.25	-2.18
GBP/USD	1.341	0.44	-0.47
GBP/EUR	1.1725	0.25	2.23
USD/JPY	162.33	-0.02	3.63
EUR/JPY	185.65	0.17	0.90

\* 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	3.67	3.74	4.02	4.33	4.28
EUR	2.25	2.22	2.31	2.79	2.86	2.93
GBP	3.75	3.73	3.78	4.06	4.41	4.51

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

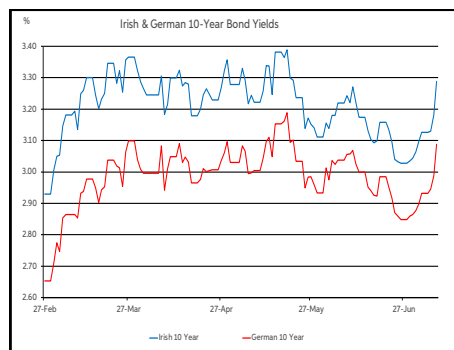
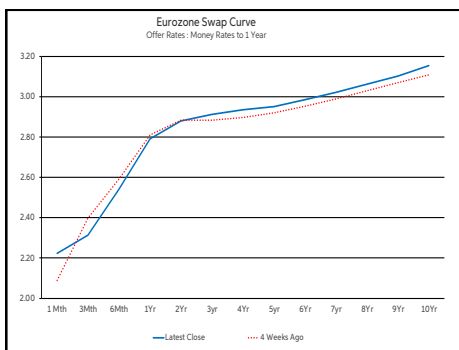
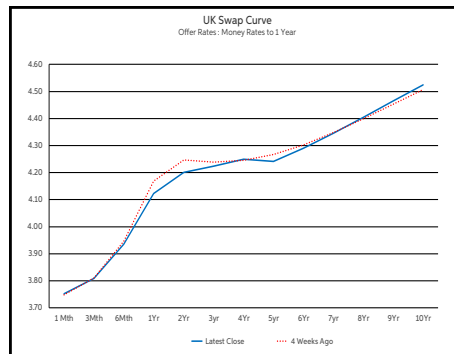
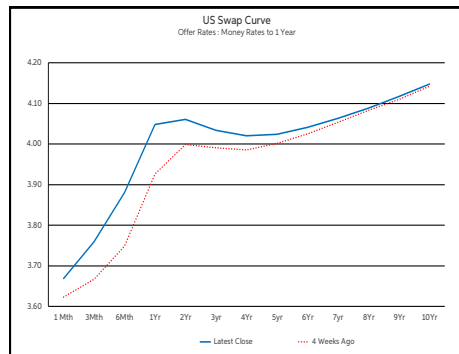
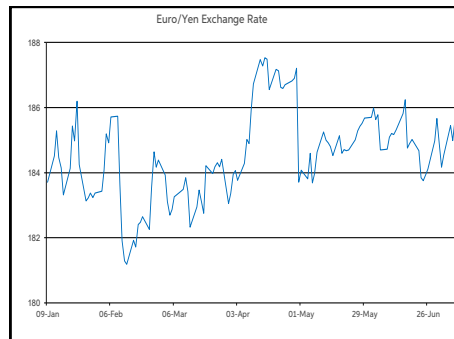
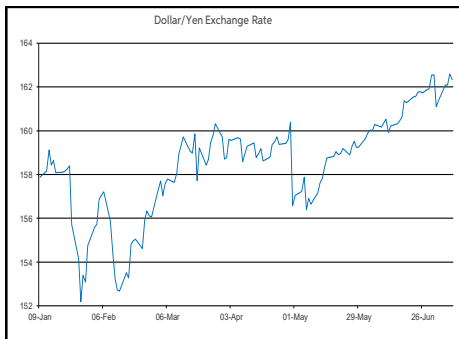
EUR/GBP	0.8525
EUR/USD	1.1436
EUR/JPY	185.65
EUR/SEK	11.0533
EUR/DKK	7.4753
EUR/NOK	11.1574
EUR/CHF	0.9217
EUR/AUD	1.6482
EUR/HKD	8.9629
EUR/CAD	1.6197

## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1725
GBP/USD	1.341
GBP/CAD	1.899
GBP/NZD	2.3401
GBP/JPY	217.7
GBP/SEK	12.9621
GBP/DKK	8.7661
GBP/NOK	13.0819
GBP/CHF	1.0809
GBP/AUD	1.9324

## Dollar

USD/JPY	162.33
USD/CAD	1.4164
USD/CHF	0.8061
USD/CNY	6.796
USD/BRL	5.1509
USD/RUB	76.45
USD/INR	95.37
AUD/USD	0.6938
NZD/USD	0.5727



## Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 25
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.57	+4	+3	+41
Germany	3.09	+10	+2	+23
UK	4.98	+13	+4	+51
<b>Ireland</b>				
Ireland	3.29	+11	+2	+26
Belgium	3.67	+12	+5	+33
France	3.92	+13	+19	+36
Italy	3.91	+13	+6	+40
Spain	3.58	+11	+7	+29
Portugal	3.48	+11	+3	+33
Greece	3.76	+11	-2	+28
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.29	+4	+4	+57
Eurozone	2.94	+9	+2	+37
UK	4.49	+12	-3	+60
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.31	+3	+5	+74
Eurozone	2.87	+11	-0	+62
UK	4.40	+13	-8	+67
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	20	+1	-0	+3
Belgium	58	+1	+3	+10
France	83	+3	+17	+13
Italy	82	+3	+4	+17
Spain	50	+1	+5	+7
Portugal	40	+1	+1	+10
Greece	68	+1	-4	+6

## Commodities

	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	78.02	+5.20	-16.20	+28.22
West Texas Oil	74.56	+4.24	-20.41	+30.21
Gold \$	4076.3	-0.72	+0.07	-5.51

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