

Softer tone to the dollar

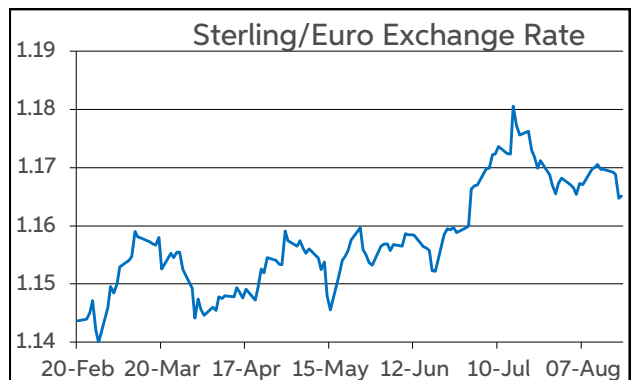
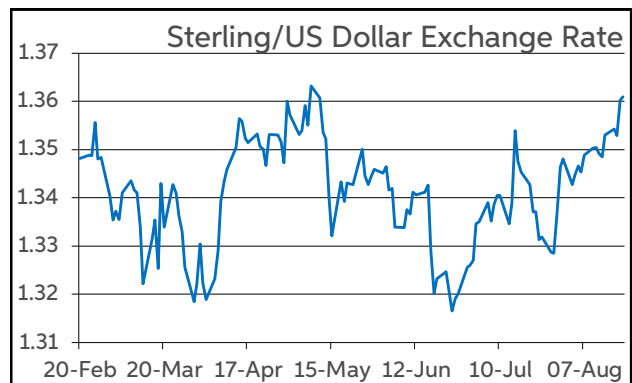
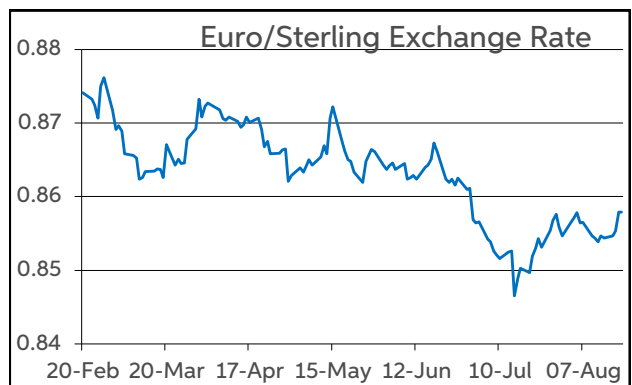
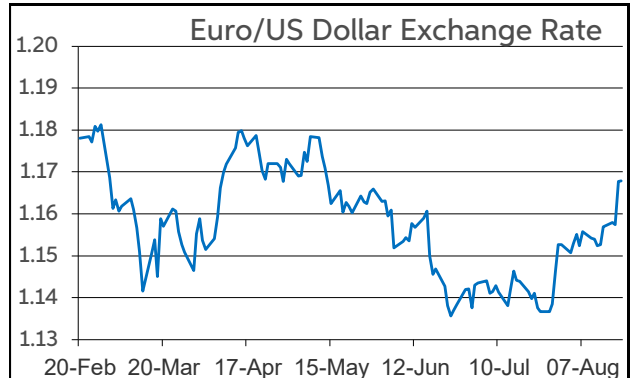
There was a subdued tone to investor sentiment for much of yesterday. Investors took to the sidelines awaiting developments in relation to the US-Iran war amid increasing concerns about a prolonged conflict. As a result, oil prices remained elevated against the uncertain geopolitical backdrop. Brent crude continued to trade above the \$90 per barrel threshold. The wait-and-see approach among investors was evident in the main equity indices trading in a sideways pattern for much of the day. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 edged 0.4% lower. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was modestly (+0.2%) higher on the day.

Instead, it was the action on bond markets that grabbed the spotlight yesterday. The US Treasury announced that it would at least double the size of its liquidity buyback operations for longer-dated US government debt (10y-20yr, 20y-30y segments). This development comes amid the recent sharp move higher in yields at the longer end of the Treasury curve. The 30-year Treasury yield fell from above 5.3% to nearer 5.2% in the aftermath of the news.

Currency-wise, the dollar came under some downward pressure, coinciding with the US Treasury's announcement and the move lower in yields. The weakness in the greenback was reflected in the dollar index falling below its 200-day moving average for the first time since early May. In terms of the main dollar pairs, the softer dollar tone saw EUR/USD regain the \$1.16 level, trading to a high of \$1.1683, GBP/USD pushed up into \$1.36 territory, while USD/JPY fell back below ¥159. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP moved marginally higher within the upper half of the 85-86p band.

Looking ahead to today, the macro data diary is quiet on both sides of the Atlantic. Therefore, Middle East-related news may be the main potential source of direction for markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2025
EUR/USD	1.1679	0.81	-0.56
EUR/GBP	0.8579	0.29	-1.56
GBP/USD	1.3609	0.51	1.01
GBP/EUR	1.1651	-0.29	1.59
USD/JPY	158.54	-0.49	1.21
EUR/JPY	185.17	0.31	0.64

* 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	3.65	3.72	3.96	4.31	4.35
EUR	2.25	2.20	2.50	2.94	3.06	3.12
GBP	3.75	3.72	3.77	4.11	4.52	4.62

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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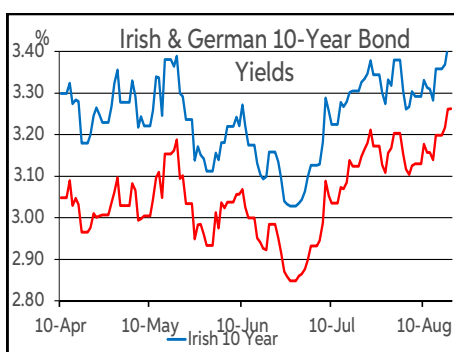
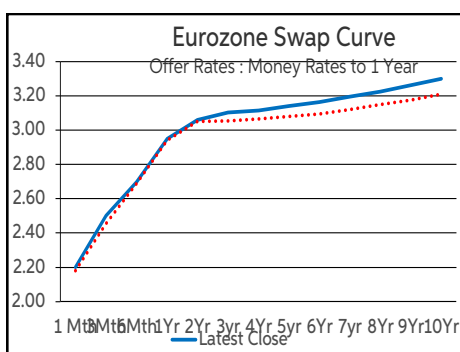
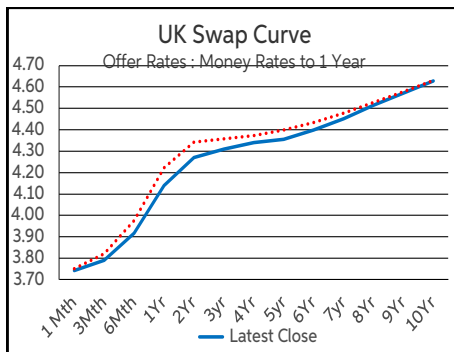
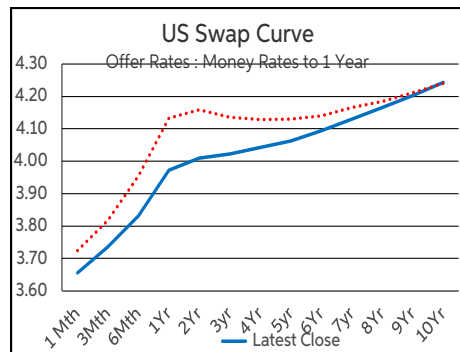
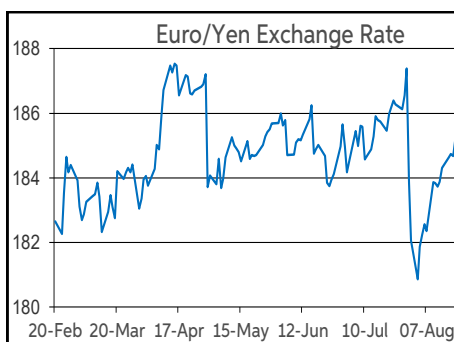
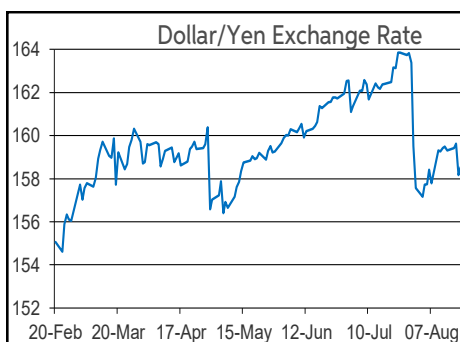
EUR/GBP	0.8579
EUR/USD	1.1679
EUR/JPY	185.17
EUR/SEK	11.0157
EUR/DKK	7.4758
EUR/NOK	10.8847
EUR/CHF	0.933
EUR/AUD	1.6406
EUR/HKD	9.1595
EUR/CAD	1.6106

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1651
GBP/USD	1.3609
GBP/CAD	1.8768
GBP/NZD	2.2844
GBP/JPY	215.74
GBP/SEK	12.8345
GBP/DKK	8.7089
GBP/NOK	12.6818
GBP/CHF	1.0872
GBP/AUD	1.9118

Dollar

USD/JPY	158.54
USD/CAD	1.3793
USD/CHF	0.7989
USD/CNY	6.7243
USD/BRL	5.179
USD/RUB	83.7
USD/INR	95.6325
AUD/USD	0.7117
NZD/USD	0.5955



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 25
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.65	-5	-0	+50
Germany	3.26	+0	+8	+40
UK	5.05	-4	+1	+57
Ireland	3.42	+0	+7	+39
Belgium	3.82	-0	+10	+47
France	4.11	-1	+13	+55
Italy	4.07	-1	+7	+56
Spain	3.70	-2	+6	+41
Portugal	3.61	-0	+6	+45
Greece	3.93	-0	+2	+45
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.33	-2	-5	+61
Eurozone	3.14	+2	+6	+58
UK	4.61	-1	-1	+71
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.28	+1	-11	+71
Eurozone	3.05	+1	+1	+80
UK	4.51	-1	-5	+78
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	15	+0	-1	-1
Belgium	56	-0	+2	+7
France	84	-1	+5	+15
Italy	81	-1	-2	+16
Spain	44	-2	-2	+1
Portugal	35	-1	-2	+5
Greece	66	-0	-6	+5

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 25
Brent Oil	91.62	+0.66	-2.60	+50.57
West Texas Oil	87.28	+0.93	-0.43	+52.43
Gold \$	4521.1	+4.33	+9.49	+4.80

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