

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.6728	-0.0024
NZD/AUD	0.9156	-0.0062
NZD/JPY	85.42	-1.04
NZD/EUR	0.6240	-0.0084
NZD/GBP	0.5172	-0.0022
NZD/CNH	4.2923	0.0207
AUD/USD	0.7349	0.0024
AUD/EUR	0.6816	-0.0046
EUR/USD	1.0782	0.0108
USD/CNH	6.3793	0.0538
GBP/USD	1.3011	0.0009
EUR/GBP	0.8287	0.0077
INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	1.50%	0.10%
90 day bills	1.79%	0.33%
2 year swap	3.50%	2.35%
10 year Govt	3.39%	2.97%

After all that chocolate, expect the gyms to be full this week!

I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter break and are making the most of the reduced COVID-19 restrictions. And I can hear you all asking, what's been happening while we've been watching some great rugby and stuffing ourselves with hot cross buns and chocolate? Well, everything is a touch stronger, especially the USD!

Equity markets are up modestly this morning, commodities are also in 'green' territory, with crude at USD107.87 and

brent at 113.09, but it's been bond and currency markets where we've seen most of the moves.

The US 2-year yield traded at a high of 2.57%, although it has dipped back to the 2.45% level, while the 10-year yield is at its highest level since late 2018, yielding 2.85%.

Incredibly, this has seen the 10-year German bund reach a 7-year high at 0.84%, as has the Australian 10-year yield which peaked at 3.10% before easing to 2.97%, while the NZ yield tops them all at 3.43%.

The surge in long-end US yields supported the USD, which rallied 0.3% against the EUR, 0.65% against the AUD, and 0.85% against the NZD.

So much for last week's 50bp hike supporting the NZD!

The major headlines

At the end of last week, the ECB signalled its willingness to maintain its path to policy normalisation and that it intends to end its APP net asset purchases by 3Q. This implies the ECB could potentially implement its first hike in either September or December as the upside risks have "intensified, especially in the near term" in the face of the war in Ukraine and surging commodity prices.

ECB President, Christine Lagarde, gave no hints on the exact timing of the first

hike apart from no longer ruling it out for this year, suggesting that all meetings between now and the end of 2022 could see a lift-off while the ECB's forward guidance merely says it will come "some time" after the monetary authorities have stopped buying bonds on a net basis.

Overnight, data showed that Chinese GDP expanded 4.8% in Q1 2022, which was above market consensus of 4.4% and faster than the 4.0% growth in the previous period, although the damage from the lockdowns impacted consumption. To date, fiscal and monetary support has not been enough to fully offset the damage to GDP created by the lockdowns, with most economists revising their GDP forecasts lower for Q2.

Finally, in the US, home builder sentiment fell for the fourth consecutive month, reaching 77 in April from March's 79, while Treasury Secretary, Janet Yellen, announced she will "urge the IMF and the World Bank to increase economic pressure on Russia."











ΓV	Spot	FECs (mid)				Spot Mid		
FX	Mid	1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths		NZD/	AUD/
NZ TWI	75.58					CAD	0.8489	0.9271
NZD/USD	0.6728	-0.0003	-0.0010	-0.0024	-0.0049	CHF	0.6356	0.6942
NZD/AUD	0.9156	-0.0008	-0.0029	-0.0062	-0.0108	CNY	4.3318	4.7380
NZD/JPY	85.42	-0.10	-0.40	-1.04	-2.63	DKK	4.6412	5.0689
NZD/EUR	0.6240	-0.0009	-0.0036	-0.0084	-0.0188	FJD	1.4337	1.5668
NZD/GBP	0.5172	-0.0002	-0.0008	-0.0022	-0.0055	HKD	5.2767	5.7633
						KRW	831.21	907.77
AUTWI	63.90					MYR	2.8619	3.1279
AUD/USD	0.7349	0.0003	0.0012	0.0024	0.0033	NOK	5.9590	6.5084
AUD/NZD	1.0922	0.0010	0.0035	0.0075	0.0130	SEK	6.4586	7.0542
AUD/JPY	93.30	-0.03	-0.14	-0.51	-1.80	SGD	0.9166	1.0012
AUD/EUR	0.6816	-0.0004	-0.0017	-0.0046	-0.0128	TWD	19.69	21.51
AUD/GBP	0.5649	0.0003	0.0010	0.0014	0.0006	ZAR	9.88	10.79
USD Index	100.79					EQUITIES		
EUR/USD	1.0782	0.0012	0.0045	0.0108	0.0255			Index
USD/JPY	126.96	-0.09	-0.40	-1.09	-3.00	NZX50		11,892
GBP/USD	1.3011	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0009	0.0043	ASX200		7,523
EUR/GBP	0.8287	0.0010	0.0035	0.0077	0.0168	Dow Jones		34,451
						S&P 50	0	4,392
INTEREST	New Zealand		w Zealand	Australia		FTSE100		7,616
RATES	ATES Mid		Mid	Mid		DAX 30		14,164
						Nikkei		26,800
30 day bank bi	lls		1.57%		0.03%			
90 day bank bills 1.79%		1.79%		0.31% COMMODITIE		ODITIES		
1 year swap			2.99%		1.48%			USD
2 year swap	wap 3.50%		2.35%		Brent Crude		113.02	
3 year swap		3.62%			2.60%		Gold	
5 year swap	3.64%		3.64%		2.93%		Silver	
10 year swap	10 year swap 3.67%		3.67%		3.26%	3.26% Iron Ore		150.50
3 year Govt bo	3 year Govt bond 3.21%		3.21%		2.37%	CRB Index		331.92
5 year Govt bo	ear Govt bond 3.32%		3.32%		2.62%			NZD
10 year Govt b	t bond 3.42%		3.42%		2.97%	NZ Car	bon	77.00

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