Market Alert

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CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths		
NZD/USD	0.6013	0.0001		
NZD/AUD	0.8988	-0.0031		
NZD/JPY	94.700	-2.52		
NZD/EUR	0.5522	-0.0048		
NZD/GBP	0.4656	-0.0006		
NZD/CNH	4.3833	-0.0576		
AUD/USD	0.6688	0.0022		
AUD/EUR	0.6141	-0.0033		
EUR/USD	1.0887	0.0094		
USD/CNH	7.2839	-0.0954		
GBP/USD	1.2910	0.0012		
EUR/GBP	0.8422	0.0063		
INT RATES	NZ	Australia		
OCR/Cash	5.50%	4.35%		
90 day bills	5.54%	4.52%		
2 year swap	4.34%	4.20%		
10 year Govt	4.43%	4.38%		

Dead man walking ...

... is probably the best way to sum up the final part of soon-to-be ex-President Joe Biden's career! Yes, after weeks of discussion, debate, and most likely some behind the scenes' negotiations, Joe Biden has finally fallen on his sword and announced, "I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term."

Big Joe has also come out to give an official endorsement for Harris, saying: "Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year" although, I suspect this will be challenged ahead of the Democratic National Convention in August. But aside from that, will a new challenger bring more focus back to Donald Trump's economic 'strategies' ... or should they be referred to as 'theories?'

But back to Joe personally, I think the Dark Knight said it best "You either die a hero or you live long enough to become the villain."

Thank you CrowdStrike.

With it being a wet weekend in Auckland, all sport was cancelled ... and when that happens it usually means I'm dragged around the shopping mall by various family members ... so thank you CrowdStrike ... outages on some 8.5million computer systems saved me a fortune ... although it wasn't so fine for my folks, who had an additional 6-hours in Hong Kong airports that they hadn't planned upon!

Looking at the headlines as we close last week off, Japanese inflation flatlined at 2.8%, while the core measure accelerated for a second consecutive month to 2.6%, while UK retail sales fell -1.2% due to 'poor weather conditions' ... surely the Brit's are used to that aren't they?

Financial markets had a turbulent Friday after the Dow tumbled more than 370 points, while the S&P had its worst week since April as investors dump big tech following the CrowdStrike outage, with CrowdStrike themselves down -12%. The fact that the FOMC members also began their blackout period ahead of the 30-31 July meeting didn't help the situation either. Treasury yields were also volatile with the 2 and 10-years eventually closing at 4.52% and 4.24%, while the USD-index eked out modest gains, also that appears to be reversing in the earlier price action this morning. Commodities also declined, with oil and gold prices lower, while natural gas prices were down -10% on the mild Northern Hemisphere winter, while copper headed for its worst weekly loss in almost 2-years after the Chinese Third Plenum failed to lay out more stimulus to shore up metals demand.

The Taylor Swift 'Eras Tour' is becoming a source of concern for European inflation watchers as concertgoers spend up large on food, tickets and hotels.

The week ahead.

As we approach the last few weeks of the month, the key highlights from the US include will include Q2 GDP, PCE inflation, and personal spending and income, while the 2nd tier releases include the latest S&P manufacturing and service PMIs, durable goods orders, and home sales. Looking further afield, we have the latest interest rate decisions from BoC, and the PBoC with their 1 and 5-year loan prime rate updates, while we also have the latest PMI releases from Australia, Japan, Germany, the Eurozone, and the UK. Germany will also see the release of its Ifo business climate and GfK consumer confidence indices.











	Spot FECs (mid)						Spot Mid	
FX	Mid	1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths		NZD/	AUD/
NZTWI	70.90					CAD	0.8242	0.9175
NZD/USD	0.6013	0.0000	-0.0001	0.0001	0.0004	CHF	0.5341	0.5931
NZD/AUD	0.8988	-0.0009	-0.0020	-0.0031	-0.0031	CNY	4.3719	4.8630
NZD/JPY	94.700	-0.45	-1.29	-2.52	-4.46	DKK	4.1184	4.5845
NZD/EUR	0.5522	-0.0008	-0.0024	-0.0048	-0.0087	FJD	1.3242	1.4741
NZD/GBP	0.4656	-0.0001	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0002	HKD	4.6924	5.2235
						KRW	834.39	928.82
AUTWI	63.70					MYR	2.8147	3.1333
AUD/USD	0.6688	0.0005	0.0014	0.0022	0.0024	NOK	6.4895	7.2240
AUD/NZD	1.1118	0.0009	0.0023	0.0033	0.0027	SEK	6.4049	7.1298
AUD/JPY	105.15	-0.41	-1.22	-2.45	-4.64	SGD	0.8081	0.8995
AUD/EUR	0.6141	-0.0004	-0.0013	-0.0033	-0.0078	TWD	19.70	21.93
AUD/GBP	0.5177	0.0003	0.0008	0.0011	0.0014	ZAR	10.98	12.22
USD Index	104.37					EQUITIES		
EUR/USD	1.0887	0.0016	0.0047	0.0094	0.0175			Index
USD/JPY	157.49	-0.73	-2.14	-4.16	-7.47	NZX50		12,326
GBP/USD	1.2910	0.0003	0.0008	0.0012	0.0010	ASX200		7,972
EUR/GBP	0.8422	0.0010	0.0031	0.0063	0.0126	Dow Jones		40,288
						S&P 500		5,505
INTEREST		New Zealand		Australia		FTSE100		8,156
RATES		Mid Mid		DAX 30		18,172		
						Nikkei		40,064
30 day bank bills			5.60%		4.36%			
90 day bank bills		5.54%		4.52%		COMMODITIES		
1 year swap			4.97%		4.41%			USD
2 year swap		4.36%			4.21%		Brent Crude	
3 year swap		4.10%			4.06%	4.06% Gold		2,399.91
5 year swap		3.97%			4.21% Silver			29.26
10 year swap		4.12%			4.40% Iron Ore		e	108.45
3 year Govt bond		4.19%			4.04% CRB Index		lex	329.96
5 year Govt bond		4.14%			4.08%	1.08%		NZD
10 year Govt bond		4.43%			4.36%	NZ Carbon		53.00

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