

BoE expected to cut by 25bps today

It was a relatively calm day across financial markets yesterday, amid a limited macro calendar. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 edged marginally higher by 0.1%, helped in part by some upbeat corporate earnings reports. Similarly, the S&P 500 rallied late on to register a 0.4% gain on the day.

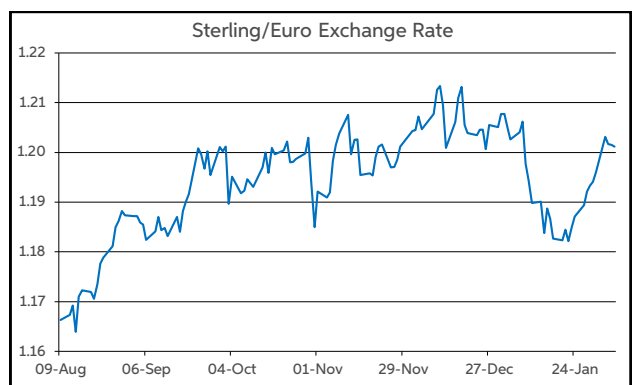
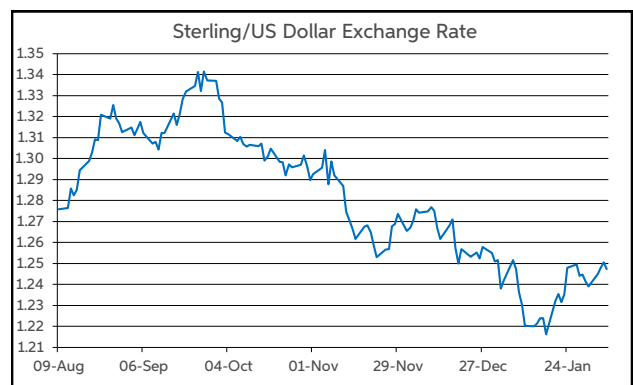
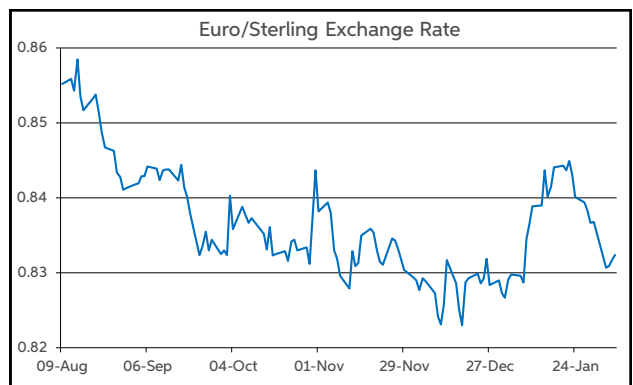
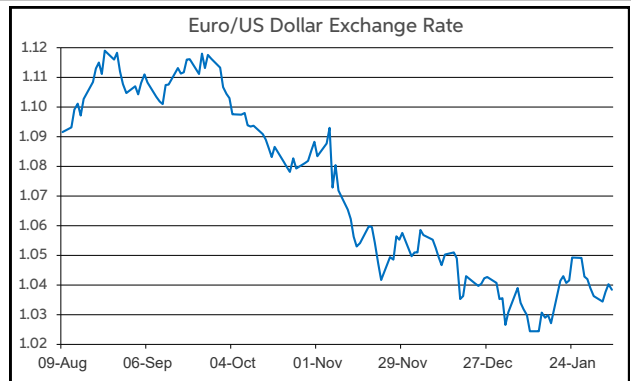
Data-wise, the US non-manufacturing ISM printed below the consensus, dropping to 52.8 in January from 54.0 (and vs. 54.2 f'cast). Meantime, in terms of US monetary policy, Richmond Fed President Barkin struck a dovish tone, noting that his baseline "leans" towards further rate cuts. However, Barkin also echoed remarks from other officials, who have argued for a wait-and-see approach to rate cuts, given the uncertainty regarding US trade/fiscal policy currently.

Nevertheless, Barkin's comments coincided with a slight softening in US futures contracts. Meanwhile, overnight US Treasury yields fell sharply on the back of the Trump administration's first Treasury Quarterly Refunding announcement, which was broadly in-line with the previous administration's projections.

Currency-wise, the dollar was on the defensive for most of yesterday's European session but it recouped its losses overnight. This sees EUR/USD start today in the top half of \$1.03-1.04, little changed from 24 hours ago. GBP/USD remains between \$1.24-1.25. EUR/GBP is in the lower half of the 83-84p range.

Turning to the day ahead, the focus will be on the BoE monetary policy announcement. In recent weeks, UK futures contracts have softened and expectations are now for a 25bps rate cut. The post-meeting press conference will also garner attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.0385	0.09	0.31
EUR/GBP	0.8324	0.05	0.62
GBP/USD	1.2473	0.07	-0.30
GBP/EUR	1.2009	-0.05	-0.61
USD/JPY	152.61	-0.53	-2.91
EUR/JPY	158.49	-0.46	-2.62

* 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	4.38	4.30	4.29	4.17	4.34	4.27
EUR	2.90	2.61	2.54	2.30	2.21	2.24
GBP	4.75	4.45	4.45	4.20	4.25	4.10

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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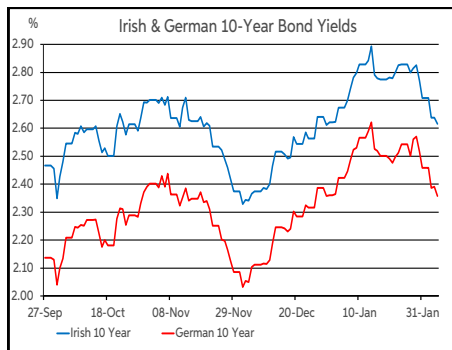
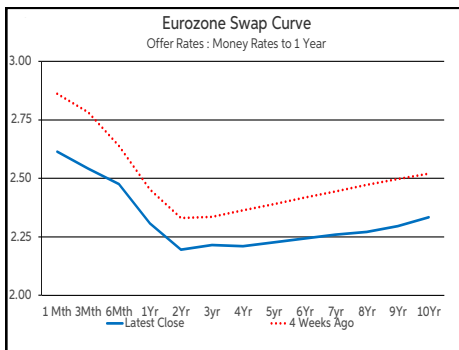
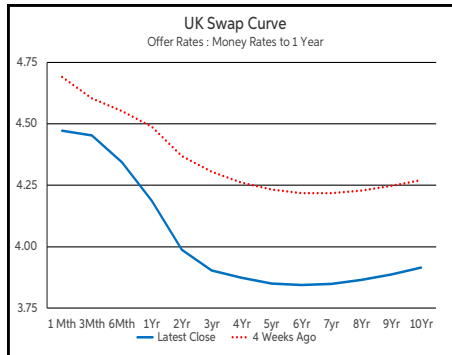
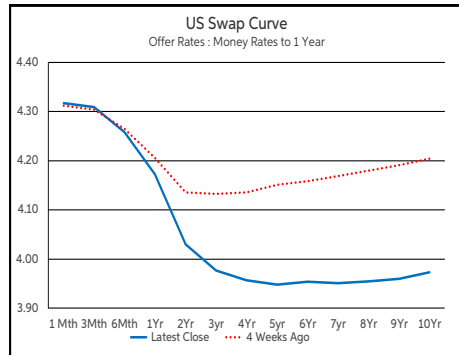
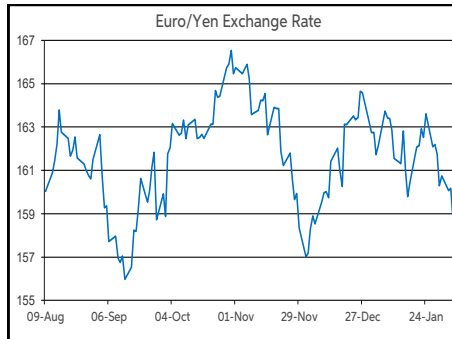
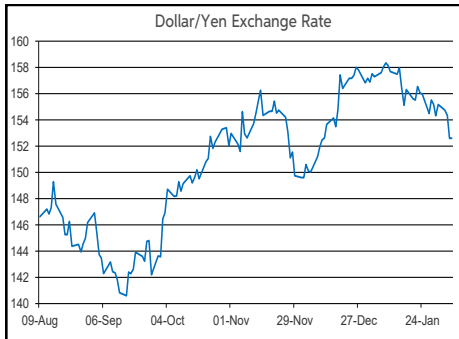
EUR/GBP	0.8324
EUR/USD	1.0385
EUR/JPY	158.49
EUR/SEK	11.3401
EUR/DKK	7.4605
EUR/NOK	11.6919
EUR/CHF	0.938
EUR/AUD	1.6577
EUR/HKD	8.0843
EUR/CAD	1.491

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.2009
GBP/USD	1.2473
GBP/CAD	1.7905
GBP/NZD	2.2024
GBP/JPY	190.35
GBP/SEK	13.6228
GBP/DKK	8.9589
GBP/NOK	14.0449
GBP/CHF	1.1267
GBP/AUD	1.9904

Dollar

USD/JPY	152.61
USD/CAD	1.4357
USD/CHF	0.9029
USD/CNY	7.2842
USD/BRL	5.8039
USD/RUB	96.5
USD/INR	87.537
AUD/USD	0.6263
NZD/USD	0.5661



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.42	-9	-27	-16
Germany	2.36	-3	-16	-0
UK	4.44	-9	-36	-14
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.21	-7	-18	-8
Eurozone	2.22	-0	-16	-2
UK	4.09	-6	-38	-19
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.28	-3	-8	-5
Eurozone	2.19	+1	-14	-1
UK	4.24	-3	-36	-25
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	28	+1	+0	-1
Belgium	59	-0	-1	-3
France	71	-1	-12	-12
Italy	109	-1	-7	-7
Spain	67	+0	-1	-3
Portugal	52	+0	+4	+3
Greece	89	-3	+9	+0

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	74.61	-2.09	-2.04	-0.04
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2865.1	+0.81	+7.63	+9.20

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