Morning Comment

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Dollar boosted by tariff pause announcement

The risk averse tone to investor sentiment carried over to the European session yesterday, as the trade war sparked by the US tariffs announcement last week continued to escalate. China raised tariffs on US goods to 84%. In response, the US raised tariffs on Chinese imports to 125%. Meantime, the EU replied to 25% levies placed on aluminium and steel back in March, by introducing targeted tariffs on some US imports, worth roughly €21bn.

Against that backdrop, trading conditions were volatile, with the Euro Stoxx 50 finishing the day down 3.2%. At the same time, there were large and sharp moves on bond markets, particularly in US Treasuries, sparking concern of broader financial market stress.

However, President Trump later announced that the US will pause implementing reciprocal tariffs on countries who have not retaliated for 90-days, although the 10% universal rate will remain in place. The announcement sent equity markets soaring, with the S&P 500 closing up 9.5% overall. Meanwhile, long-dated Treasury yields declined overnight.

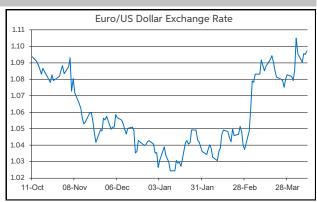
Currency-wise, the dollar benefitted from the decision to pause the tariffs. Meantime, the Swiss franc and the yen fell sharply, while the euro also moved lower. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is back below \$1.10. GBP/USD remains in the top half of \$1.28-1.29. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is operating in the bottom half of 85-86p. USD/JPY is up at ¥147.

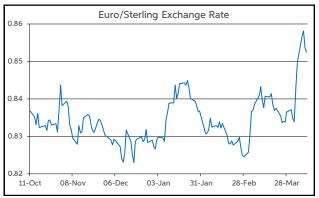
Today, the main data release will be US CPI inflation for March. Both the headline and core rates are forecast to edge lower. Markets will also continue to digest the pause in US tariffs and any new information regarding the US-China trade war.

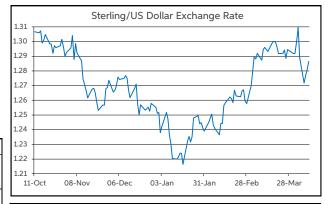
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0973	-0.86	5.99	
EUR/GBP	0.8523	-0.98	3.02	
GBP/USD	1.2869	0.13	2.86	
GBP/EUR	1.1727	0.99	-2.93	
USD/JPY	146.97	1.40	-6.50	
EUR/JPY	161.29	0.54	-0.90	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money	Market	Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.34	4.28	3.91	3.95	3.93
EUR	2.65	2.33	2.29	2.09	2.06	2.35
GBP	4.50	4.41	4.28	4.02	4.11	4.17









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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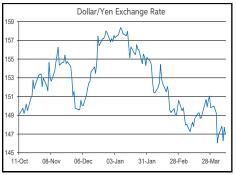
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Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8524
EUR/USD	1.0971
EUR/JPY	161.26
EUR/SEK	10.9023
EUR/DKK	7.4654
EUR/NOK	11.8291
EUR/CHF	0.9386
EUR/AUD	1.7737
EUR/HKD	8.5179
EUR/CAD	1.5437

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1728			
GBP/USD	1.2868			
GBP/CAD	1.8101			
GBP/NZD	2.26			
GBP/JPY	189.11			
GBP/SEK	12.7817			
GBP/DKK	8.752			
GBP/NOK	13.8721			
GBP/CHF	1.1003			
GBP/AUD	2.0796			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	146.96			
USD/CAD	1.4074			
USD/CHF	0.8553			
USD/CNY	7.3409			
USD/BRL	5.8187			
USD/RUB	85.7			
USD/INR	86.222			
AUD/USD	0.6183			
NZD/USD	0.5688			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

4.40

4.30

4.20

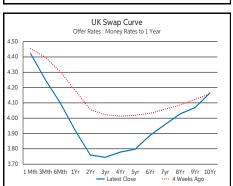
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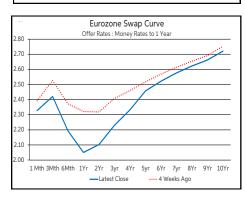
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr — Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.40	+14	+8	-18
Germany	2.58	-4	-31	+22
UK	4.79	+18	+6	+21
Ireland	3.03	+0	-11	+38
Belgium	3.22	-1	-20	+24
France	3.39	-0	-17	+20
Italy	3.89	+3	-6	+36
Spain	3.35	+0	-15	+29
Portugal	3.23	-1	-16	+38
Greece	3.58	+1	-15	+33
 5 Year Swap %				
US	3.93	+22	-10	-36
Eurozone	2.45	+21	-6	+22
UK	4.05	+0	-23	-23
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.95	+28	-12	-39
Eurozone	2.10	+14	-21	-9
UK	3.99	-2	-31	-50
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	45	+5	+20	+16
Belgium	64	+3	+11	+2
France	81	+4	+14	-2
Italy	131	+7	+25	+15
Spain	77	+5	+16	+7
Portugal	65	+3	+15	+16
Greece	100	+6	+16	+12

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24				
Brent Oil	65.48	+4.23	-7.71	-12.27	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold\$	3082.2	+3.30	+5.12	+17.47	

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