Morning Comment

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EUR/USD above \$1.15

There was a risk-off tone to investor sentiment yesterday, amid relatively light trading conditions at the start of the week on financial markets. Market holidays across Europe partly contributed to this. Meantime, in the US, the cautious mood from investors appears to have stemmed from two sources. Firstly, a lack of progress in signing new trade deals since the tariffs were paused for 90-days. Secondly, concern that President Trump may try to influence monetary policy, after he criticised Fed Chair Powell over the weekend.

Against this backdrop, US equity markets moved lower, Treasury yields climbed higher, while the dollar depreciated further, in what looks to be an extension of the "Sell America" theme currently on markets. The S&P 500 declined by 2.4%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 2.5%. Elsewhere, long-dated US Treasury yields moved 4-10bps higher yesterday, meaning the 10-year yield is now back above 4.4%. However, the 2-year yields fell by 5bps, amid a slight softening in US market rate expectations. Futures contracts pricing now suggests the Fed will cut rates up to 4 times this year.

The leg lower in the dollar was broad-based, and continued to benefit the euro, as well as traditional safe havens such as the yen and the Swiss franc. The greenback shed circa 1% versus all three currencies. Against this backdrop, EUR/USD moved above the \$1.15 threshold for the first time in three and a half years. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is in the lower half of \$1.15-1.16, having reached a high of \$1.1573 yesterday. EUR/GBP is at 86p. GBP/USD is north of the \$1.34 mark. USD/JPY is back below ¥140.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro calendar is limited on both sides of the Atlantic. The main data release of note will be Eurozone consumer confidence for April. Meantime, remarks from a number of ECB, Fed and BoE officials will garner attention. US trade policy related news flow may also influence investor sentiment.

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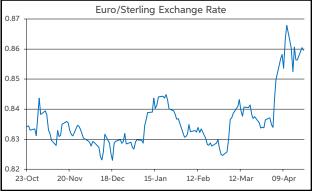
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|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | | Day * | End 2024 | | |
| EUR/USD | 1.1535 | 0.16 | 11.42 | | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8599 | -0.06 | 3.94 | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.3412 | 0.25 | 7.20 | | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1625 | 0.06 | -3.79 | | |
| USD/JPY | 139.96 | -0.57 | -10.96 | | |
| EUR/JPY | 161.47 | -0.41 | -0.79 | | |
| * v Previous Day's European Open | | | | | |
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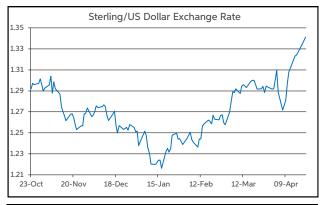
| Opening Interest Rates | | | | | | |
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| | | Money Market | | Swap Rates | | 5 |
| | Base Rate | 1-Mth | 3-Mth | 1-Yr | 2-Yr | 5-Yr |
| USD | 4.38 | 4.32 | 4.27 | 3.82 | 3.79 | 3.87 |
| EUR | 2.40 | 2.13 | 2.18 | 1.94 | 1.86 | 2.14 |
| GBP | 4.50 | 4.32 | 4.20 | 3.86 | 3.99 | 4.01 |

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Euro/Sterling Exchange Rate

Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate







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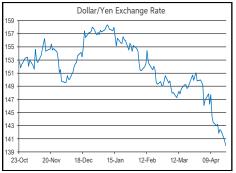
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| Euro | |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8599 |
| EUR/USD | 1.1535 |
| EUR/JPY | 161.47 |
| EUR/SEK | 10.9643 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.467 |
| EUR/NOK | 11.9157 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9321 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.7926 |
| EUR/HKD | 8.9505 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.5914 |

| Sterling | |
|----------|---------|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1625 |
| GBP/USD | 1.3412 |
| GBP/CAD | 1.8504 |
| GBP/NZD | 2.2269 |
| GBP/JPY | 187.73 |
| GBP/SEK | 12.7493 |
| GBP/DKK | 8.6781 |
| GBP/NOK | 13.849 |
| GBP/CHF | 1.0834 |
| GBP/AUD | 2.0837 |
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| Dollar | | | | | |
|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 139.96 | | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.3797 | | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.8077 | | | | |
| USD/CNY | 7.3069 | | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.8065 | | | | |
| USD/RUB | 80.8 | | | | |
| USD/INR | 85.0725 | | | | |
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| AUD/USD | 0.6434 | | | | |
| NZD/USD | 0.6019 | | | | |
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US Swap Curve

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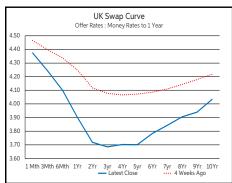
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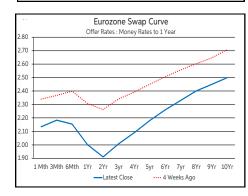
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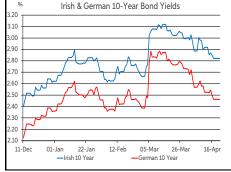
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| Debt Markets | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|--------|--|
| | | Change bps | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 24 | |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | | |
| US | 4.41 | +8 | +7 | -17 | |
| Germany | 2.47 | -4 | -31 | +10 | |
| UK | 4.57 | -3 | -14 | +0 | |
| Ireland | 2.84 | -4 | -23 | +19 | |
| Belgium | 3.08 | -4 | -24 | +10 | |
| France | 3.24 | -3 | -22 | +5 | |
| Italy | 3.65 | -5 | -17 | +13 | |
| Spain | 3.18 | -3 | -23 | +11 | |
| Portugal | 3.05 | -4 | -24 | +20 | |
| Greece | 3.40 | -5 | -24 | +15 | |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US . | 3.82 | -0 | -23 | -47 | |
| Eurozone | 2.17 | +0 | -27 | -7 | |
| UK | 3.96 | -3 | -34 | -32 | |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 3.75 | -4 | -35 | -58 | |
| Eurozone | 1.90 | -0 | -35 | -29 | |
| UK | 3.95 | -1 | -40 | -54 | |
| 10 Year Governme | ent Bond Spread | s to Benchn | nark bps | | |
| Ireland | 37 | -O | +8 | +9 | |
| Belgium | 62 | +0 | +7 | -0 | |
| France | 78 | +1 | +9 | -5 | |
| Italy | 119 | -1 | +14 | +3 | |
| Spain | 71 | +1 | +8 | +1 | |
| Portugal | 59 | -1 | +7 | +10 | |
| Greece | 93 | -1 | +7 | +5 | |

| Commodities | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 24 | |
| Brent Oil | 66.26 | -2.50 | -9.23 | -11.23 | |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65 | -0.17 | -1.90 | -1.27 | |
| Gold \$ | 3424.3 | +2.91 | +13.68 | +30.51 | |

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