Morning Comment

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All about tariffs today

Investor sentiment was holding a positive tone yesterday on the first trading day of April, following a notably risk averse month of March. The main equity indices rose on both sides of the Atlantic. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 was up 1.4% on the day. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the global benchmark S&P 500 index registered a 0.4% gain.

Data-wise, the main Eurozone release yesterday was the flash reading of HICP inflation for March. The headline rate fell to 2.2%, in line with forecasts, while the core measure was slightly lower than expected at 2.4% (vs. f'cast for 2.5%). Encouragingly, services inflation dropped to 3.4%, its lowest level since June 2022. The data though had no directional impact on the euro. The highlight of Tuesday's US macro diary was the manufacturing ISM survey for March. The headline number moved back into contraction territory, printing at 49.0 (vs. 49.5 f'cast). The underlying details showed weakening activity and rising price pressures.

From a currency perspective, the majors started April within tight ranges. Of the limited action to occur, the dollar was marginally firmer. This is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning back below the \$1.08 mark, while GBP/USD is operating nearer the \$1.29 level. Elsewhere, the action in EUR/GBP has remained confined to a narrow corridor around the midpoint of 83-84p.

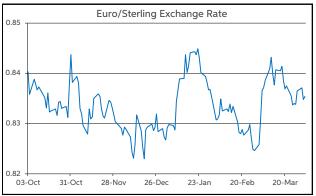
Today, the focus is very much on the White House and President Trump's tariffs plan (after European close). This poses event risk for markets, including the dollar. However, while today will bring some detail on US trade policy, uncertainty will remain. A key aspect over the coming days/weeks will be the response/retaliatory measures from other countries/trading blocs.

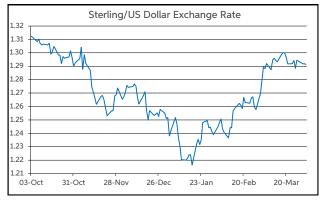
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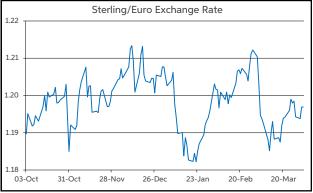
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0789	-0.33	4.21	
EUR/GBP	0.8354	-0.13	0.98	
GBP/USD	1.2913	-0.18	3.21	
GBP/EUR	1.1966	0.13	-0.97	
USD/JPY	149.87	0.21	-4.65	
EUR/JPY	161.71	-0.12	-0.64	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.32	4.28	3.97	4.03	3.93
EUR	2.65	2.36	2.34	2.23	2.18	2.38
GBP	4.50	4.45	4.34	4.16	4.26	4.22









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



0.8354
1.0789
161.71
10.803
7.4617
11.2809
0.9535
1.7136
8.3964
1.5441

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1966			
GBP/USD	1.2913			
GBP/CAD	1.8478			
GBP/NZD	2.2563			
GBP/JPY	193.53			
GBP/SEK	12.9312			
GBP/DKK	8.9292			
GBP/NOK	13.5002			
GBP/CHF	1.1411			
GBP/AUD	2.0509			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.87			
USD/CAD	1.431			
USD/CHF	0.8837			
USD/CNY	7.27			
USD/BRL	5.6815			
USD/RUB	84.2			
USD/INR	85.61			
AUD/USD	0.6294			
NZD/USD	0.5719			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

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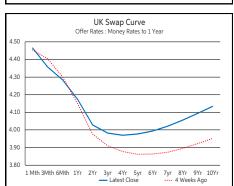
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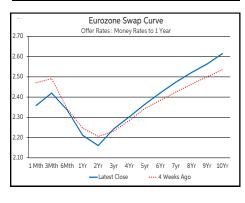
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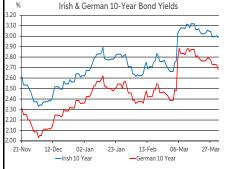
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.16	-9	-5	-42		
Germany	2.68	-5	+20	+32		
UK	4.64	-4	+10	+6		
Ireland	3.00	-2	+23	+35		
Belgium	3.25	-4	+17	+27		
France	3.40	-5	+17	+20		
Italy	3.79	-7	+22	+27		
Spain	3.31	-5	+14	+25		
Portugal	3.21	-6	+19	+36		
Greece	3.52	-5	+17	+27		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.87	-2	-10	-42		
Eurozone	2.36	-5	+3	+12		
UK	4.21	-2	+6	-7		
2 Year Swap %						
US	3.96	-1	-7	-37		
Eurozone	2.15	-4	-4	-4		
UK	4.26	-1	+1	-23		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	32	+2	+3	+4		
Belgium	57	+0	-3	-5		
France	72	-0	-3	-12		
Italy	111	-2	+2	-5		
Spain	63	-O	-6	-7		
Portugal	53	-1	-1	+4		
Greece	84	-1	-3	-5		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks I				
Brent Oil	74.49	-0.33	+4.86	-0.20	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3110.6	-0.40	+6.62	+18.55	

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