Morning Comment

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Dollar recovers some of its losses

The risk-off tone to investor sentiment from last week carried through to yesterday, as investors continued to digest the potential impact of the US tariffs. Trading conditions were also quite volatile, amid on-going tariff related headlines. Most notably, the White House quashed a report that it is considering a 90-day pause on the tariffs, and stated that it will impose additional tariffs on China, if it does not withdraw retaliatory levies on US goods.

Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 shed 4.5% yesterday. However, the S&P 500 fell by a modest 0.2%. On bond markets, US Treasury yields moved sharply higher, rising by 15-25bps. The move coincided with a marked firming in US interest rate futures. Current pricing is for circa 95bps of easing this year, compared to 120bps previously. UK Gilt and German Bund yields also moved higher, albeit not to the same extent, owing partly to a less aggressive hardening in euro/sterling rates. It should be noted though, that Asian equity indices rebounded somewhat overnight.

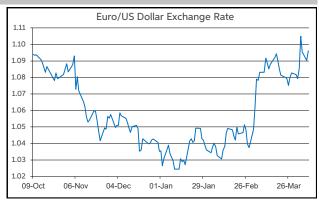
Currency-wise, the dollar recouped some of its losses from last week. Meantime, sterling was on the defensive, while the yen and Swiss franc moved back from their recent highs. In level terms, this sees EUR/USD open this morning in the top half of \$1.09-1.10, having started the week above \$1.10. GBP/USD is operating down in the \$1.27-1.28 corridor. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is in the top half of 85-86p. USD/JPY is above the midpoint of ¥147-148.

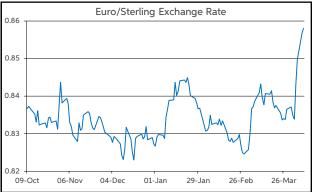
Turning to the day ahead, tariff related news flow will continue to be front and centre on markets. Data-wise, the only release of note will be US small business optimism for March. Meanwhile, on the monetary policy front, speeches from a number of ECB, Fed and BoE officials will garner some attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0962	-0.21	5.88	
EUR/GBP	0.858	0.80	3.71	
GBP/USD	1.2769	-1.03	2.06	
GBP/EUR	1.1646	-0.79	-3.58	
USD/JPY	147.65	1.21	-6.06	
EUR/JPY	161.88	1.01	-0.53	
* 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	4.31	4.22	3.77	3.77	3.72
EUR	2.65	2.34	2.32	2.11	2.04	2.31
GBP	4.50	4.43	4.27	4.00	4.08	4.09









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



0.858
1.0962
161.88
10.9442
7.4662
11.9085
0.9398
1.8121
8.5194
1.5534

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1646
GBP/USD	1.2769
GBP/CAD	1.8092
GBP/NZD	2.2814
GBP/JPY	188.53
GBP/SEK	12.751
GBP/DKK	8.6964
GBP/NOK	13.874
GBP/CHF	1.0952
GBP/AUD	2.1102

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.65			
USD/CAD	1.4168			
USD/CHF	0.8572			
USD/CNY	7.3305			
USD/BRL	5.915			
USD/RUB	85.8			
USD/INR	85.869			
AUD/USD	0.6047			
NZD/USD	0.5592			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

4.30

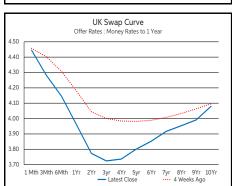
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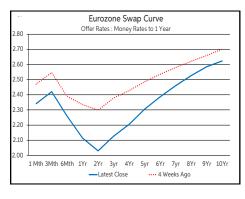
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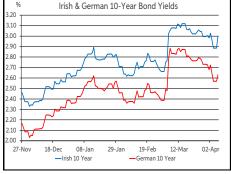
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr — Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.16	+17	-6	-42		
Germany	2.64	+7	-18	+28		
UK	4.63	+18	-2	+5		
Ireland	2.94	-5	-16	+29		
Belgium	3.22	+3	-17	+24		
France	3.40	+7	-14	+21		
Italy	3.87	+10	-5	+34		
Spain	3.35	+8	-14	+28		
Portugal	3.24	+7	-13	+39		
Greece	3.52	+4	-15	+27		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	3.74	+13	-18	-55		
Eurozone	2.30	+4	-17	+7		
UK	4.09	+12	-13	-20		
 2 Year Swap %						
US	3.75	+7	-21	-58		
Eurozone	2.03	-3	-26	-17		
UK	4.08	+4	-19	-41		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	30	-13	+2	+1		
Belgium	58	-4	+2	-4		
France	76	+0	+4	-7		
Italy	122	+3	+14	+7		
Spain	70	+1	+4	+0		
Portugal	60	-0	+6	+11		
Greece	88	-3	+3	-1		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	64.21	-2.09	-7.32	-13.97	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2982.5	-1.80	+3.22	+13.67	

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