

Markets still on an uncertain footing

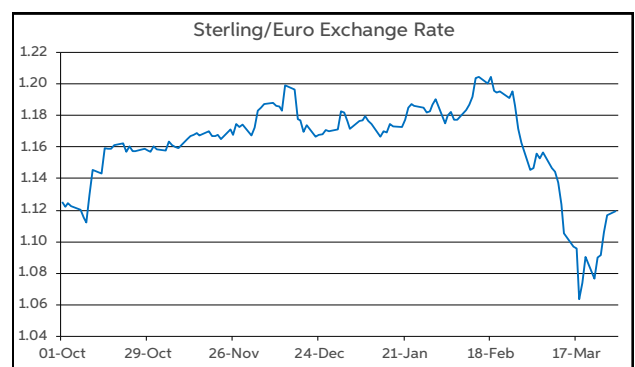
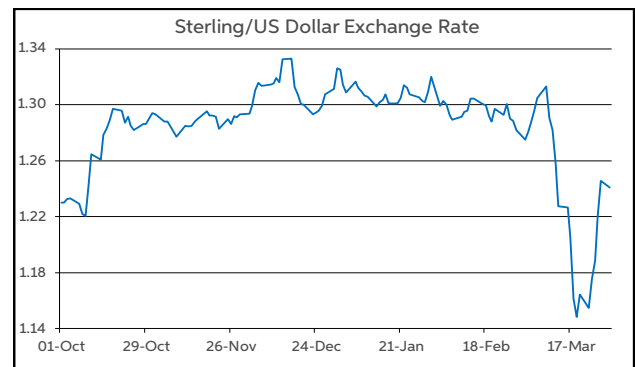
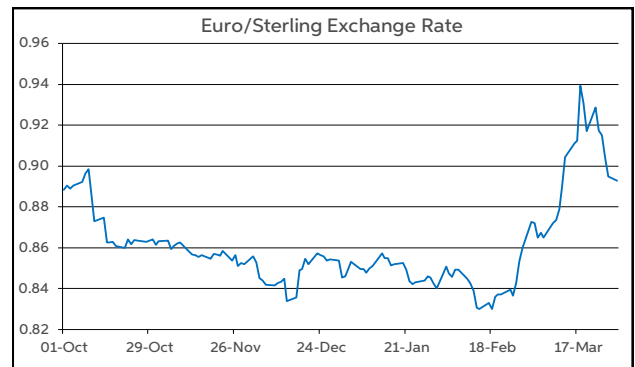
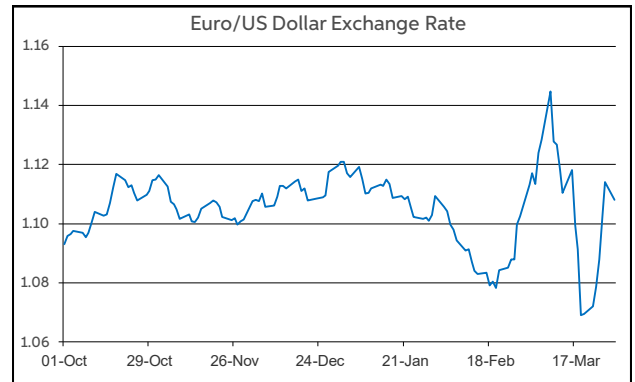
Last week saw an improvement in risk markets. On Wall street, the S&P 500 managed to record three straight days of gains for the first time since mid-February, when it was at all time highs. Risk appetite was aided by extensive global policy stimulus measures incorporating both fiscal and monetary tools. However, the fragile nature to investor sentiment in the current environment of heightened global macro uncertainty was once again evident on Friday. All the major global equity indices ended the week with another down day. At the closing bell Friday night, the S&P 500 was down over 3% on the day.

On the currency front, one of the standout features of the action over recent days has been the volatile trading conditions for sterling. This has been reflected in EUR/GBP trading in a wide 89-94p range last week and, similarly, GBP/USD operating in an expansive \$1.14-1.24 range. The trajectory for sterling over the course of the week, though, was for it to recover some lost ground.

At the same time, the dollar adopted a softer tone. This coincided with the period of improvement in risk markets, which reduced the demand for safe havens such as the dollar. In level terms, EUR/USD starts the week up above the \$1.10 mark. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is trading below the 90p threshold. Elsewhere, cable is changing hands up at the \$1.24 handle.

For the week ahead, investor sentiment will likely remain very sensitive to developments in relation to the coronavirus. We also get more data releases showing the severe impact the coronavirus is having on economic activity. In this regard, the UK has become the first major economy to suffer a ratings downgrade (from AA to AA- by Fitch on Friday night) arising from the coronavirus.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2019
EUR/USD	1.1084	0.11	-1.12
EUR/GBP	0.8928	-1.03	5.61
GBP/USD	1.2413	1.20	-6.38
GBP/EUR	1.1195	1.04	-5.31
USD/JPY	107.67	-0.72	-0.87
EUR/JPY	119.35	-0.59	-2.04

* v Previous Day's European Open
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.125	0.99	1.45	0.97	0.52	0.52
EUR	0.00	-0.44	-0.35	-0.15	-0.31	-0.23
GBP	0.10	0.25	0.56	0.84	0.52	0.55

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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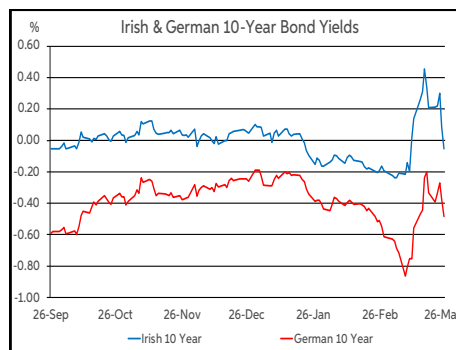
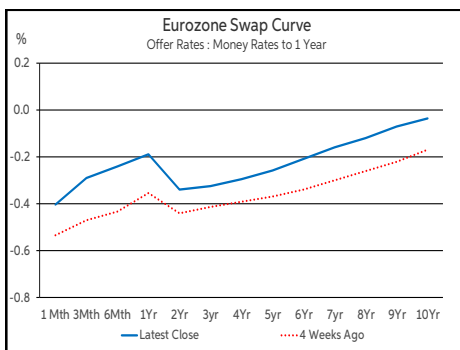
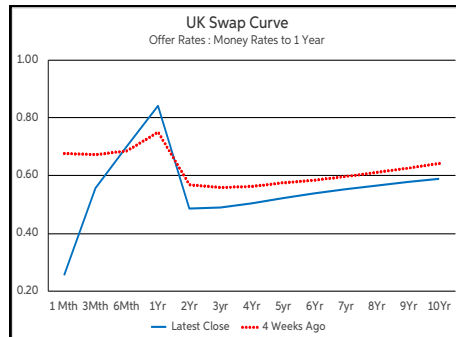
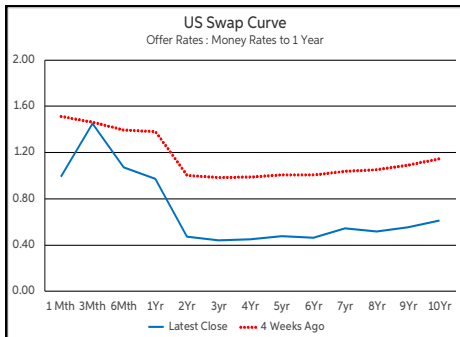
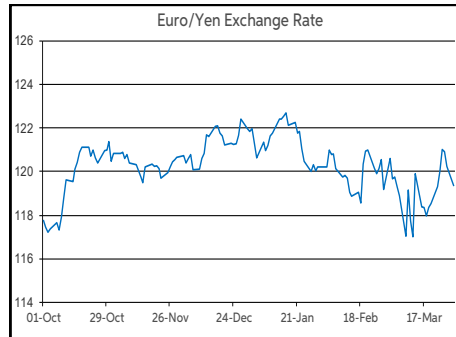
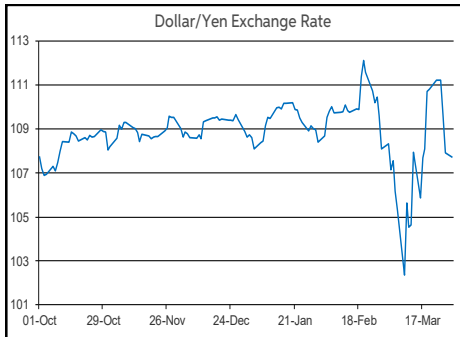
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8928	GBP/EUR	1.1195	USD/JPY	107.67
EUR/USD	1.1084	GBP/USD	1.2413	USD/CAD	1.404
EUR/JPY	119.35	GBP/CAD	1.7429	USD/CHF	0.9549
EUR/SEK	11.007	GBP/NZD	2.0594	USD/CNY	7.0919
EUR/DKK	7.4635	GBP/JPY	133.65	USD/BRL	5.1002
EUR/NOK	11.6326	GBP/SEK	12.3226	USD/RUB	79.449
EUR/CHF	1.0586	GBP/DKK	8.3559	USD/INR	75.37
EUR/AUD	1.8011	GBP/NOK	13.0392	AUD/USD	0.6151
EUR/HKD	8.5935	GBP/CHF	1.1854	NZD/USD	0.6023
EUR/CAD	1.5563	GBP/AUD	2.0169		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 19
10 Year Yield %				
US	0.67	-17	-49	-125
Germany	-0.48	-11	+13	-29
UK	0.36	-3	-8	-46
Ireland	-0.05	-14	+14	-14
Belgium	-0.05	-10	+17	-13
France	-0.08	-9	+21	-20
Italy	1.30	+11	+20	-7
Spain	0.52	-2	+24	+6
Portugal	0.58	-7	+31	+17
Greece	1.51	+1	+22	+10
5 Year Swap %				
US	0.47	-14	-53	-124
Eurozone	-0.26	-8	+11	-14
UK	0.52	-1	-6	-37
2 Year Swap %				
US	0.47	-4	-53	-123
Eurozone	-0.34	-6	+10	-5
UK	0.49	+0	-8	-32
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	43	-3	+1	+15
Belgium	43	+1	+4	+16
France	40	+2	+8	+9
Italy	178	+22	+7	+22
Spain	100	+9	+11	+36
Portugal	107	+4	+18	+46
Greece	199	+12	+9	+40

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 19
Brent Oil	24.93	-5.35	-50.65	-62.23
West Texas Oil	15.48	-6.75	-65.47	-74.68
Gold \$	1629.5	-0.38	+2.77	+7.36

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