

## Quiet macro diary this week

Currency markets started the week in a relatively quiet manner yesterday. This was in part due to a market holiday in the UK, as well as a very sparse daily macro diary. Meantime, while concerns over a possible escalation of US/China trade tensions impacted equity markets, there was no noticeable spillover onto currency markets. As a result the main FX pairs open this morning broadly similar to 24 hours earlier. EUR/USD has edged up to the \$1.12 level, with EUR/GBP remaining below the 86p threshold. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is changing hands just above the \$1.31 mark.

Looking ahead to the remainder of this week, the global macro agenda remains on the quiet side. The Eurozone schedule is especially sparse with industrial production data out of the region's three largest economies (Germany, France and Italy) the only data of any note. All of which suggests there is little from the Eurozone calendar to generate much in the way of reaction from the euro.

The UK schedule will garner more attention with the focus on the first estimate of Q1 GDP. Last week, the BoE noted that the economy appeared to perform better than previously envisaged in Q1, boosted by companies stockbuilding ahead of the original Brexit deadline. The consensus is for quarterly growth of 0.5% (0.2% in Q4'18). However, the data may also highlight the drag from Brexit uncertainty, with business investment expected to fall for a fifth straight quarter. Overall though, a solid headline GDP growth rate could at the margin offer some support to sterling.

Meantime, similar to the Eurozone, the US weekly calendar is rather dull. The only noteworthy release being CPI inflation for April. However, unless the data springs a major surprise, the impact on the dollar is likely to be negligible.

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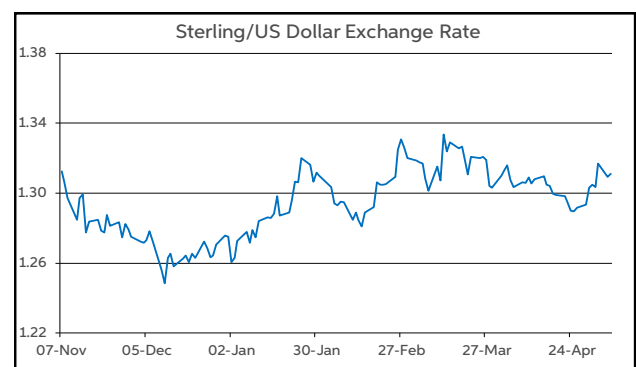
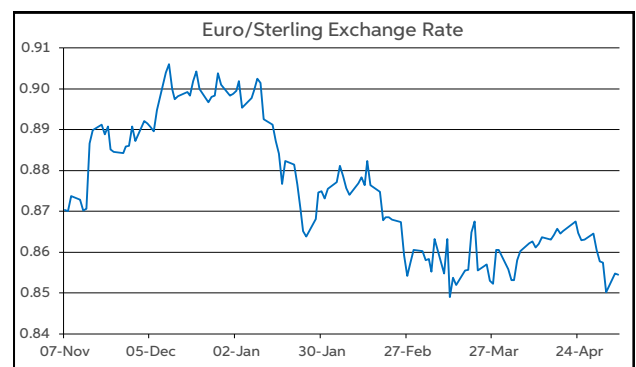
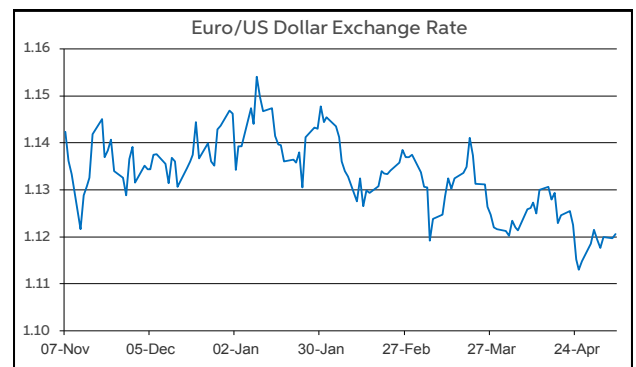
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	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	2.375	2.47	2.56	2.75	2.39	2.32
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.31	-0.11	-0.20	0.04
GBP	0.75	0.73	0.81	1.08	1.07	1.24

Equity Indices				
	Latest Close	% Changes		
		on Day	End 2018 to Date	
Dow Jones	26438.48	-0.25	+13.34	
S&P 500	2932.47	-0.45	+16.98	
FTSE 100	7380.64	+0.00	+9.70	
DJ Stoxx 50	3462.95	-1.13	+15.38	
ISEQ	6462.12	-0.56	+17.93	
Nikkei	21923.72	-1.51	+9.54	

Today's Opening Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2018
EUR/USD	1.1207	0.15	-2.28
EUR/GBP	0.8544	0.19	-4.90
GBP/USD	1.3114	-0.05	2.80
GBP/EUR	1.1699	-0.19	5.15
USD/JPY	110.76	-0.06	1.10
EUR/JPY	124.15	0.10	-1.24

\* v Previous Day's European Open

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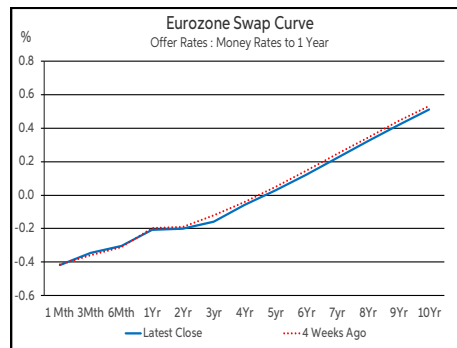
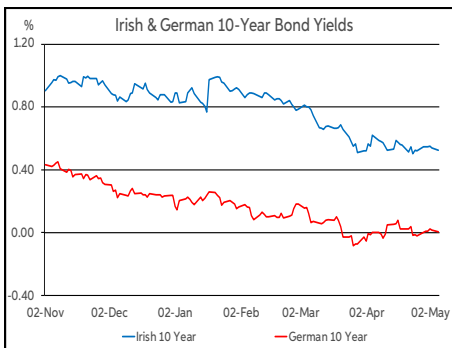
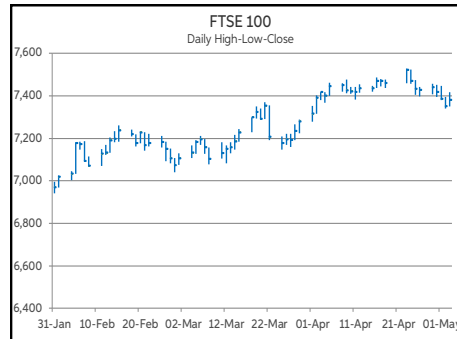
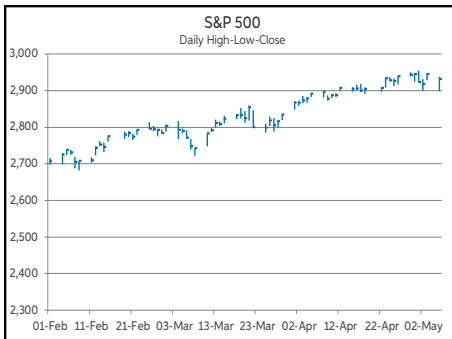
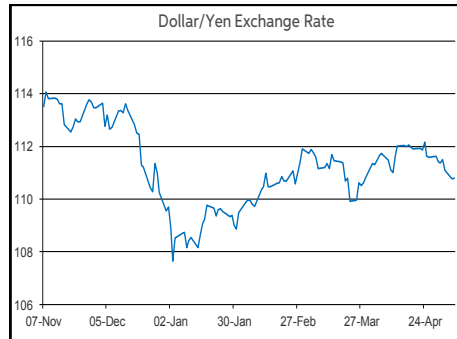
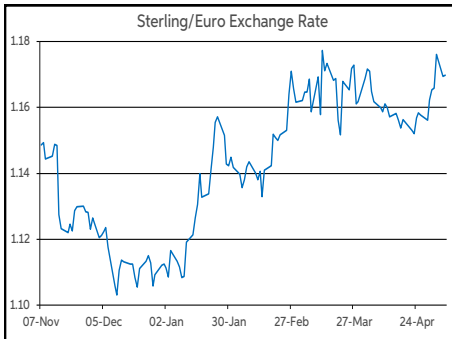
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# Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8544	GBP/EUR	1.1699	USD/JPY	110.76
EUR/USD	1.1207	GBP/USD	1.3114	USD/CAD	1.3422
EUR/JPY	124.15	GBP/CAD	1.7604	USD/CHF	1.0165
EUR/SEK	10.706	GBP/NZD	1.9808	USD/CNY	6.7715
EUR/DKK	7.4656	GBP/JPY	145.25	USD/BRL	3.9683
EUR/NOK	9.7608	GBP/SEK	12.5281	USD/RUB	65.2688
EUR/CHF	1.1394	GBP/DKK	8.735	USD/INR	69.336
EUR/AUD	1.5923	GBP/NOK	11.4221	AUD/USD	0.7038
EUR/HKD	8.7942	GBP/CHF	1.3333	NZD/USD	0.6618
EUR/CAD	1.5045	GBP/AUD	1.8631		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 18
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	2.50	-3	-2	-18
Germany	0.01	-1	+1	-23
UK	1.21	+2	+11	-5
Ireland	0.53	-2	-5	N/A
Belgium	0.44	-1	-2	-32
France	0.35	-1	+0	-35
Italy	2.57	+2	-6	-14
Spain	0.97	+1	-10	-44
Portugal	1.09	-2	-11	-62
Greece	3.28	-2	-18	-101
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	2.30	-7	-5	-26
Eurozone	0.03	-2	-2	-20
UK	1.23	-1	+7	-8
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	2.38	-6	-6	-26
Eurozone	-0.20	-1	-1	-6
UK	1.06	-2	+5	-11
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	52	-0	-5	N/A
Belgium	43	+0	-3	-9
France	35	+0	-0	-12
Italy	257	+3	-6	+9
Spain	97	+2	-11	-21
Portugal	108	-1	-12	-38
Greece	328	-1	-19	-78

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 18
Brent Oil	71.24	+0.55	+0.20	+32.42
West Texas Oil	62.3	+0.52	-3.22	+37.98
CRB - All Commodity	180.68	-0.60	-4.25	+6.41
CRB - Food	339.27	-1.06	-1.58	+4.64
Gold \$	1280.6	+0.09	-1.32	-0.18

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