

## ECB meeting the main event today

There was a mixed tone to investor sentiment on financial markets yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 finished in the red for the third day running, albeit, the index declined by just 0.1%. Meanwhile, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 notched a 1.1% gain. On bond markets, US Treasury yields moved lower. Eurozone sovereign yields edged back also, while UK Gilts were little changed yesterday.

On currency markets, the main FX pairs remained tightly range bound throughout the European session. Of the limited moves to register, the dollar gave back some of its gains from the day before. Overnight though, the greenback has come under some more pronounced downward pressure, most notably versus the euro and sterling.

As trading gets underway this morning, the softer tone to the dollar is evidenced by EUR/USD opening up above the \$1.09 threshold. GBP/USD has regained the \$1.31 handle, having started yesterday below the \$1.30 mark. EUR/GBP remains in the lower half of the 83-84p corridor.

Turning to the day ahead, the main highlight will be the latest ECB monetary policy meeting. However, no changes to policy are anticipated. Investors though, will be paying close attention to the press conference for any comments on inflation and policy tightening. The meeting poses some evident risk for the euro.

Elsewhere, US retail sales data (March) are due. The consensus is for a 0.6% rise in the headline figure for the month, while the ex-autos measure is projected to increase by 1%. However, barring any major surprises the data are unlikely to impact the dollar.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2021
EUR/USD	1.0917	0.78	-3.97
EUR/GBP	0.8309	-0.24	-1.08
GBP/USD	1.3139	1.05	-2.88
GBP/EUR	1.2027	0.24	1.10
USD/JPY	125.38	-0.18	8.95
EUR/JPY	136.88	0.61	4.59

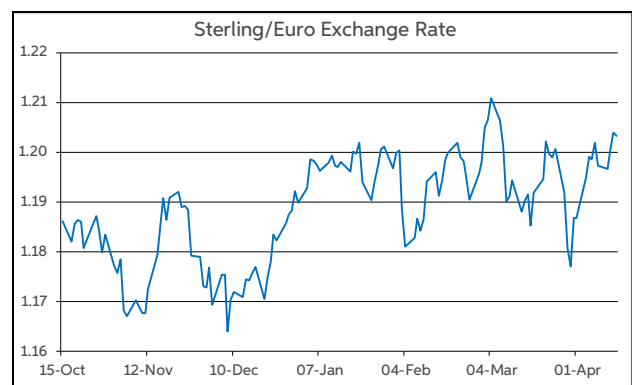
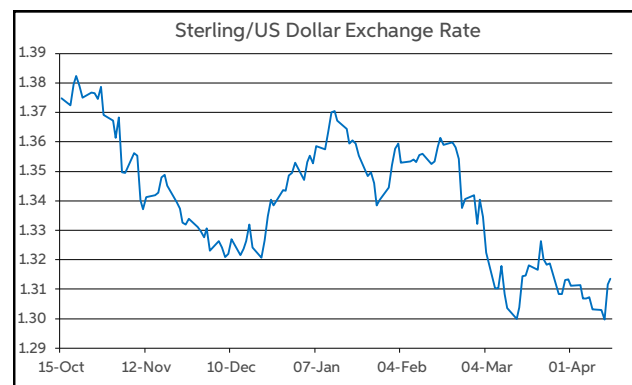
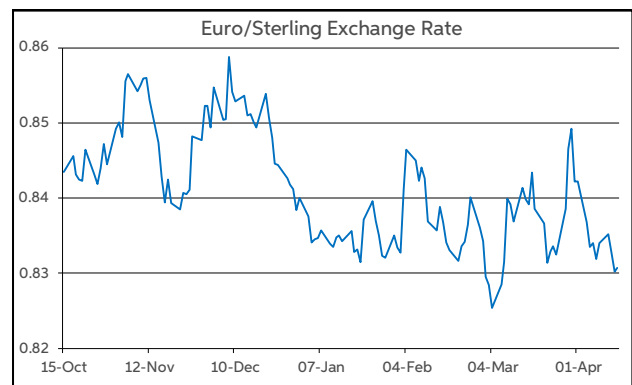
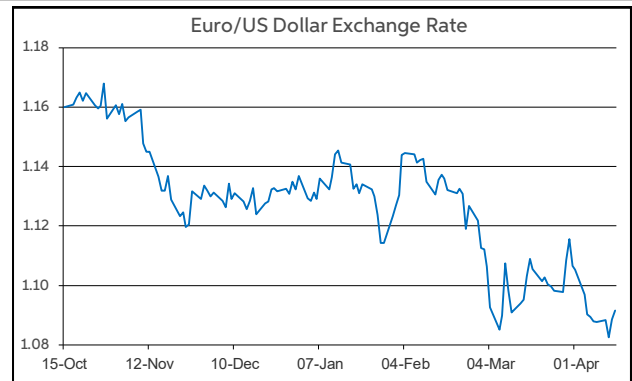
\* v Previous Day's European Open  
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.375	0.55	1.04	2.04	2.59	2.68
EUR	0.00	-0.54	-0.43	0.01	0.75	1.28
GBP	0.75	0.79	1.09	1.95	2.40	2.34

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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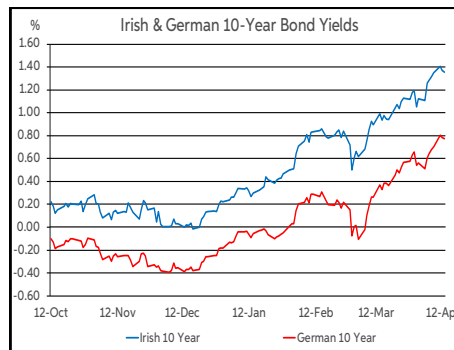
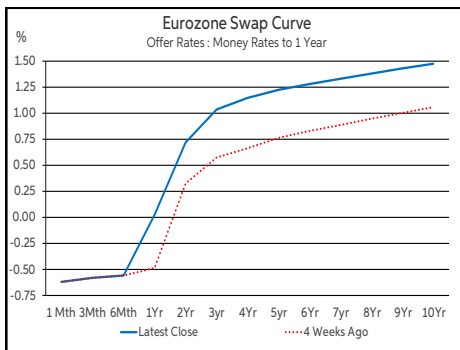
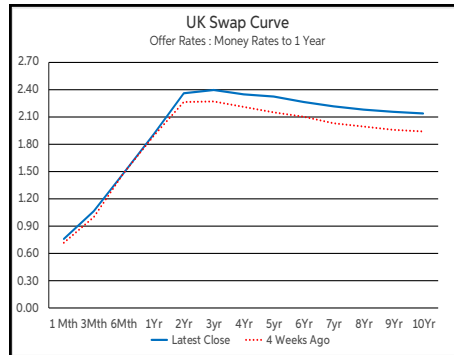
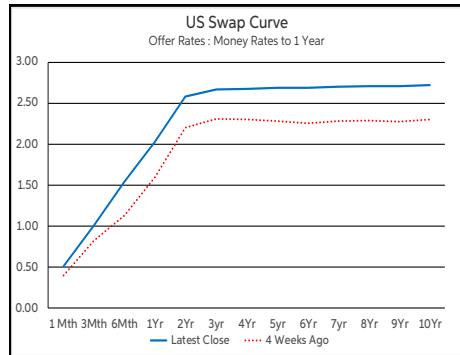
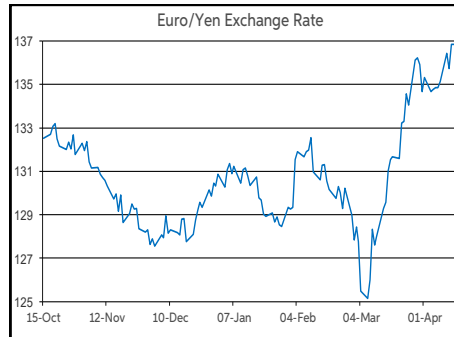
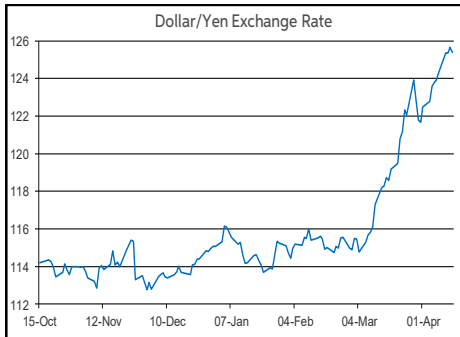


# Opening Levels

Thursday 14 April 2022  
07:35 am



Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8307	GBP/EUR	1.203	USD/JPY	125.38
EUR/USD	1.0917	GBP/USD	1.3138	USD/CAD	1.2544
EUR/JPY	136.88	GBP/CAD	1.6483	USD/CHF	0.9326
EUR/SEK	10.293	GBP/NZD	1.9244	USD/CNY	6.366
EUR/DKK	7.438	GBP/JPY	164.7	USD/BRL	4.6899
EUR/NOK	9.5255	GBP/SEK	12.3835	USD/RUB	82.256
EUR/CHF	1.0183	GBP/DKK	8.9498	USD/INR	76.086
EUR/AUD	1.4636	GBP/NOK	11.4599		
EUR/HKD	8.5573	GBP/CHF	1.2255	AUD/USD	0.7459
EUR/CAD	1.3696	GBP/AUD	1.7613	NZD/USD	0.6825



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 21
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	2.70	-2	+51	+119
Germany	0.78	-2	+38	+95
UK	1.81	+0	+18	+83
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	2.69	-2	+45	+135
Eurozone	1.23	-2	+47	+121
UK	2.32	+1	+19	+105
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	2.58	-4	+42	+164
Eurozone	0.72	-1	+40	+102
UK	2.36	+1	+10	+117
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	60	-1	+1	+17
Belgium	52	+0	-0	+16
France	50	-1	+4	+12
Italy	160	-2	+10	+24
Spain	94	+1	-1	+17
Portugal	101	+14	+20	+35
Greece	208	+1	-19	+59

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21
Brent Oil	108.78	+3.96	+10.98	+39.86
West Texas Oil	104.26	+3.72	+9.92	+38.40
Gold \$	1977.7	+0.57	+2.58	+8.17

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