

EUR/USD below \$1.08

There was a mixed tone to investor sentiment on financial markets last week. The Euro Stoxx 50 moved lower at the start of the week, but recovered as we headed into the long weekend. Overall, the index finished near to flat for the week. In the US, the S&P 500 shed circa 2%. On bond markets, the US Treasury yield curve steepened, as short-term yields fell while longer-dated yields rose.

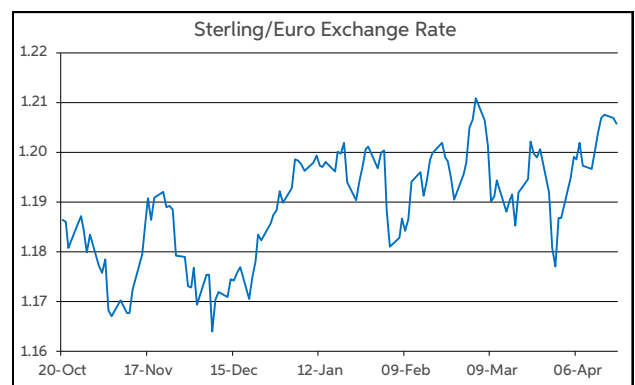
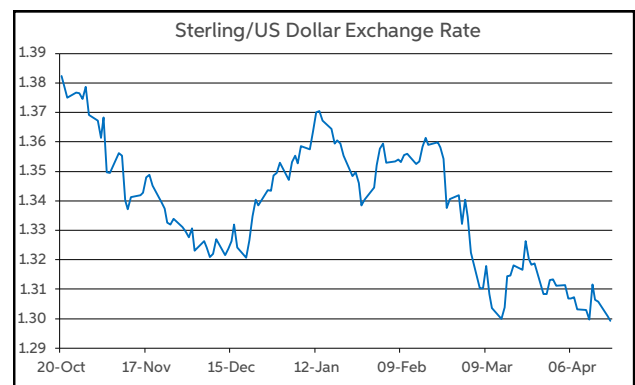
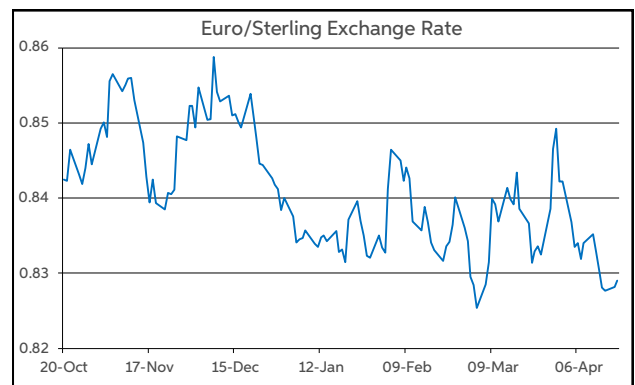
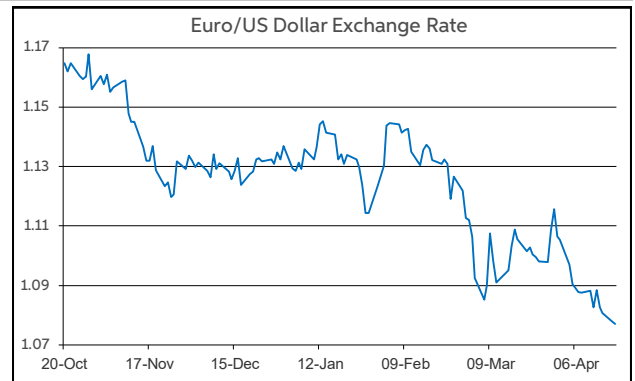
In terms of monetary policy, the latest ECB meeting was as expected. The central bank left policy unchanged and reiterated its commitment to end net asset purchases in Q3. Overall, the tone from the ECB was very much in line with the previous meeting, although, the central bank did note that the “downside risks to the growth outlook have increased substantially”, while the upside risks to the inflation outlook have intensified.

On currency markets, the euro was on the back foot. The single currency came under more pronounced pressure following the ECB policy meeting, with EUR/USD falling below the key \$1.08 level, while EUR/GBP moved below the 83p mark.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is changing hands in the top half of the \$1.07-1.08 range. EUR/GBP is operating in the upper half of 82-83p, having been in the 83-84p corridor for much of last week. GBP/USD is trading just below the \$1.30 threshold.

Turning to the week ahead, the main release of note will be the flash PMIs for the UK, US and Eurozone. Both sector readings are projected to remain above 50 in April across the board. Elsewhere, the French presidential election will be in focus, particularly the debate on Wednesday, before voting takes place this Sunday.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2021
EUR/USD	1.0771	-0.19	-5.25
EUR/GBP	0.8289	0.04	-1.32
GBP/USD	1.2993	-0.22	-3.96
GBP/EUR	1.2058	-0.04	1.34
USD/JPY	128.28	1.30	11.47
EUR/JPY	138.18	1.10	5.59

* 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	0.59	1.06	2.11	2.70	2.84
EUR	0.00	-0.55	-0.45	0.02	0.74	1.30
GBP	0.75	0.83	1.12	1.96	2.45	2.39

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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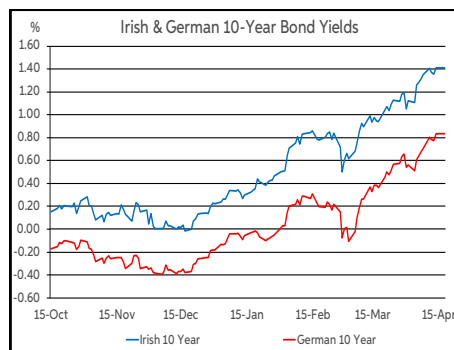
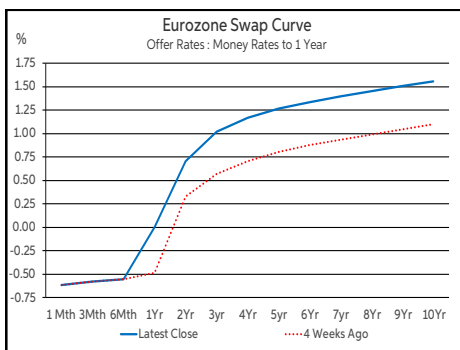
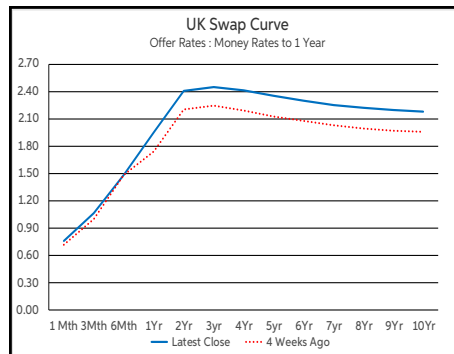
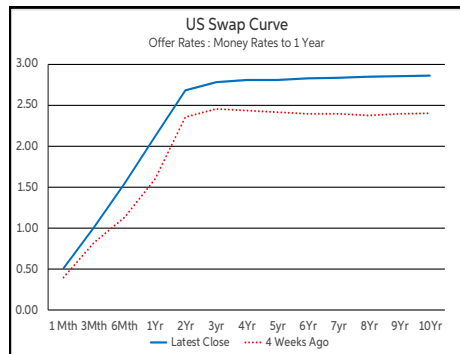
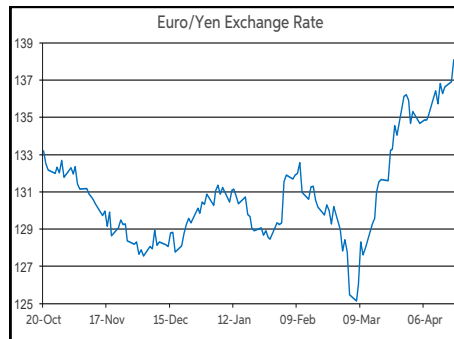
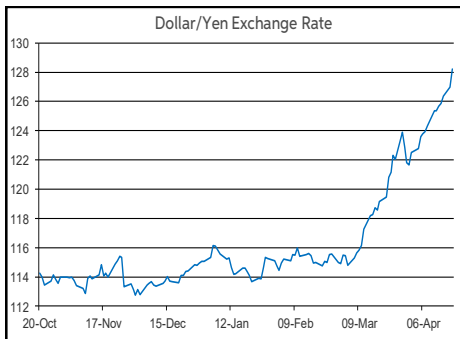
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8289	GBP/EUR	1.2058	USD/JPY	128.28
EUR/USD	1.0771	GBP/USD	1.2993	USD/CAD	1.258
EUR/JPY	138.18	GBP/CAD	1.6346	USD/CHF	0.9453
EUR/SEK	10.352	GBP/NZD	1.9286	USD/CNY	6.3727
EUR/DKK	7.4388	GBP/JPY	166.67	USD/BRL	4.6528
EUR/NOK	9.531	GBP/SEK	12.4831	USD/RUB	79.921
EUR/CHF	1.0184	GBP/DKK	8.9708	USD/INR	76.28
EUR/AUD	1.4611	GBP/NOK	11.4933	AUD/USD	0.7371
EUR/HKD	8.4475	GBP/CHF	1.2283	NZD/USD	0.6736
EUR/CAD	1.3552	GBP/AUD	1.7622		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 21
10 Year Yield %				
US	2.86	+3	+56	+134
Germany	0.84	+6	+38	+102
UK	1.89	+9	+25	+92
5 Year Swap %				
Ireland	1.43	+6	+35	+119
Belgium	1.36	+7	+41	+118
France	1.34	+7	+43	+115
Italy	2.50	+12	+50	+131
Spain	1.80	+8	+39	+120
Portugal	1.86	+7	+59	+137
Greece	2.89	+3	+20	+157
2 Year Swap %				
US	2.81	+1	+43	+148
Eurozone	1.27	+0	+47	+125
UK	2.36	-2	+24	+108
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	60	+0	-3	+17
Belgium	52	+0	+3	+16
France	50	+1	+5	+13
Italy	166	+6	+12	+30
Spain	96	+2	+1	+18
Portugal	102	+0	+21	+35
Greece	205	-3	-18	+56

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21
Brent Oil	113.16	+1.31	-2.13	+45.49
West Texas Oil	108.24	+1.31	-3.48	+43.69
Gold \$	1978.5	+0.20	+2.20	+8.21

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