

EUR/USD above \$1.20 level

Having recorded some solid gains last week, equity markets edged back a little yesterday. At the closing bell on Wall Street, the S&P 500 was down 0.5%. The Euro Stoxx 50 was also a touch softer, down 0.3%.

A trend that did carryover from last week though, was the downward pressure on the dollar. The sparse macro calendar yesterday meant there was no new data behind the moves on currency markets.

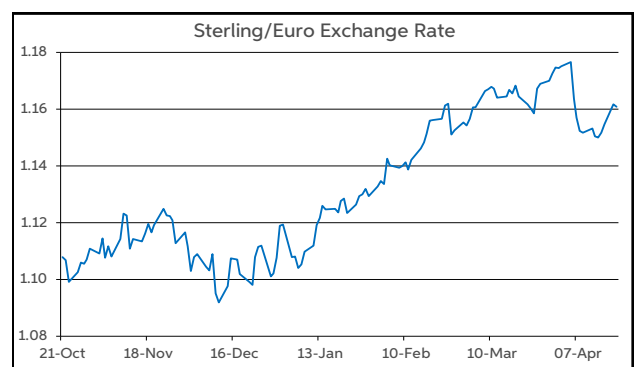
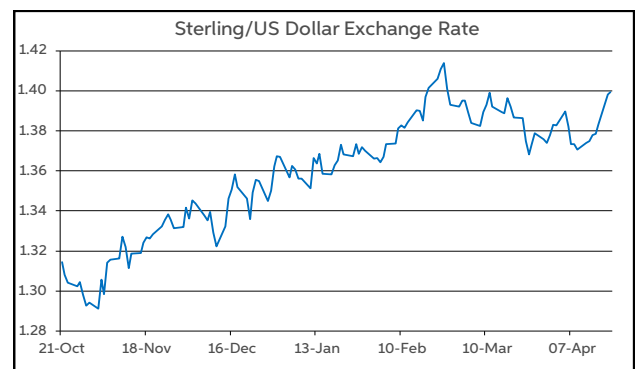
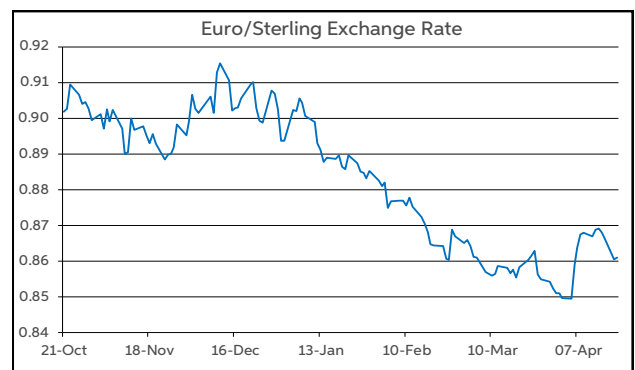
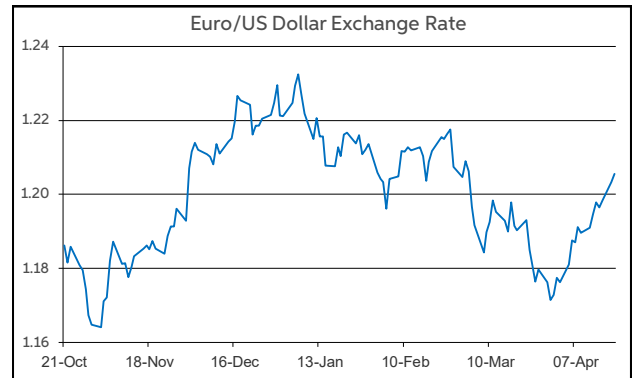
The continuing softer dollar tone occurred despite US Treasury yields edging slightly higher, having spent most of the month so far moving back from their highs in March. The greenback lost 0.8% against the euro. This saw EUR/USD move back above the \$1.20 threshold for the first time since the beginning of March.

Elsewhere on forex markets, there was a firmer tone to sterling. The combination of a firmer sterling and weaker dollar saw cable gain around 1% against the dollar. The pair climbed back above \$1.39, up towards the \$1.40 handle. EUR/GBP edged back towards the 86p mark also, as the pound held the upper hand against the single currency as well.

Already this morning, the UK unemployment rate for February has printed at 4.9% vs. 5.1% forecast. The release has not impacted sterling so far.

Thus, as trading gets underway today, EUR/GBP is near to 86p. EUR/USD is operating above the midpoint of the \$1.20-\$1.21 range, while GBP/USD is changing hands just shy of the \$1.40 level. There is a quiet data schedule for the remainder of the day.

Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB



Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2020
EUR/USD	1.2055	0.82	-1.29
EUR/GBP	0.8611	-0.24	-3.65
GBP/USD	1.3995	1.05	2.36
GBP/EUR	1.1607	0.24	3.79
USD/JPY	108.23	-0.40	4.83
EUR/JPY	130.47	0.41	3.42

* v Previous Day's European Open

See Next Page for More Rates

Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.125	0.12	0.19	0.20	0.30	0.91
EUR	0.00	-0.55	-0.54	-0.51	-0.48	-0.27
GBP	0.10	0.05	0.08	0.12	0.28	0.64

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

See Next Page For More Rates & Charts

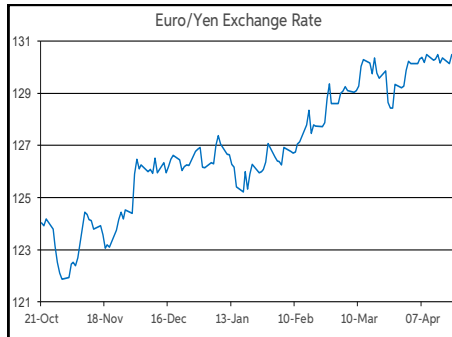
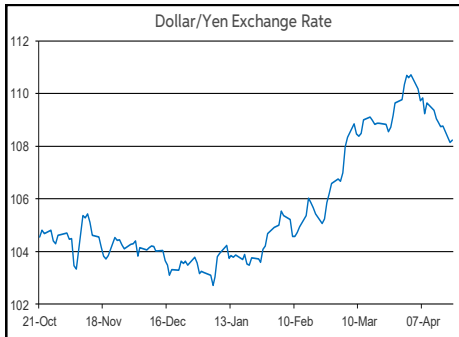
FX Spot	Karl Cooke Shane Gargan Enda Homan	FX Options	Mark Tuite	Reuters Phone	AIBG.I 00353-1-7724018	Morning Comment	John Fahey john.j.fahey@aib.ie
		Equity Options	Gary Luff				

Opening Levels

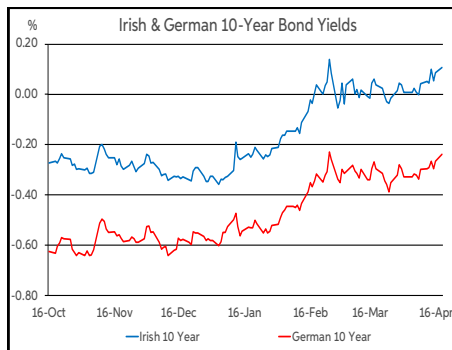
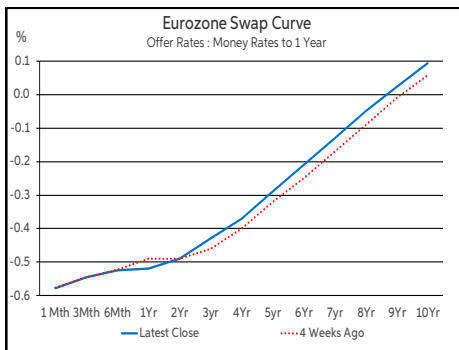
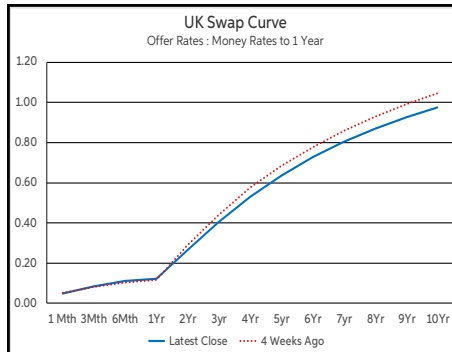
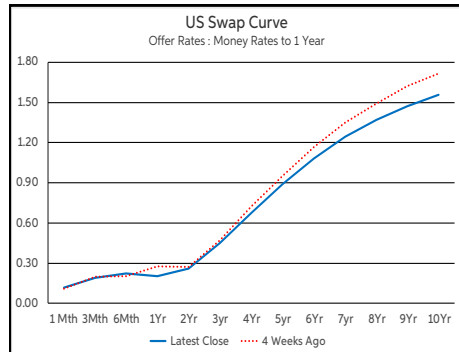
Tuesday 20 April 2021
07:16 am



Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8611	GBP/EUR	1.1607	USD/JPY	108.23
EUR/USD	1.2055	GBP/USD	1.3995	USD/CAD	1.249
EUR/JPY	130.47	GBP/CAD	1.7477	USD/CHF	0.9148
EUR/SEK	10.1056	GBP/NZD	1.9399	USD/CNY	6.4946
EUR/DKK	7.4361	GBP/JPY	151.44	USD/BRL	5.5458
EUR/NOK	9.9601	GBP/SEK	11.7273	USD/RUB	76.0562
EUR/CHF	1.1028	GBP/DKK	8.632	USD/INR	74.69
EUR/AUD	1.5451	GBP/NOK	11.56	AUD/USD	0.78
EUR/HKD	9.3599	GBP/CHF	1.2806	NZD/USD	0.7212
EUR/CAD	1.5057	GBP/AUD	1.7939		



	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 20
10 Year Yield %				
US	1.61	+2	-8	+69
Germany	-0.24	+3	+7	+34
UK	0.76	-1	-6	+56
5 Year Swap %				
US	0.89	+0	-6	+47
Eurozone	-0.29	+1	+4	+17
UK	0.64	-0	-4	+45
2 Year Swap %				
US	0.26	-1	+1	+7
Eurozone	-0.49	-0	+1	+4
UK	0.27	-0	-1	+24
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	38	-0	+2	+11
Belgium	30	-1	-2	+11
France	25	-0	-0	+1
Italy	103	+2	+7	-7
Spain	65	-1	+0	+2
Portugal	66	-1	+12	+2
Greece	115	-2	-8	-6



	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 20
Brent Oil	67.05	+0.42	+3.76	+29.44
West Texas Oil	63.33	+0.27	+3.01	+30.98
Gold \$	1769.3	-0.39	+1.76	-6.71

This publication is for information purposes and is not an invitation to deal. The information is believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed. Any expressions of opinions are subject to change without notice. This publication is not to be reproduced in whole or in part without prior permission. In the Republic of Ireland it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. In the UK it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. and Allied Irish Bank (GB). In Northern Ireland it is distributed by Allied Irish Bank (NI). In the United States of America it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Allied Irish Bank (GB) and AIB (NI) are trade marks used under licence by AIB Group (UK) p.l.c. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.), incorporated in Northern Ireland. Registered Office 92 Ann Street, Belfast BT1 3HH. Registered Number NI018800. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. In the United States of America, Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., New York Branch, is a branch licensed by the New York State Department of Financial Services. Deposits and other investment products are not FDIC insured, they are not guaranteed by any bank and they may lose value. Please note that telephone calls may be recorded in line with market practice.