

## Markets off to a quiet start

There was a quiet start to the week on markets yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 and S&P 500 registered small gains, both up 0.2%. On bond markets the action was subdued also, and contained to 1-2bps. Meanwhile, the main FX pairs remained in tight ranges, although, there was a slightly softer tone to the euro.

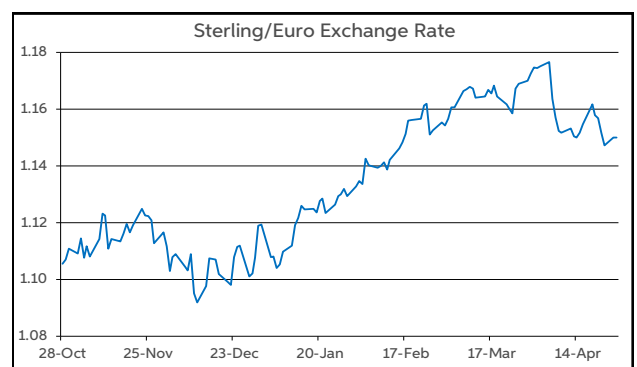
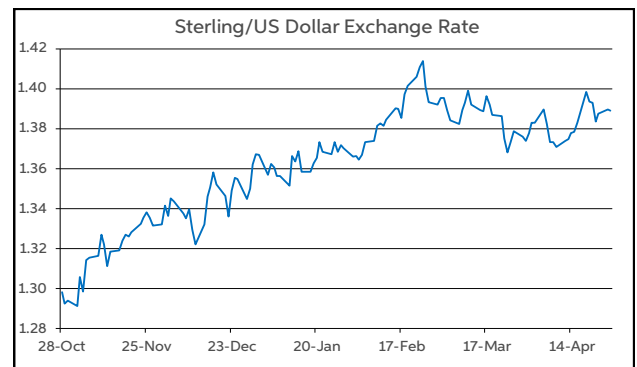
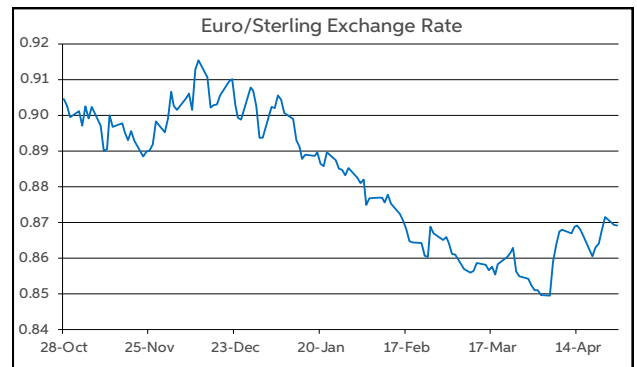
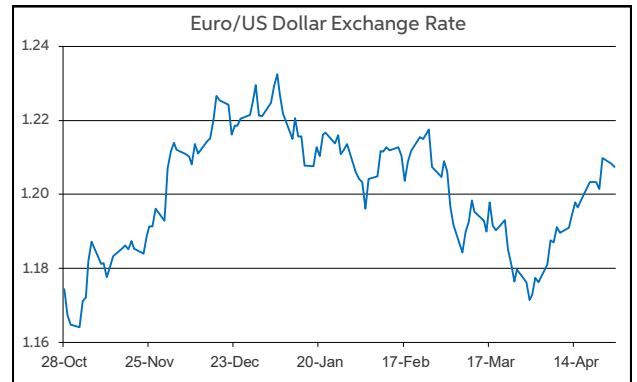
Data-wise, in the Eurozone, the bellwether German IFO missed expectations, increasing only marginally to 96.8 from 96.6 (vs. 97.8 f'cast). In the US, durable goods orders printed below the consensus as well, rising by just 0.5% (vs. 2.3% f'cast). However, the ex-transport measure rose by 1.6% as expected. Neither release impacted proceedings on currency markets.

In level terms, the slightly softer tone to the euro is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning below the \$1.21 handle, having straddled this threshold over the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is changing just under the 87p mark. Cable (GBP/USD) continues to operate close to the \$1.39 level.

Turning to the day ahead, the main data highlight is from the US. The April reading of the Conference Board measure of consumer confidence is forecast to rise to 113.0 from 109.7, buoyed by the rapid pace of the vaccine rollout in the US and large fiscal transfers. An update on the housing market in the US will also be provided. Case-Shiller house prices are expected to increase by 1.1% in February, lifting them 11.7% higher on an annual basis.

In the Eurozone, there is a quiet look to the data schedule. The Italian ISTAT and consumer confidence survey data for April are the only releases of note, though neither is likely to cause any reaction for the single currency.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2020
EUR/USD	1.2076	-0.25	-1.12
EUR/GBP	0.8692	-0.17	-2.74
GBP/USD	1.3891	-0.08	1.59
GBP/EUR	1.1501	0.17	2.82
USD/JPY	108.18	0.45	4.78
EUR/JPY	130.65	0.18	3.56

\* 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	0.125	0.11	0.18	0.19	0.30	0.94
EUR	0.00	-0.56	-0.54	-0.51	-0.48	-0.28
GBP	0.10	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.29	0.67

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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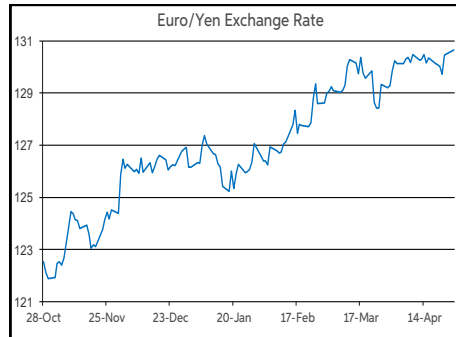
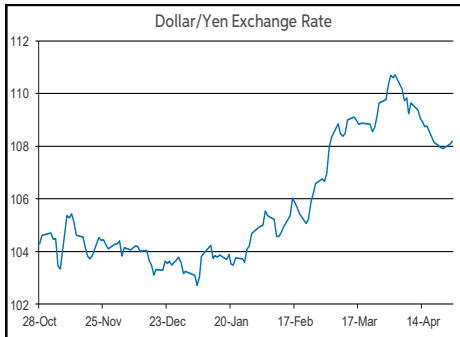
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# Opening Levels

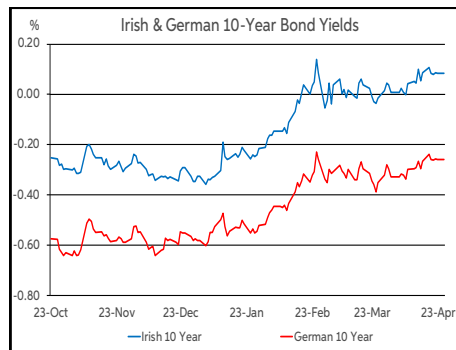
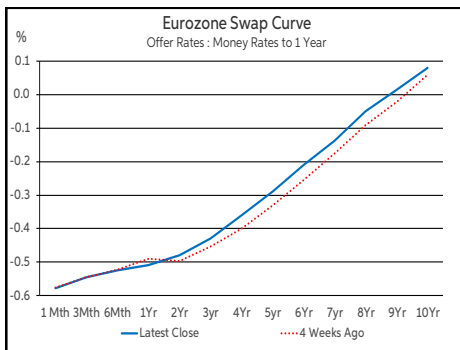
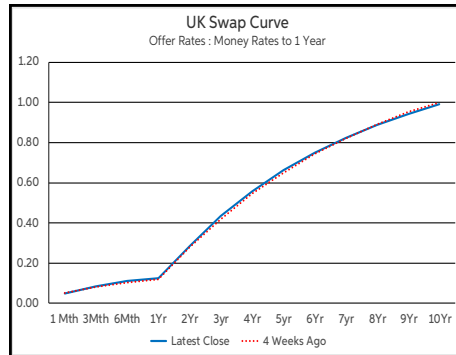
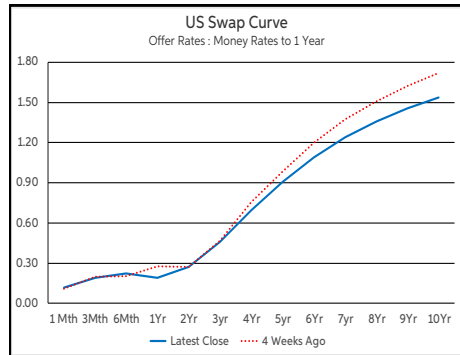
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8693	GBP/EUR	1.1501	USD/JPY	108.2
EUR/USD	1.2075	GBP/USD	1.3892	USD/CAD	1.2402
EUR/JPY	130.65	GBP/CAD	1.7227	USD/CHF	0.9153
EUR/SEK	10.1285	GBP/NZD	1.9214	USD/CNY	6.4841
EUR/DKK	7.4361	GBP/JPY	150.31	USD/BRL	5.4364
EUR/NOK	10.0085	GBP/SEK	11.6499	USD/RUB	74.8873
EUR/CHF	1.1056	GBP/DKK	8.553	USD/INR	74.57
EUR/AUD	1.5489	GBP/NOK	11.5136	AUD/USD	0.7794
EUR/HKD	9.372	GBP/CHF	1.2718	NZD/USD	0.7226
EUR/CAD	1.4975	GBP/AUD	1.782		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 20
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	1.57	+1	-15	+65
Germany	-0.26	+0	+7	+32
UK	0.76	+1	-3	+56
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	0.91	+1	-7	+49
Eurozone	-0.29	-0	+5	+17
UK	0.66	+2	+2	+47
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	0.27	+1	+1	+8
Eurozone	-0.48	-0	+4	+5
UK	0.28	+1	+1	+26
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	37	-0	+1	+10
Belgium	32	+0	+1	+13
France	25	+0	+0	+2
Italy	106	+1	+9	-4
Spain	66	+0	+2	+3
Portugal	66	-0	+14	+3
Greece	116	+1	-3	-5



Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 20
Brent Oil	65.65	-0.70	+1.03	+26.74
West Texas Oil	62.02	-0.26	+0.86	+28.27
Gold \$	1780.2	+0.17	+3.98	-6.13

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