

## EUR/USD remains in the top half of \$1.13-1.14

There was a subdued start to the week on financial markets, amid a quiet data calendar yesterday. Overall, investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone. This was reflected by the Euro Stoxx 50 registering a modest 0.3% gain, while the S&P 500 recovered late on to finish the day marginally higher, up by 0.1%.

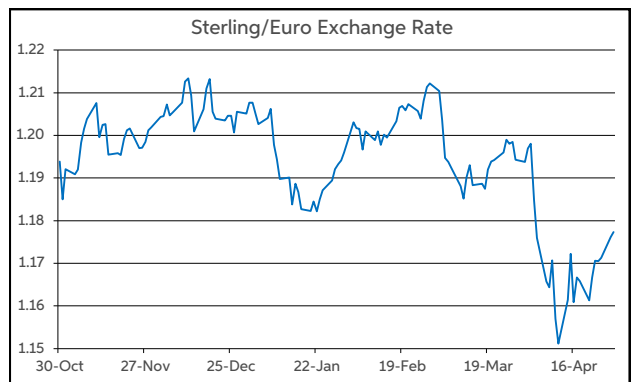
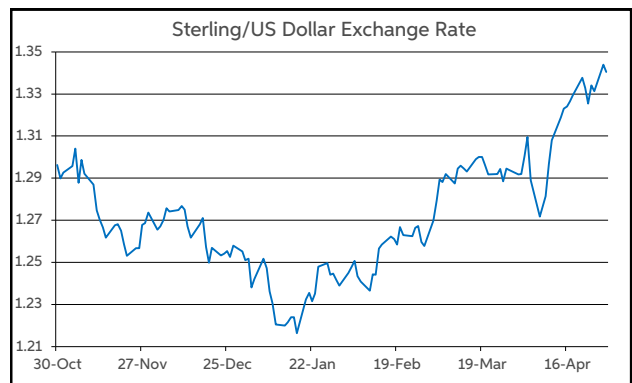
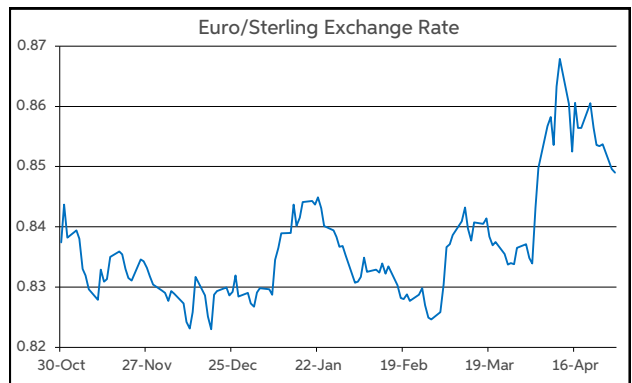
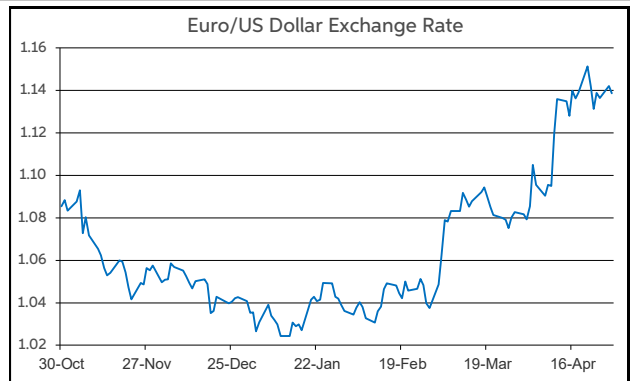
On bond markets, US Treasury yields declined by 1-6bps yesterday, led lower by the front-end of the curve. The move coincided with a marginal softening in US rate expectations, amid concerns on the US economic outlook. Futures contracts are now pricing in close to 90bps of rate cuts between now and year-end, compared to 85bps of easing at yesterday's open. However, the first rate cut is not fully priced-in until July. Elsewhere, medium to long-dated German Bund and UK Gilt yields rose by 2-4bps.

Currency-wise, trading conditions were somewhat choppy. The dollar started the day in the ascendancy but came under some downward pressure just before the European close. This saw EUR/USD trade in a \$1.133-1.143 range yesterday, while GBP/USD operated between \$1.328-1.344. Overall, the greenback has moved lower over the past 24 hours. Meantime, the euro was on the defensive overnight.

In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning in the top half of the \$1.13-1.14 trading band once again. GBP/USD is operating just above the \$1.34 mark. Meantime, EUR/GBP is changing hands back below the 85p handle. USD/JPY is down in the lower half of ¥142-143.

Turning to the day ahead, a busy data calendar includes the latest EC sentiment indicators for April. A modest deterioration is expected across the various sectors. Meanwhile in the US, the JOLTS job openings figure for March is due. Elsewhere, the US Conference Board measure of Consumer confidence for April is forecast to drop back sharply from 92.9 to 87.5, its lowest level since January 2021.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates |        |          |          |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                          |        | % Change |          |
|                          |        | Day *    | End 2024 |
| EUR/USD                  | 1.1387 | 0.13     | 9.99     |
| EUR/GBP                  | 0.849  | -0.56    | 2.62     |
| GBP/USD                  | 1.3405 | 0.69     | 7.15     |
| GBP/EUR                  | 1.1771 | 0.57     | -2.56    |
| USD/JPY                  | 142.41 | -0.63    | -9.40    |
| EUR/JPY                  | 162.15 | -0.50    | -0.37    |

\* 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                    | 4.38         | 4.32  | 4.27 | 3.82       | 3.76 | 3.73 |
| EUR                    | 2.40         | 2.14  | 2.17 | 1.97       | 1.93 | 2.18 |
| GBP                    | 4.50         | 4.27  | 4.17 | 3.83       | 3.90 | 3.93 |

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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06:47 am



## Euro

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.849   |
| EUR/USD | 1.1387  |
| EUR/JPY | 162.15  |
| EUR/SEK | 10.9575 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4642  |
| EUR/NOK | 11.8093 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9376  |
| EUR/AUD | 1.7752  |
| EUR/HKD | 8.8337  |
| EUR/CAD | 1.579   |

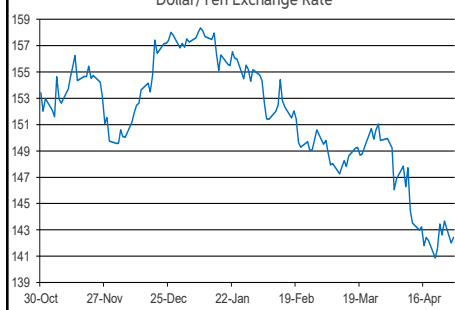
## Sterling

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| GBP/EUR | 1.1771  |
| GBP/USD | 1.3405  |
| GBP/CAD | 1.8589  |
| GBP/NZD | 2.2513  |
| GBP/JPY | 190.9   |
| GBP/SEK | 12.8985 |
| GBP/DKK | 8.7835  |
| GBP/NOK | 13.8885 |
| GBP/CHF | 1.1037  |
| GBP/AUD | 2.0898  |

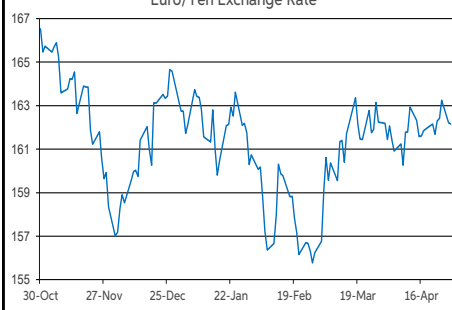
## Dollar

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| USD/JPY | 142.41 |
| USD/CAD | 1.3868 |
| USD/CHF | 0.8234 |
| USD/CNY | 7.2742 |
| USD/BRL | 5.6537 |
| USD/RUB | 82.4   |
| USD/INR | 85.225 |
| AUD/USD | 0.6411 |
| NZD/USD | 0.5951 |

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

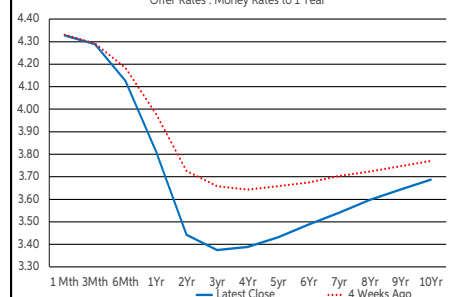


Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



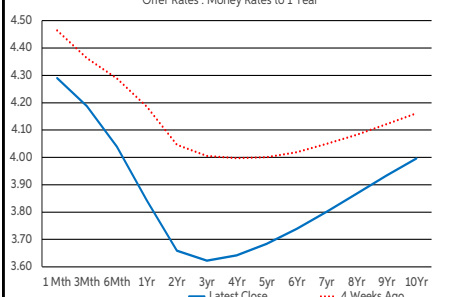
US Swap Curve

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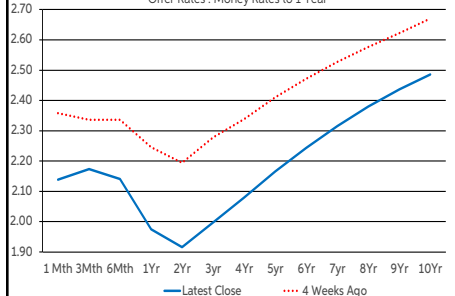
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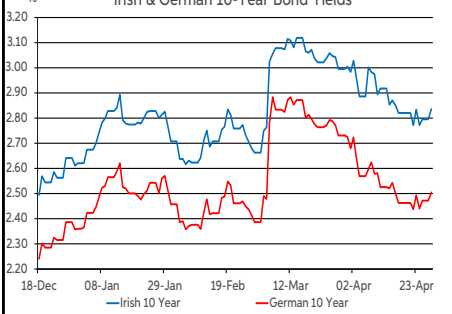


Eurozone Swap Curve

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Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



## Debt Markets

|                                                         | Close | Change bps |         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------|---------|--------|
|                                                         |       | Day        | 4 Weeks | End 24 |
| <b>10 Year Yield %</b>                                  |       |            |         |        |
| US                                                      | 4.22  | -5         | -3      | -36    |
| Germany                                                 | 2.51  | +3         | -22     | +14    |
| UK                                                      | 4.51  | +2         | -17     | -7     |
| Ireland                                                 | 2.87  | +4         | -16     | +22    |
| Belgium                                                 | 3.09  | +2         | -20     | +10    |
| France                                                  | 3.23  | +4         | -22     | +4     |
| Italy                                                   | 3.63  | +5         | -23     | +11    |
| Spain                                                   | 3.18  | +5         | -19     | +11    |
| Portugal                                                | 3.05  | +3         | -21     | +20    |
| Greece                                                  | 3.38  | +3         | -20     | +13    |
| <b>5 Year Swap %</b>                                    |       |            |         |        |
| US                                                      | 3.68  | -7         | -21     | -61    |
| Eurozone                                                | 2.15  | +1         | -26     | -9     |
| UK                                                      | 3.93  | +1         | -31     | -36    |
| <b>2 Year Swap %</b>                                    |       |            |         |        |
| US                                                      | 3.71  | -5         | -26     | -62    |
| Eurozone                                                | 1.91  | +0         | -28     | -28    |
| UK                                                      | 3.89  | -1         | -37     | -60    |
| <b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b> |       |            |         |        |
| Ireland                                                 | 37    | +1         | +7      | +8     |
| Belgium                                                 | 58    | -1         | +2      | -4     |
| France                                                  | 72    | +1         | +1      | -11    |
| Italy                                                   | 113   | +2         | -1      | -3     |
| Spain                                                   | 67    | +1         | +3      | -3     |
| Portugal                                                | 54    | -0         | +1      | +6     |
| Greece                                                  | 87    | -0         | +2      | -2     |

## Commodities

|                | Close  | % Change |         |        |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
|                |        | Day      | 4 Weeks | End 24 |
| Brent Oil      | 65.86  | -1.51    | -11.88  | -11.76 |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65  | -0.17    | -1.90   | -1.27  |
| Gold \$        | 3341.4 | +0.70    | +6.99   | +27.35 |

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