

## Busy macro-schedule this week

Overall, there was a risk-off tone to proceedings on markets last week, as concerns regarding vaccine supply chains dampened sentiment. Equity markets finished down over 3% both sides of the Atlantic for the week following some volatile trading sessions. On the currency front, sterling was modestly firmer, while there was a slightly softer tone to the euro.

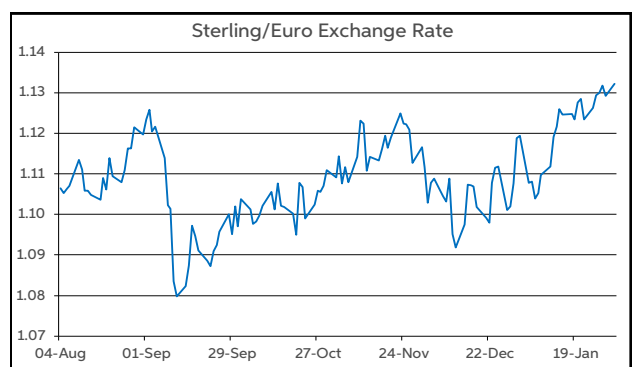
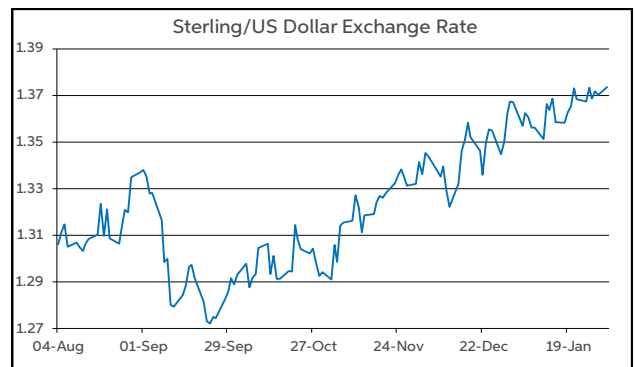
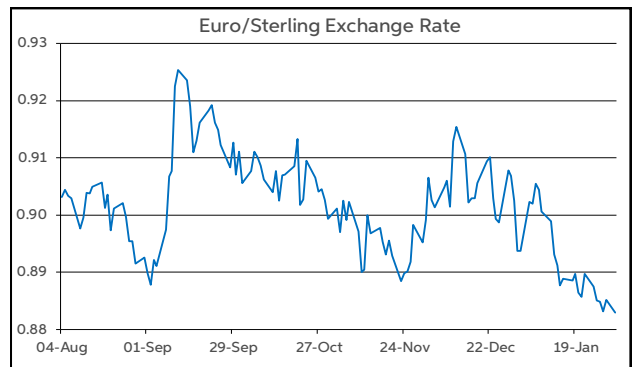
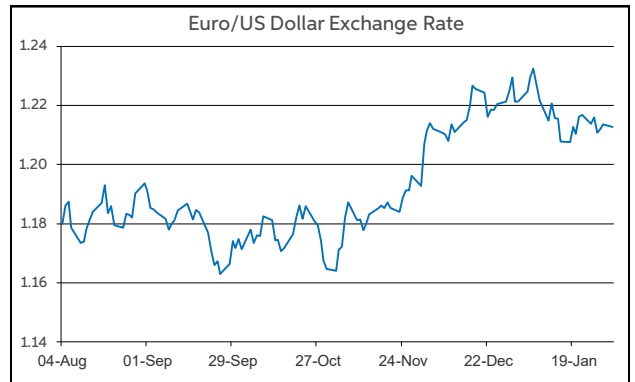
Over the weekend some of the concerns regarding vaccine supplies were assuaged as the EU and AstraZeneca came to an agreement. This will see AstraZeneca supply the EU with 9 million more vaccines than was proposed earlier last week in Q1. The EU Commission in return has agreed to roll back proposed restrictions on vaccine exports from the bloc to countries outside of the EU.

In level terms, the firmer tone to sterling is reflected in EUR/GBP starting the week below the midpoint of 88-89p. Elsewhere cable (GBP/USD) is changing hands above the \$1.37 handle. EUR/USD is operating in the lower half of the \$1.21-1.22 range.

Turning to the week ahead, there is a busy look to the macro-schedule. On the monetary policy front, the Bank of England will hold its first policy meeting of the year. However, the BoE is expected to remain on hold, meaning its impact on sterling may be limited. In the US, non-farm payrolls are the highlight, while in the Eurozone, the first reading of Q4 GDP will garner attention, as will the more timely release of HICP inflation for January.

Today, the data highlight will be the manufacturing ISM in the US for January. The forecast is for index to edge lower but to remain in expansion mode. Elsewhere, US stimulus talks may impact sentiment today, which in turn may influence the dollar.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2020
EUR/USD	1.2122	0.21	-0.75
EUR/GBP	0.8826	-0.01	-1.24
GBP/USD	1.3731	0.21	0.42
GBP/EUR	1.1325	0.01	1.26
USD/JPY	104.73	0.25	1.44
EUR/JPY	126.96	0.45	0.63

\* 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	0.12	0.20	0.16	0.20	0.53
EUR	0.00	-0.57	-0.55	-0.54	-0.54	-0.44
GBP	0.10	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.11	0.28

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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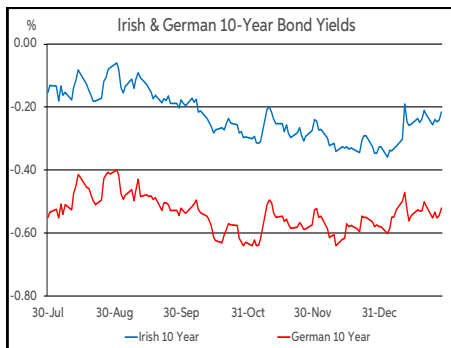
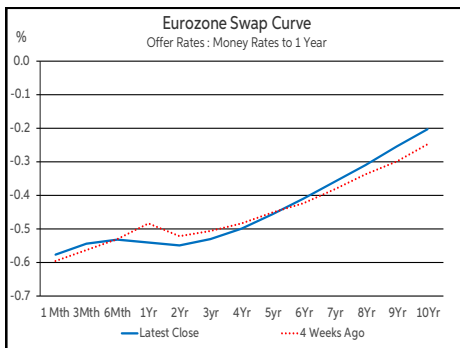
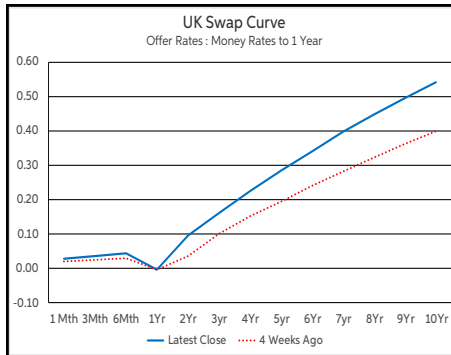
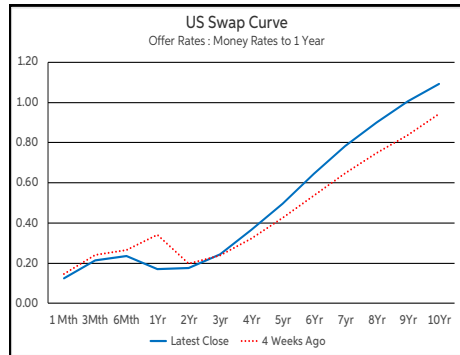
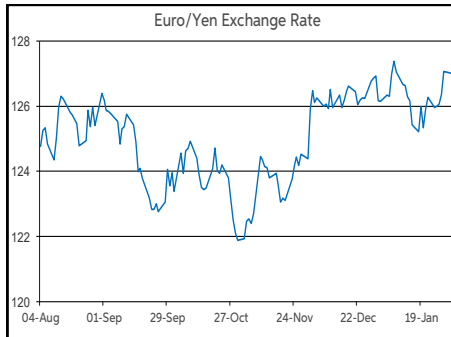
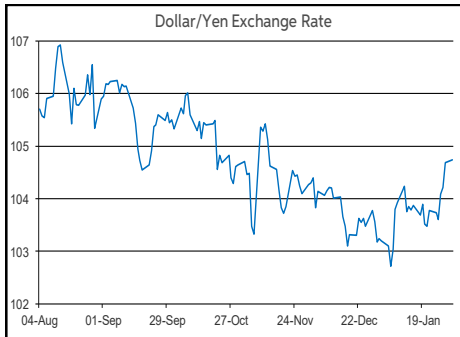
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# Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8826	GBP/EUR	1.1325	USD/JPY	104.73
EUR/USD	1.2122	GBP/USD	1.3731	USD/CAD	1.2776
EUR/JPY	126.96	GBP/CAD	1.7544	USD/CHF	0.8919
EUR/SEK	10.1472	GBP/NZD	1.9107	USD/CNY	6.4599
EUR/DKK	7.4364	GBP/JPY	143.79	USD/BRL	5.4625
EUR/NOK	10.3972	GBP/SEK	11.4901	USD/RUB	75.53
EUR/CHF	1.0815	GBP/DKK	8.4232	USD/INR	72.99
EUR/AUD	1.5853	GBP/NOK	11.7751	AUD/USD	0.7644
EUR/HKD	9.3974	GBP/CHF	1.2248	NZD/USD	0.7183
EUR/CAD	1.5482	GBP/AUD	1.7961		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 20
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	1.07	+2	+15	+15
Germany	-0.52	+2	+5	+5
UK	0.33	+4	+13	+13
Ireland	-0.19	+2	+11	+11
Belgium	-0.33	+2	+5	+5
France	-0.26	+4	+8	+8
Italy	0.64	+0	+12	+12
Spain	0.10	+3	+5	+5
Portugal	0.04	+2	-2	-2
Greece	0.69	-1	+6	+6
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	0.50	+0	+8	+8
Eurozone	-0.46	-1	+1	+0
UK	0.28	+2	+9	+9
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	0.18	-0	-2	-2
Eurozone	-0.55	-1	-2	-2
UK	0.10	+1	+7	+7
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	33	+0	+6	+6
Belgium	19	+0	-0	-0
France	26	+2	+2	+2
Italy	116	-2	+7	+7
Spain	62	+0	-1	-1
Portugal	56	-0	-7	-7
Greece	121	-3	+0	+0

Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 20
Brent Oil	55.88	+0.63	+7.88	+7.88
West Texas Oil	52.16	-0.19	+7.88	+7.88
Gold \$	1846.1	+0.31	-2.74	-2.66

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