

Main FX pairs remain range bound

Risk appetite was holding a cautious tone for much of yesterday. Most of the main equity indices were in side-ways mode. Although, this followed all-time record closing highs for the likes of the S&P 500 index last week. There was some action on bond markets, with sovereign yields generally higher across the board.

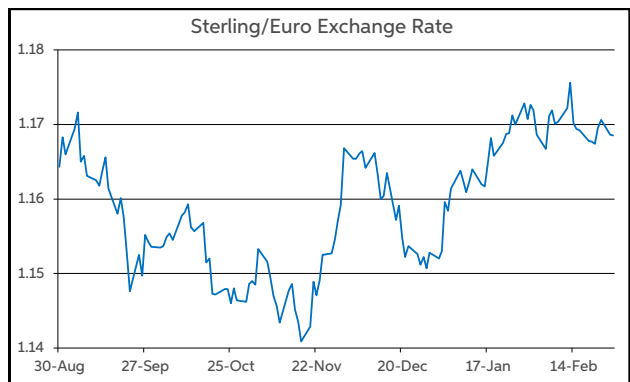
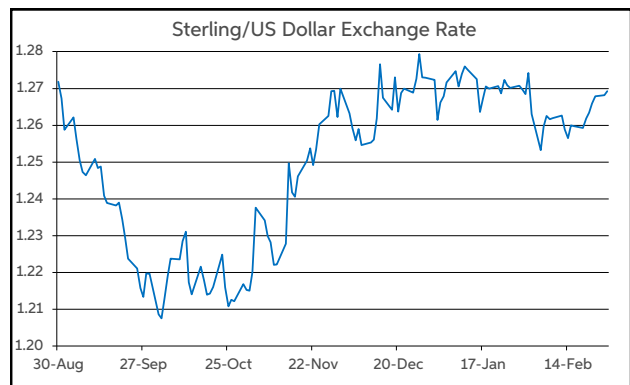
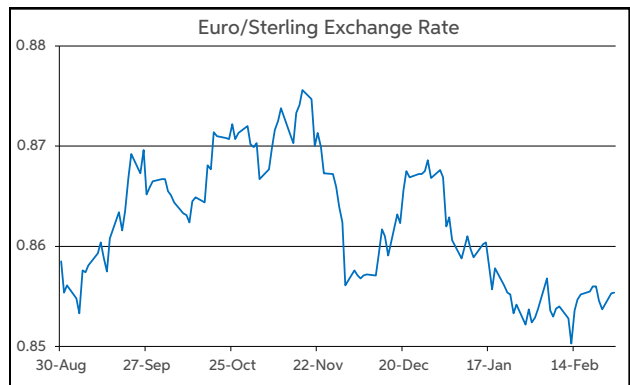
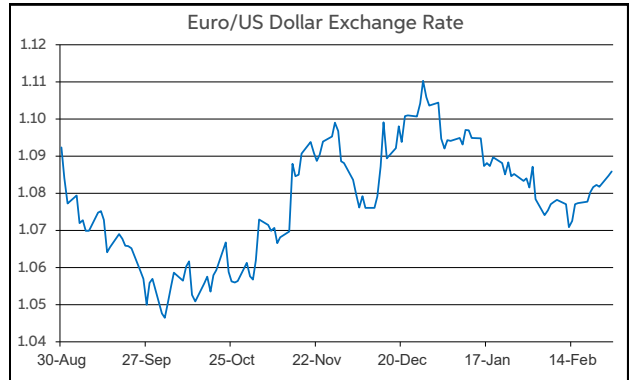
Data-wise, there was a dearth of top tier macro releases on either side of the Atlantic. One of the few data highlights was US new home sales for January. They missed to the downside of expectations, but not surprisingly generated little in the way of market reaction.

From a currency viewpoint, the main currency pairs continued to trade within very narrow ranges yesterday. This lacklustre action has continued in overnight trading. Of the limited moves to register, both the euro and sterling have managed to grind out some further modest gains versus the dollar.

This is reflected in EUR/USD starting this morning's European session above the midpoint of \$1.08-1.09. At the same time, cable (GBP/USD) has edged higher, up towards the \$1.27 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to be defined by a very tight trading corridor. The pair has operated within a 85.3p-85.6 range since yesterday's open.

Looking ahead to today, there is a busier schedule of data releases. In the Eurozone, we get M3 money supply and lending data for January. Meanwhile, the US diary features durable goods orders for January and the February reading of the Conference Board measure of consumer confidence.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0858	0.34	-1.61
EUR/GBP	0.8554	0.14	-1.32
GBP/USD	1.2692	0.21	-0.29
GBP/EUR	1.1685	-0.14	1.33
USD/JPY	150.42	0.00	6.64
EUR/JPY	163.35	0.34	4.96

* 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	5.38	5.44	5.60	5.36	4.90	4.34
EUR	4.50	3.85	3.93	3.74	3.28	2.86
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.20	5.01	4.82	4.33

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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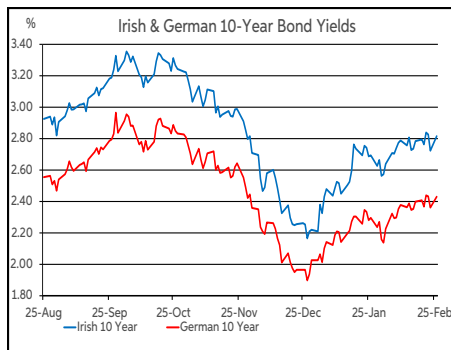
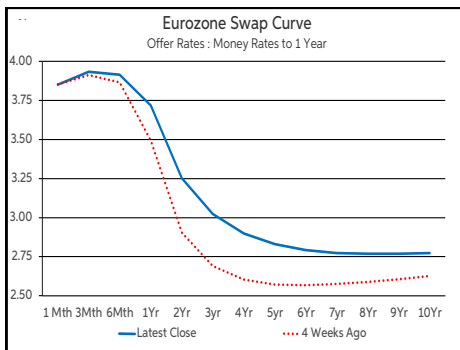
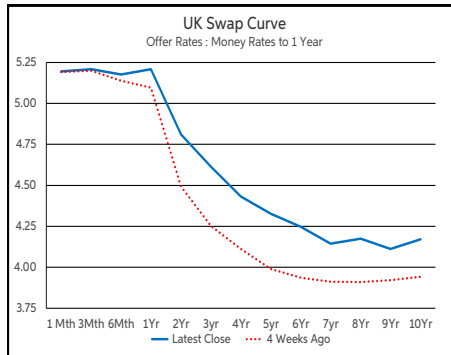
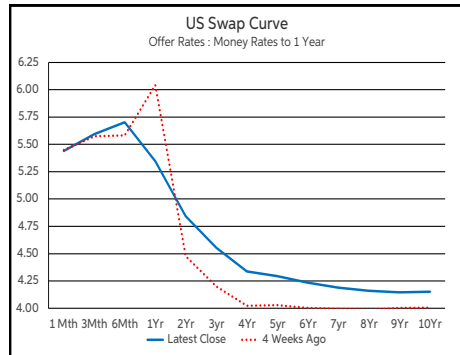
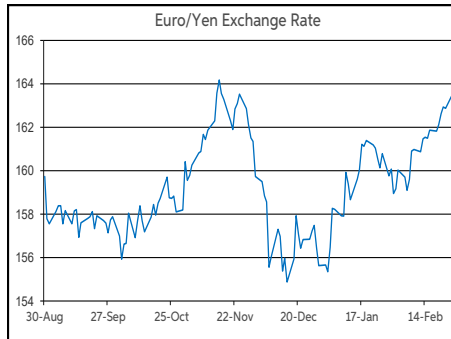
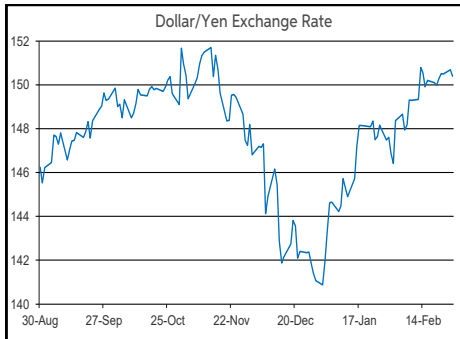
EUR/GBP	0.8554
EUR/USD	1.0858
EUR/JPY	163.35
EUR/SEK	11.152
EUR/DKK	7.454
EUR/NOK	11.3942
EUR/CHF	0.9547
EUR/AUD	1.6573
EUR/HKD	8.4961
EUR/CAD	1.4656

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1685
GBP/USD	1.2692
GBP/CAD	1.7127
GBP/NZD	2.0568
GBP/JPY	190.91
GBP/SEK	13.0297
GBP/DKK	8.7097
GBP/NOK	13.319
GBP/CHF	1.1156
GBP/AUD	1.9368

Dollar

USD/JPY	150.42
USD/CAD	1.3494
USD/CHF	0.879
USD/CNY	7.1971
USD/BRL	4.9799
USD/RUB	92.05
USD/INR	82.875
AUD/USD	0.655
NZD/USD	0.6168



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.28	+3	+21	+42
Germany	2.43	+7	+19	+40
UK	4.16	+13	+29	+62
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.29	+3	+31	+50
Eurozone	2.83	+7	+27	+40
UK	4.33	+6	+34	+68
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.84	+4	+41	+51
Eurozone	3.25	+7	+36	+46
UK	4.81	+5	+32	+55
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	43	+1	+0	+7
Belgium	57	+2	-1	-8
France	48	+1	-1	-5
Italy	146	+2	-4	-21
Spain	90	+1	+0	-7
Portugal	65	-0	-5	-11
Greece	94	-4	-6	-11

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	82.53	+1.11	+0.16	+7.13
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2030.7	-0.25	-0.05	-1.55

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