

Uneventful trading conditions

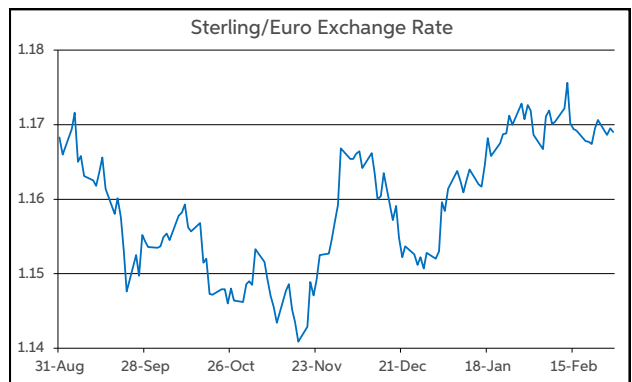
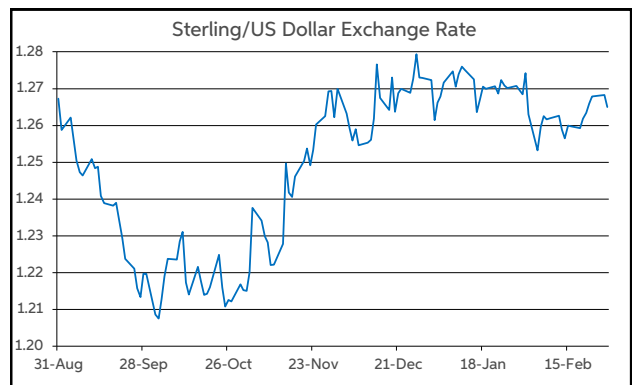
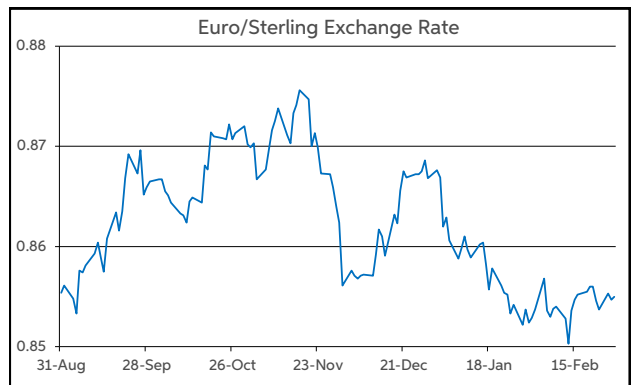
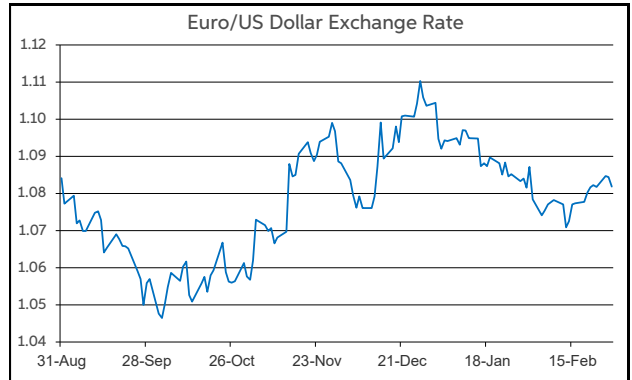
Trading conditions remained muted across financial markets yesterday. Investor sentiment retained a cautious tone. This was reflected in modest moves on the day on the main equity indices. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was up by a marginal 0.2%. Meanwhile, on bond markets, sovereign 10-year yields were between 2-4bps higher.

Data-wise, yesterday's macro updates were generally disappointing. Eurozone money supply and loan growth figures for January were consistent with a challenging growth environment for the economy. In the US, the durable goods order report for January suggested a weak start to Q1 for business investment in the world's largest economy. Meanwhile, the Conference Board measure of US consumer confidence for February showed that sentiment fell back after three months of improvement.

Overall though, from a currency perspective, the macro newflows had no material impact. Instead, the action amongst the majors continued to be defined by tight ranges. Of the limited action to register over the past 24 hours, the dollar has regained some slight ground versus the euro and sterling. EUR/USD is trading at the lower end of the \$1.08-1.09 band. Meantime, GBP/USD has edged back to the midpoint of \$1.26-1.27. Elsewhere on the currency front, EUR/GBP has mostly operated within a very narrow 85.5-85.7p corridor.

Looking ahead to today's macro calendar, the main release of note from the Eurozone is the EC economic sentiment index for February. The UK diary remains sparse. Across the Atlantic, the second readings of Q4 GDP and core PCE inflation feature on the US schedule.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.082	-0.29	-1.96
EUR/GBP	0.8551	-0.06	-1.35
GBP/USD	1.265	-0.24	-0.62
GBP/EUR	1.1688	0.06	1.37
USD/JPY	150.71	0.13	6.84
EUR/JPY	163.08	-0.16	4.79

* 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	5.35	4.86	4.34
EUR	4.50	3.84	3.95	3.71	3.27	2.85
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.19	5.02	4.84	4.35

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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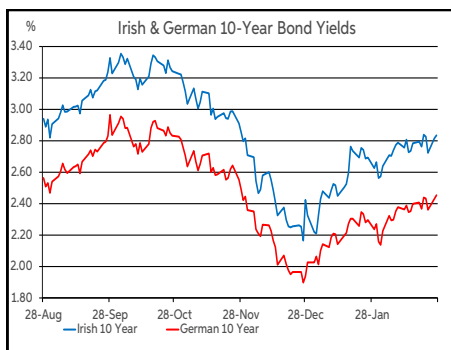
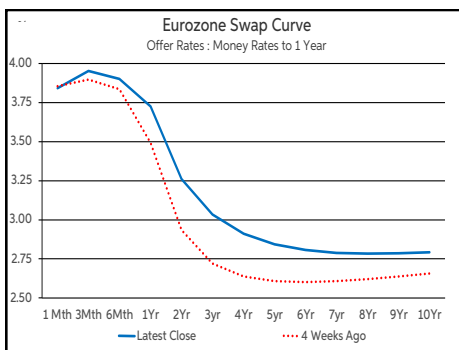
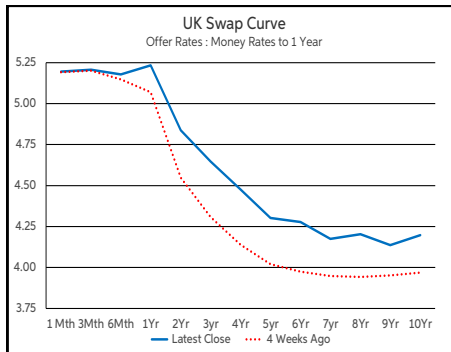
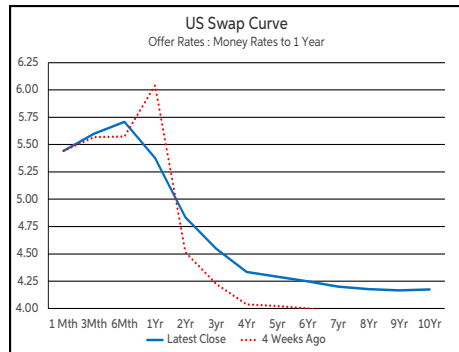
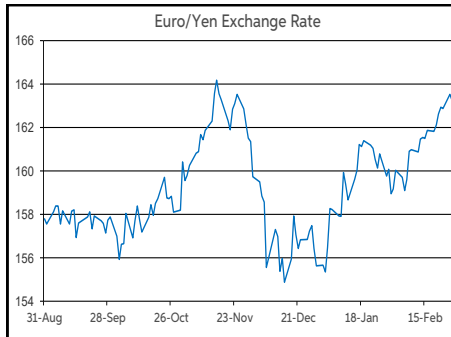
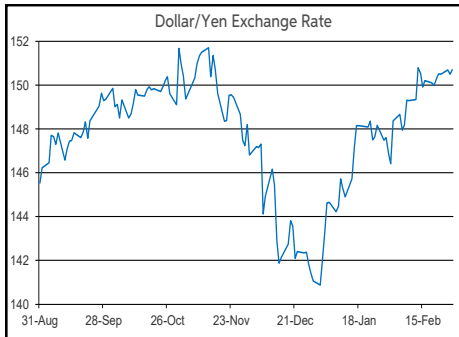
EUR/GBP	0.8551
EUR/USD	1.082
EUR/JPY	163.08
EUR/SEK	11.1932
EUR/DKK	7.4536
EUR/NOK	11.4523
EUR/CHF	0.953
EUR/AUD	1.6622
EUR/HKD	8.4687
EUR/CAD	1.4665

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1688
GBP/USD	1.265
GBP/CAD	1.7145
GBP/NZD	2.0728
GBP/JPY	190.65
GBP/SEK	13.084
GBP/DKK	8.714
GBP/NOK	13.3895
GBP/CHF	1.1143
GBP/AUD	1.9434

Dollar

USD/JPY	150.71
USD/CAD	1.3552
USD/CHF	0.8807
USD/CNY	7.1992
USD/BRL	4.9335
USD/RUB	91.9875
USD/INR	82.905
AUD/USD	0.6508
NZD/USD	0.6101



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.30	+2	+27	+44
Germany	2.46	+2	+18	+43
UK	4.20	+4	+30	+66
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.29	+0	+31	+50
Eurozone	2.84	+1	+25	+42
UK	4.30	-2	+33	+65
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.83	+1	+36	+50
Eurozone	3.26	+1	+34	+47
UK	4.84	+3	+30	+57
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	44	+1	+1	+8
Belgium	58	+0	-1	-7
France	48	+1	-0	-5
Italy	145	-1	-8	-22
Spain	90	+0	-1	-6
Portugal	64	-0	-5	-12
Greece	96	+1	-4	-9

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	83.65	+1.36	+0.94	+8.58
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2029.6	-0.05	-0.32	-1.60

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