

## EUR/USD remains confined to \$1.16-1.17

Risk appetite retained its cautious tone yesterday as investors pondered a raft of potential geopolitical risks. This was reflected in the performance of the main equity indices. At the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.5% lower on the day.

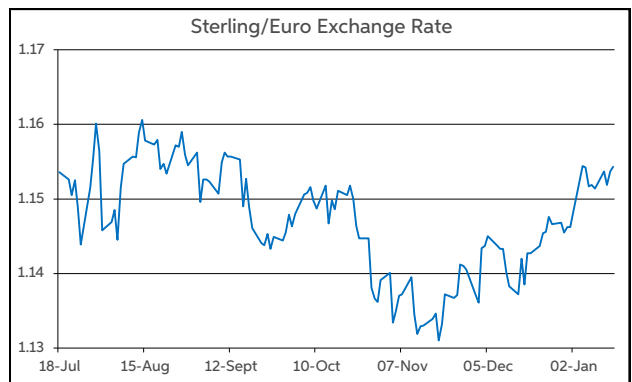
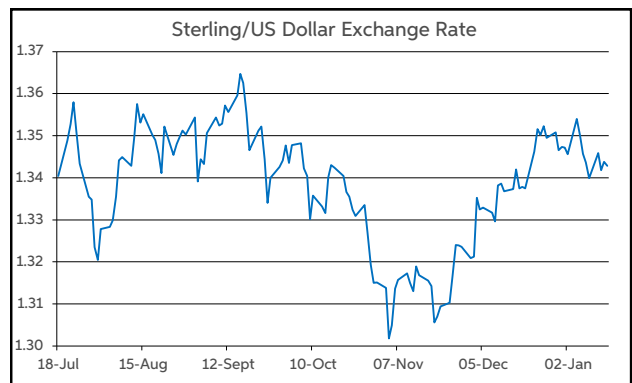
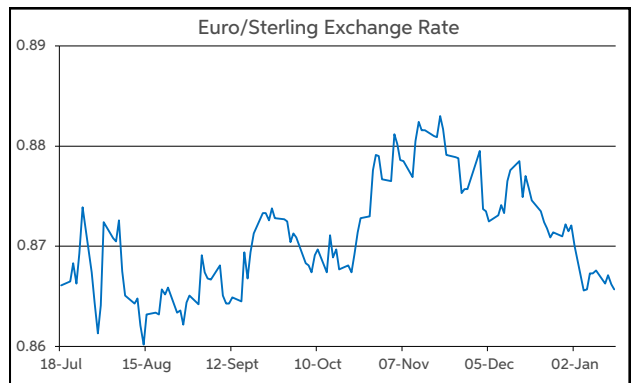
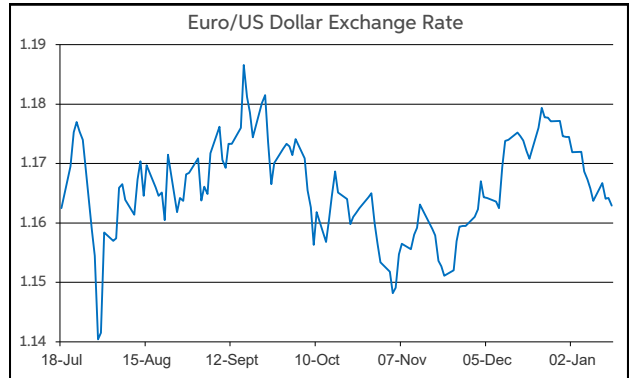
From a currency market perspective, most of the main pairs were confined to narrow ranges yesterday. This has continued in overnight trading on Asia-Pacific markets. Data-wise, the main release of note was US retail sales for November. Overall, the data indicated some solid momentum in US household expenditure in the latter part of 2025. However, there was no noticeable impact on the dollar from the data.

The one exception to the subdued action amongst the FX majors was the yen, which regained some ground. The currency had been under pressure recently on mounting 'election' speculation. A snap election was confirmed yesterday. However, there was some official verbal FX intervention, with Japan's Minister of Finance stating that the government was concerned about the recent yen weakening and would act, if needed.

The limited moves in EUR/USD over the past 24 hours sees the pair open this morning just below the midpoint of \$1.16-1.17, while EUR/GBP remains in the upper half of 86-87p. The modestly firmer tone to the yen is evident in USD/JPY trading back below the ¥159 mark.

Today's macro diary has already seen the release of UK GDP for November. It printed ahead of expectations, rising by 0.3% m/m (f'cast for +0.1%). In terms of other scheduled releases due, Eurozone industrial production (Nov) is the main data of note from the currency bloc today. In the US, the weekly jobless claims data are the highlight. The market will also be keeping a watchful eye on the US Supreme Court to see if it publishes its 'tariff ruling'.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates |        |          |          |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                          |        | % Change |          |
|                          |        | Day *    | End 2025 |
| EUR/USD                  | 1.163  | -0.09    | -0.98    |
| EUR/GBP                  | 0.8657 | -0.07    | -0.67    |
| GBP/USD                  | 1.3428 | -0.04    | -0.33    |
| GBP/EUR                  | 1.1545 | 0.07     | 0.67     |
| USD/JPY                  | 158.66 | -0.42    | 1.28     |
| EUR/JPY                  | 184.55 | -0.51    | 0.30     |

\* 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                    | 3.63         | 3.66  | 3.66       | 3.47 | 3.64 | 3.74 |
| EUR                    | 2.00         | 1.94  | 2.02       | 2.17 | 2.24 | 2.52 |
| GBP                    | 3.75         | 3.73  | 3.71       | 3.51 | 3.68 | 3.84 |

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8657  |
| EUR/USD | 1.163   |
| EUR/JPY | 184.55  |
| EUR/SEK | 10.7018 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4722  |
| EUR/NOK | 11.7193 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9319  |
| EUR/AUD | 1.74    |
| EUR/HKD | 9.0695  |
| EUR/CAD | 1.6162  |

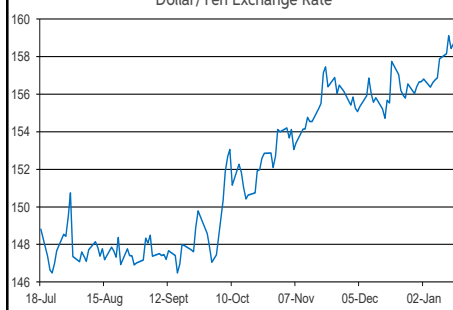
## Sterling

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1545  |
| GBP/USD | 1.3428  |
| GBP/CAD | 1.8663  |
| GBP/NZD | 2.3394  |
| GBP/JPY | 213.05  |
| GBP/SEK | 12.3552 |
| GBP/DKK | 8.6291  |
| GBP/NOK | 13.5343 |
| GBP/CHF | 1.0758  |
| GBP/AUD | 2.0092  |

## Dollar

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| USD/JPY | 158.66 |
| USD/CAD | 1.39   |
| USD/CHF | 0.8011 |
| USD/CNY | 6.973  |
| USD/BRL | 5.3967 |
| USD/RUB | 78.45  |
| USD/INR | 90.354 |
| AUD/USD | 0.6679 |
| NZD/USD | 0.5737 |

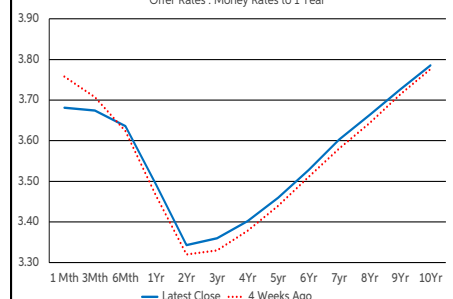
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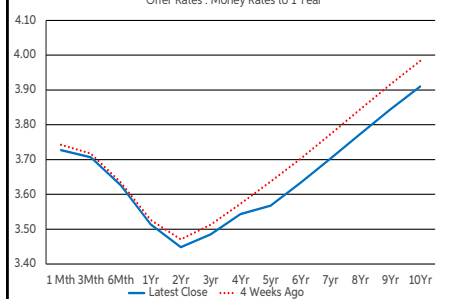
Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



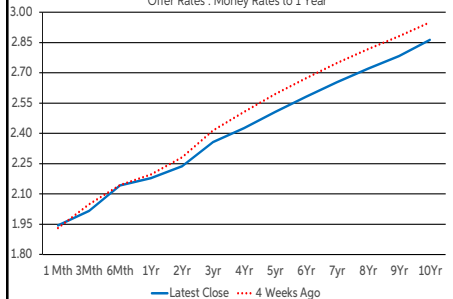
US Swap Curve  
Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



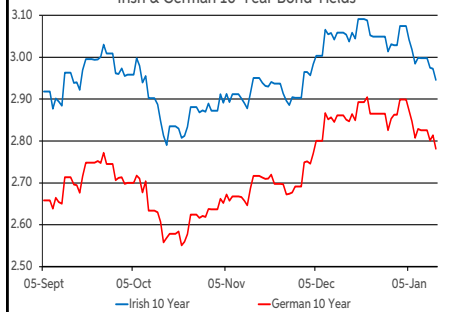
UK Swap Curve  
Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



Eurozone Swap Curve  
Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



## Debt Markets

|   | Close | Change bps |         |        |
|---|-------|------------|---------|--------|
|   |       | Day        | 4 Weeks | End 25 |
| <b>10 Year Yield %</b>                                  |       |            |         |        |
| US  | 4.14  | -3         | -1      | -1     |
| Germany   | 2.78  | -3         | -8      | -8     |
| UK  | 4.34  | -6         | -14     | -13    |
| Ireland   | 2.95  | -3         | -11     | -8     |
| Belgium   | 3.26  | -4         | -9      | -8     |
| France  | 3.49  | -3         | -8      | -7     |
| Italy   | 3.41  | -3         | -12     | -10    |
| Spain   | 3.22  | -3         | -8      | -8     |
| Portugal  | 3.09  | -2         | -8      | -7     |
| Greece  | 3.36  | -1         | -12     | -12    |
| <b>5 Year Swap %</b>                                    |       |            |         |        |
| US  | 3.73  | -3         | +8      | +0     |
| Eurozone  | 2.50  | -2         | -8      | -6     |
| UK  | 3.82  | -4         | -7      | -7     |
| <b>2 Year Swap %</b>                                    |       |            |         |        |
| US  | 3.62  | -1         | +5      | +4     |
| Eurozone  | 2.23  | -1         | -4      | -3     |
| UK  | 3.68  | -3         | -5      | -6     |
| <b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b> |       |            |         |        |
| Ireland   | 16    | +1         | -3      | -0     |
| Belgium   | 48    | -1         | -1      | -0     |
| France  | 71    | -0         | +0      | +1     |
| Italy   | 63    | +0         | -3      | -2     |
| Spain   | 43    | +0         | +0      | +0     |
| Portugal  | 31    | +1         | +1      | +1     |
| Greece  | 57    | +2         | -3      | -4     |

## Commodities

|                | Close  | % Change |         |        |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
|                |        | Day      | 4 Weeks | End 25 |
| Brent Oil      | 66.52  | +1.60    | +11.46  | +9.32  |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65  | -0.17    | -1.90   | -1.27  |
| Gold \$        | 4620.5 | +0.72    | +6.44   | +7.10  |

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