Morning Comment

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Jam-packed macro calendar ahead

Overall, there was a positive tone to investor sentiment last week, despite choppy trading conditions at times. No new US trade tariffs and some strong earnings reports supported risk appetite. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 1.4% last week, while the S&P 500 rose by 1.7%.

On the currency front, the dollar was under downward pressure as additional US trade tariffs were not introduced. Meantime, the euro was boosted by some better than anticipated flash PMI data for January. This saw EUR/USD register a fresh YTD high of \$1.0521 on Friday. At the same time, having softened in the early part of last week, the yen recouped its losses versus the dollar following the BoJ's decision to hike rates by 25bps to 0.50%. However, the dollar has started this week on a firmer footing, strengthening somewhat in overnight A-PAC trading before the European open.

In level terms, EUR/USD starts this morning in the top half of the \$1.04-1.05 range. Meantime, GBP/USD is changing hands at the midpoint of the \$1.24-1.25 corridor. EUR/GBP is operating back below the 84p threshold. Elsewhere, USD/JPY is in the lower half of the ¥156-157 band.

Turning to the week ahead, the first monetary policy meetings of the year for the Fed and the ECB will be the main focus of a jampacked macro calendar. The Fed is expected to leave policy on hold but another 25bps cut from the ECB is widely anticipated. Data-wise, inflation will be in the spotlight, with US core-PCE (Dec) and flash HICP (Jan) for a slew of Eurozone economies due for release. The first readings of GDP for Q4 will also feature.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.046	0.11	1.03		
EUR/GBP	0.8394	-0.38	1.46		
GBP/USD	1.2453	0.43	-0.46		
GBP/EUR	1.1906	0.38	-1.44		
USD/JPY	156.09	0.48	-0.69		
EUR/JPY	163.3	0.57	0.34		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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		Openin	g Interest	Rates		
		Money	Market		5	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.30	4.28	4.17	4.38	4.37
EUR	3.15	2.74	2.64	2.46	2.41	2.44
GBP	4.75	4.55	4.49	4.31	4.46	4.33

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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate





All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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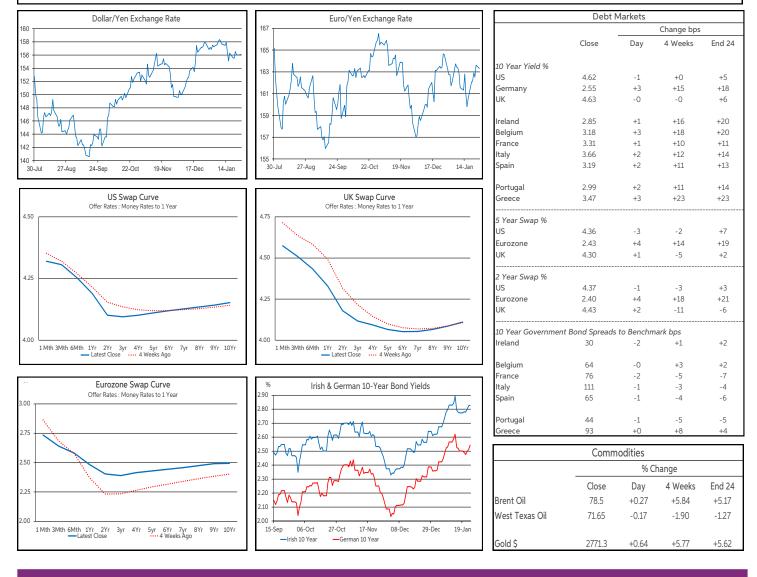
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8394	GBP/EUR	1.1906	USD/JPY	156.09
EUR/USD	1.046	GBP/USD	1.2453	USD/CAD	1.438
EUR/JPY	163.3	GBP/CAD	1.7906	USD/CHF	0.9066
EUR/SEK	11.4754	GBP/NZD	2.1887	USD/CNY	7.2662
EUR/DKK	7.462	GBP/JPY	194.38	USD/BRL	5.9109
EUR/NOK	11.7604	GBP/SEK	13.663	USD/RUB	98.4
EUR/CHF	0.9485	GBP/DKK	8.8803	USD/INR	86.403
EUR/AUD	1.6636	GBP/NOK	13.9809		
EUR/HKD	8.1509	GBP/CHF	1.1289	AUD/USD	0.6287
EUR/CAD	1.504	GBP/AUD	1.9798	NZD/USD	0.5684



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