

## Positive mood to start the week

There was a somewhat positive mood on markets yesterday. Bank shares rose across the board, following the sale of most of SVB's loans and deposits to First Citizen Bank in the US. The US KBW bank share index finished the day up 2.5%, while the Euro Stoxx 600 financials index rose 1.5%. Overall, the Euro Stoxx 600 finished up 1%, although, the S&P 500 gained just a meagre 0.2%.

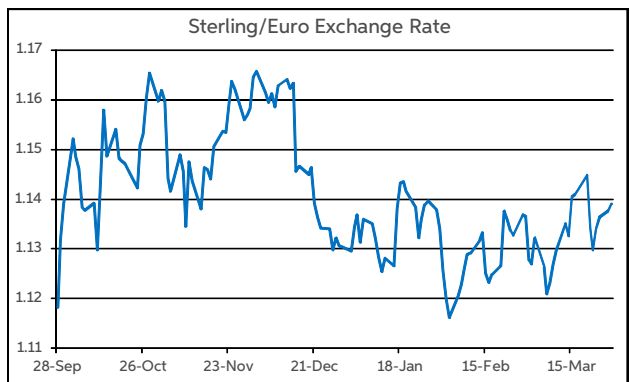
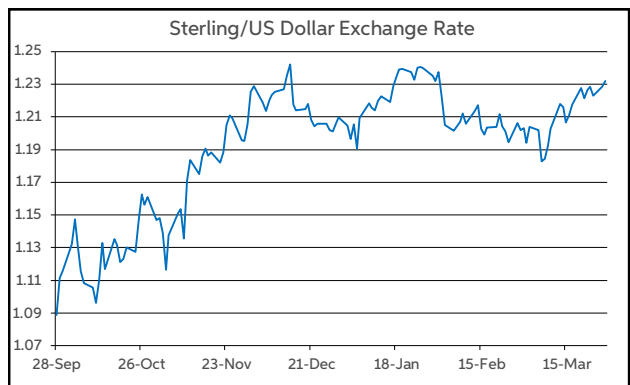
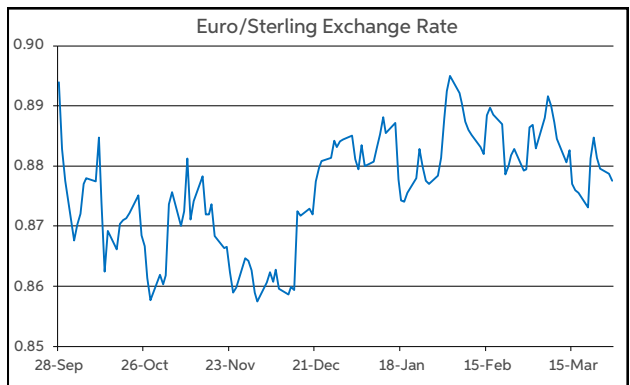
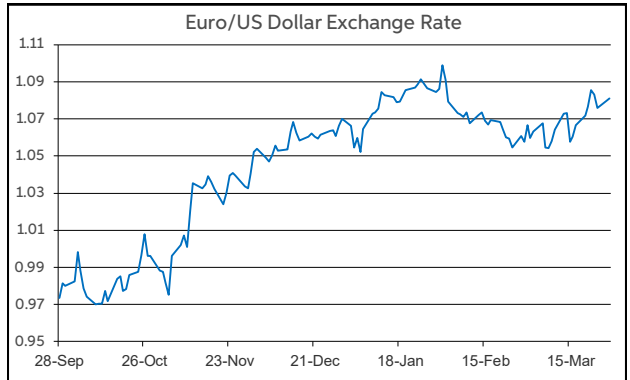
On bond markets trading conditions remained volatile, with significant intra-day movements once again. Overall, UK Gilt and German Bund yields climbed 10-20bps higher. Meanwhile, US Treasury yields rose by 10-15bps along the curve.

Currency-wise, the main pairs operated in narrow ranges yesterday. A quiet data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. The only release of note, the German Ifo for March, printed ahead of the consensus, rising to 93.3 from 91.1 (vs. 91.0 f'cast). However, the euro was not impacted by the data. Of the limited moves to register, the dollar and the yen were under some downward pressure, amid the more positive tone to risk appetite.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is changing hands just above the \$1.08 threshold. EUR/GBP remains in the top half of 87-88p. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is operating in the lower half of the \$1.23-1.24 corridor.

Today, there is a relatively quiet data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic once again. The main release, the US Conference Board measure of consumer confidence is forecast improve slightly in March. Meantime, remarks from a number of central bank speakers, including ECB President Lagarde and BoE Governor Bailey will be under the microscope.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0812	0.44	1.03
EUR/GBP	0.8775	-0.24	-0.78
GBP/USD	1.232	0.68	1.84
GBP/EUR	1.1391	0.24	0.79
USD/JPY	130.97	0.21	-0.11
EUR/JPY	141.62	0.63	0.94

\* 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	4.875	4.85	5.14	4.94	4.33	3.68
EUR	3.50	2.93	3.03	3.46	3.31	3.01
GBP	4.25	4.20	4.39	4.73	4.44	3.96

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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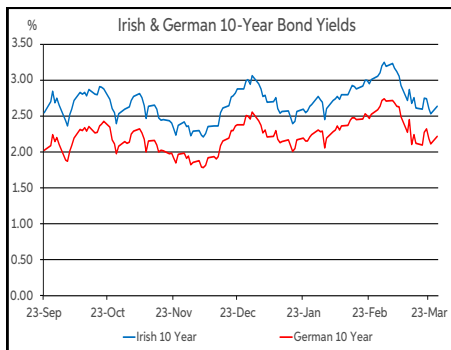
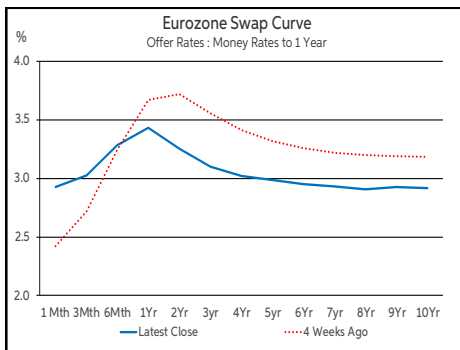
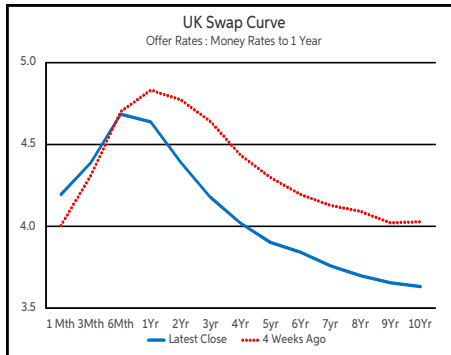
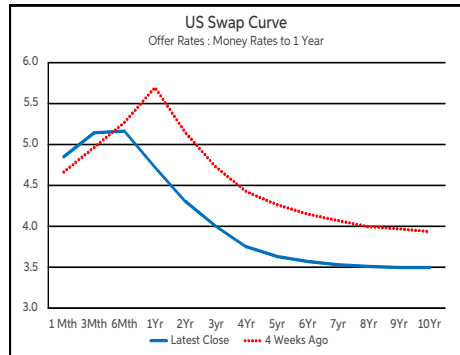
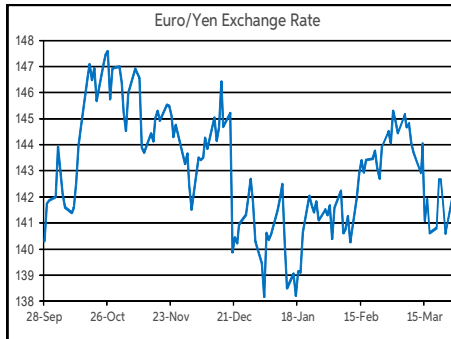
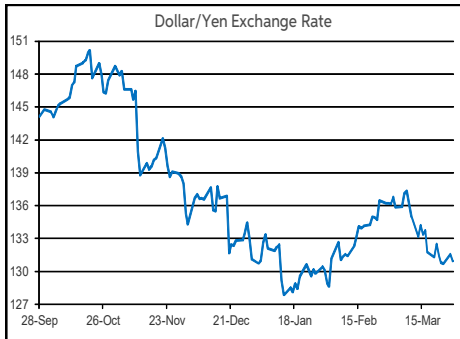
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# Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8775	GBP/EUR	1.1392	USD/JPY	130.97
EUR/USD	1.0812	GBP/USD	1.2319	USD/CAD	1.3639
EUR/JPY	141.61	GBP/CAD	1.6805	USD/CHF	0.9165
EUR/SEK	11.1965	GBP/NZD	1.9783	USD/CNY	6.8829
EUR/DKK	7.4509	GBP/JPY	161.34	USD/BRL	5.1954
EUR/NOK	11.2749	GBP/SEK	12.7554	USD/RUB	76.5
EUR/CHF	0.991	GBP/DKK	8.4888	USD/INR	82.255
EUR/AUD	1.6169	GBP/NOK	12.8467		
EUR/HKD	8.488	GBP/CHF	1.1293	AUD/USD	0.6686
EUR/CAD	1.4749	GBP/AUD	1.8423	NZD/USD	0.6227



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	3.54	+17	-38	-34
Germany	2.23	+11	-36	-34
UK	3.37	+8	-45	-30
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	3.63	+21	-59	-36
Eurozone	2.99	+9	-32	-24
UK	3.90	+7	-38	-40
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.31	+25	-79	-37
Eurozone	3.25	+5	-46	-14
UK	4.39	+13	-37	-29
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	44	+0	-5	-15
Belgium	68	-2	+1	+5
France	52	-2	+6	-3
Italy	183	-6	+0	-31
Spain	104	-4	+0	-6
Portugal	89	-1	+0	-15
Greece	193	-2	+12	-10

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	78.12	+4.17	-5.25	-9.07
West Texas Oil	72.87	+5.27	-3.57	-9.09
Gold \$	1956.6	-1.04	+7.66	+7.24

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