

Dollar gains amid higher oil prices

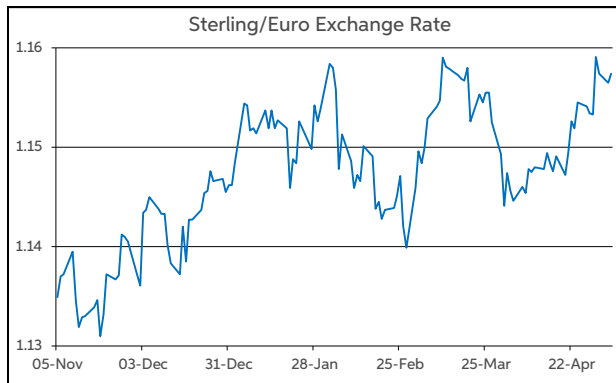
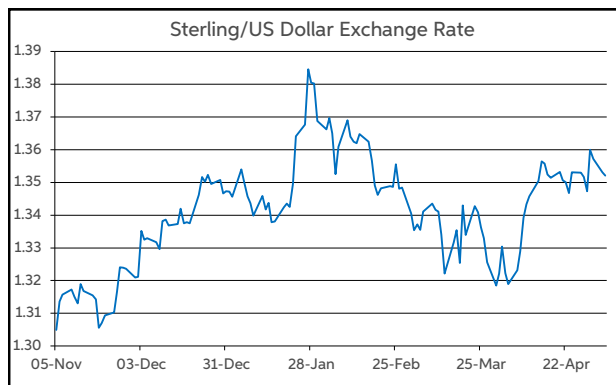
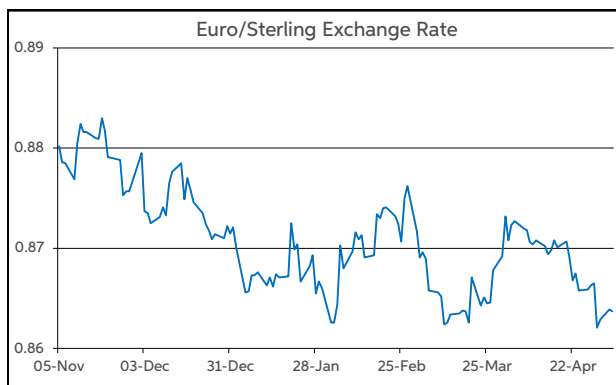
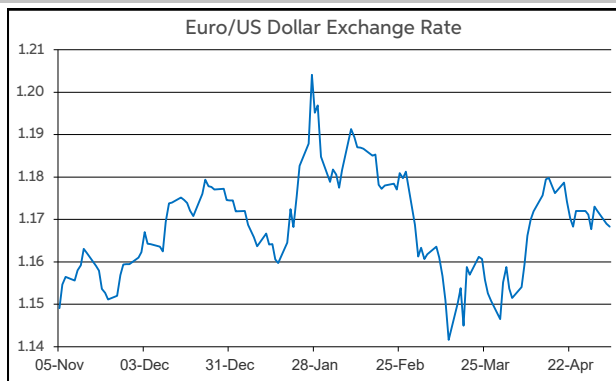
The Middle East conflict continued to dominate the headlines yesterday. Escalating tensions in the Strait of Hormuz increased concerns over the 'fragile' ceasefire between the US and Iran. Against this backdrop, oil prices came under further upward pressure. Brent Crude rose by around 5% on the day, up towards \$115 per barrel. Meanwhile, there was a generally risk averse tone to investor sentiment yesterday. This was especially evident on European equity markets. The Euro Stoxx 50 registered a 2% fall. Meantime, on Wall Street, the losses were more modest in magnitude. At the closing ball last night, the global benchmark S&P 500 index was 0.4% lower on the day.

On the currency front, the dollar has been holding the upper hand over the past 24 hours. The greenback remained positively correlated to the movement in oil prices. This was evident in the currency making gains against other majors, including the euro, sterling and the yen.

In level terms, this is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning below the \$1.17 threshold, while GBP/USD is trading down at the lower end of the \$1.35-1.36 band. Meanwhile, USD/JPY is back up in ¥157 territory. The pair had traded as low as ¥155.5 last week following 'official' intervention to strengthen the yen, after it rose above ¥160. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remains just below the midpoint of 86-87p, similar to where it started the week yesterday.

Looking ahead to today, the Middle East conflict and trajectory of oil prices will remain a key focus for markets in general. Investors will be paying close attention to developments/events in relation to the Strait of Hormuz. In terms of scheduled data releases, the European macro calendar is sparse today. In the US a busier agenda features Jolt Job openings, new home sales (both Mar) and the non-manufacturing ISM (April).

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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| | | % Change | |
| | | Day * | End 2025 |
| EUR/USD | 1.1683 | -0.38 | -0.53 |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8637 | 0.08 | -0.90 |
| GBP/USD | 1.3521 | -0.49 | 0.36 |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1572 | -0.08 | 0.90 |
| USD/JPY | 157.26 | 0.35 | 0.39 |
| EUR/JPY | 183.77 | -0.04 | -0.12 |

* 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 | 3.64 | 3.65 | 3.78 | 4.08 | 4.07 |
| EUR | 2.00 | 1.98 | 2.20 | 2.79 | 2.91 | 2.94 |
| GBP | 3.75 | 3.73 | 3.80 | 4.25 | 4.51 | 4.47 |

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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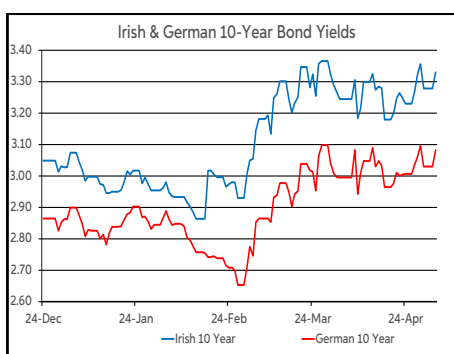
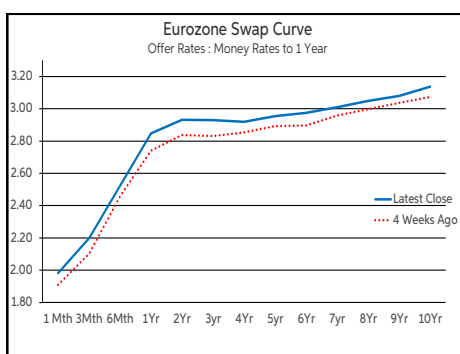
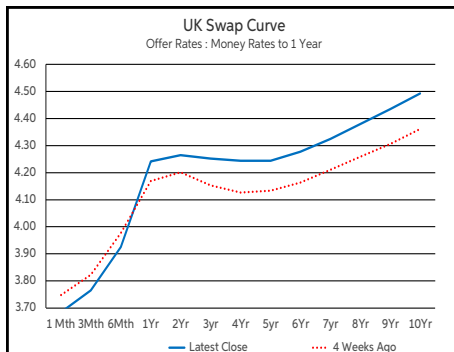
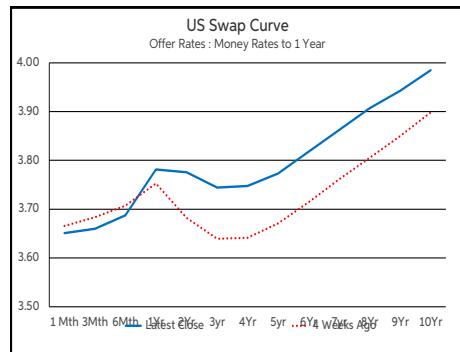
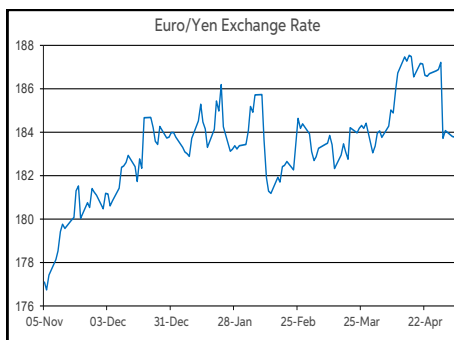
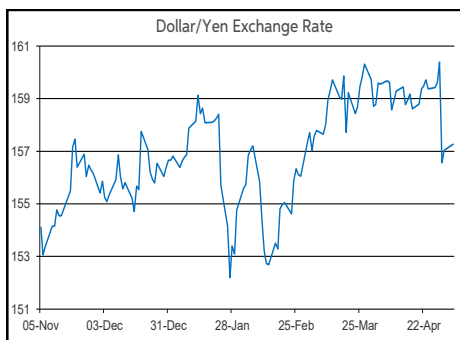
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| EUR/GBP | 0.8637 |
| EUR/USD | 1.1683 |
| EUR/JPY | 183.77 |
| EUR/SEK | 10.8651 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4724 |
| EUR/NOK | 10.8387 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.916 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.6355 |
| EUR/HKD | 9.1545 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.5915 |

Sterling

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|---------|---------|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1572 |
| GBP/USD | 1.3521 |
| GBP/CAD | 1.8415 |
| GBP/NZD | 2.3019 |
| GBP/JPY | 212.63 |
| GBP/SEK | 12.5762 |
| GBP/DKK | 8.6491 |
| GBP/NOK | 12.5457 |
| GBP/CHF | 1.0602 |
| GBP/AUD | 1.8929 |

Dollar

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|---------|--------|
| USD/JPY | 157.26 |
| USD/CAD | 1.362 |
| USD/CHF | 0.7842 |
| USD/CNY | 6.83 |
| USD/BRL | 4.9648 |
| USD/RUB | 75.55 |
| USD/INR | 95.385 |
| AUD/USD | 0.7141 |
| NZD/USD | 0.5871 |



| Debt Markets | | | | |
|---|-------|------------|---------|--------|
| | Close | Change bps | | |
| | | Day | 4 Weeks | End 25 |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | |
| US | 4.45 | +7 | +11 | +29 |
| Germany | 3.08 | +5 | +9 | +22 |
| UK | 4.97 | -5 | +13 | +50 |
| Ireland | 3.33 | +5 | +8 | +30 |
| Belgium | 3.57 | +5 | +10 | +23 |
| France | 3.76 | +6 | +8 | +19 |
| Italy | 3.93 | +7 | +8 | +42 |
| Spain | 3.56 | +6 | +8 | +26 |
| Portugal | 3.50 | +6 | +7 | +34 |
| Greece | 3.84 | -0 | -1 | +36 |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 4.05 | +6 | +11 | +32 |
| Eurozone | 2.94 | +5 | +9 | +38 |
| UK | 4.47 | -2 | +10 | +57 |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 4.04 | +7 | +11 | +47 |
| Eurozone | 2.93 | +9 | +13 | +67 |
| UK | 4.50 | -2 | +8 | +77 |
| 10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps | | | | |
| Ireland | 25 | -0 | -0 | +8 |
| Belgium | 49 | +0 | +2 | +0 |
| France | 67 | +0 | -1 | -3 |
| Italy | 85 | +1 | -1 | +20 |
| Spain | 47 | +0 | -1 | +4 |
| Portugal | 42 | +1 | -2 | +12 |
| Greece | 75 | -5 | -10 | +14 |

| Commodities | | | | |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| | Close | % Change | | |
| | | Day | 4 Weeks | End 25 |
| Brent Oil | 114.44 | +5.80 | +4.25 | +88.07 |
| West Texas Oil | 109.76 | +4.16 | -3.73 | +91.69 |
| Gold \$ | 4520.4 | -2.02 | -2.73 | +4.78 |

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