

Quiet start to the week on FX markets

There was a cautious mood on financial markets at the start of the week. Throughout the day, some positive economic data, remarks on US trade policy and the OPEC+ announcement to boost oil supply impacted investor sentiment. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished flat for the day, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 fell by 0.6%. Meantime, oil prices declined sharply before recovering late-on. This has resulted in Brent crude prices trading in and around \$60 per barrel over the past 24 hours.

Data-wise, the main release of note was the US non-manufacturing ISM for April. The headline index printed above the consensus (50.2), rising to 52.8. Elsewhere, the EU sentix index jumped to -8.1 in May, well above expectations for a -12.5 reading. In terms of US trade policy, President Trump stated that he may lower tariffs on Chinese imports, and he also noted that the US may sign new trade deals as soon as this week. However, information on when tariffs may be lifted and details on potential trade deals were not clearly outlined.

On the currency front, the main FX pairs were relatively range bound. Of the limited price action to register, the yen has been holding a slightly firmer tone. At the same time, the euro has been a touch softer. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is operating in the lower half of the \$1.13-1.14 range. Meantime, USD/JPY is back under the of ¥144 mark. EUR/GBP remains in and around the 85p handle. GBP/USD is changing hands just below the \$1.33 threshold.

Turning to the day ahead, there is a quieter look to the macro calendar. The only release of note will be Eurozone producer price inflation. A sharp fall back to 2.5% from 3% is pencilled in for March. Barring any major surprises though, the release is unlikely to influence proceedings on markets. However, investors will remain attentive to any meaningful US trade policy related developments.

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Today's Opening FX Rates

		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.1319	-0.16	9.33
EUR/GBP	0.8511	-0.16	2.88
GBP/USD	1.3293	0.02	6.25
GBP/EUR	1.1743	0.16	-2.80
USD/JPY	143.75	-0.27	-8.54
EUR/JPY	162.71	-0.45	-0.02

* v Previous Day's European Open

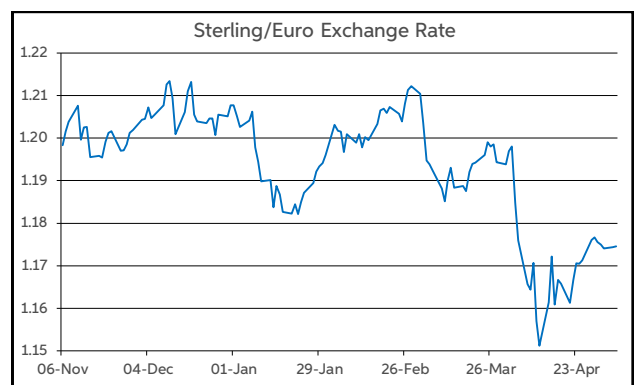
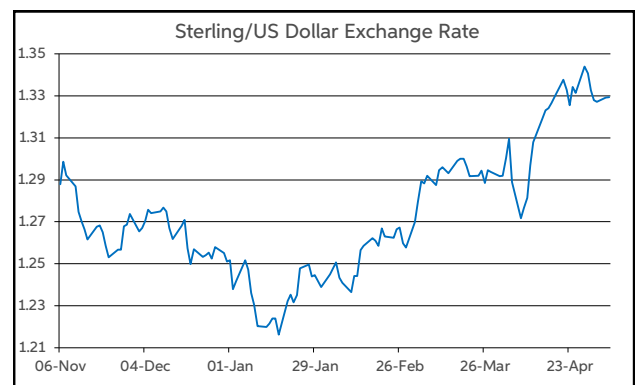
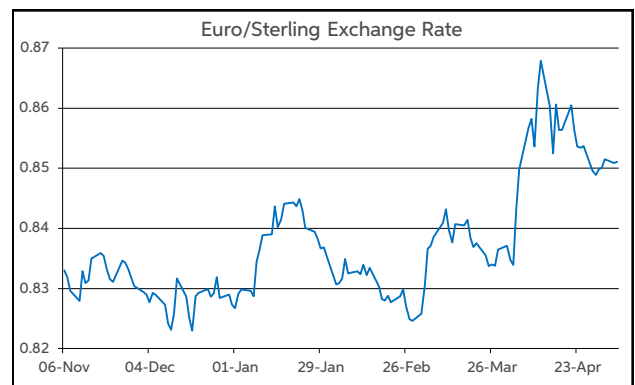
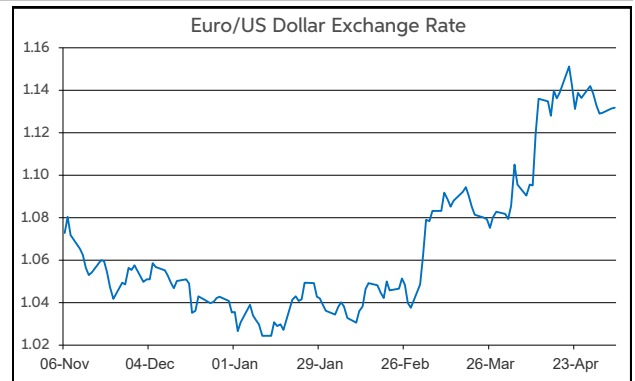
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Opening Interest Rates

	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.33	4.31	3.93	3.88	3.88
EUR	2.40	2.15	2.14	2.00	1.95	2.18
GBP	4.50	4.23	4.15	3.79	3.88	3.91

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

Tuesday 06 May 2025
06:35 am



Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8511
EUR/USD	1.1319
EUR/JPY	162.71
EUR/SEK	10.9324
EUR/DKK	7.4616
EUR/NOK	11.749
EUR/CHF	0.931
EUR/AUD	1.7514
EUR/HKD	8.7728
EUR/CAD	1.5644

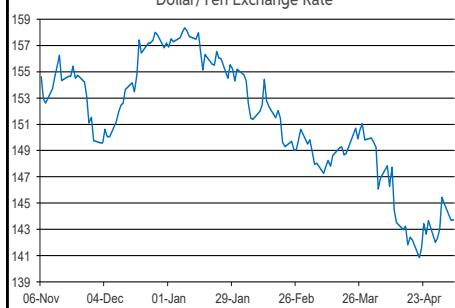
Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1743
GBP/USD	1.3293
GBP/CAD	1.8371
GBP/NZD	2.2217
GBP/JPY	191.09
GBP/SEK	12.8397
GBP/DKK	8.7637
GBP/NOK	13.8003
GBP/CHF	1.0936
GBP/AUD	2.0564

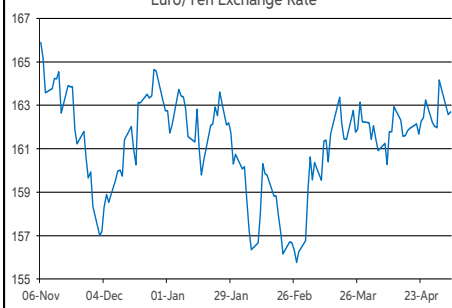
Dollar

USD/JPY	143.75
USD/CAD	1.3821
USD/CHF	0.8225
USD/CNY	7.2207
USD/BRL	5.6878
USD/RUB	81
USD/INR	84.51
AUD/USD	0.6461
NZD/USD	0.598

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

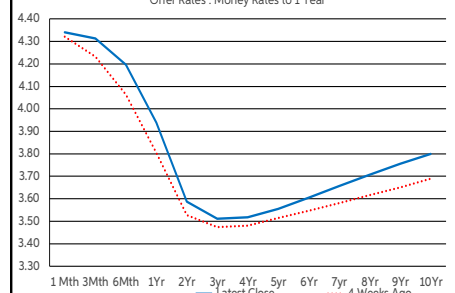


Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



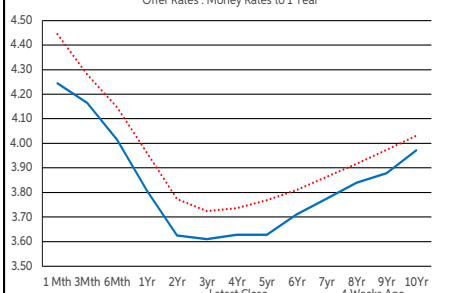
US Swap Curve

Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



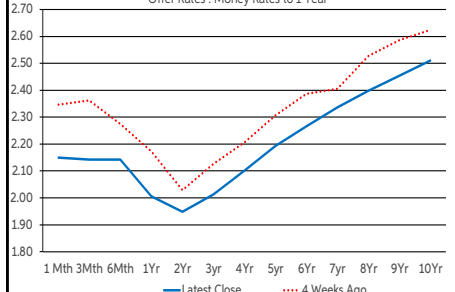
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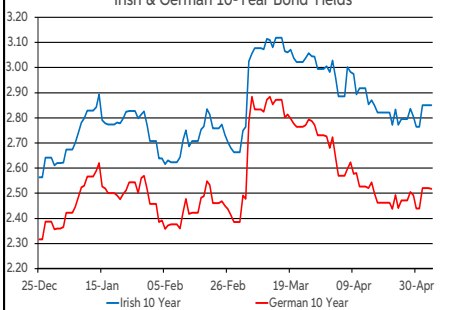


Eurozone Swap Curve

Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



Debt Markets

	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.34	+2	+19	-23
Germany	2.52	+0	-8	+16
UK	4.50	+2	-13	-7
Ireland	2.89	+9	-14	+24
Belgium	3.11	-0	-11	+13
France	3.24	-0	-16	+4
Italy	3.62	-1	-25	+10
Spain	3.17	-1	-17	+11
Portugal	3.06	-1	-18	+21
Greece	3.38	+2	-15	+13
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.82	+4	+8	-48
Eurozone	2.19	-0	-11	-5
UK	3.91	+1	-18	-38
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.85	+1	+8	-48
Eurozone	1.95	-1	-8	-25
UK	3.87	+0	-21	-62
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	37	+9	-6	+8
Belgium	59	-0	-3	-3
France	72	-0	-9	-11
Italy	110	-1	-17	-6
Spain	65	-1	-10	-5
Portugal	54	-1	-11	+5
Greece	86	+3	-7	-3

Commodities

	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	60.23	-1.73	-6.20	-19.31
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3333.6	+2.89	+11.77	+27.05

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