

## EUR/USD below \$1.04

There was a “risk-off” tone to investor sentiment for much of yesterday on financial markets. The Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 0.9% on the day. The S&P 500 regained some momentum coming into the close to finish near to flat. On bond markets, European yields moved sharply lower. The 10-year German Bund yield fell by 14bps, while the comparable UK Gilt yield dropped by 16bps. The 10-year US Treasury yield declined by a more modest 7bps.

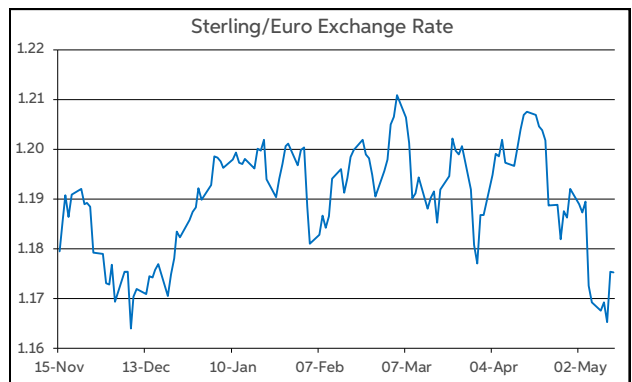
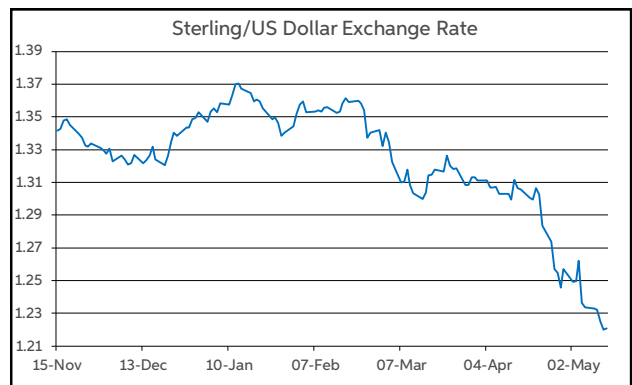
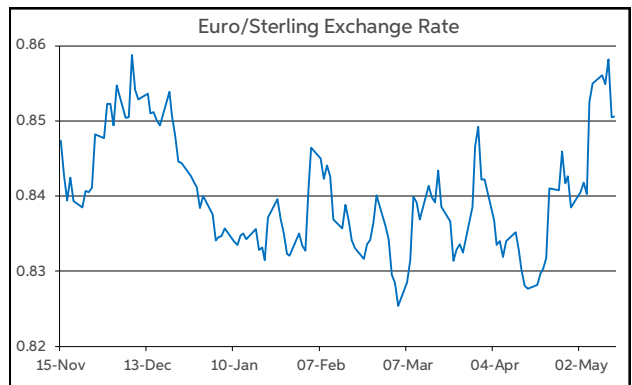
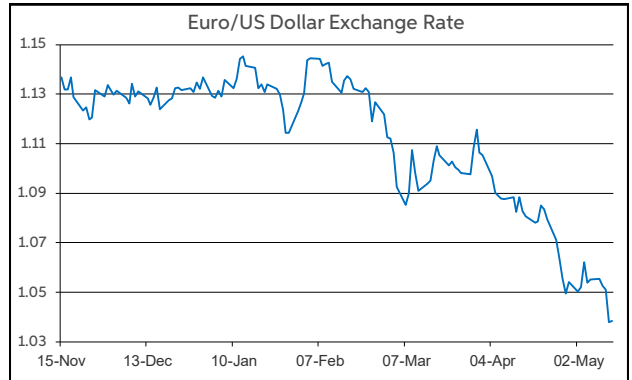
Currency-wise, the euro came under significant pressure. The single currency lost over 1% against the dollar and sterling. The key EUR/USD exchange moved below \$1.04 in the process, falling to its lowest level since 2016.

Meanwhile, having been on the back foot earlier in the week, sterling stabilised yesterday. Elsewhere, amid the risk averse mood on markets, traditional safe havens such as the Japanese yen found some support. The yen rose by circa 1% versus the dollar, with USD/JPY edging back into the ¥128-129 range as a result.

In level terms, the softer tone to the euro sees EUR/USD open this morning just below the \$1.04 threshold, having been as low as \$1.035 yesterday. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is trading back at the 85p mark, having started yesterday above 86p. GBP/USD continues to straddle the \$1.22 handle, as it has done for the past 24 hours.

Turning to today, there is a relatively quiet data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic. In the Eurozone, industrial production (March) is forecast to fall by 2%, as German industry in particular, remains hamstrung by supply chain issues. In the US, the Michigan measure of consumer sentiment (May) is due. Speeches from a number of central bankers will also be of interest.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2021
EUR/USD	1.0389	-1.21	-8.61
EUR/GBP	0.8506	-1.27	1.26
GBP/USD	1.2212	0.05	-9.73
GBP/EUR	1.1754	1.28	-1.25
USD/JPY	128.7	-0.83	11.84
EUR/JPY	133.73	-2.02	2.19

\* 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	0.875	0.85	1.42	2.47	2.87	2.91
EUR	0.00	-0.57	-0.41	0.21	0.80	1.32
GBP	1.00	0.97	1.24	2.00	2.26	2.18

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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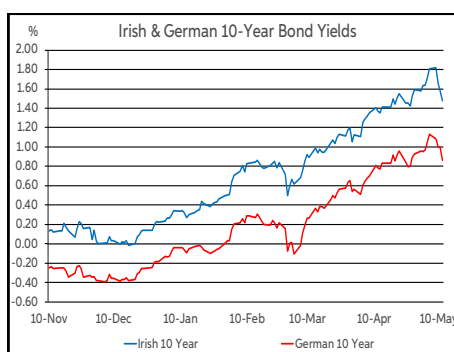
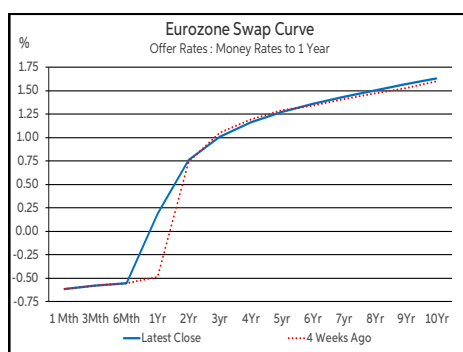
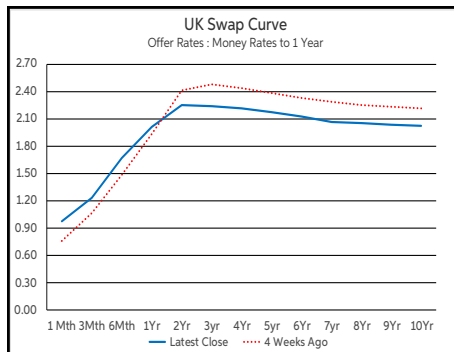
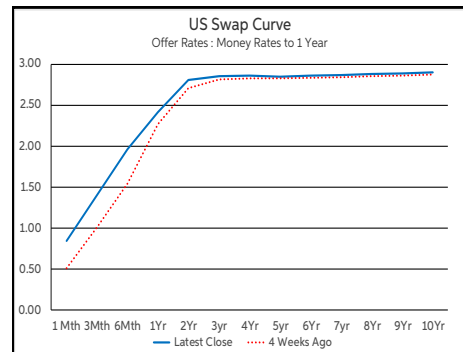
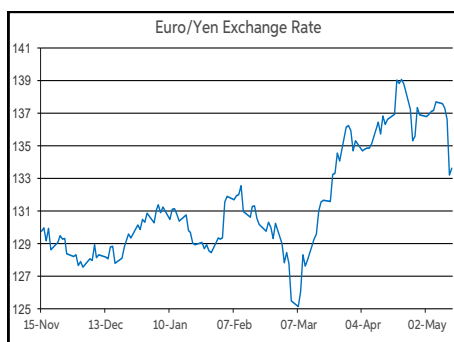
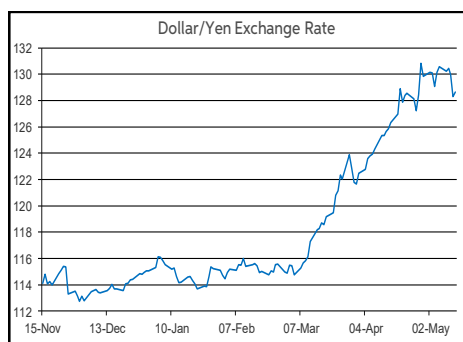
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# Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8506	GBP/EUR	1.1754	USD/JPY	128.7
EUR/USD	1.0389	GBP/USD	1.2212	USD/CAD	1.3007
EUR/JPY	133.73	GBP/CAD	1.5885	USD/CHF	1.0027
EUR/SEK	10.509	GBP/NZD	1.9543	USD/CNY	6.7983
EUR/DKK	7.4405	GBP/JPY	157.18	USD/BRL	5.1342
EUR/NOK	10.2317	GBP/SEK	12.3513	USD/RUB	63.283
EUR/CHF	1.0416	GBP/DKK	8.7445	USD/INR	77.3375
EUR/AUD	1.5084	GBP/NOK	12.0187	AUD/USD	0.6886
EUR/HKD	8.1552	GBP/CHF	1.2245	NZD/USD	0.6246
EUR/CAD	1.3514	GBP/AUD	1.773		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 21
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	2.86	-7	+3	+134
Germany	0.87	-14	+3	+105
UK	1.67	-16	-22	+70
<b>Ireland</b>				
Ireland	1.52	-10	+9	+127
Belgium	1.43	-13	+7	+126
France	1.38	-12	+3	+118
Italy	2.72	-17	+22	+154
Spain	1.90	-13	+11	+131
Portugal	1.96	-15	+10	+147
Greece	3.37	-15	+48	+206
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	2.85	-8	+4	+151
Eurozone	1.27	-14	-2	+126
UK	2.17	-10	-21	+90
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	2.81	-9	+12	+186
Eurozone	0.76	-12	+2	+106
UK	2.25	-5	-16	+106
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	65	+4	+6	+23
Belgium	56	+0	+4	+21
France	51	+1	+0	+13
Italy	185	-3	+19	+49
Spain	103	+1	+8	+26
Portugal	109	-2	+7	+43
Greece	250	-1	+45	+101

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21
Brent Oil	107.45	-0.06	-3.80	+38.15
West Texas Oil	106.15	+0.62	-0.65	+40.91
Gold \$	1821.7	-1.64	-7.69	-0.36

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