

## Euro edges marginally lower

There was a quiet start to the week on financial markets yesterday. A sparse data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. Against this backdrop, equity markets followed the path of least resistance, inching slightly higher on both sides of the Atlantic. The Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.2%, while the S&P 500 gained 0.1%.

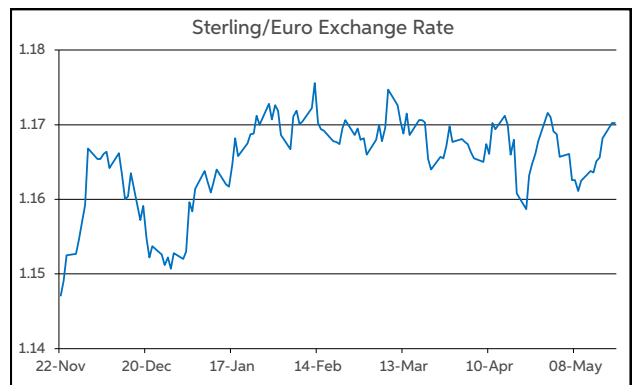
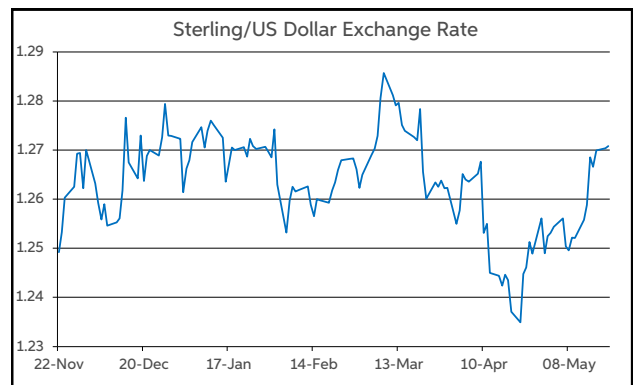
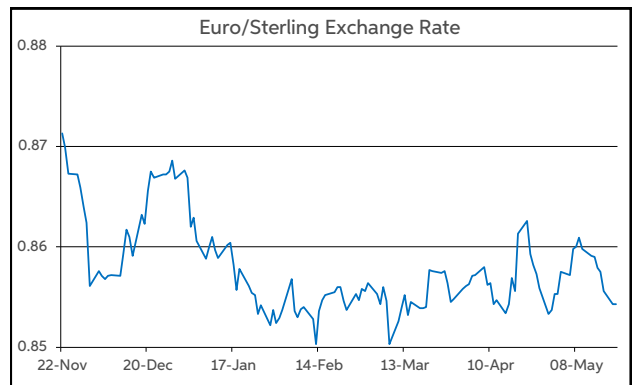
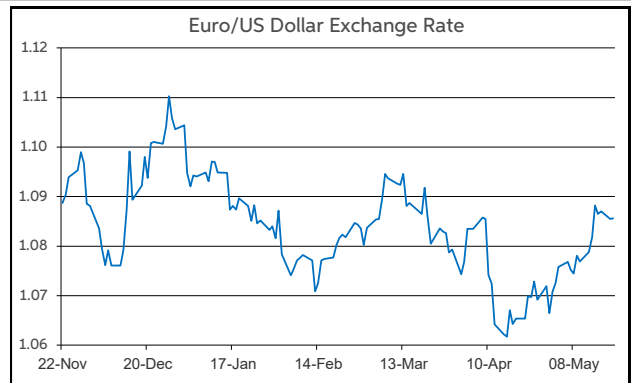
Amid a barren release docket, remarks from a number of central bank officials were front and centre yesterday. In the UK, MPC voter Broadbent noted that if the data evolve in line with the BoE's forecasts, "then it's possible Bank Rate could be cut some time over the summer". Meantime in the US, comments from the Fed's Barr, Jefferson and Mester, were all somewhat cautious on the current trajectory for inflation, indicating that the Fed needs more evidence to be confident inflation is moving back to 2% on a sustainable basis. However, the impact on futures pricing from the remarks was immaterial.

On the currency front, the main FX pairs were confined to narrow trading ranges. Of the limited price action to register, the euro was holding a marginally softer tone. The single currency inched 0.2% lower versus sterling and the dollar.

In level terms, this sees EUR/USD open this morning near the midpoint of the \$1.08-1.09 range. Meantime, GBP/USD continues to operate just above the \$1.27 handle. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands close to the halfway mark of the 85-86p trading band. USD/JPY is above the ¥156 threshold.

Looking to the day ahead, the macro calendar remains muted on both sides of the Atlantic. However, remarks from a plethora of central bank officials will garner some attention once again.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0856	-0.21	-1.63
EUR/GBP	0.8543	-0.20	-1.44
GBP/USD	1.2709	0.02	-0.16
GBP/EUR	1.1703	0.20	1.46
USD/JPY	156.16	0.25	10.70
EUR/JPY	169.56	0.04	8.95

\* 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	5.38	5.43	5.59	5.41	5.02	4.52
EUR	4.50	3.80	3.83	3.66	3.33	2.91
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.10	4.89	4.77	4.26

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

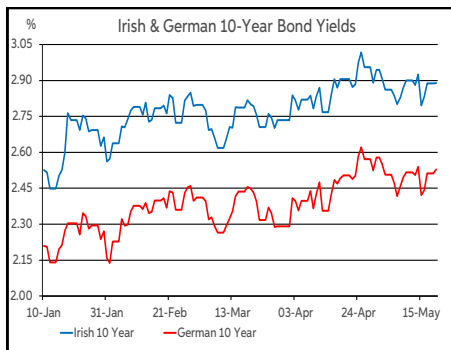
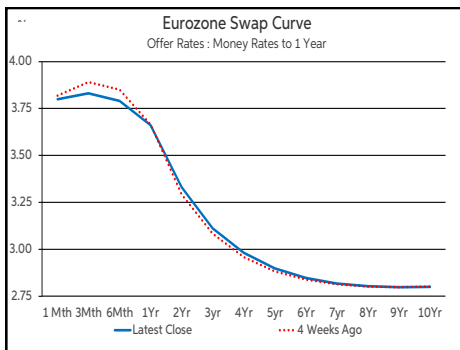
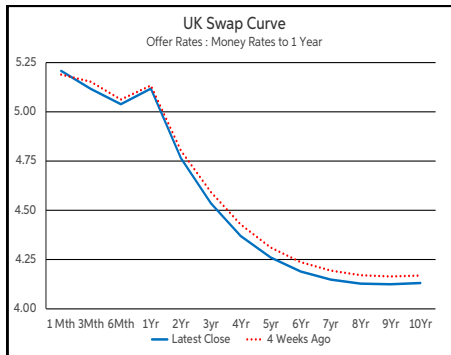
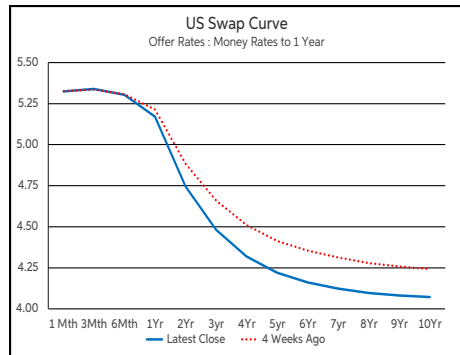
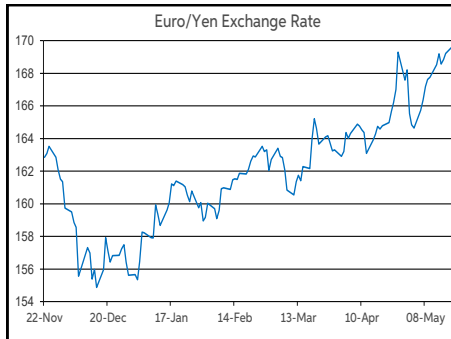
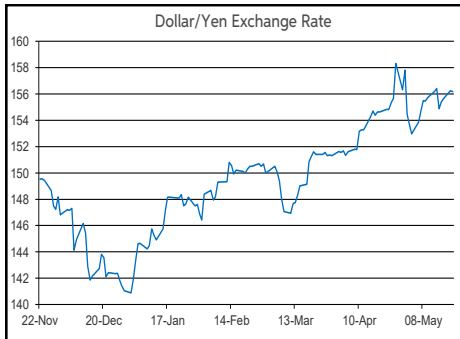
EUR/GBP	0.8543
EUR/USD	1.0856
EUR/JPY	169.56
EUR/SEK	11.6096
EUR/DKK	7.4609
EUR/NOK	11.6274
EUR/CHF	0.9878
EUR/AUD	1.6317
EUR/HKD	8.4706
EUR/CAD	1.4803

## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1703
GBP/USD	1.2709
GBP/CAD	1.7327
GBP/NZD	2.0839
GBP/JPY	198.46
GBP/SEK	13.5864
GBP/DKK	8.731
GBP/NOK	13.6096
GBP/CHF	1.1562
GBP/AUD	1.9099

## Dollar

USD/JPY	156.16
USD/CAD	1.3634
USD/CHF	0.9097
USD/CNY	7.2368
USD/BRL	5.104
USD/RUB	90.45
USD/INR	83.329
AUD/USD	0.6653
NZD/USD	0.6096



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.44	+2	-19	+58
Germany	2.53	+2	+4	+50
UK	4.17	+4	-4	+63
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.49	+2	-17	+69
Eurozone	2.90	+1	+3	+47
UK	4.26	+4	-5	+61
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	5.00	+1	-13	+66
Eurozone	3.33	-1	+4	+54
UK	4.77	+2	-3	+50
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	39	-1	-0	+5
Belgium	53	-0	-2	-13
France	49	-1	-1	-4
Italy	128	-1	-4	-39
Spain	75	-0	-2	-21
Portugal	62	+0	-2	-13
Greece	99	-1	+0	-6

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	83.71	-0.32	-3.78	+8.66
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2425.1	+0.42	+4.25	+17.58

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