Morning Comment

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Dollar plunges following US tariff announcement

Trading conditions were relatively calm throughout the European session yesterday, as investors braced for the announcement of further tariffs by the Trump administration. A sparse data calendar also contributed to the malaise on markets. Against this backdrop, the main FX pairs continued to operate in narrow trading ranges, albeit the dollar was under some downward pressure.

After the European and US close, President Trump revealed the aforementioned tariff measures. The measures are both broader and stronger than many anticipated. A 10% universal tariff rate was introduced as well as a number of other country specific rates. The EU now faces a 20% tariff rate on its exports to the US, the UK a rate of just 10%, while Chinese goods will now have a 34% tariff rate applied to them. However, there seems to be a carve out for goods being imported from certain industries, including pharma, meaning they won't have the higher rate applied to them, for now.

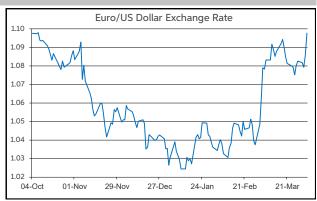
In the aftermath of the announcement, the dollar's woes amplified. Overall, the greenback has shed over 1.5% versus the euro, sterling and yen since yesterday's European open. This is evidenced by EUR/USD changing hands up in the top half of \$1.09-1.10, a new year-to-date high. GBP/USD is north of the \$1.31 mark. Meantime USD/JPY is down near the ¥147 threshold. EUR/GBP is operating in the top half of the 83-84p band.

Turning to the day ahead, markets will continue to digest the US tariff newsflow, and they will be highly reactive to any retaliatory measures announced in response. On the monetary policy front, the ECB meeting account minutes from March will be released. Data-wise, the US non-manufacturing ISM (March) and the latest weekly initial jobless claims figures are due.

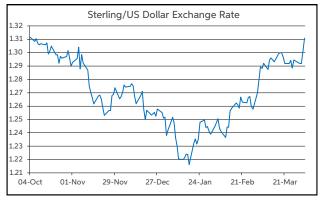
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0978	1.72	6.04	
EUR/GBP	0.8371	0.23	1.18	
GBP/USD	1.3107	1.47	4.76	
GBP/EUR	1.194	-0.23	-1.17	
USD/JPY	147.11	-1.85	-6.41	
EUR/JPY	161.5	-0.18	-0.77	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.32	4.26	3.91	3.92	3.78
EUR	2.65	2.35	2.32	2.16	2.11	2.32
GBP	4.50	4.45	4.34	4.12	4.19	4.19









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8371
EUR/USD	1.0978
EUR/JPY	161.5
EUR/SEK	10.7163
EUR/DKK	7.4602
EUR/NOK	11.341
EUR/CHF	0.9558
EUR/AUD	1.7409
EUR/HKD	8.5416
EUR/CAD	1.5568

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.194		
GBP/USD	1.3107		
GBP/CAD	1.8588		
GBP/NZD	2.2693		
GBP/JPY	192.82		
GBP/SEK	12.7886		
GBP/DKK	8.9088		
GBP/NOK	13.532		
GBP/CHF	1.1411		
GBP/AUD	2.0779		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.11			
USD/CAD	1.4184			
USD/CHF	0.8706			
USD/CNY	7.2962			
USD/BRL	5.6652			
USD/RUB	84.35			
USD/INR	85.556			
AUD/USD	0.6304			
NZD/USD	0.5771			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

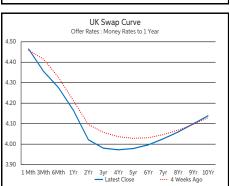
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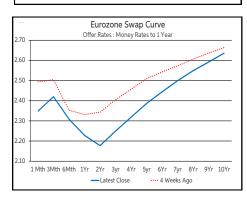
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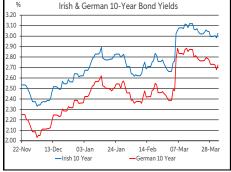
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr — Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.20	+4	-7	-38	
Germany	2.73	+4	-6	+36	
UK	4.64	+1	-3	+7	
Ireland	3.05	+4	-2	+40	
Belgium	3.29	+4	-6	+30	
France	3.42	+2	-6	+23	
Italy	3.82	+3	-3	+30	
Spain	3.34	+3	-10	+28	
Portugal	3.25	+4	-5	+40	
Greece	3.53	+0	-9	+28	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	3.79	-9	-27	-50	
Eurozone	2.38	+2	-12	+15	
UK	4.22	+0	-6	-7	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.95	-1	-15	-38	
Eurozone	2.17	+2	-16	-2	
UK	4.25	-1	-8	-24	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps		
Ireland	32	+0	+4	+4	
Belgium	56	-1	+0	-6	
France	70	-2	-1	-13	
Italy	109	-2	+3	-7	
Spain	62	-2	-4	-9	
Portugal	52	-0	+1	+4	
Greece	80	-4	-3	-9	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	74.95	+0.62	+8.15	+0.42	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3133.6	+0.74	+7.36	+19.43	

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