

Will US payrolls add to the dollars pain?

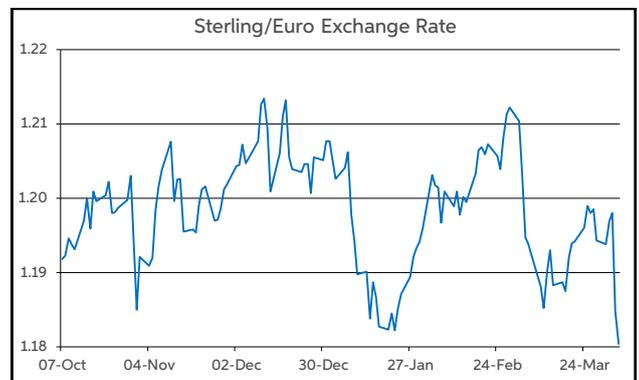
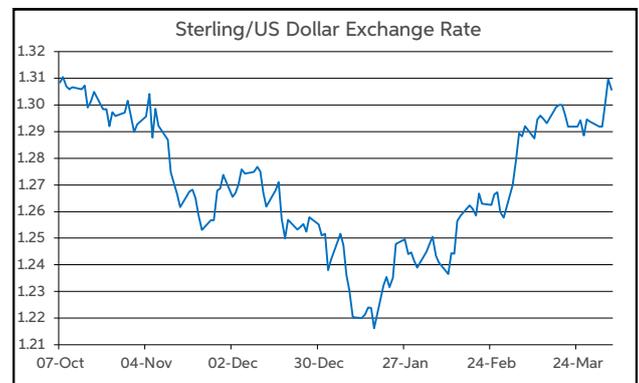
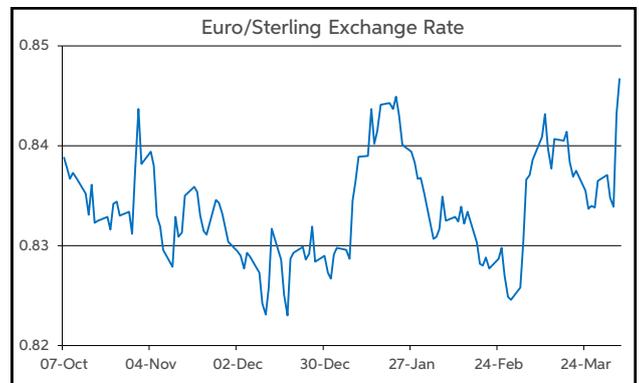
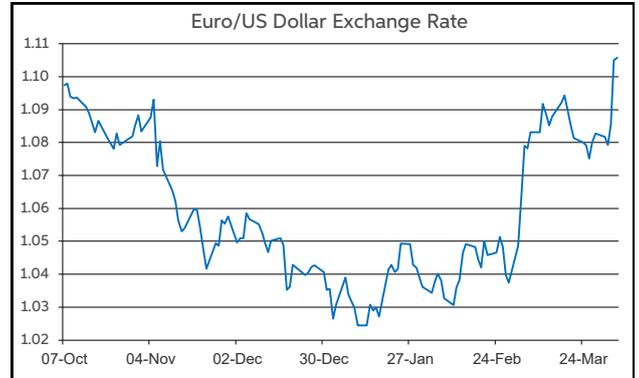
There was a severe risk-off tone on markets yesterday, as investors continued to digest the announcement of sweeping US tariffs. Equity markets plunged, sovereign yields fell, rate expectations softened markedly, and the price of oil declined. At the same time, the dollar was under significant pressure, and traditional safe-havens, such as the yen and Swiss franc strengthened.

Overall, the Euro Stoxx 50 shed 3.6% yesterday, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished the day down by 4.8%. In terms of fixed income, German Bund yields fell by 5-12bps yesterday. Meanwhile, US Treasury and UK Gilt yields declined by 3-15bps, led lower by the short-end of the curve. The move lower at the front-end coincided with the aforementioned softening in market rate expectations. Pricing now suggests that the BoE may cut rates up to 3 times before year-end, with the Fed easing policy by up to four times over the same period. Furthermore, Brent crude oil prices dropped to circa \$70 per barrel.

Currency-wise, amid volatile trading conditions, the euro and sterling registered new year-to-date highs versus the dollar, at \$1.1144 and \$1.3207, respectively. However, the greenback recouped some of its losses overnight. This is reflected by EUR/USD opening this morning at the midpoint of \$1.10-1.11. GBP/USD is at the halfway mark of \$1.30-1.31. Meantime, EUR/GBP is operating in the top half of 84-85p, amid the more significant softening in UK interest rate futures compared to Eurozone rates.

Today, markets will remain highly reactive to any retaliatory measures to US tariffs. In terms of the key data releases, the US labour market report for March is due. The consensus is payrolls to rise by 135k. Remarks from Fed Chair Powell will also be in focus.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.1059	1.40	6.82
EUR/GBP	0.8468	1.43	2.36
GBP/USD	1.3055	-0.02	4.35
GBP/EUR	1.1803	-1.41	-2.30
USD/JPY	146.08	-1.00	-7.06
EUR/JPY	161.57	0.40	-0.73

* 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	4.31	4.23	3.77	3.74	3.66
EUR	2.65	2.36	2.36	2.13	2.06	2.26
GBP	4.50	4.44	4.31	3.99	4.04	4.02

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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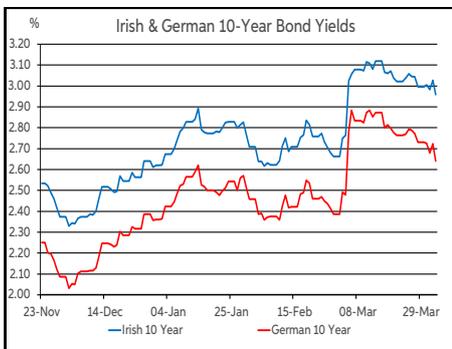
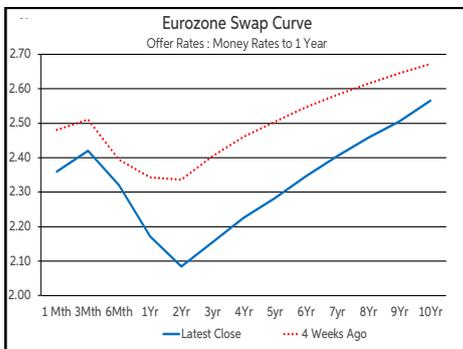
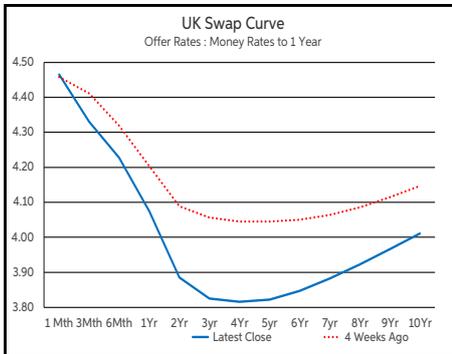
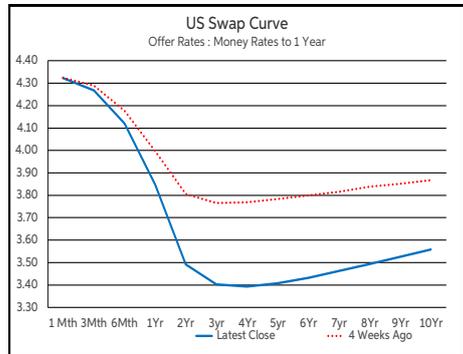
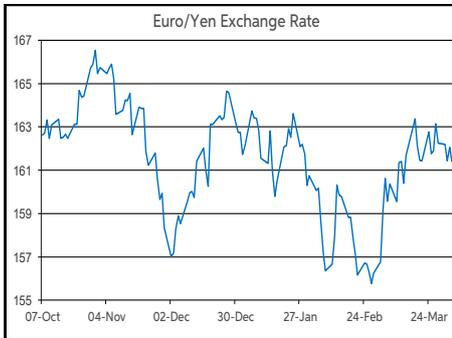
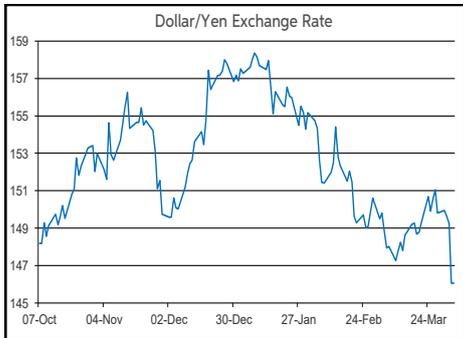
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8468	GBP/EUR	1.1803	USD/JPY	146.08
EUR/USD	1.1059	GBP/USD	1.3055	USD/CAD	1.4114
EUR/JPY	161.57	GBP/CAD	1.8424	USD/CHF	0.8551
EUR/SEK	10.8619	GBP/NZD	2.2836	USD/CNY	7.2813
EUR/DKK	7.4616	GBP/JPY	190.69	USD/BRL	5.6321
EUR/NOK	11.4873	GBP/SEK	12.8232	USD/RUB	84.25
EUR/CHF	0.9458	GBP/DKK	8.8085	USD/INR	85.183
EUR/AUD	1.7725	GBP/NOK	13.5613	AUD/USD	0.6236
EUR/HKD	8.598	GBP/CHF	1.1163	NZD/USD	0.5715
EUR/CAD	1.5609	GBP/AUD	2.0926		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.06	-14	-23	-52
Germany	2.64	-8	-24	+28
UK	4.52	-12	-15	-5
Ireland	3.05	+4	-6	+40
Belgium	3.21	-7	-23	+23
France	3.37	-5	-20	+18
Italy	3.77	-5	-16	+25
Spain	3.30	-4	-22	+23
Portugal	3.25	+4	-16	+40
Greece	3.50	-2	-26	+25
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.69	-16	-34	-60
Eurozone	2.28	-10	-22	+4
UK	4.06	-15	-19	-22
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.76	-17	-30	-58
Eurozone	2.08	-10	-25	-11
UK	4.12	-13	-19	-37
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	41	+13	+19	+12
Belgium	57	+1	+1	-5
France	73	+3	+5	-10
Italy	113	+4	+8	-3
Spain	66	+4	+2	-4
Portugal	61	+13	+9	+12
Greece	86	+6	-1	-3

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	70.14	-6.42	+0.98	-6.03
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3112.8	-0.66	+6.97	+18.64

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