## **Morning Comment**

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## Tariff fall out likely to dominate again this week

The announcement of broad and substantial US trade tariffs last week sparked significant volatility and a severe risk-off tone on financial markets last week. Retaliatory actions from China, which will now impose a minimum 34% tariff on all US imports, and plans to restrict exports of some rare earth materials also weighed on sentiment. Against this backdrop, a better than expected US labour market report for March on Friday did not impact markets.

Overall, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 8.5% last week, while the S&P 500 recorded a 9.1% loss. Concerns regarding the global economic outlook also contributed to a marked softening in market rate expectations, particularly in the US and the UK. This in-turn saw bond yields move lower across the board by 15-30bps, led by a decline at the front-end of the curves. Similarly, oil prices dropped by circa 10%, with Brent crude currently back near \$65 per barrel.

Currency-wise, traditional safe-havens such as the yen and the Swiss franc were the largest beneficiaries of the risk averse tone on markets. At the same time, the euro moved higher versus the dollar and sterling, as rate expectations did not soften to the same extent in the Eurozone as elsewhere. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is operating just above \$1.10, having touched a new YTD high above \$1.114 las week. GBP/USD is in the lower half of \$1.29-1.30. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is up above the 85p handle. USD/JPY is back at the midpoint of ¥145-146.

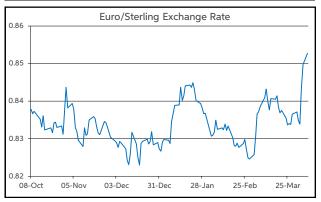
Turning to the week ahead, tariff related news flow will remain front and centre of market discourse. Data-wise, the March reading of US CPI inflation will be released. Elsewhere, the monthly print of UK GDP for February is due. The Eurozone calendar is somewhat sparse this week.

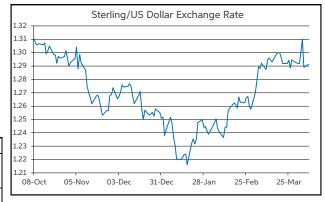
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1012	-0.67	6.37	
EUR/GBP	0.8524	0.72	3.03	
GBP/USD	1.2912	-1.40	3.21	
GBP/EUR	1.1723	-0.72	-2.94	
USD/JPY	145.58	0.11	-7.38	
EUR/JPY	160.35	-0.55	-1.47	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.27	4.15	3.58	3.51	3.55
EUR	2.65	2.34	2.32	2.08	1.99	2.20
GBP	4.50	4.44	4.29	4.00	4.09	4.02









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8524
EUR/USD	1.1012
EUR/JPY	160.35
EUR/SEK	11.0585
EUR/DKK	7.462
EUR/NOK	11.9456
EUR/CHF	0.936
EUR/AUD	1.8337
EUR/HKD	8.5548
EUR/CAD	1.5663

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1723		
GBP/USD	1.2912		
GBP/CAD	1.8365		
GBP/NZD	2.3203		
GBP/JPY	187.97		
GBP/SEK	12.9682		
GBP/DKK	8.7424		
GBP/NOK	14.0053		
GBP/CHF	1.097		
GBP/AUD	2.1491		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	145.58			
USD/CAD	1.4225			
USD/CHF	0.8496			
USD/CNY	7.3092			
USD/BRL	5.8435			
USD/RUB	84.85			
USD/INR	85.675			
AUD/USD	0.6004			
NZD/USD	0.5555			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

4.30

4.20

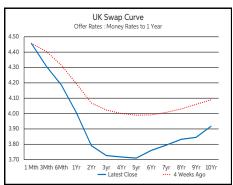
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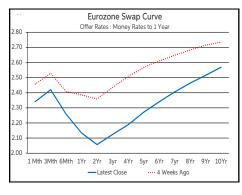
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3.80 3.70 3.60 3.50

3.40 3.30







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	3.99	-6	-33	-59
Germany	2.57	-7	-27	+21
UK	4.45	-8	-20	-13
Ireland	2.94	-5	-17	+29
Belgium	3.19	-2	-21	+20
France	3.33	-4	-23	+13
Italy	3.76	-1	-14	+24
Spain	3.27	-3	-23	+20
Portugal	3.17	-2	-20	+32
Greece	3.48	-2	-20	+23
 5 Year Swap %				
US	3.62	-6	-42	-67
Eurozone	2.27	-1	-29	+3
UK	3.97	-9	-26	-31
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.68	-8	-39	-65
Eurozone	2.04	-4	-32	-16
UK	4.05	-7	-24	-44
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	37	+2	+10	+9
Belgium	62	+5	+6	-0
France	76	+3	+4	-7
Italy	119	+7	+12	+4
Spain	70	+4	+4	-O
Portugal	60	+5	+7	+12
Greece	91	+5	+7	+2

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	65.58	-6.50	-6.79	-12.14	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3037.4	-2.42	+4.35	+15.76	

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