## **Morning Comment**

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## Very volatile trading conditions over the past 24 hours

Trading conditions have been extremely volatile over the past 24 hours. This reflected optimism regarding the potential that negotiations could lead to the removal of US tariffs amongst some market participants, and concerns by others, in relation to an escalation of the trade war between the US and China. Overnight the bears have won out, as US reciprocal tariffs were implemented, including a 104% rate on Chinese goods, in a further sign that the trade war between the two nations is intensifying.

On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 rebounded by 2.5% yesterday, having declined by a cumulative 12.2% in the three trading sessions prior. Meantime, the S&P 500 registered a 1.6% fall, as risk appetite soured after the European close. Earlier in the day, the index had been up by as much as 4%. Elsewhere, US Treasury yields rose sharply overnight, led by the long-end (up by 20-25bps) resulting in a marked steepening of the curve.

Currency-wise, the euro was on the defensive yesterday, while the dollar recouped some of its recent losses. This saw EUR/USD trade down to a low of \$1.0889. However, the dollar sold-off once again overnight. There has been a slightly firmer tone to the euro also. At the same time, the yen and Swiss franc remain bid.

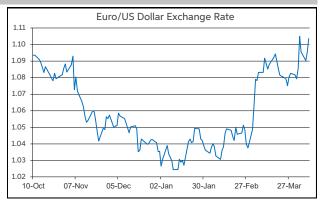
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning north of the \$1.10 threshold. GBP/USD is changing hands in the lower half of the \$1.28-1.29 trading band. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is up at the 86p mark. USD/JPY is down in the bottom half of the ¥145-146 range.

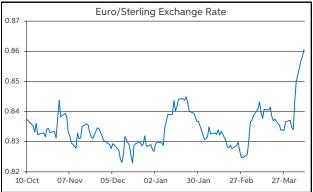
Today, the latest Fed meeting minutes will be released. Aside from that though, the data calendar is barren on both sides of the Atlantic, meaning tariff related news flow will remain to the fore.

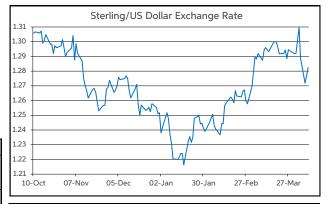
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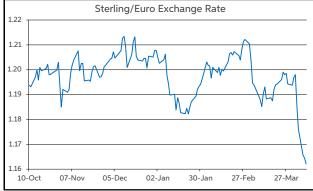
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1036	0.56	6.60	
EUR/GBP	0.8601	0.23	3.96	
GBP/USD	1.2824	0.31	2.50	
GBP/EUR	1.1618	-0.23	-3.81	
USD/JPY	145.28	-1.68	-7.57	
EUR/JPY	160.36	-1.12	-1.47	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		;
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.30	4.17	3.67	3.71	3.79
EUR	2.65	2.35	2.36	2.03	1.96	2.26
GBP	4.50	4.42	4.24	3.93	4.01	4.06









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



0.8601
1.1036
160.36
11.0028
7.4662
12.0236
0.9296
1.8535
8.562
1.5718

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1618
GBP/USD	1.2824
GBP/CAD	1.8265
GBP/NZD	2.3194
GBP/JPY	186.31
GBP/SEK	12.7872
GBP/DKK	8.6771
GBP/NOK	13.9486
GBP/CHF	1.08
GBP/AUD	2.1531

Dollar				
USD/JPY	145.28			
USD/CAD	1.4243			
USD/CHF	0.8422			
USD/CNY	7.3498			
USD/BRL	6.0148			
USD/RUB	86.3			
USD/INR	86.56			
AUD/USD	0.5952			
NZD/USD	0.5524			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

4.30

4.20

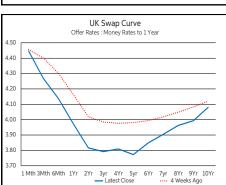
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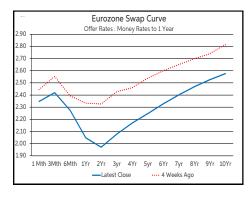
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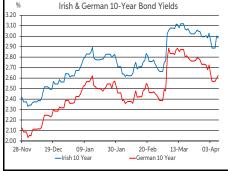
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close .... 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.26	+10	-3	-32
Germany	2.63	+3	-25	+26
UK	4.61	-2	-7	+3
Ireland	3.03	+9	-12	+38
Belgium	3.23	+1	-21	+25
France	3.39	-1	-20	+20
Italy	3.86	-1	-10	+34
Spain	3.35	+0	-18	+28
Portugal	3.24	+0	-16	+39
Greece	3.57	+5	-15	+32
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.72	-1	-27	-57
Eurozone	2.24	-6	-29	+1
UK	4.05	-4	-16	-23
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.69	-7	-33	-64
Eurozone	1.96	-6	-36	-23
UK	4.01	-7	-23	-48
10 Year Governmer	t Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps	
Ireland	40	+6	+12	+12
Belgium	61	-1	+4	-1
France	77	-4	+5	-6
Italy	123	-4	+14	+8
Spain	72	-2	+7	+2
Portugal	62	-3	+8	+13
Greece	94	+2	+10	+6

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	62.82	-2.16	-9.69	-15.84	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2983.8	+0.04	+2.32	+13.72	

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