# **Morning Comment**

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### Euro moves sharply higher

The relief rally that ensued following the US decision to delay reciprocal tariffs for 90-days disintegrated yesterday. Risk appetite soured markedly as investors realised that tariffs could still be introduced later down the line, given negotiating multiple trade deals will be difficult, and as the US-China trade war continued to escalate. Documents released by the White House yesterday state that the US will apply a 125% tariff rate on Chinese imports on top of the existing 20% charge, meaning the levy is actually now 145%.

Overall, trading conditions remained very volatile, amid the significant swing in sentiment. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a 4.3% gain yesterday, having missed the relief rally the day prior. In contrast, the S&P 500 shed 3.5%. In terms of fixed income, the US Treasury yield curve re-steepened, with short-dated yields declining and long-dated yields rising sharply.

Meantime, somewhat under the radar, US CPI inflation came in better than expected in March. Both the headline and the core rates printed 0.2 percentage points below the consensus, falling to 2.4% and 2.8%, respectively.

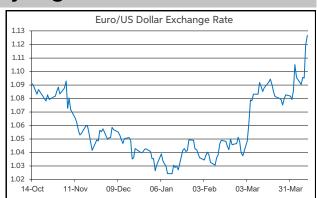
On the currency front, in a similar vein to earlier in the week, the Swiss franc, yen and euro all benefitted from the deterioration in sentiment. At the same time, the dollar and sterling were on the defensive. This saw the euro record new year-to-date highs versus both, at \$1.1383 and 87.19p. As trading gets underway today, EUR/USD is at \$1.1264, while EUR/GBP is in the top half of 86-87p.

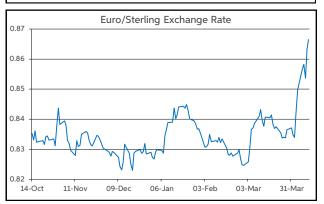
Already today, the monthly reading of UK GDP has printed above the consensus, rising by 0.5% in February (vs. +0.1% f'cast). Later on, the Michigan measure of US consumer sentiment will feature.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1264	2.57	8.80	
EUR/GBP	0.8667	1.49	4.76	
GBP/USD	1.2996	1.08	3.88	
GBP/EUR	1.1536	-1.47	-4.55	
USD/JPY	144.02	-1.76	-8.37	
EUR/JPY	162.25	0.76	-0.31	
* 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	4.30	4.24	3.84	3.88	3.94
EUR	2.65	2.33	2.30	2.08	2.03	2.29
CDD	1.50	4.42	4 20	2.02	2.07	4.00









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



0.8668
1.1264
162.24
11.0409
7.4664
12.0985
0.9283
1.8164
8.7369
1.5746

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1536		
GBP/USD	1.2996		
GBP/CAD	1.8161		
GBP/NZD	2.254		
GBP/JPY	187.17		
GBP/SEK	12.7379		
GBP/DKK	8.6136		
GBP/NOK	13.9407		
GBP/CHF	1.0706		
GBP/AUD	2.0944		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	144.02			
USD/CAD	1.3978			
USD/CHF	0.824			
USD/CNY	7.325			
USD/BRL	5.8853			
USD/RUB	84.1			
USD/INR	86.145			
AUD/USD	0.6201			
NZD/USD	0.576			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

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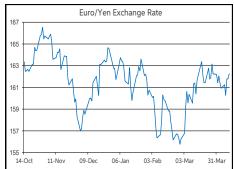
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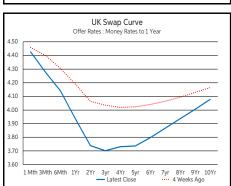
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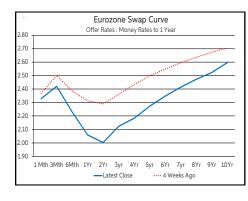
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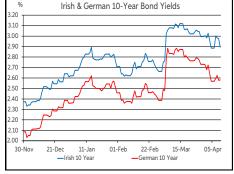
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr — Latest Close — 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.39	-0	+12	-19	
Germany	2.58	+0	-27	+22	
UK	4.64	-14	-4	+7	
Ireland	2.93	-10	-20	+28	
Belgium	3.21	-1	-20	+22	
France	3.36	-4	-20	+16	
Italy	3.82	-7	-12	+30	
Spain	3.31	-4	-18	+25	
Portugal	3.20	-3	-18	+35	
Greece	3.51	-7	-23	+27	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	3.91	-2	-9	-38	
Eurozone	2.27	-19	-23	+3	
UK	3.98	-7	-26	-30	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.87	-8	-19	-47	
Eurozone	2.00	-10	-28	-19	
UK	3.93	-6	-34	-56	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	35	-10	+7	+6	
Belgium	62	-2	+7	+0	
France	77	-4	+7	-6	
Italy	123	-7	+15	+8	
Spain	73	-4	+9	+3	
Portugal	61	-4	+9	+13	
Greece	93	-7	+4	+4	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	63.33	-3.28	-9.37	-15.15	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3173.9	+2.98	+6.23	+20.97	

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