

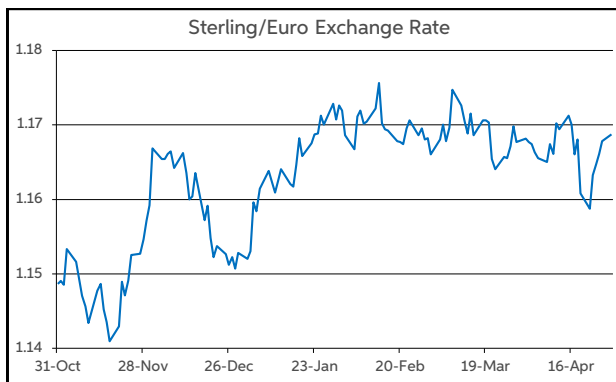
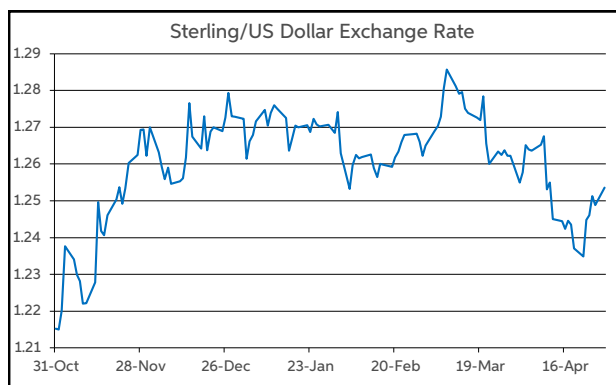
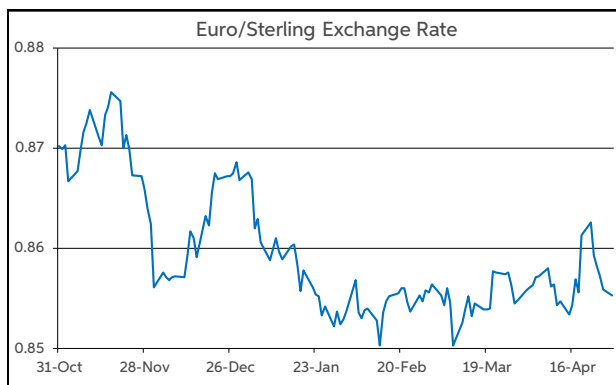
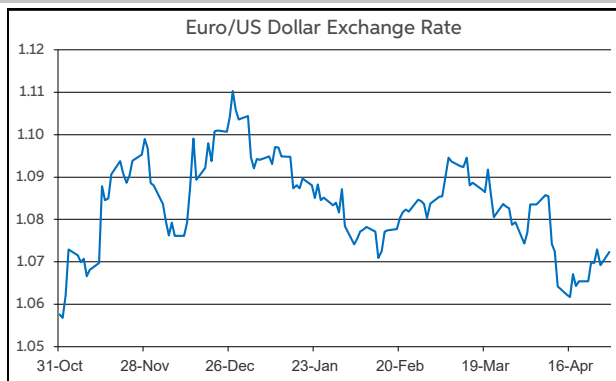
Yen behaving badly

From a currency viewpoint, a further weakening in the Japanese yen, grabbed the headlines last week. The currency was on the slide throughout the week. This gained additional momentum heading into the weekend following the BoJ meeting, where policy was left unchanged. In overnight action, the yen has continued to weaken, reflected in USD/JPY reaching above ¥160 (highest since 1990). It has since traded back nearer to ¥157, with some market participants speculating that the weakness may have prompted official FX intervention by Japan to support its currency.

Elsewhere on the currency front, both the euro and sterling recovered some ground versus the dollar last week. Better than expected Eurozone and UK PMI survey data for April was a contributing factor in these moves. Meanwhile, despite, US core-PCE inflation for Q1 printing ahead of expectations, which saw Treasury yields register fresh YTD highs and a firming in US rate expectations, there was no sustained benefit to the dollar. This may in part be due to USD long positioning being at stretched levels. The EUR/USD pair regained the \$1.07 mark, while GBP/USD traded back up into \$1.25 territory. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP was unable to sustain its move above 86p, with the pair edging back down towards the midpoint of 85-86p, amid the firmer tone to sterling.

This week, the key macro event will be the US Fed meeting. No rate changes are expected. Indeed, amid higher than expected inflation and hawkish FOMC comments, futures contracts do not have a 25bps rate cut fully priced in now till November. Therefore, Chair Powell's press conference will be closely followed for guidance on the rate outlook. Data-wise, the calendar is packed. It includes US payrolls, ISM surveys and consumer confidence (all April). In the Eurozone Q1 GDP and HICP inflation (April) are due.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| | | % Change | |
| | | Day * | End 2023 |
| EUR/USD | 1.0723 | 0.03 | -2.84 |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8553 | -0.26 | -1.33 |
| GBP/USD | 1.2536 | 0.30 | -1.52 |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1686 | 0.26 | 1.34 |
| USD/JPY | 156.96 | 0.50 | 11.27 |
| EUR/JPY | 168.31 | 0.51 | 8.15 |

* 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 | 5.38 | 5.43 | 5.59 | 5.50 | 5.21 | 4.74 |
| EUR | 4.50 | 3.85 | 3.87 | 3.69 | 3.36 | 2.96 |
| GBP | 5.25 | 5.19 | 5.17 | 5.01 | 4.98 | 4.48 |

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

Monday 29 April 2024
07:10 am



Euro

| | |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8553 |
| EUR/USD | 1.0723 |
| EUR/JPY | 168.31 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.6904 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4578 |
| EUR/NOK | 11.7964 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9773 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.6328 |
| EUR/HKD | 8.3897 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.4632 |

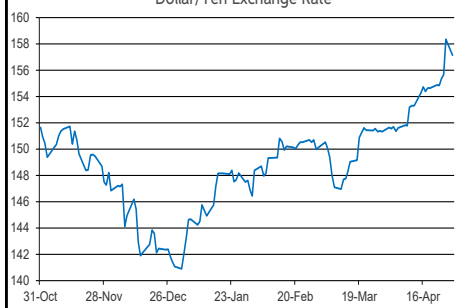
Sterling

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|---------|---------|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1686 |
| GBP/USD | 1.2536 |
| GBP/CAD | 1.7104 |
| GBP/NZD | 2.0988 |
| GBP/JPY | 196.77 |
| GBP/SEK | 13.6637 |
| GBP/DKK | 8.7148 |
| GBP/NOK | 13.783 |
| GBP/CHF | 1.1425 |
| GBP/AUD | 1.9089 |

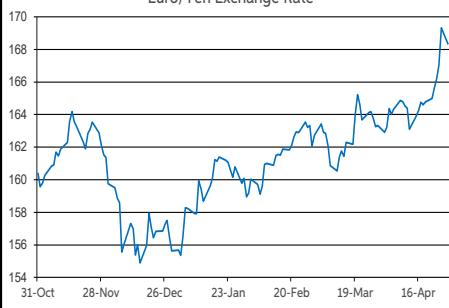
Dollar

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|---------|---------|
| USD/JPY | 156.96 |
| USD/CAD | 1.3644 |
| USD/CHF | 0.9112 |
| USD/CNY | 7.245 |
| USD/BRL | 5.1163 |
| USD/RUB | 92.4775 |
| USD/INR | 83.435 |
| AUD/USD | 0.6565 |
| NZD/USD | 0.597 |

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

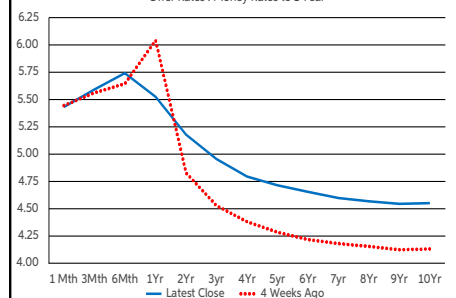


Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



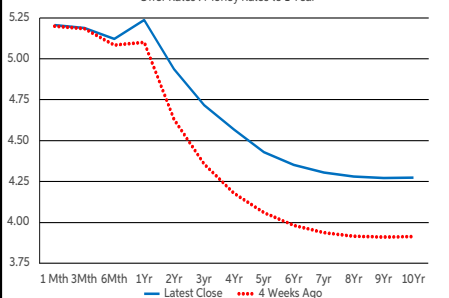
US Swap Curve

Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



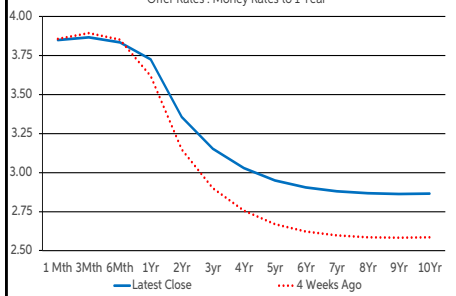
UK Swap Curve

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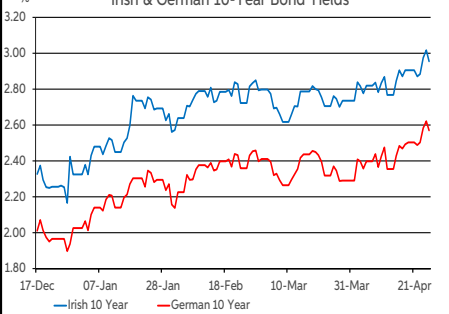


Eurozone Swap Curve

Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



Debt Markets

| | Close | Change bps | | |
|--|-------|------------|---------|--------|
| | | Day | 4 Weeks | End 23 |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | |
| US | 4.67 | -4 | +48 | +81 |
| Germany | 2.57 | -5 | +28 | +55 |
| UK | 4.33 | -4 | +39 | +79 |
| Ireland | 2.98 | -6 | +23 | +61 |
| Belgium | 3.12 | -6 | +24 | +43 |
| France | 3.06 | -7 | +26 | +50 |
| Italy | 3.89 | -11 | +21 | +19 |
| Spain | 3.36 | -8 | +21 | +37 |
| Portugal | 3.22 | -6 | +21 | +43 |
| Greece | 3.48 | -13 | +19 | +40 |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 4.72 | -3 | +47 | +92 |
| Eurozone | 2.95 | -4 | +29 | +52 |
| UK | 4.43 | -5 | +37 | +78 |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | |
| US | 5.18 | +0 | +39 | +84 |
| Eurozone | 3.36 | -2 | +22 | +56 |
| UK | 4.94 | -1 | +31 | +67 |
| 10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps | | | | |
| Ireland | 41 | -1 | -5 | +7 |
| Belgium | 54 | -1 | -4 | -12 |
| France | 49 | -2 | -2 | -4 |
| Italy | 131 | -6 | -7 | -36 |
| Spain | 79 | -2 | -7 | -18 |
| Portugal | 64 | -1 | -7 | -12 |
| Greece | 90 | -8 | -9 | -15 |

Commodities

| | % Change | | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|---------|--------|
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 23 |
| Brent Oil | 89.5 | +0.55 | +2.31 | +16.17 |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65 | -0.17 | -1.90 | -1.27 |
| Gold \$ | 2337.7 | +0.25 | +4.72 | +13.34 |

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