## **Morning Comment**

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## EUR/USD in the top half of \$1.03-1.04

Investors continued to digest the delay in the imposition of US tariffs on goods from Mexico and Canada yesterday. At the same time, a very limited retaliatory response from China in response to 10% tariffs from the US suggests an openness to engage on the issue. All-in-all, developments over recent days provide some hope that the US may avoid full blown trade wars with its three largest trading partners.

Against this backdrop, equity markets moved higher on both sides of the Atlantic. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.9%, supported in part by some good Q4 earnings reports. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 rose by 0.7%. Meantime on bond markets, US Treasury yields fell by 3-5bps. Eurozone sovereign yields were little changed.

On the currency front, the dollar was under some downward pressure, amid the more positive tone to risk appetite. Overall, the greenback shed circa 0.7-0.9% versus the euro and sterling. Meantime, the yen was on the front-foot, following stronger than anticipated wage/earnings data for December.

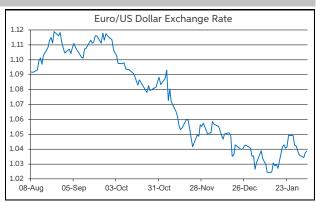
In level terms, the softer tone to the dollar sees EUR/USD open this morning in the top half of \$1.03-1.04. GBP/USD is operating in the upper region of the \$1.24-1.25 corridor. EUR/GBP remains above the 83p mark. USD/JPY is down near the ¥153 threshold.

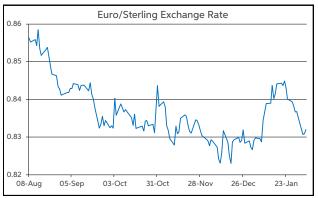
Today, the main release of note will be the US non-manufacturing ISM for January. A very modest improvement is pencilled in for the month. However, the data are unlikely to impact the dollar. Meantime, market participants will remain highly reactive to any tariff related newsflow. A vote of no-confidence in French PM Bayrou will also warrant attention (he is expected to survive).

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0386	0.91	0.32	
EUR/GBP	0.832	0.25	0.57	
GBP/USD	1.248	0.69	-0.25	
GBP/EUR	1.2015	-0.25	-0.56	
USD/JPY	153.16	-1.35	-2.56	
EUR/JPY	159.11	-0.43	-2.24	
* 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	4.31	4.29	4.17	4.35	4.30
EUR	2.90	2.64	2.56	2.30	2.19	2.23
GBP	4.75	4.46	4.44	4.20	4.27	4.16









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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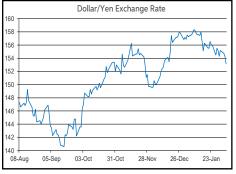
## **Opening Levels**



0.832
1.0386
159.11
11.387
7.4587
11.6684
0.9396
1.6595
8.0895
1.488

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.2012		
GBP/USD	1.2477		
GBP/CAD	1.787		
GBP/NZD	2.2014		
GBP/JPY	191.1		
GBP/SEK	13.683		
GBP/DKK	8.9581		
GBP/NOK	14.0188		
GBP/CHF	1.1288		
GBP/AUD	1.9928		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	153.16			
USD/CAD	1.4324			
USD/CHF	0.9045			
USD/CNY	7.2805			
USD/BRL	5.7581			
USD/RUB	99.25			
USD/INR	87.22			
AUD/USD	0.6256			
NZD/USD	0.5662			



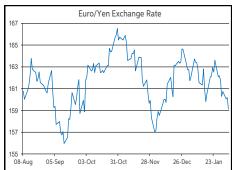
US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

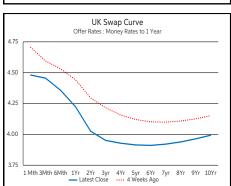
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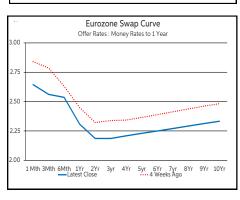
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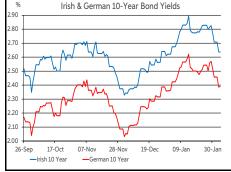
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.51	-3	-17	-6		
Germany	2.39	+1	-9	+3		
UK	4.53	+3	-16	-5		
Ireland	2.67	+2	-10	+2		
Belgium	2.98	+0	-10	-0		
France	3.12	+0	-18	-8		
Italy	3.50	-1	-13	-2		
Spain	3.06	+0	-8	-0		
Portugal	2.91	+1	-4	+6		
Greece	3.31	+2	+7	+6		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.28	-3	-14	-1		
Eurozone	2.22	-2	-14	-2		
UK	4.15	+1	-21	-13		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.31	-3	-8	-2		
Eurozone	2.18	-1	-14	-2		
UK	4.27	-1	-25	-22		
10 Year Governmer	 nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	27	+2	-1	-1		
Belgium	59	-O	-0	-3		
France	72	-0	-9	-11		
Italy	110	-2	-4	-5		
Spain	67	-1	+1	-4		
Portugal	52	+0	+5	+3		
Greece	91	+1	+16	+3		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks E				
Brent Oil	76.2	+0.32	-1.10	+2.09	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2841.9	+1.01	+7.26	+8.31	

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