Morning Comment

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EUR/USD starts the week just above \$1.03

A plethora of significant macroeconomic developments influenced financial markets last week. Most notably, the US decision to place tariffs on China, Canada and Mexico, and the subsequent delay to implement the tariffs on the latter pair, jolted markets at the start of the week. Risk appetite soured sharply on the original tariff decision, but recovered after the announcement of the delay, and following a muted retaliatory response from China.

Elsewhere, the BoE cut rates by 25bps, in-line with expectations. However, there was a dovish tilt in the voting split, with two officials in favour of a 50bps cut (the other 7 all voted for 25bps). Although the MPC retains an easing bias, the overarching message is that the BoE will proceed carefully when setting policy, as the outlook is somewhat unclear given high levels of economic uncertainty. Meantime, the US labour market report for January was mixed, with payrolls printing below the consensus, while the unemployment rate fell and earnings growth accelerated.

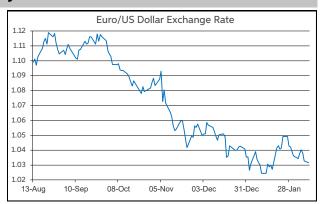
Against this backdrop, there were significant gyrations on forex markets. EUR/USD traded in a wide \$1.014-1.044 range, while GBP/USD operated between \$1.225-1.255. At the same time, the action in EUR/GBP was contained between 82.4-83.8p. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is in the lower half of \$1.03-1.04, GBP/USD is just above \$1.24 and EUR/GBP is in the bottom half of the 83-84p corridor. USD/JPY is below ¥152.

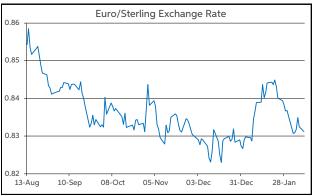
This week, a busy US data calendar includes updates on inflation, retail sales and industrial production for January. Chair Powell's testimony to Congress will also garner attention. Meantime in the UK, the first reading of Q4 GDP will be the highlight. Markets will also be digesting the latest weekend US tariff announcements.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.0315	-0.58	-0.37		
EUR/GBP	0.8312	-0.44	0.47		
GBP/USD	1.2404	-0.12	-0.86		
GBP/EUR	1.2023	0.45	-0.47		
USD/JPY	151.81	0.06	-3.42		
EUR/JPY	156.61	-0.51	-3.77		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market S				Swap Rates	5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.31	4.31	4.24	4.42	4.34
EUR	2.90	2.65	2.53	2.30	2.19	2.21
GBP	4.50	4.45	4.43	4.16	4.30	4.18









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8312
EUR/USD	1.0315
EUR/JPY	156.61
EUR/SEK	11.3041
EUR/DKK	7.46
EUR/NOK	11.6036
EUR/CHF	0.9393
EUR/AUD	1.6437
EUR/HKD	8.0338
EUR/CAD	1.4793

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.2023			
GBP/USD	1.2404			
GBP/CAD	1.7788			
GBP/NZD	2.1906			
GBP/JPY	188.28			
GBP/SEK	13.5964			
GBP/DKK	8.9699			
GBP/NOK	13.9586			
GBP/CHF	1.1298			
GBP/AUD	1.9764			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	151.81			
USD/CAD	1.434			
USD/CHF	0.9106			
USD/CNY	7.3065			
USD/BRL	5.8086			
USD/RUB	97.3			
USD/INR	87.585			
AUD/USD	0.6275			
NZD/USD	0.566			



US Swap Curve

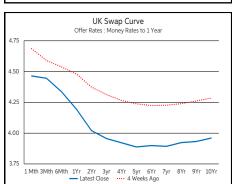
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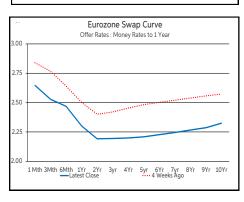
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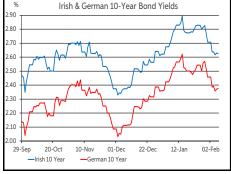
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.49	+5	-29	-9	
Germany	2.38	+0	-19	+1	
UK	4.48	-1	-36	-10	
Ireland	2.66	+0	-20	+1	
Belgium	2.96	+1	-22	-2	
France	3.09	-0	-34	-11	
Italy	3.47	+2	-30	-5	
Spain	3.04	+1	-22	-2	
Portugal	2.91	+2	-14	+6	
Greece	3.27	+3	-14	+2	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.31	+7	-20	+2	
Eurozone	2.20	-2	-28	-4	
UK	4.15	+1	-33	-13	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.38	+8	-10	+5	
Eurozone	2.18	-2	-22	-1	
UK	4.27	+3	-34	-22	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	28	-0	-0	-1	
Belgium	58	+0	-3	-4	
France	71	-0	-15	-12	
Italy	109	+2	-11	-7	
Spain	67	+1	-3	-4	
Portugal	53	+2	+6	+4	
Greece	89	+2	+6	+0	

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End					
Brent Oil	74.66	+0.50	-6.39	+0.03		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	2860.4	+0.14	+6.35	+9.02		

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