## **Morning Comment**

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## Flash PMIs in focus today

It was a relatively quiet day on financial markets yesterday. A limited data scheduled likely contributed to the muted price action. In the absence of any new data for investors to digest, equity markets continued to drift higher. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.2%, while the S&P 500 rose by 0.5%.

Of the limited releases to note, the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence improved slightly to 14.2 in January, matching the consensus. Elsewhere in the US, the latest weekly initial jobless claims figures came in at 223,000, broadly in-line with expectations. However, neither release influenced proceedings on markets.

Currency-wise, the main pairs were quite range bound once again throughout the European session. Of the muted moves to register, the dollar was under some downward pressure. Overnight, the dollar lost some more ground. At the same time, the yen strengthened following the BoJ's decision to hike official rates as expected, by 25bps to 0.50%.

The softer tone to the dollar sees EUR/USD open this morning near the midpoint of the \$1.04-1.05 range. Meantime, GBP/USD is changing hands in the top half of the \$1.23-1.24 corridor. EUR/GBP remains close to the halfway mark of the 84-85p trading band. Elsewhere, USD/JPY is in the lower region of ¥155-156.

Turning to the day ahead, the flash readings of the PMIs for January in the Eurozone, UK and US are due. Across the board, the forecast is for both sectors to be little changed in the month, with services continuing to outperform manufacturing.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0456	0.49	0.99	
EUR/GBP	0.8441	-0.09	2.03	
GBP/USD	1.2382	0.58	-1.03	
GBP/EUR	1.184	0.09	-1.99	
USD/JPY	155.39	-0.83	-1.14	
EUR/JPY	162.51	-0.33	-0.15	
* 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	4.18	4.40	4.40
EUR	3.15	2.78	2.67	2.44	2.37	2.40
GBP	4.75	4.56	4.50	4.30	4.40	4.29









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



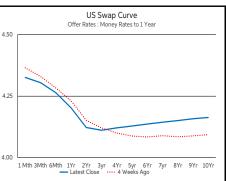
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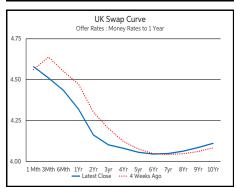
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.184		
GBP/USD	1.2382		
GBP/CAD	1.7758		
GBP/NZD	2.1681		
GBP/JPY	192.4		
GBP/SEK	13.5658		
GBP/DKK	8.8327		
GBP/NOK	13.903		
GBP/CHF	1.1205		
GBP/AUD	1.9599		

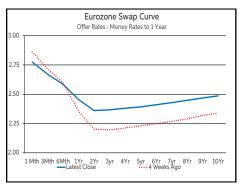
Dollar				
USD/JPY	155.39			
USD/CAD	1.4342			
USD/CHF	0.9049			
USD/CNY	7.2519			
USD/BRL	5.9243			
USD/RUB	98.9			
USD/INR	86.2675			
AUD/USD	0.6314			
NZD/USD	0.5709			













	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.64	+4	+6	+6		
Germany	2.51	+1	+19	+15		
UK	4.64	+0	+4	+6		
Ireland	2.84	+2	+19	+19		
Belgium	3.15	+3	+23	+17		
France	3.29	+3	+16	+10		
Italy	3.64	+4	+14	+12		
Spain	3.17	+2	+15	+11		
Portugal	2.96	+2	+15	+11		
Greece	3.44	+17	+20	+19		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.39	+1	+5	+10		
Eurozone	2.39	+1	+17	+16		
UK	4.29	-1	-2	+1		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.38	-1	-2	+4		
Eurozone	2.36	+1	+17	+17		
UK	4.41	-3	-12	-8		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps			
Ireland	32	+0	+0	+4		
Belgium	64	+1	+4	+2		
France	78	+2	-3	-5		
Italy	113	+3	-4	-3		
Spain	66	+1	-4	-4		
Portugal	45	+1	-4	-4		
Greece	93	+16	+2	+4		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	78.29	-0.90	+6.87	+4.89	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold\$	2753.7	-0.05	+4.53	+4.95	

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