## **Morning Comment**

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## Jam-packed macro calendar ahead

Overall, there was a positive tone to investor sentiment last week, despite choppy trading conditions at times. No new US trade tariffs and some strong earnings reports supported risk appetite. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 1.4% last week, while the S&P 500 rose by 1.7%.

On the currency front, the dollar was under downward pressure as additional US trade tariffs were not introduced. Meantime, the euro was boosted by some better than anticipated flash PMI data for January. This saw EUR/USD register a fresh YTD high of \$1.0521 on Friday. At the same time, having softened in the early part of last week, the yen recouped its losses versus the dollar following the BoJ's decision to hike rates by 25bps to 0.50%. However, the dollar has started this week on a firmer footing, strengthening somewhat in overnight A-PAC trading before the European open.

In level terms, EUR/USD starts this morning in the top half of the \$1.04-1.05 range. Meantime, GBP/USD is changing hands at the midpoint of the \$1.24-1.25 corridor. EUR/GBP is operating back below the 84p threshold. Elsewhere, USD/JPY is in the lower half of the ¥156-157 band.

Turning to the week ahead, the first monetary policy meetings of the year for the Fed and the ECB will be the main focus of a jampacked macro calendar. The Fed is expected to leave policy on hold but another 25bps cut from the ECB is widely anticipated. Data-wise, inflation will be in the spotlight, with US core-PCE (Dec) and flash HICP (Jan) for a slew of Eurozone economies due for release. The first readings of GDP for Q4 will also feature.

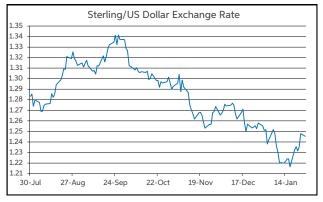
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.046	0.11	1.03	
EUR/GBP	0.8394	-0.38	1.46	
GBP/USD	1.2453	0.43	-0.46	
GBP/EUR	1.1906	0.38	-1.44	
USD/JPY	156.09	0.48	-0.69	
EUR/JPY	163.3	0.57	0.34	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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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	4.30	4.28	4.17	4.38	4.37
EUR	3.15	2.74	2.64	2.46	2.41	2.44
GBP	4.75	4.55	4.49	4.31	4.46	4.33









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



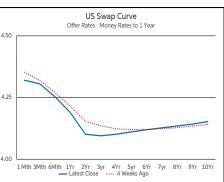
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8394
EUR/USD	1.046
EUR/JPY	163.3
EUR/SEK	11.4754
EUR/DKK	7.462
EUR/NOK	11.7604
EUR/CHF	0.9485
EUR/AUD	1.6636
EUR/HKD	8.1509
EUR/CAD	1.504

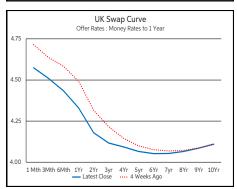
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1906			
GBP/USD	1.2453			
GBP/CAD	1.7906			
GBP/NZD	2.1887			
GBP/JPY	194.38			
GBP/SEK	13.663			
GBP/DKK	8.8803			
GBP/NOK	13.9809			
GBP/CHF	1.1289			
GBP/AUD	1.9798			

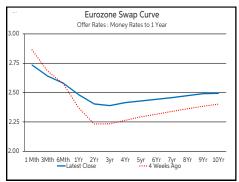
Dollar				
USD/JPY	156.09			
USD/CAD	1.438			
USD/CHF	0.9066			
USD/CNY	7.2662			
USD/BRL	5.9109			
USD/RUB	98.4			
USD/INR	86.403			
AUD/USD	0.6287			
NZD/USD	0.5684			













Debt Markets					
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.62	-1	+0	+5	
Germany	2.55	+3	+15	+18	
UK	4.63	-0	-0	+6	
Ireland	2.85	+1	+16	+20	
Belgium	3.18	+3	+18	+20	
France	3.31	+1	+10	+11	
Italy	3.66	+2	+12	+14	
Spain	3.19	+2	+11	+13	
Portugal	2.99	+2	+11	+14	
Greece	3.47	+3	+23	+23	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.36	-3	-2	+7	
Eurozone	2.43	+4	+14	+19	
UK	4.30	+1	-5	+2	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.37	-1	-3	+3	
Eurozone	2.40	+4	+18	+21	
UK	4.43	+2	-11	-6	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	30	-2	+1	+2	
Belgium	64	-0	+3	+2	
France	76	-2	-5	-7	
Italy	111	-1	-3	-4	
Spain	65	-1	-4	-6	
Portugal	44	-1	-5	-5	
Greece	93	+0	+8	+4	

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24		
Brent Oil	78.5	+0.27	+5.84	+5.17		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	2771.3	+0.64	+5.77	+5.62		

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