Morning Comment

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EUR/USD in the top half of \$1.08-1.09

There was a risk-off mood on markets yesterday, as investors continued to grapple with concerns regarding the US economic outlook. Lingering uncertainty in relation to US trade policy, as retaliatory Chinese tariffs on select US imports took effect, weighed on sentiment also. Meantime, difficulties in getting agreement on reforms to Germany's fiscal rules also dampened the mood yesterday.

Against this backdrop, equity markets moved sharply lower on both sides of the Atlantic. The Euro Stoxx 50 shed 1.5% on the day. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 lost 2.7%. In terms of fixed income, US Treasury yields declined markedly along the curve, by 7-12bps. In contrast, German Bund and UK Gilt yields were little changed. Elsewhere, Brent crude oil moved back below \$70 per barrel.

Currency-wise, traditional safe havens such as the Japanese yen and the Swiss franc were in the ascendancy during the European session, amid the risk averse tone to sentiment. Meantime, the euro firmed somewhat in overnight trading, albeit there was no obvious catalyst for the move.

In level terms, EUR/USD is in the top half of the \$1.08-1.09 corridor. EUR/GBP is up above the 84p handle. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is operating at the \$1.29 mark. USD/JPY is changing hands down at the \$147 threshold.

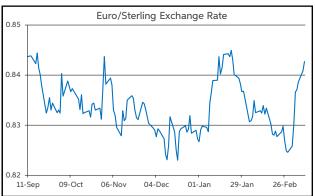
Turning to the day ahead, the main releases of note will be NFIB small business optimism (Feb) and JOLTS job openings (Jan) in the US. Elsewhere, remarks form a number of ECB officials, including President Lagarde, will also garner some attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0876	0.38	5.05	
EUR/GBP	0.8427	0.45	1.86	
GBP/USD	1.2903	-0.05	3.13	
GBP/EUR	1.1862	-0.45	-1.83	
USD/JPY	147.01	-0.33	-6.47	
EUR/JPY	159.89	0.03	-1.76	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.32	4.28	3.93	3.99	3.94
EUR	2.65	2.46	2.53	2.31	2.32	2.51
GBP	4.50	4.44	4.38	4.16	4.25	4.21









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



0.8427
1.0876
159.89
10.9434
7.4582
11.6664
0.9564
1.7314
8.4498
1.5696

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1862
GBP/USD	1.2903
GBP/CAD	1.8618
GBP/NZD	2.265
GBP/JPY	189.67
GBP/SEK	12.9813
GBP/DKK	8.8453
GBP/NOK	13.8293
GBP/CHF	1.1343
GBP/AUD	2.0537

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.01			
USD/CAD	1.4432			
USD/CHF	0.8793			
USD/CNY	7.2387			
USD/BRL	5.855			
USD/RUB	86.9			
USD/INR	87.305			
AUD/USD	0.6279			
NZD/USD	0.5694			



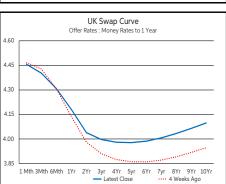
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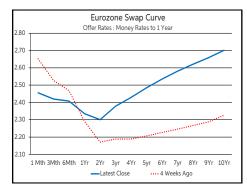
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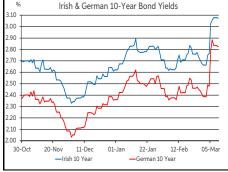
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.21	-11	-28	-36
Germany	2.83	-1	+46	+46
UK	4.65	+0	+19	+7
Ireland	3.10	-1	+43	+45
Belgium	3.39	-1	+44	+40
France	3.54	-1	+46	+35
Italy	3.91	+1	+46	+39
Spain	3.49	-1	+45	+42
Portugal	3.37	-1	+48	+52
Greece	3.67	+0	+42	+43
 5 Year Swap %				
US	3.91	-13	-39	-38
Eurozone	2.48	-8	+28	+24
UK	4.22	-1	+10	-7
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.96	-11	-40	-37
Eurozone	2.29	-6	+13	+10
UK	4.26	-2	+5	-22
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	27	+0	-3	-1
Belgium	56	+0	-2	-6
France	72	+0	-1	-11
Italy	109	+2	-O	-7
Spain	66	-0	-1	-4
Portugal	54	+0	+1	+5
Greece	85	+1	-5	-4

Commodities					
		% Change			
Close Day 4 Weeks				End 24	
Brent Oil	69.28	-1.53	-8.69	-7.18	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2889.4	-0.73	-0.62	+10.12	

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