Morning Comment

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Euro edges back from recent highs

There was a modestly firmer tone to investor sentiment last week. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 managed to post a weekly gain, avoiding a fifth consecutive week of losses. This was against the backdrop of a relatively quiet few days in terms of trade tensions/tariffs newsflow. At the same time, the outcome of the Fed and BoE meetings for March were in line with market expectations for no changes to interest rates. Meanwhile, the tone of their respective post-meeting communications contained few surprises.

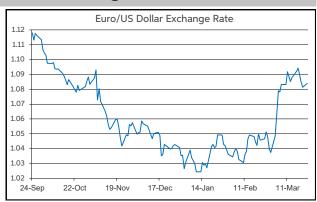
On the currency front, the majors were confined to relatively tight trading ranges. In the early part of the week, the EUR/USD pair did register another year-to-date high, rising up to a new peak at \$1.0954. However, the euro could not sustain this momentum and was holding a marginally softer tone as the week progressed. EUR/USD edged back below the \$1.09 threshold. Meantime, EUR/GBP also crept lower, trading back down under the 84p handle. Elsewhere, GBP/USD briefly tested above the \$1.30 mark (to a new 2025 high of \$1.3014), before settling back into the \$1.29-1.30 corridor.

Looking ahead, after last week's flurry of central bank meetings, the macro calendar over the coming days is more data centric. One of the main highlights in this regard will be the flash readings of the PMIs for March from the US, Eurozone and UK. These will provide a useful update on the momentum, or lack of, these economies had at the end of Q1. Aside from the PMIs, there are also some important inflation numbers due this week. In the UK we get CPI inflation data for February, while the US diary features core-PCE (Fed's preferred inflation metric) for February. Investors will also continue to keep a watchful eye on global trade related news.

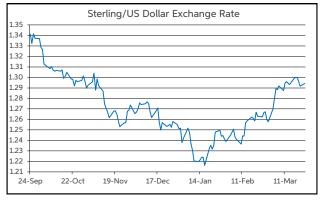
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.084	0.12	4.70		
EUR/GBP	0.8373	0.00	1.21		
GBP/USD	1.2942	0.12	3.44		
GBP/EUR	1.1937	0.00	-1.19		
USD/JPY	149.64	0.05	-4.80		
EUR/JPY	162.23	0.18	-0.32		
* v Previous Day's European Open					

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.38	4.31	4.29	4.03	4.10	4.05
EUR	2.65	2.37	2.39	2.31	2.27	2.45
GBP	4.50	4.45	4.38	4.22	4.37	4.32









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8373
EUR/USD		1.084
EUR/JPY		162.23
EUR/SEK		10.9521
EUR/DKK		7.4602
EUR/NOK		11.4067
EUR/CHF		0.9569
EUR/AUD		1.7235
EUR/HKD		8.4267
EUR/CAD	***************************************	1.5538

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1937			
GBP/USD	1.2942			
GBP/CAD	1.8552			
GBP/NZD	2.2579			
GBP/JPY	193.66			
GBP/SEK	13.0777			
GBP/DKK	8.9046			
GBP/NOK	13.6179			
GBP/CHF	1.1425			
GBP/AUD	2.0576			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	149.64				
USD/CAD	1.4336				
USD/CHF	0.8827				
USD/CNY	7.2567				
USD/BRL	5.7285				
USD/RUB	84.4955				
USD/INR	85.805				
AUD/USD	0.6288				
NZD/USD	0.5728				



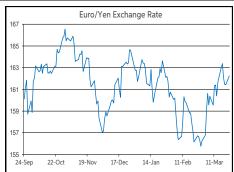
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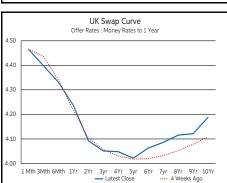
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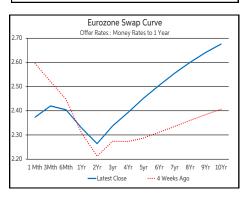
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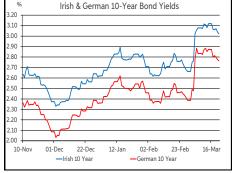
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr — Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.25	+2	-17	-33
Germany	2.77	-1	+30	+40
UK	4.71	+6	+14	+14
Ireland	3.06	-1	+28	+41
Belgium	3.33	-1	+26	+34
France	3.46	-2	+24	+27
Italy	3.82	-3	+26	+30
Spain	3.41	-2	+26	+34
Portugal	3.29	-0	+30	+44
Greece	3.63	+2	+27	+38
 5 Year Swap %				
US	3.98	-0	-26	-31
Eurozone	2.43	-3	+15	+20
UK	4.27	+0	+3	-1
 2 Year Swap %				
US	4.03	-2	-26	-30
Eurozone	2.26	-4	+5	+6
UK	4.33	+0	+1	-16
 10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ds to Benchi	mark bps	
Ireland	29	+1	-2	+0
Belgium	56	+0	-4	-6
France	70	-1	-6	-14
Italy	105	-2	-4	-11
Spain	64	-1	-4	-6
Portugal	53	+1	-1	+4
Greece	86	+3	-4	-3

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	72.16	+0.22	-3.05	-3.32	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3023.6	-0.68	+2.98	+15.24	

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