## **Morning Comment**

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## EUR/USD back below \$1.08

There was a notable 'risk on' tone to investor sentiment on Wall Street yesterday. After managing to post its first weekly gain (albeit a modest 0.5%) last week after four negative weeks, the firming in risk appetite gathered momentum yesterday. At the closing bell last night, the S&P 500 was 1.8% higher on the day.

Investors appeared to take comfort from recent somewhat conciliatory rhetoric from President Trump in relation to tariffs. Meanwhile, the main US data release yesterday surprised to the upside of expectations, which in turn eased concerns regarding the US economic outlook. The flash reading for the US Composite PMI for March came in ahead of forecasts on the back of a strong performance from the services sector.

On the currency front, against the backdrop of positive newsflow regarding the US economy, the dollar managed to register some gains. At the same time, the softer tone to the euro carried over from last week.

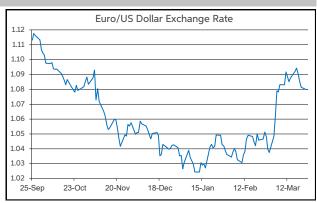
In level terms, the combination of a firmer dollar/softer euro saw the EUR/USD pair drop back below the \$1.08 threshold. Meantime, EUR/GBP edged lower towards the midpoint of 83-84p. Elsewhere, amid the dollar's upward momentum on the exchanges, GBP/USD traded down nearer to the \$1.29 mark.

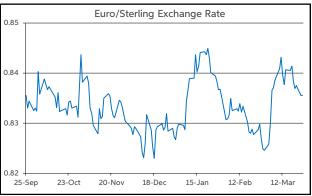
Looking ahead to today's calendar, the main release from the Eurozone of note is the German Ifo survey of business sentiment for March. Across the Atlantic, the key highlight from a busy US macro diary will be the Conference Board measure of US consumer confidence for March.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0793	-0.32	4.25	
EUR/GBP	0.8358	-0.23	1.03	
GBP/USD	1.2909	-0.09	3.18	
GBP/EUR	1.1959	0.23	-1.02	
USD/JPY	150.65	0.65	-4.15	
EUR/JPY	162.61	0.32	-0.09	
* 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	4.32	4.30	4.08	4.17	4.09
EUR	2.65	2.39	2.41	2.30	2.27	2.47
GBP	4.50	4.45	4.38	4.22	4.34	4.28









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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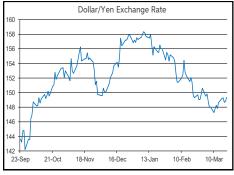
## **Opening Levels**



EUR/GBP 0.8358   EUR/USD 1.0793   EUR/JPY 162.61
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EUR/SEK 10.8964
EUR/DKK 7.4591
EUR/NOK 11.3591
EUR/CHF 0.9545
EUR/AUD 1.7175
EUR/HKD 8.3913
EUR/CAD 1.5461

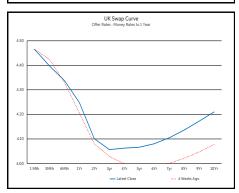
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1959			
GBP/USD	1.2909			
GBP/CAD	1.849			
GBP/NZD	2.2567			
GBP/JPY	194.45			
GBP/SEK	13.0339			
GBP/DKK	8.919			
GBP/NOK	13.5873			
GBP/CHF	1.1413			
GBP/AUD	2.0537			

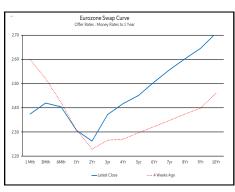
Dollar				
USD/JPY	150.63			
USD/CAD	1.4326			
USD/CHF	0.8842			
USD/CNY	7.2612			
USD/BRL	5.7605			
USD/RUB	83.9955			
USD/INR	85.788			
AUD/USD	0.6283			
NZD/USD	0.5717			

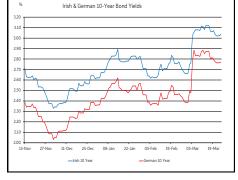


US Swap Curve Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year









	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.33	+8	-6	-25
Germany	2.77	+1	+30	+41
UK	4.72	+1	+15	+15
Ireland	3.07	+1	+29	+42
Belgium	3.32	-1	+26	+34
France	3.46	-0	+24	+27
Italy	3.82	-0	+26	+30
Spain	3.40	-O	+25	+34
Portugal	3.29	+0	+29	+44
Greece	3.64	+1	+28	+39
 5 Year Swap %				
US	4.05	+8	-16	-24
Eurozone	2.44	+1	+15	+21
UK	4.30	+1	+6	+2
 2 Year Swap %				
US	4.10	+7	-19	-23
Eurozone	2.25	-1	+3	+6
UK	4.34	+1	+3	-14
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	30	+1	-2	+1
Belgium	55	-1	-4	-7
France	69	-1	-6	-14
Italy	104	-1	-4	-11
Spain	63	-1	-5	-7
Portugal	52	-1	-2	+3
Greece	86	+0	-2	-2

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	73	+1.16	-2.38	-2.20	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3012.3	-0.38	+2.07	+14.81	

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