

BoE enters the monetary policy spotlight today

As widely expected, the US Fed kept monetary policy on hold yesterday. It means the Fed funds target range remains at 4.25-4.50%. The overarching message from the Fed continues to be that it is in no rush to alter rates. However, the meeting statement noted that the “risks of higher unemployment and higher inflation have risen”, reflecting greater uncertainty regarding the economic outlook.

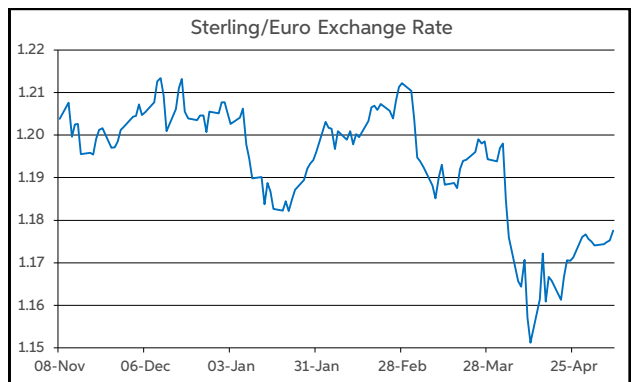
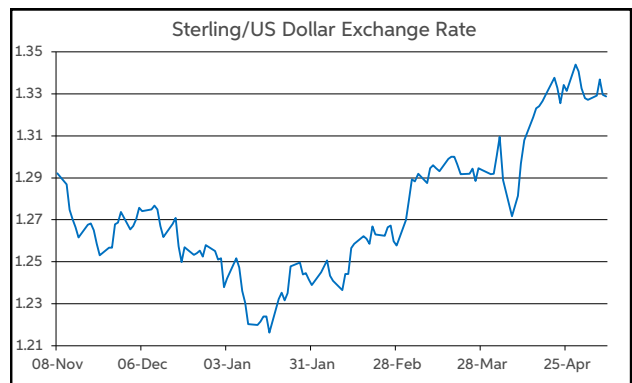
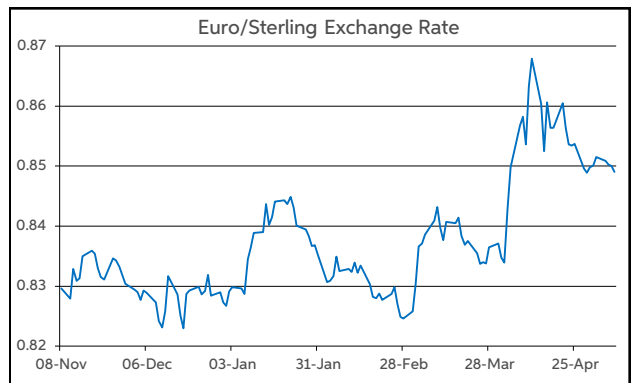
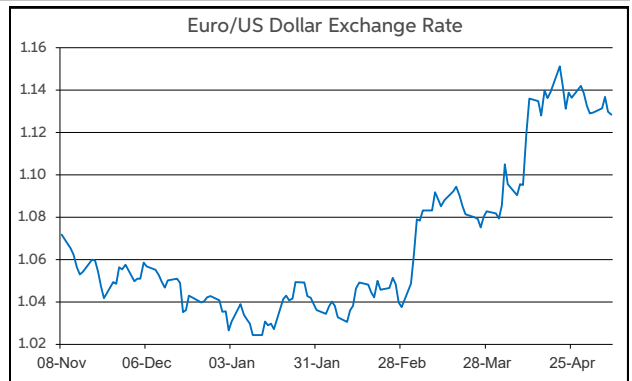
Unsurprisingly, given the Fed meeting outcome was very much in-line with expectations, the market reaction was muted. Futures contracts were little changed, with pricing continuing to suggest that investors anticipate around 75bps worth of easing in the US between now and year-end, starting in July. Ahead of the Fed meeting yesterday, there was a mixed mood on markets, albeit the moves were limited. However, investor sentiment received a boost after the European close, with reports that the US may soon announce a trade deal with the UK. Signs that the US and China are moving to de-escalate the trade war also provided a supportive backdrop for risk appetite.

This was reflected in the Euro Stoxx 50 falling by 0.6% yesterday, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 gained 0.4%. However, most European equity futures are green this morning. At the same time, yields moved lower across the board, with 10-year US Treasury, UK Gilt and German Bunds down by 3-6bps.

Currency-wise, the dollar moved higher amid the positive trade related news flow overnight. This sees EUR/USD open this morning back below the \$1.13 handle. GBP/USD is down under the \$1.33 mark. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to operate in and around 85p.

Today, it is the turn of the Bank of England to enter the monetary policy spotlight. The BoE is expected to cut rates by 25bps to 4.25%. Aside from the decision, the updated Monetary Policy Report and the press conference will garner close attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.1285	-0.50	9.00
EUR/GBP	0.8489	-0.12	2.61
GBP/USD	1.3288	-0.39	6.21
GBP/EUR	1.1775	0.12	-2.54
USD/JPY	144.24	0.68	-8.23
EUR/JPY	162.8	0.17	0.03

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market			Swap Rates		
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	4.38	4.32	4.30	3.91	3.86	3.81
EUR	2.40	2.14	2.14	1.95	1.92	2.15
GBP	4.50	4.19	4.14	3.77	3.86	3.87

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8489
EUR/USD	1.1285
EUR/JPY	162.8
EUR/SEK	10.9261
EUR/DKK	7.4607
EUR/NOK	11.7175
EUR/CHF	0.9327
EUR/AUD	1.7565
EUR/HKD	8.7738
EUR/CAD	1.5637

Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1775
GBP/USD	1.3288
GBP/CAD	1.8413
GBP/NZD	2.2346
GBP/JPY	191.68
GBP/SEK	12.8574
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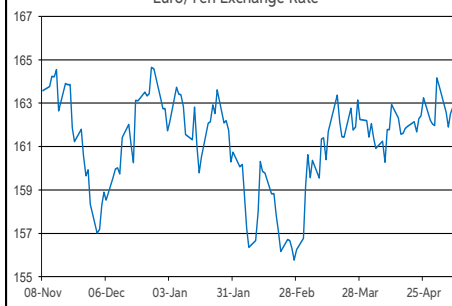
Dollar

USD/JPY	144.24
USD/CAD	1.3859
USD/CHF	0.8264
USD/CNY	7.2366
USD/BRL	5.745
USD/RUB	81.3
USD/INR	84.823
AUD/USD	0.6423
NZD/USD	0.5943

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

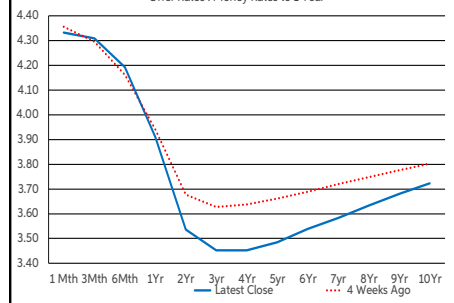


Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



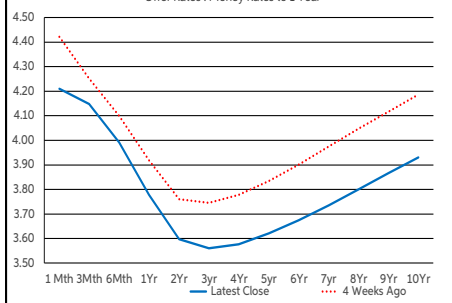
US Swap Curve

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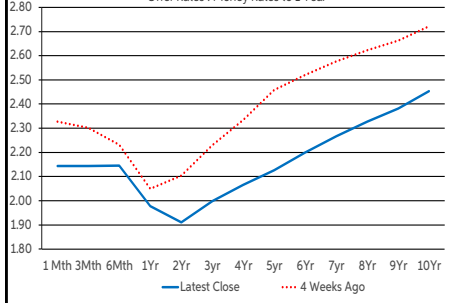
UK Swap Curve

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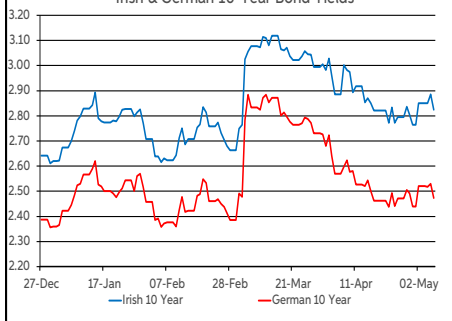


Eurozone Swap Curve

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Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.28	-3	-12	-30
Germany	2.48	-6	-11	+11
UK	4.46	-6	-33	-11
Ireland	2.86	-5	-17	+21
Belgium	3.07	-6	-15	+9
France	3.20	-6	-20	+0
Italy	3.56	-8	-33	+4
Spain	3.13	-6	-22	+6
Portugal	3.01	-6	-22	+16
Greece	3.33	-9	-25	+8
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.75	-3	-18	-54
Eurozone	2.12	-5	-33	-11
UK	3.87	-3	-19	-42
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.80	+1	-14	-53
Eurozone	1.90	-2	-20	-29
UK	3.84	-1	-15	-65
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	39	+0	-6	+10
Belgium	60	-1	-5	-2
France	72	-0	-9	-11
Italy	109	-2	-22	-7
Spain	65	-0	-12	-5
Portugal	54	+0	-11	+5
Greece	86	-3	-14	-3

Commodities

	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	61.12	-1.66	-6.66	-18.11
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3364.3	-1.90	+9.15	+28.22

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