Morning Comment

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US CPI Inflation due today

There was a positive tone to investor sentiment yesterday, as the US and China agreed to reduce trade tariffs for 90-days following talks over the weekend. The US will reduce tariffs on most Chinese imports to 30%, while China will lower levies on US goods to 10%. Against this backdrop, equity markets rallied, market rate expectations firmed and sovereign bond yields moved higher. At the same time, the dollar was in the ascendancy on currency markets.

Overall, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 1.6% yesterday, while the S&P 500 rose by 3.3%. Meantime, markets are now pricing in around two 25bps rate cuts in the US, UK and Eurozone between now and yearend. Previously, closer to three rate cuts was priced-in for all three regions. Amid the firming in rate expectations, benchmark sovereign yields moved 2-15bps higher across the board.

Currency-wise, as mentioned the dollar was on the front-foot. This was reflected by EUR/USD trading to a low of \$1.1065. However, the euro moved off its lows before the close. Overall, the greenback gained around 1.0-1.5% against the euro and the yen yesterday. At the same time, sterling was holding a slightly firmer tone also.

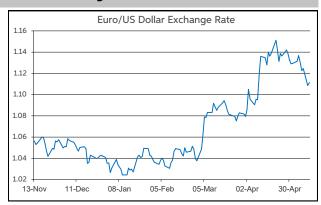
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning back close to the \$1.11 threshold, while USD/JPY is hovering up near ¥148 territory. GBP/USD is trading down at the \$1.32 handle. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands just above the 84p mark.

Already this morning, UK, labour market data have printed broadly inline with the consensus. The unemployment rate rose to 4.5% while average earnings growth slowed to +5.5% y/y in March. However, the data have not impacted sterling so far in early trading. Later today, the main release of note will be on US CPI inflation Expectations are for both the headline and the core rates to be unchanged at 2.4% and 2.8%, respectively, in April.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1115	-0.98	7.36		
EUR/GBP	0.8417	-0.37	1.74		
GBP/USD	1.3201	-0.62	5.52		
GBP/EUR	1.1875	0.37	-1.71		
USD/JPY	147.7	1.23	-6.03		
EUR/JPY	164.18	0.21	0.88		
* 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	4.32	4.05	4.08	4.04
EUR	2.40	2.11	2.12	2.06	2.07	2.32
GBP	4.25	4.20	4.19	3.93	4.05	4.07









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8415
EUR/USD	1.1105
EUR/JPY	164.29
EUR/SEK	10.894
EUR/DKK	7.4601
EUR/NOK	11.5887
EUR/CHF	0.937
EUR/AUD	1.7341
EUR/HKD	8.6543
EUR/CAD	1.5512

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1876			
GBP/USD	1.319			
GBP/CAD	1.8423			
GBP/NZD	2.2404			
GBP/JPY	195.09			
GBP/SEK	12.9388			
GBP/DKK	8.8599			
GBP/NOK	13.757			
GBP/CHF	1.1128			
GBP/AUD	2.0591			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	147.91				
USD/CAD	1.3968				
USD/CHF	0.8434				
USD/CNY	7.1934				
USD/BRL	5.6699				
USD/RUB	80.7				
USD/INR	84.919				
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US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

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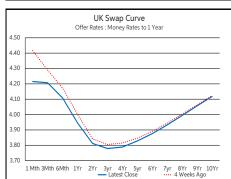
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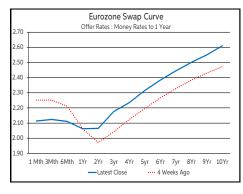
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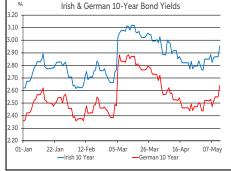
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets					
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.46	+8	+9	-12	
Germany	2.64	+9	+12	+28	
UK	4.65	+9	-2	+8	
Ireland	2.97	+6	+9	+32	
Belgium	3.20	+7	+6	+22	
France	3.33	+6	+5	+13	
Italy	3.68	+6	+0	+16	
Spain	3.27	+6	+5	+20	
Portugal	3.16	+8	+5	+31	
Greece	3.46	+7	+1	+21	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.00	+11	+10	-29	
Eurozone	2.31	+11	+12	+8	
UK	4.07	+10	-1	-22	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.05	+10	+18	-29	
Eurozone	2.06	+11	+9	-13	
UK	4.04	+10	-1	-44	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	33	-3	-3	+4	
Belgium	56	-2	-6	-6	
France	68	-3	-7	-15	
Italy	104	-3	-12	-12	
Spain	63	-3	-7	-7	
Portugal	52	-1	-7	+3	
Greece	81	-2	-11	-7	

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	64.96	+1.64	+0.12	-12.97			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	3233.7	-2.72	+0.76	+23.25			

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