

Flash PMIs are the main highlight this week

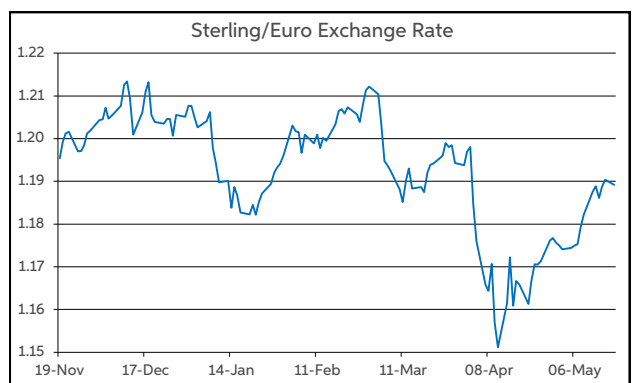
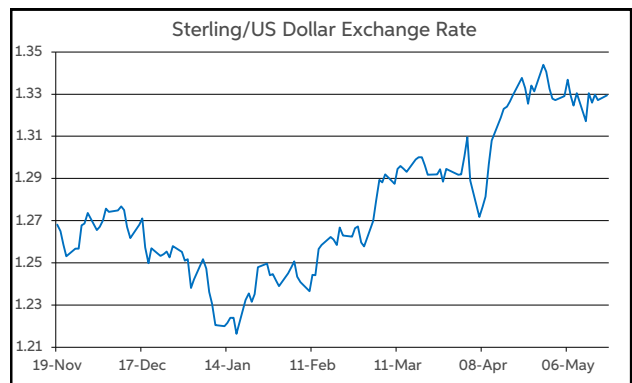
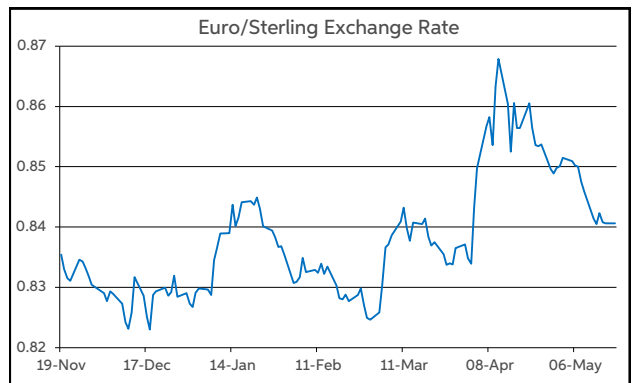
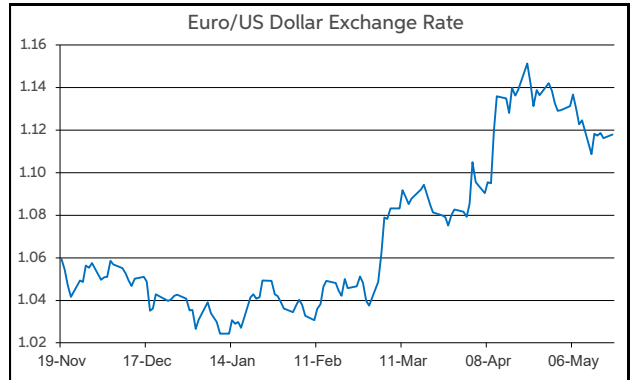
There was a positive mood on markets throughout last week, as investors digested news that the US and China agreed to reduce tariffs for an initial 90-day period. The US will lower tariffs on most Chinese imports to 30%, while China will cut the levy it applies to US goods to 10%. At the same time, a busy data schedule also provided a mostly supportive backdrop for risk appetite.

The “risk-on” tone to investor sentiment was reflected by the Euro Stoxx 50 rising by 2.2% last week. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 gained 5.3%. Elsewhere, market rate expectations firmed markedly in the initial aftermath of the positive outcome from US-China trade talks. This is evidenced by futures contracts currently pricing in around 50bps of policy easing between now and year-end in the US, UK, and Eurozone, compared to expectations previously for up to 75bps of cuts. The hardening in futures contributed to sovereign yields moving 5-10bps higher in the UK and Germany, as well as US Treasury yields rising by 5-15bps. A credit rating downgrade on Friday also impacted the latter.

On the currency front, the dollar was in the ascendancy amid the initial reaction to the US-China agreement. However, as the week progressed, the greenback handed back most of its gains and range trading took hold. As market's in Europe open this morning, EUR/USD is operating just below the \$1.12 mark. EUR/GBP remains just above the 84p handle. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is in and around the \$1.33 threshold. USD/JPY is in the lower half of the ¥145-146 band.

Turning to the week ahead, the main highlight will be the May reading of the flash PMIs for the main advanced economies. A slew of other survey data are also due in the Eurozone, along with the latest ECB monetary policy meeting account. Meantime, in the UK, a busy data calendar includes updates on inflation, retail sales and consumer confidence.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2024
EUR/USD	1.118	-0.21	7.99
EUR/GBP	0.8406	-0.04	1.61
GBP/USD	1.3297	-0.14	6.28
GBP/EUR	1.1887	0.04	-1.58
USD/JPY	145.24	-0.05	-7.60
EUR/JPY	162.4	-0.23	-0.22

* 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	4.32	4.06	4.06	4.04
EUR	2.40	2.13	2.14	2.04	2.03	2.26
GBP	4.25	4.20	4.20	3.95	4.04	4.08

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8406
EUR/USD	1.118
EUR/JPY	162.4
EUR/SEK	10.9264
EUR/DKK	7.4612
EUR/NOK	11.6213
EUR/CHF	0.9349
EUR/AUD	1.7464
EUR/HKD	8.7429
EUR/CAD	1.5617

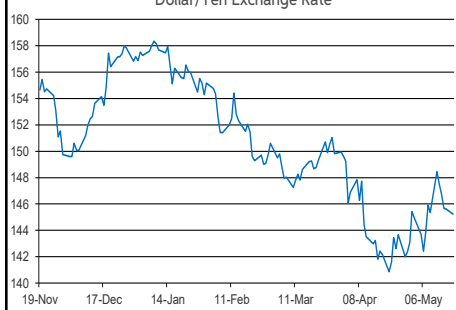
Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1887
GBP/USD	1.3297
GBP/CAD	1.8571
GBP/NZD	2.2599
GBP/JPY	193.1
GBP/SEK	12.9911
GBP/DKK	8.8731
GBP/NOK	13.8212
GBP/CHF	1.1121
GBP/AUD	2.0767

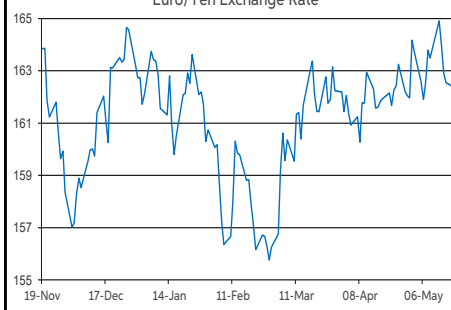
Dollar

USD/JPY	145.24
USD/CAD	1.3971
USD/CHF	0.8362
USD/CNY	7.201
USD/BRL	5.6817
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USD/INR	85.492
AUD/USD	0.6398
NZD/USD	0.5879

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

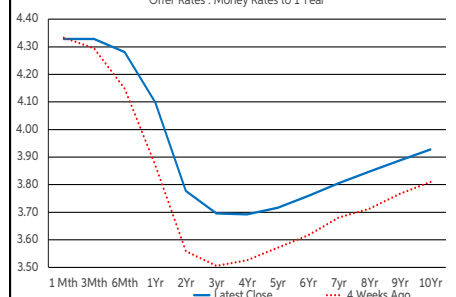


Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



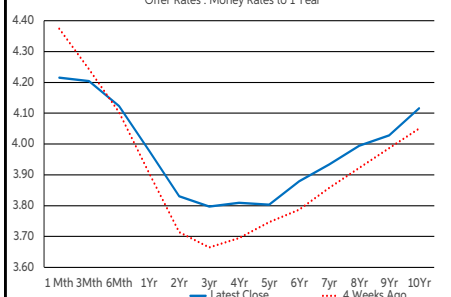
US Swap Curve

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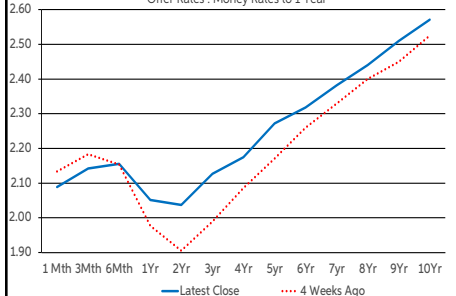
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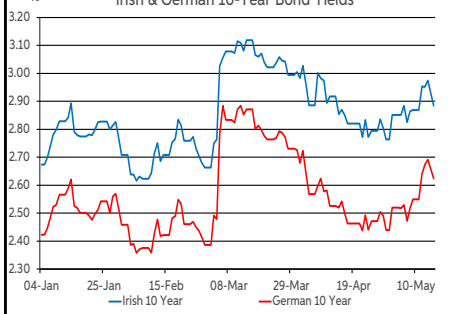


Eurozone Swap Curve

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Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.46	-7	+13	-12
Germany	2.63	-7	+16	+26
UK	4.66	-6	+9	+9
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.98	-8	+18	-31
Eurozone	2.25	-10	+8	+1
UK	4.06	-7	+7	-22
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.04	-4	+23	-30
Eurozone	2.01	-7	+11	-18
UK	4.05	-4	+9	-44
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	29	-1	-8	+0
Belgium	54	-1	-8	-8
France	67	-2	-11	-16
Italy	101	-2	-17	-15
Spain	61	-1	-10	-9
Portugal	50	-1	-9	+1
Greece	82	+4	-12	-7

Commodities

	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	64.53	-2.36	-5.05	-13.55
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3239.8	+1.93	-2.64	+23.48

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