

## Uneventful start to the week on markets

The week on financial markets got off to a generally uneventful start yesterday. Risk appetite was subdued throughout the European session. This was against the backdrop of a quiet data schedule, concerns over an escalation of geo-political tensions in the Middle East, and with key central bank events looming on the macro horizon later this week.

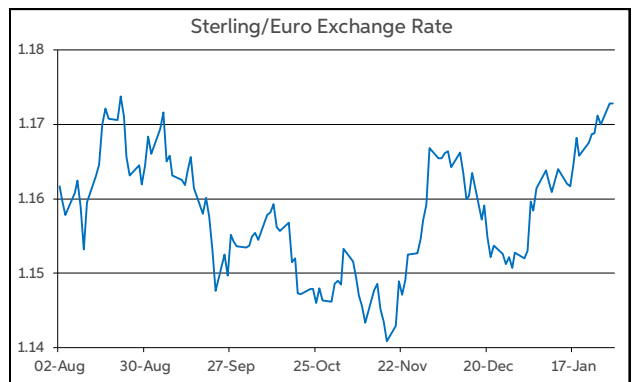
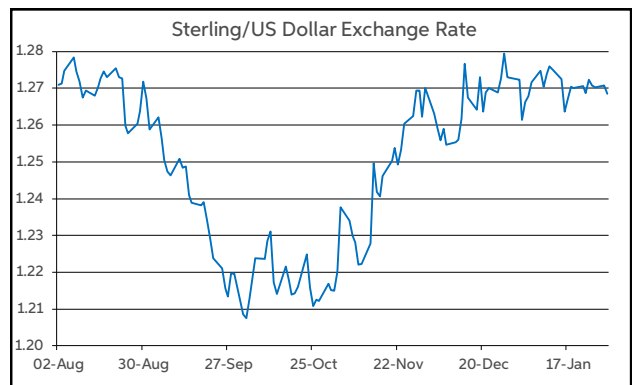
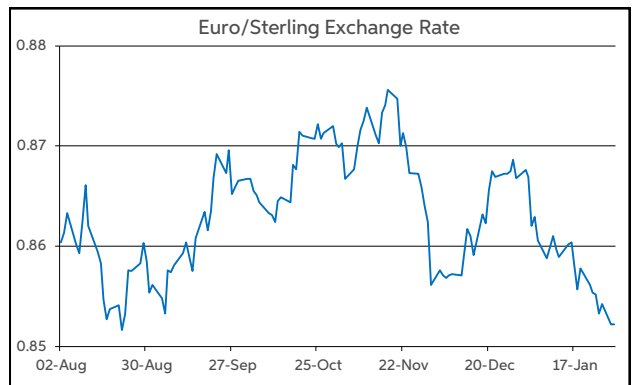
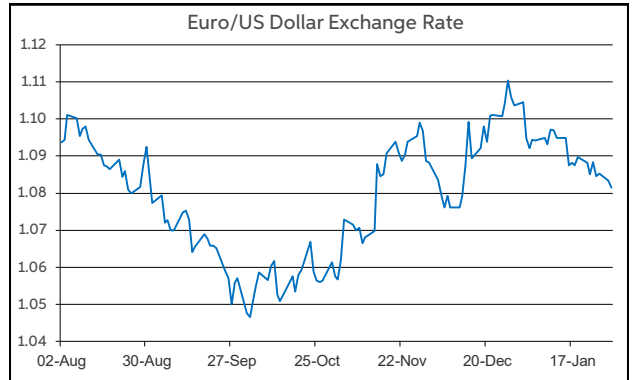
This was reflected in most of the main European equity indices being in sideways mode for much of yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 was flat on the day. Meanwhile, on Wall Street, there was some firming in investor sentiment as the US trading session progressed. The S&P 500 was up 0.8% at the closing bell last night.

On bond markets, yields were lower across the main sovereign benchmarks. The 10-year German bund yield edged down to nearer 2.2%. Meantime, the 10-year US Treasury yield was trading in and around to the 4.1% mark.

Currency-wise, the action amongst the majors was confined to tight ranges. The euro retained its softer footing from last week, on the back of some dovish ECB speakers. This was evident in EUR/USD moving down closer to the \$1.08 threshold. At the same time, EUR/GBP edged lower within the bottom half of 85-86p. Meanwhile, GBP/USD was unable to hold onto the \$1.27 level.

Looking ahead to today's macro calendar, there is a busier diary of data. We get a batch of preliminary Q4 GDP estimates, with the Italian, German and Eurozone aggregate due this morning. There is also a timelier update on the Eurozone economy, with the EC sentiment indices for January due. In the US, Jolts job openings (Dec) and consumer confidence (Jan) are the main data highlights.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0816	-0.20	-1.99
EUR/GBP	0.8522	-0.14	-1.68
GBP/USD	1.2688	-0.09	-0.32
GBP/EUR	1.1729	0.14	1.71
USD/JPY	147.29	-0.50	4.42
EUR/JPY	159.34	-0.69	2.38

\* 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	5.38	5.45	5.57	5.03	4.45	4.00
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.89	3.43	2.89	2.56
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.19	4.82	4.49	3.99

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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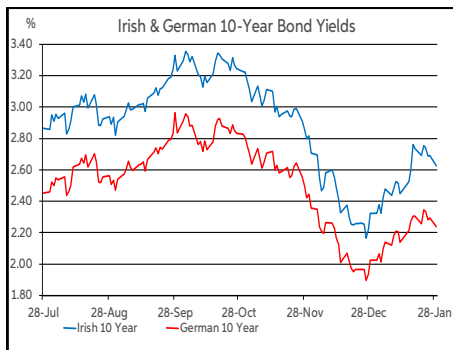
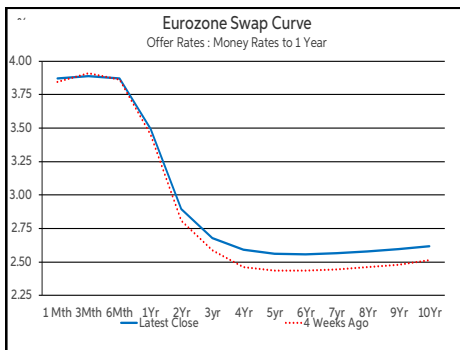
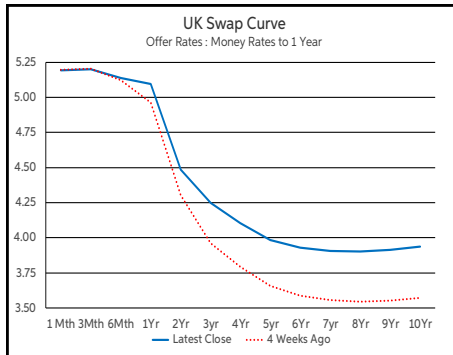
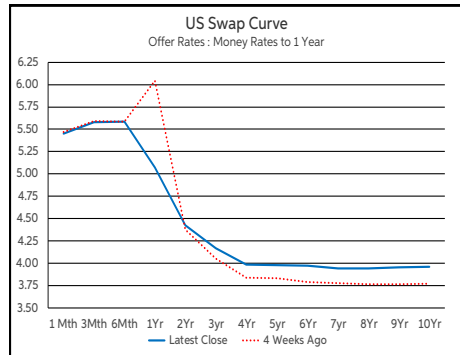
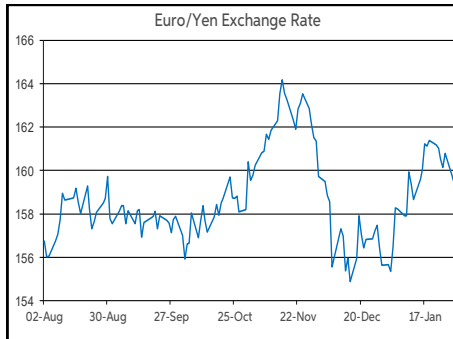
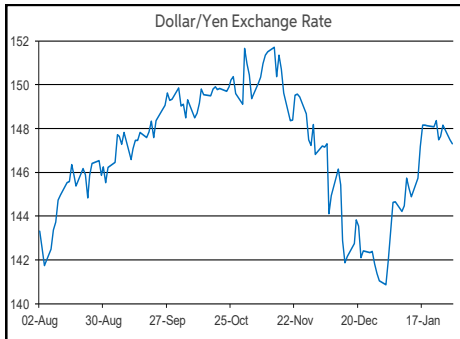
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# Opening Levels

Tuesday 30 January 2024  
07:20 am



Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8522	GBP/EUR	1.1729	USD/JPY	147.29
EUR/USD	1.0816	GBP/USD	1.2688	USD/CAD	1.3407
EUR/JPY	159.34	GBP/CAD	1.7014	USD/CHF	0.8617
EUR/SEK	11.2888	GBP/NZD	2.0657	USD/CNY	7.1782
EUR/DKK	7.4534	GBP/JPY	186.88	USD/BRL	4.9518
EUR/NOK	11.2671	GBP/SEK	13.2409	USD/RUB	89.165
EUR/CHF	0.9321	GBP/DKK	8.742	USD/INR	83.12
EUR/AUD	1.6352	GBP/NOK	13.2296		
EUR/HKD	8.4525	GBP/CHF	1.0934	AUD/USD	0.6611
EUR/CAD	1.4505	GBP/AUD	1.9187	NZD/USD	0.614



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.08	-6	+21	+21
Germany	2.24	-6	+21	+21
UK	3.88	-9	+34	+34
<b>Ireland</b>				
Ireland	2.66	-7	+28	+28
Belgium	2.82	-6	+14	+14
France	2.72	-6	+16	+16
Italy	3.74	-9	+4	+4
Spain	3.13	-7	+14	+14
Portugal	2.94	-7	+15	+15
Greece	3.24	-11	+16	+16
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	3.98	-5	+19	+19
Eurozone	2.56	-6	+13	+13
UK	3.98	-8	+33	+33
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.43	-3	+9	+9
Eurozone	2.90	-6	+9	+10
UK	4.49	-6	+23	+22
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	42	-1	+7	+7
Belgium	58	-1	-7	-7
France	48	-1	-5	-5
Italy	150	-3	-17	-17
Spain	89	-1	-7	-7
Portugal	70	-2	-6	-6
Greece	100	-5	-5	-5

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	82.4	-1.38	+6.96	+6.96
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2031.7	+0.66	-1.50	-1.50

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