

BoE hints at possibility of a June rate cut

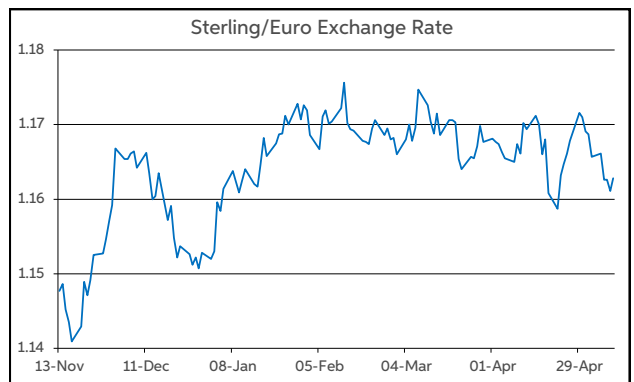
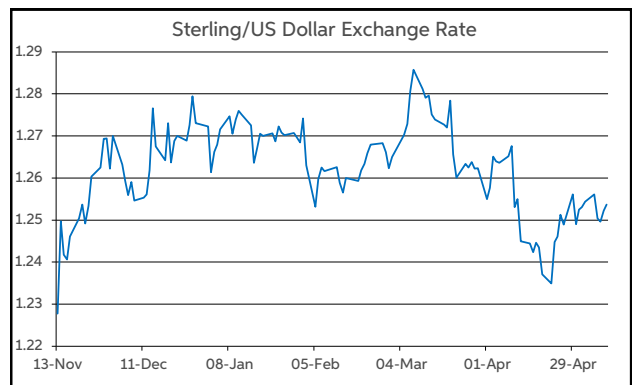
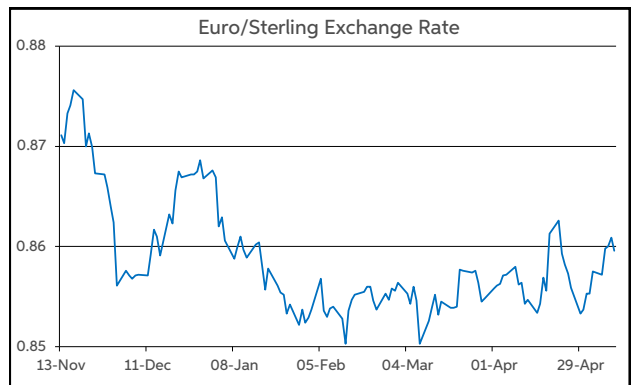
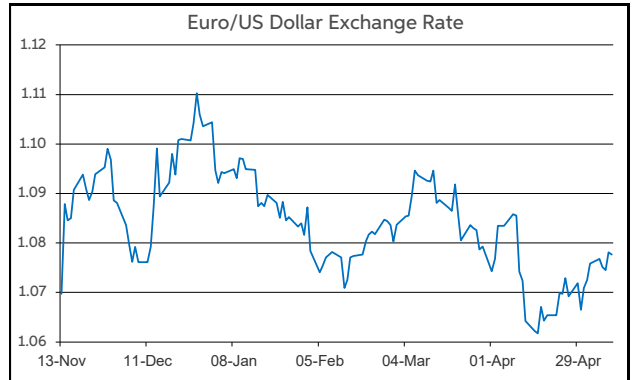
The highlight of Thursday's macro diary was the BoE meeting for May. As widely expected, the central bank left the key interest rate unchanged at 5.25%. However, the BoE espoused a dovish tone. Indeed, Governor Bailey did not rule out a rate cut at its next meeting on June 20th. He commented that by this meeting, the BoE would have two full sets of data, which would include two months of inflation numbers. He also noted that the BoE may need to cut rates by more than is currently priced in by markets.

Market rate expectations though were not overly impacted by Governor Baileys comments or the dovish tone of the meeting statement/minutes. Futures contracts pricing continues to indicate that the market views August as the more likely timing of the first rate cut from the BoE. There is around 60bps of cuts priced in by year end.

Currency-wise, there was some initial downward pressure on sterling during the BoE press conference but this proved to be short lived. Instead, over the past 24 hours, the dollar is marginally lower against both the euro and sterling. The greenback was not helped by a negative surprise in the weekly jobless claims numbers. The EUR/USD pair edged higher into the upper half of \$1.07-1.08, while GBP/USD regained the \$1.25 handle. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP continued to change hands in and around the 86p level.

The UK remains in focus today with the early morning release of Q1 GDP. It showed that the economy returned to growth in the quarter, rising by a better than expected 0.6% q/q (vs. f'cast for 0.4%). The news has provided a supportive start to this morning's FX session for sterling. Later today, the ECB meeting account and US consumer sentiment (May) are the main releases of note.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0777	0.31	-2.35
EUR/GBP	0.8596	-0.05	-0.83
GBP/USD	1.2535	0.35	-1.52
GBP/EUR	1.1627	0.05	0.84
USD/JPY	155.58	0.02	10.29
EUR/JPY	167.71	0.32	7.76

* 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	5.44	5.59	5.38	5.01	4.52
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.81	3.63	3.28	2.85
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.12	4.86	4.72	4.21

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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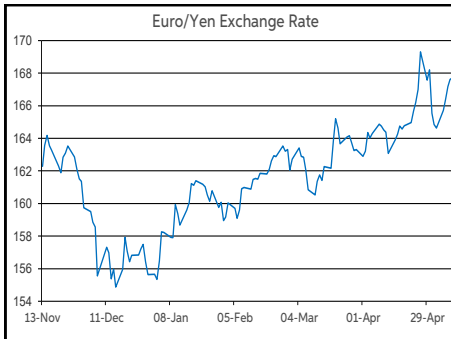
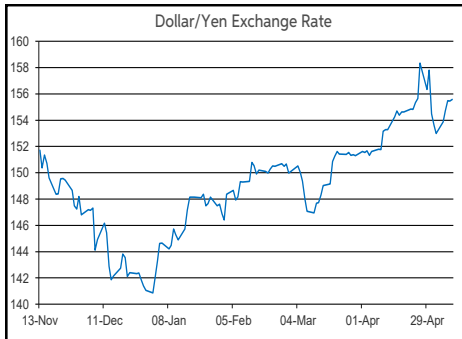
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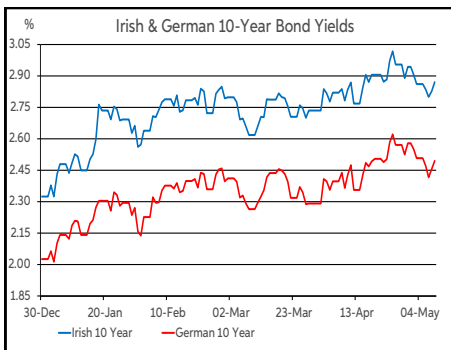
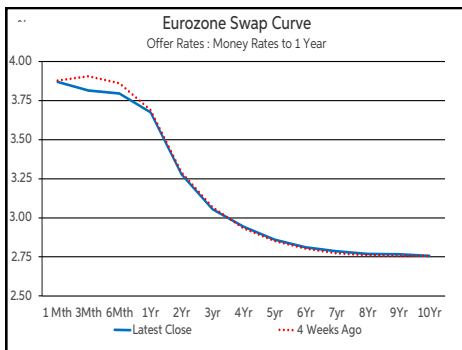
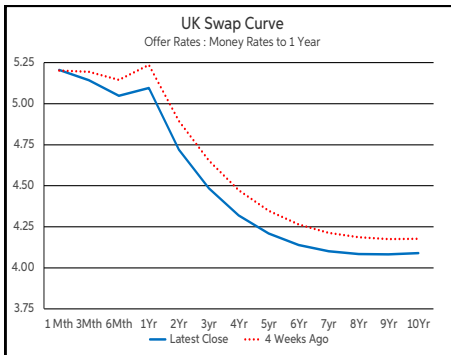
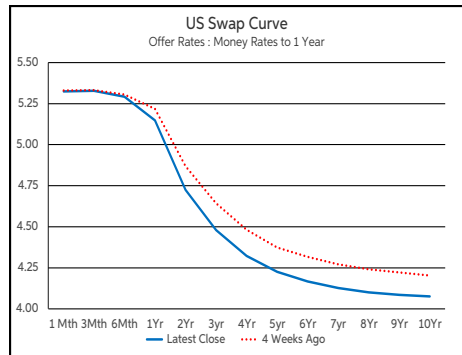
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8596	GBP/EUR	1.1627	USD/JPY	155.58
EUR/USD	1.0777	GBP/USD	1.2535	USD/CAD	1.368
EUR/JPY	167.71	GBP/CAD	1.7151	USD/CHF	0.9062
EUR/SEK	11.6974	GBP/NZD	2.0797	USD/CNY	7.224
EUR/DKK	7.4592	GBP/JPY	195.02	USD/BRL	5.142
EUR/NOK	11.6816	GBP/SEK	13.6027	USD/RUB	92.0225
EUR/CHF	0.9768	GBP/DKK	8.6746	USD/INR	83.49
EUR/AUD	1.6303	GBP/NOK	13.579	AUD/USD	0.661
EUR/HKD	8.4218	GBP/CHF	1.1361	NZD/USD	0.6025
EUR/CAD	1.4745	GBP/AUD	1.8961		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.45	-4	-13	+59
Germany	2.50	+4	+2	+47
UK	4.14	+0	-6	+61
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.48	-3	-16	+69
Eurozone	2.86	+2	+2	+43
UK	4.21	-3	-13	+56
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.97	-4	-17	+63
Eurozone	3.28	+0	-0	+48
UK	4.72	-5	-17	+45
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	39	+0	-4	+5
Belgium	56	+3	+6	-10
France	50	+0	+4	-3
Italy	134	-0	-4	-33
Spain	79	-1	-2	-18
Portugal	65	-0	-4	-11
Greece	104	+1	+13	-0



Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	83.88	+0.36	-6.53	+8.88
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2345.9	+1.61	-1.15	+13.73

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