## **Morning Comment**

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## Euro moves sharply higher

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The relief rally that ensued following the US decision to delay reciprocal tariffs for 90-days disintegrated yesterday. Risk appetite soured markedly as investors realised that tariffs could still be introduced later down the line, given negotiating multiple trade deals will be difficult, and as the US-China trade war continued to escalate. Documents released by the White House yesterday state that the US will apply a 125% tariff rate on Chinese imports on top of the existing 20% charge, meaning the levy is actually now 145%.

Overall, trading conditions remained very volatile, amid the significant swing in sentiment. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a 4.3% gain yesterday, having missed the relief rally the day prior. In contrast, the S&P 500 shed 3.5%. In terms of fixed income, the US Treasury yield curve re-steepened, with short-dated yields declining and long-dated yields rising sharply.

Meantime, somewhat under the radar, US CPI inflation came in better than expected in March. Both the headline and the core rates printed 0.2 percentage points below the consensus, falling to 2.4% and 2.8%, respectively.

On the currency front, in a similar vein to earlier in the week, the Swiss franc, yen and euro all benefitted from the deterioration in sentiment. At the same time, the dollar and sterling were on the defensive. This saw the euro record new year-to-date highs versus both, at \$1.1383 and 87.19p. As trading gets underway today, EUR/USD is at \$1.1264, while EUR/GBP is in the top half of 86-87p.

Already today, the monthly reading of UK GDP has printed above the consensus, rising by 0.5% in February (vs. +0.1% f'cast). Later on, the Michigan measure of US consumer sentiment will feature. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB** 

Today's Opening FX Rates						
		% Change				
		Day *	End 2024			
EUR/USD	1.1264	2.57	8.80			
EUR/GBP	0.8667	1.49	4.76			
GBP/USD	1.2996	1.08	3.88			
GBP/EUR	1.1536	-1.47	-4.55			
USD/JPY	144.02	-1.76	-8.37			
EUR/JPY	162.25	0.76	-0.31			
* v Previous Day's European Open						
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Opening Interest Rates							
		Money Market			5		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	4.38	4.30	4.24	3.84	3.88	3.94	
EUR	2.65	2.33	2.30	2.08	2.03	2.29	
GBP	4.50	4.42	4.28	3.93	3.97	4.00	



Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate





All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**

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EUR/GBP	0.8668	GBP/EUR	1.1536	USD/JPY	144.02	
EUR/USD	1.1264	GBP/USD	1.2996	USD/CAD	1.3978	
EUR/JPY	162.24	GBP/CAD	1.8161	USD/CHF	0.824	
EUR/SEK	11.0409	GBP/NZD	2.254	USD/CNY	7.325	
EUR/DKK	7.4664	GBP/JPY	187.17	USD/BRL	5.8853	
EUR/NOK	12.0985	GBP/SEK	12.7379	USD/RUB	84.1	
EUR/CHF	0.9283	GBP/DKK	8.6136	USD/INR	86.145	
EUR/AUD	1.8164	GBP/NOK	13.9407			
EUR/HKD	8.7369	GBP/CHF	1.0706	AUD/USD	0.6201	
EUR/CAD	1.5746	GBP/AUD	2.0944	NZD/USD	0.576	



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