

Risk off tone to markets

There was a risk off tone to financial markets yesterday as concerns over slowing growth in China and tensions in Ukraine weighed on risk appetite. Equity markets were nursing losses on day, with the S&P 500 down just over 1% by the close on Wall Street last night. On the currency markets, the risk aversion is reflected in some gains for the Japanese yen and Swiss franc.

From a euro viewpoint, the currency has slipped back a little over the last 24 hours. EUR/USD tried but failed to gain ground in the \$1.39 territory yesterday. The pair hit a two and a half year high of \$1,3967 during the morning session, helped by some general dollar weakness. However, it started to edge back down in the second half of the day as the dollar firmed a little, supported in part by a slight upside surprise from the February retail sales data, while some dovish FX related comments from ECB President, Mario Draghi, weighed on the euro. The pair opens this morning back below the \$1.39 level. Likewise, the EUR/GBP pair started yesterday on the rise, trying to test the upper end of the 83-84p range, hitting a new 2014 high of 83.7p in the first half of European trading. However, there appeared little appetite to test up at 84p and this combined with the Draghi comments resulted in the pair moving back down to the lower end of the 83-84p range.

The action in GBP/USD was similar to the EUR/USD cross yesterday. It edged higher in the morning session on the back of some weakness on the dollar side, briefly flirting with the \$1.67 level, before falling back as the dollar found some support and is changing hands this morning down at \$1.66.

Looking ahead to today, the week comes to a close with a very light calendar of data/events. Therefore, we could be in for a day of narrow range trading amongst the main FX pairs.

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Today's Opening Rates

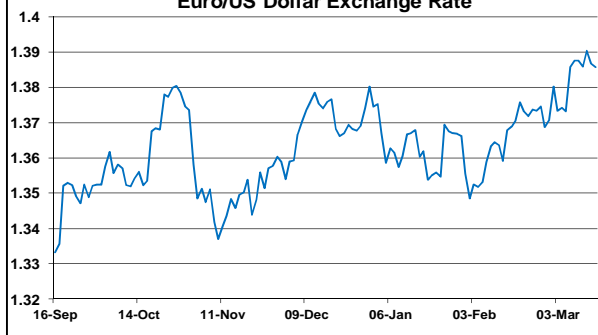
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2013
EUR/USD	1.3857	-0.57	0.81
EUR/GBP	0.8344	-0.23	0.57
GBP/USD	1.6602	-0.36	0.28
GBP/EUR	1.1979	0.23	-0.56
USD/JPY	101.63	-0.98	-3.49
EUR/JPY	140.81	-1.61	-2.64

* v Previous Day's European Open

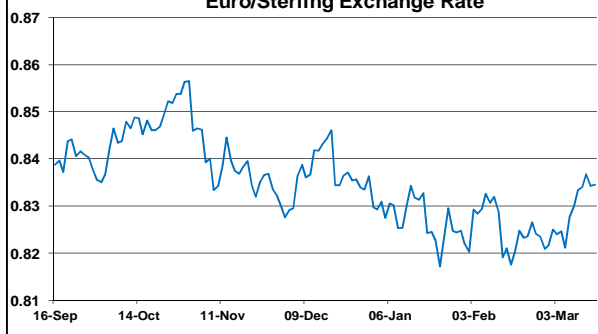
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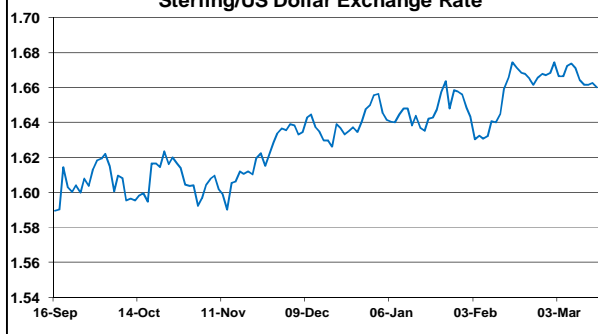
Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate



Euro/Sterling Exchange Rate



Sterling/US Dollar Exchange Rate



Opening Interest Rates

	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0-0.25	0.16	0.23	0.56	0.50	1.61
EUR	0.25	0.23	0.30	0.57	0.47	0.93
GBP	0.50	0.48	0.52	0.89	1.00	1.95

Equity Indices

	Latest Close	% Changes	
		on Day	End 2013 to Date
Dow Jones	16108.89	-1.41	-2.82
S&P 500	1846.34	-1.17	-0.11
FTSE 100	6553.78	-1.01	-2.89
DJ Stoxx 50	3019.54	-1.50	-2.88
ISEQ	4965.52	-0.72	+9.39
Nikkei	14327.66	-3.30	-12.05

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8344
EUR/USD	1.3857
EUR/JPY	140.81
EUR/SEK	8.8537
EUR/DKK	7.4633
EUR/NOK	8.2857
EUR/CHF	1.2137
EUR/AUD	1.5386
EUR/HKD	10.76
EUR/CAD	1.5376

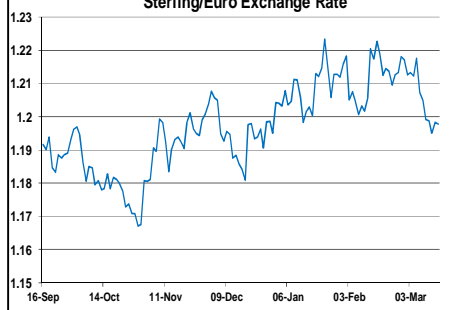
Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1979
GBP/USD	1.6602
GBP/CAD	1.8422
GBP/NZD	1.9463
GBP/JPY	168.73
GBP/SEK	10.604
GBP/DKK	8.941
GBP/NOK	9.917
GBP/CHF	1.4539
GBP/AUD	1.8431

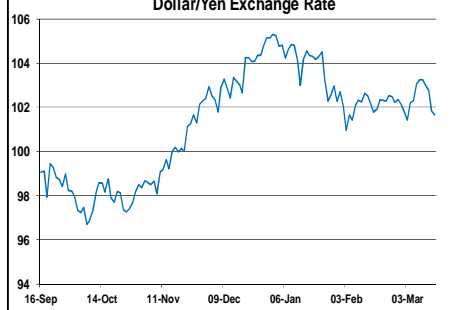
Dollar

USD/JPY	101.63
USD/CAD	1.11
USD/CHF	0.8756
USD/CNY	6.1498
USD/BRL	2.3639
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USD/INR	61.46
AUD/USD	0.9005
NZD/USD	0.8527

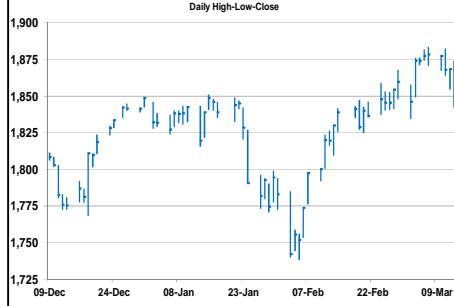
Sterling/Euro Exchange Rate



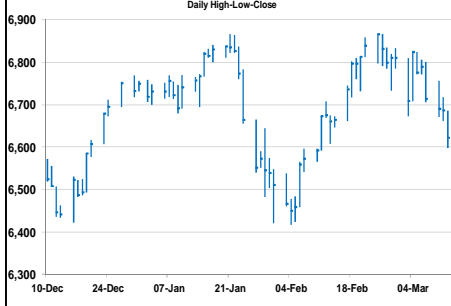
Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate



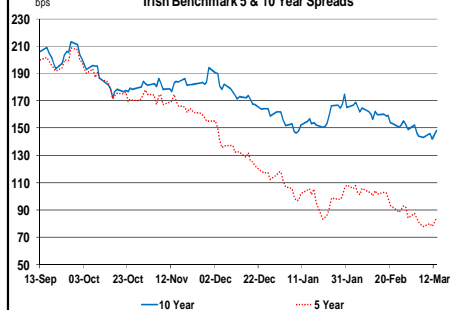
S&P 500
Daily High-Low-Close



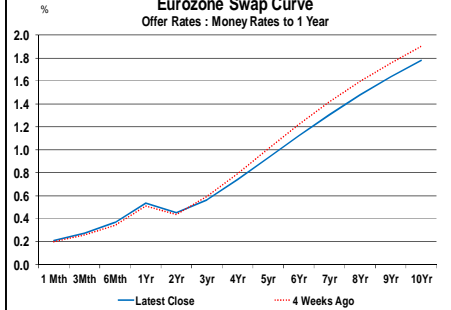
FTSE 100
Daily High-Low-Close



Irish Benchmark 5 & 10 Year Spreads



Eurozone Swap Curve
Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year



Debt Markets

	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 13
10 Year Yield %				
US	2.64	-9	-9	-38
Germany	1.55	-5	-12	-39
UK	2.69	-6	-10	-32
5 Year Swap %				
US	1.58	-9	-4	-21
Eurozone	0.93	-6	-8	-34
UK	1.90	-9	-13	-24
2 Year Swap %				
US	0.46	-5	+1	-5
Eurozone	0.45	-3	+1	-10
UK	0.96	-6	-6	-9
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	148	+4	-14	-14
Belgium	71	+0	-5	+9
France	59	+0	-1	+10
Italy	184	+3	-21	-30
Spain	179	+4	-17	-41
Portugal	307	+15	-28	-103
Greece	562	+14	-35	-98

Commodities

	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 13
Brent Oil	107.39	-0.58	-1.23	-3.08
West Texas Oil	98.57	+0.28	-1.70	+0.41
CRB - All Commodities	302.65	-0.11	+3.45	+8.02
CRB - Food	420.29	-1.17	+10.12	+15.26
Gold \$	1371.2	+0.27	+5.23	+13.68



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