

Markets Update

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- Following US President Trumps' State of the Union address last night, USD is slightly softer in the markets. Despite breaking a record for the longest presidential address at 1 hour and 47 minutes, his best efforts to project a positive view on the US economy, does not seem to have swayed analysts or it would seem US voters.
- Trump declared he has ushered in a "golden age of America," however his rosy assessment may not assuage Americans' anger regarding their cost of living. He also stated he will not allow Iran to hold a nuclear weapon, and he hopes to solve the issue with diplomacy. This has pushed oil price slightly higher.
- GBP/USD has broken back over 1.3500, and EUR/USD is flirting with 1.1800, and although USD is under pressure it seems to be holding at these resistance levels.
- Sterling has changed very little against EUR despite the comments from Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey yesterday. He announced that a March interest rate cut is "genuinely an open question." He elaborated that he felt inflation had not fallen as much as hoped and that he would need further evidence to feel confident to support a rate cut. Given the committee voted 5-4 last month to hold, his vote could be pivotal in March.
- Markets who are digesting the overnight news, will now look to 10:00 for the European inflation data release. This is set to be confirmed at 1.7% and should provide clarity on the underlying inflation momentum.

Market rates at opening

GBP/USD	1.3514
GBP/EUR	1.1461
EUR/USD	1.1791
EUR/GBP	0.8725
GBP/AUD	1.9042
GBP/CAD	1.8500
GBP/CHF	1.0452
GBP/DKK	8.5631
GBP/HKD	10.5675
GBP/JPY	211.0300
GBP/NOK	12.9288
GBP/NZD	2.2609
GBP/SEK	12.2165
USD/CNY	6.8671

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