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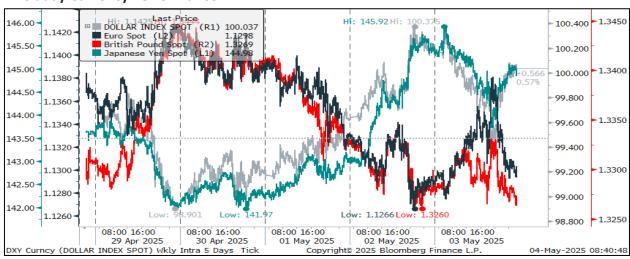
### **Market Summary & Outlook:**

- The recent alignment between the U.S. dollar and S&P 500 appears to be an anomaly based on historical patterns. For most of the time over the past five years, the dollar and US equities have tended to move in opposite directions. Shifting macroeconomic conditions further suggest that this synchronicity is likely to become increasingly unsustainable. The ICE Dollar Spot Index climbed 0.6%, positioning itself for its second weekly advance.
- Highlighting Japan's status as the top foreign holder of U.S. Treasury debt, Finance Minister Katsunobu Kato hinted that these holdings might play a role, potentially as leverage, in trade talks with Washington.

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Currency	02-May-25	25-Apr-25	% Change		
Dollar Index Spot	100.03	99.47	0.56%		
Euro Spot	1.1297	1.1365	-0.60%		
British Pound Spot	1.3272	1.3315	-0.32%		
Japanese Yen Spot	144.96	143.67	0.90%		
Chinese Yuan Spot	7.213	7.289	-1.04%		
USDINR	84.55	85.45	-1.06%		
EURINR	95.96	96.95	-1.03%		
GBPINR	112.53	113.64	-0.98%		

- Despite unexpectedly steady Euro-area inflation and a surprising rise in an underlying measure, the euro concluded the week with a 0.6% decline. This awkward combination creates a complex dilemma for policymakers assessing their strategy in the face of the U.S. tariffs' economic impact. While the hotter-than-expected inflation data has not significantly moved EURUSD, the prospect of Europe and the US failing to reach a tariff agreement remains a key concern. Even with reports of a potential €50 billion EU trade package on the table, such a failure would likely translate to increased pressure on interest rates.
- **CFTC Positioning:** Hedge funds, asset managers, and other speculators have significantly increased their bearish bets against the U.S. dollar. Data from the CFTC reveals that in the week ending Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, these traders amplified their short positions to approximately \$17 billion on the dollar's depreciation.
- **Dollar Analysis:** Fuelled by technical chart indicators, a short-covering rally appears imminent in the coming days, even as traders have built up their bearish bets over the preceding weeks.

### **Intraday Currency Performance:**



## **Currency Performance and Level to Watch:**

Currency	Weekly High	Weekly Low	Weekly Close	Weekly % Chg.	MTD % Chg.	QTD % Chg.	YTD % Chg.
Dollar Index	100.38	98.90	100.03	0.56%	-0.70%	-4.01%	-8.46%
EURUSD Spot	1.1425	1.1266	1.1297	-0.60%	0.13%	4.45%	4.64%
EURINR Spot	97.31	94.74	95.96	-1.03%	1.14%	-4.04%	6.76%
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Currency	Pivot	Supt.3	Supt.2	Supt.1	Resi.1	Resi.2	Resi.3
Dollar Index	99.77	96.82	98.29	99.16	100.64	101.24	102.72
EURUSD	1.1329	1.1011	1.117	1.1234	1.1393	1.1488	1.1647
EURINR	96.01	90.87	93.44	94.70	97.27	98.58	101.15

## **Technical Analysis:**

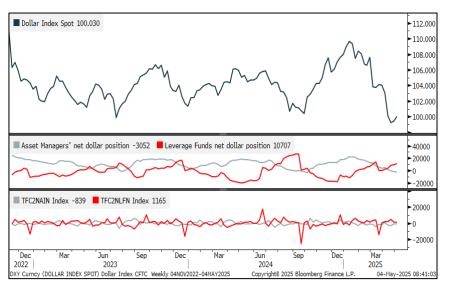
#### **Dollar Index View:**

- The dollar index is placed above 13 DEMA.
- It is forming an intraday bullish head and shoulder pattern.
- The relative strength index exited from the oversold zone, indicating a short-covering bounce.
- It has support at 97.90 and resistance at 103.20.

Spot EURINR: Long Unwinding Support 93, Resistance 97

Asset Managers Increase Bearish Bets on Dollar to \$17bn





		Economic Calendar			
Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
	EC	Sentix Investor Confidence	May	-11.5	-19.5
05-May	US	S&P Global US Services PMI	Apr F	51.2	51.4
	US	ISM Services Employment	Apr	46	46.2
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	China	Caixin China PMI Services	Apr	51.8	51.9
	India	HSBC India PMI Services	Apr F		59.1
06-May	EC	HCOB Eurozone Services PMI	Apr F	49.7	49.7
	UK	S&P Global UK Services PMI	Apr F	48.9	48.9
	US	Trade Balance	Mar	-\$136.7b	-\$122.7b
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	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Apr F		52.2
	UK	S&P Global UK Construction PMI	Apr	46	46.4
07-May	EC	Retail Sales YoY	Mar	1.60%	2.30%
	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	02-May		-4.20%
US		FOMC Rate Decision	07-May	4.50%	4.50%
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	UK	Bank of England Bank Rate	08-May	4.25%	4.50%
	US	Nonfarm Productivity	1Q P	-0.70%	1.50%
08-May	US	Unit Labor Costs	1Q P	5.20%	2.20%
	US	Initial Jobless Claims	03-May	230k	241k
	US	Continuing Claims	26-Apr	1892k	1916k
	US	Wholesale Inventories MoM	Mar F	0.50%	0.50%
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09-May	India	Foreign Exchange Reserves	02-May		\$688.1b
,	China	Trade Balance	Apr	\$94.30b	\$102.64b

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