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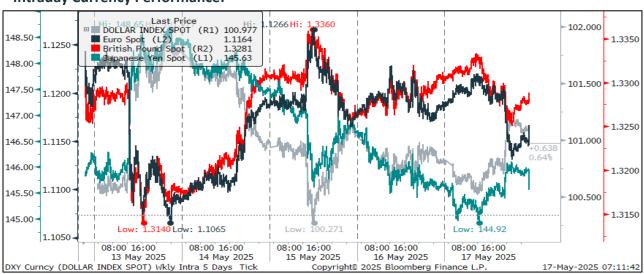
## **Market Summary & Outlook:**

- Despite the prevailing bearish sentiment among non-commercial traders, the United States dollar exhibited resilience, fortifying its position and marking its second successive week of appreciation in the global currency markets.
- Data from the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) revealed a persistent skew towards put options on the USD, outweighing call options by a substantial notional value of approximately \$50 billion, thus far in May. This suggests that, despite the recent strengthening, a significant volume of market participants continues to hedge against potential dollar depreciation.

Currency Performance						
Currency	16-May-25	09-May-25	% Change			
Dollar Index Spot	101.09	100.34	0.75%			
Euro Spot	1.1163	1.1250	-0.77%			
British Pound Spot	1.3283	1.3306	-0.17%			
Japanese Yen Spot	145.70	145.37	0.23%			
Chinese Yuan Spot	7.211	7.240	-0.41%			
USDINR	85.52	85.38	0.16%			
EURINR	95.74	96.02	-0.29%			
GBPINR	113.68	113.29	0.34%			

- A broader cohort of non-commercial participants, encompassing hedge funds, asset management firms, and various speculative entities, marginally curtailed their pessimistic wagers against the American dollar during the trading week concluding on Tuesday. Despite this slight recalibration, their collective positioning remained entrenched near levels exhibiting the most pronounced bearish sentiment towards the greenback since the autumnal period of September, as indicated by data from the CFTC. These entities now collectively maintain short positions, predicated on the dollar's depreciation, amounting to approximately \$16.5 billion in notional value.
- Moody's Ratings has lowered the US credit score to Aa1 from Aaa, citing concerns about ballooning debt and deficits that will damage America's standing as a global capital destination and increase borrowing costs. The downgrade is attributed to successive administrations and Congress for swelling budget deficits, with the federal budget deficit running near \$2 trillion a year, and the overall debt level surpassing the size of the economy.
- Euro fell 0.8% to 1.1163 as ECB Governing Council member Martins Kazaks said cuts in euro-zone borrowing costs are nearing their end-point if the base case for inflation returning to 2% this year materialises.

## **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	101.98	100.27	101.09	0.75%	-0.70%	-2.99%	-7.40%
EURUSD Spot	1.1266	1.1065	1.1163	-0.77%	0.13%	3.21%	4.64%
EURINR Spot	96.11	94.01	95.74	-0.29%	1.14%	-3.82%	6.54%

Currency	Pivot	Supt.3	Supt.2	Supt.1	Resi.1	Resi.2	Resi.3
Dollar Index	101.11	97.7	99.41	100.25	101.96	102.82	104.53
EURUSD	1.1165	1.0763	1.0964	1.1063	1.1264	1.1366	1.1567
EURINR	95.29	91.09	93.19	94.46	96.56	97.39	99.49

## **Technical Analysis:**

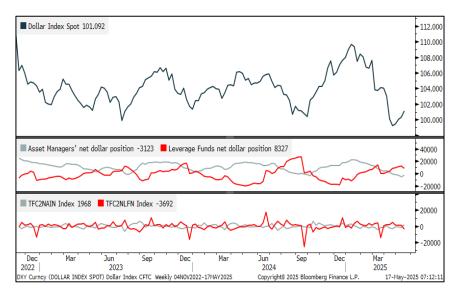
#### **Dollar Index View:**

- The dollar index is placed above 21 DEMA.
- The positive crossover of 13 DEMA and 21 DEMA implies positive movement.
- It is forming a bullish higher highs and higher lows.
- The relative strength index is placed above 50 and heading north, indicating positive momentum.

Spot EURINR: Consolidation Support 94, Resistance 97

Asset Managers trimmed Bearish Bets from \$17.2bn to \$16.5 bn





		Economic Calendar			
Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey	Prio
19-May	China	Retail Sales YoY	Apr	5.90%	5.90%
	China	Industrial Production YoY	Apr	5.70%	7.70%
	EC	CPI YoY	Apr F	2.20%	2.20%
	EC	CPI Core YoY	Apr F	2.70%	2.70%
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	China	1-Year Loan Prime Rate	20-May	3.00%	3.10%
	China	5-Year Loan Prime Rate	20-May	3.50%	3.60%
20-May	EC	ECB Current Account SA	Mar		34.3b
,	EC	Construction Output YoY	Mar		0.20%
	India	Eight Infrastructure Industries	Apr		3.80%
	EC	Consumer Confidence	May P	-16	-16.7
	Japan	Trade Balance	Apr	¥215.3b	¥559.4b
	UK	CPI YoY	Apr	3.30%	2.60%
	UK	CPI Core YoY	Apr	3.60%	3.40%
21-May	UK	RPI YoY	Apr	4.20%	3.20%
	UK	House Price Index YoY	Mar		5.40%
US		MBA Mortgage Applications	16-May		1.10%
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	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Composite	May P		51.2
	India	HSBC India PMI Composite	May P		59.7
	EC	HCOB Eurozone Composite PMI	May P	50.8	50.4
22 May	UK	S&P Global UK Composite PMI	May P	49.3	48.5
US	US	Initial Jobless Claims	17-May	230k	229k
	US	Continuing Claims	10-May	1885k	1881k
	US	S&P Global US Composite PMI	May P	50.3	50.6
US		Existing Home Sales	Apr	4.10m	4.02m
	Japan	Natl CPI YoY	Apr	3.60%	3.60%
23-May	US	New Home Sales	Apr	690k	724k
	India	Foreign Exchange Reserves	16-May		\$690.6b
	US	Building Permits	Apr F		1412k

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