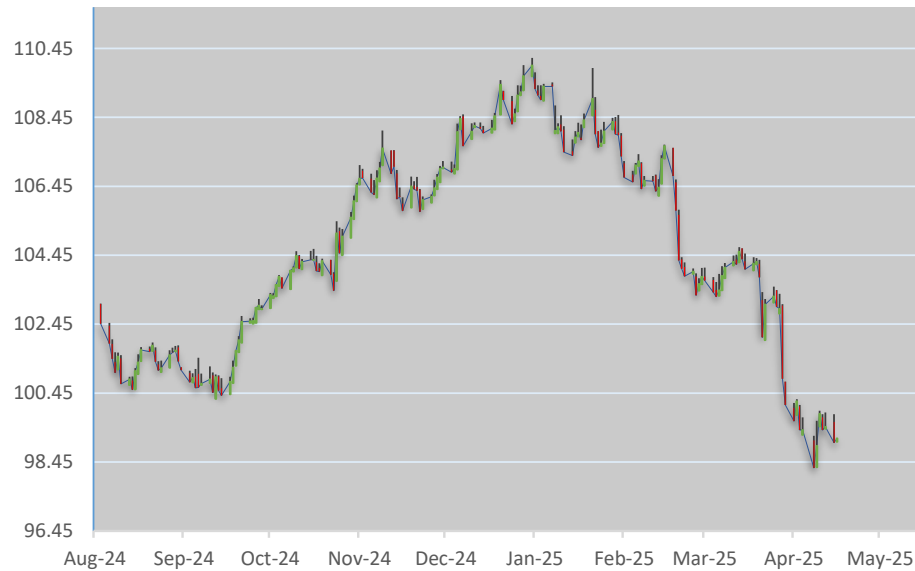


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**28 Apr 2025 - 02 May 2025**

**Dollar Index**
**Dollar Index Graph**


Source: Refinitiv

**Dollar Outlook**

- In the short term, however, the dollar may rebound or strengthen somewhat due to short covering and rising US bond yields.
- Market participants will closely monitor ongoing trade negotiations between the US and global partners.
- The dollar index appears likely to remain volatile as markets digest political developments and economic data points, with a cautious bias toward continued weakness if pressure on the Fed persists.
- According to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool, traders are pricing in the possibility that the Fed will lower borrowing costs by 25 basis points in June and deliver at least three rate cuts by the end of this year.

<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>97.63</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	<b>103.96</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Appreciation</b>		

**Dollar News**

- The US Dollar Index started the week of April 21, 2025, at a 3-year low of approximately 97.92 amid investor concerns about tariff policies and threats to the Federal Reserve's independence. Trump has criticized Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's handling of monetary policy and has recently threatened to fire him before his term ends in May 2026. However, the index recovered to 98.92 on the same day.
- Federal Reserve Governor Adriana Kugler said on Tuesday that with U.S. import tariffs significantly larger than expected and likely to put upward pressure on prices, the central bank ought to keep short-term borrowing costs unchanged until inflation risks recede.
- During mid-week, the U.S. dollar recovers after US President Donald Trump said he had no intention of firing Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell despite his frustration with the central bank not moving more quickly to slash interest rates.
- The US dollar index climbed above 99.5 on Friday, recovering from the previous session's losses, after President Trump reaffirmed that trade negotiations with China are ongoing despite denials from Beijing. China is also reportedly considering waiving its 125% tariff on certain US goods, raising hopes of further de-escalation in the trade war. The dollar found additional support amid signs of progress in ongoing trade discussions with Japan and South Korea.

**Dollar Index Performance**

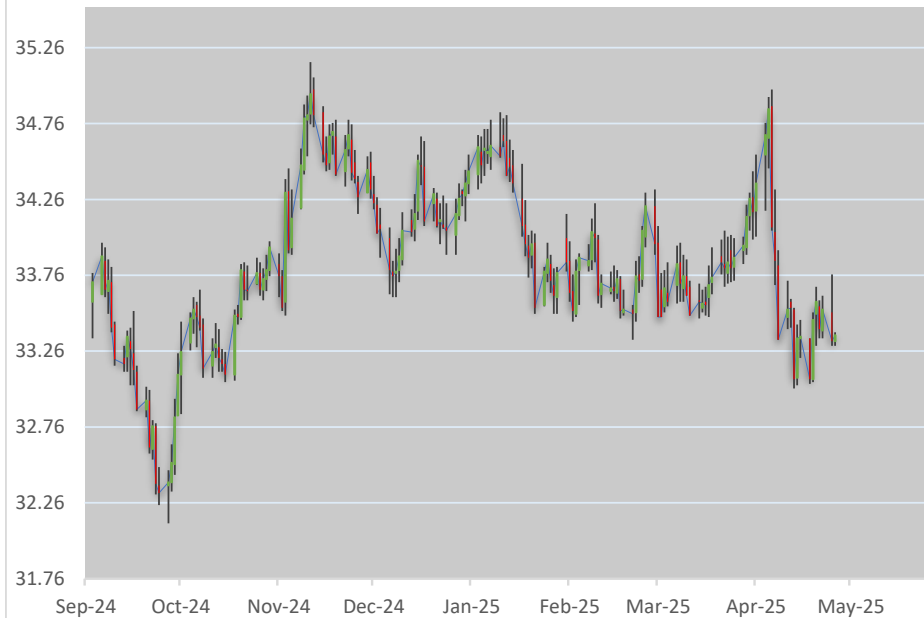
<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>99.47</b>	<b>Monthly High</b>	<b>104.68</b>
<b>Week Open</b>	<b>99.08</b>	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>97.92</b>
<b>Week Close</b>	<b>99.47</b>	<b>30 Days Average</b>	<b>101.87</b>
<b>Weekly High</b>	<b>100.10</b>	<b>90 Days Average</b>	<b>105.53</b>
<b>Weekly Low</b>	<b>97.92</b>	<b>YTD Change</b>	<b>-8.60%</b>

**Next Week's Dollar Index Economic Events**

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
GDP Advance	Q1	30-Apr	0.4%	2.4%
Core PCE Price Index MM	Mar	30-Apr	0.1%	0.4%
PCE Price Index MM	Mar	30-Apr		0.3%
ISM Manufacturing PMI	Apr	1-May	47.9	49.0
Initial Jobless Clm	21 Apr, w/	1-May		222k
Non-Farm Payrolls	Apr	2-May	130k	228k
Unemployment Rate	Apr	2-May	4.2%	4.2%
Average Earnings YY	Apr	2-May		3.8%
Factory Orders MM	Mar	2-May		0.6%



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**Thai Baht Graph**


Source: Refinitiv

**Thai Baht Outlook**

- The baht continues to face depreciation pressure from foreign investors' dollar-buying, especially amid net selling of Thai stocks and bonds and ongoing global economic and political uncertainties.
- However, if gold prices rise or there are positive developments in the Thai or regional economies, the baht may temporarily strengthen.
- The IMF has downgraded its global economic growth forecast to 2.8% from a previous estimate of 3.3%. While Thailand's forecast was revised to 1.8% from 2.9%.
  - IMF raises concern over Thailand's public debt surpassing ASEAN average of 60% of gross domestic product (GDP), recommends cautious fiscal management.
- The market will focus on the Bank of Thailand meetings, some economist expect the BOT to cut the benchmark interest rate for a second time this year on Wednesday (30/4).

<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>32.85</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	<b>34.56</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Depreciation</b>		

**Thai Baht News**

- At the beginning of last week, the Thai baht continued its upward trend, hits strongest level in over six month at 33.04 THB/USD driven by the weakness of the U.S. dollar, which has been pressured by growing uncertainty over American trade policy. This has led investors to reduce their dollar holdings and shift toward alternative assets, contributing to a broader trend of short-dollar positions in the market. Adding to the baht's momentum is the ongoing rally in gold prices, which have edged closer to recent highs.
- At the mid-week, the baht began to depreciate, pressured by foreign investors net selling of Thai stocks and bonds, as well as a decline in global gold prices.
- The baht has rallied more than 2% since the US tariff announcement earlier this month. Gold prices rose about 7% during the period as investors scouted for safer bets.
- Commerce Minister Pichai Nariphthaphan announced on Friday (25/4) that Thailand's exports in March 2025 reached a historic high of US\$29.5 billion, marking a robust 17.8% year-on-year growth. This is the highest monthly export value ever recorded for the country.

**Thai Baht Performance**

<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>33.34 THB/USD</b>	<b>Monthly High</b>	<b>34.98 THB/USD</b>
<b>Week Open</b>	<b>33.34 THB/USD</b>	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>33.06 THB/USD</b>
<b>Week Close</b>	<b>33.53 THB/USD</b>	<b>30 Days Average</b>	<b>33.77 THB/USD</b>
<b>Weekly High</b>	<b>33.68 THB/USD</b>	<b>90 Days Average</b>	<b>33.90 THB/USD</b>
<b>Weekly Low</b>	<b>33.04 THB/USD</b>	<b>YTD Change</b>	<b>-2.34%</b>

**Next Week's Thai Baht Economic Events**

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
New Car Sales YoY	MAR	28-Apr		-6.68%
Industrial Production YoY	MAR	30-Apr	-1.90%	-3.91%
Interest Rate Decision		30-Apr	2.00%	2.00%
Current Account	MAR	30-Apr	\$ 2B	\$5.5B
Private Consumption MoM	MAR	30-Apr	0.40%	0.90%
Private Investment MoM	MAR	30-Apr	1.3	-1.90%
Retail Sales YoY	FEB	30-Apr		-1.00%
S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	APR	2-May		49.90



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**Euro Graph**


Source: Refinitiv

**Euro Outlook**

- The rising expectation that the European Central Bank could cut interest rates again in the June policy meeting weighs on the shared currency. Traders are now pricing in nearly a 75% odds of a June rate cut, up from roughly 60% before the ECB's decision.
- ECB Governing Council member Olli Rehn said that the possibility of a larger-than-normal 50 basis point cut would depend on the medium-term inflation outlook and whether the growth outlook improved or deteriorated.
- ECB chief economist Philip Lane said there's no reason to say we're always going to do the default 25 basis point moves. The ECB has delivered seven quarter-point cuts in the past year.
- Ongoing US-China trade tensions and the fragile European economic outlook are contributing to continued volatility for the euro.

<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>1.0893</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	<b>1.1589</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Appreciation</b>		

**Euro News**

- At the beginning of last week, the euro surged, reaching a yearly high of 1.1573. The main driver was strong euro buying as the US dollar weakened on concerns about the Federal Reserve's independence and US monetary policy uncertainty.
- At the mid-week, the euro depreciated due to profit-taking after the sharp rally and a partial dollar rebound, as the US President assured markets that Fed Chair Powell would not be dismissed, easing some political concerns.
- The European Central Bank's (ECB) Survey of Professional Forecasters showed on Tuesday that inflation in the Eurozone is seen a tad higher at 2.2% this year, compared to the 2.1% forecast seen three months ago.
- Christine Lagarde expressed confidence in an interview with CNBC on Tuesday that the "disinflationary path is clearly on its way", adding that inflation could be seen around 2.1% by the year-end.
- The euro attracts some sellers to around 1.1355 on Wednesday, pressured by the renewed US Dollar demand.

**Euro Index Performance**

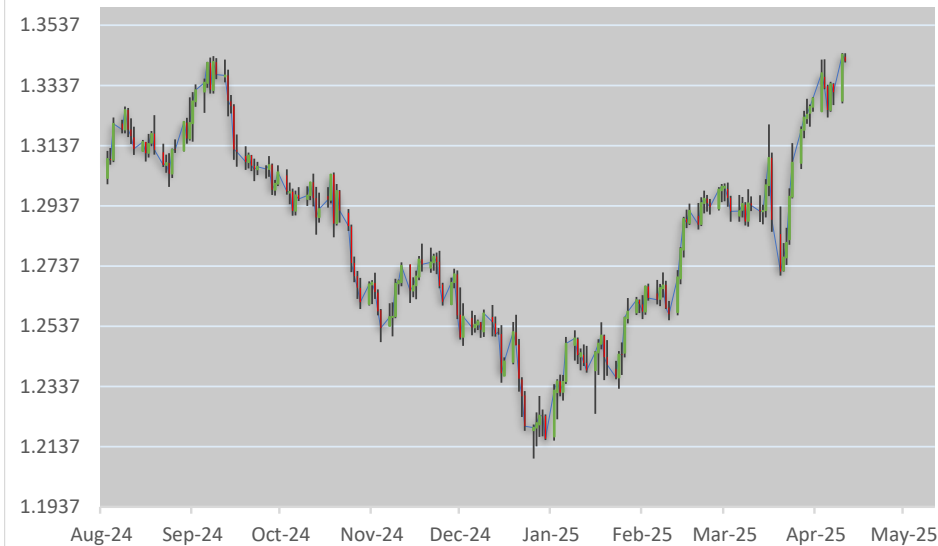
<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>1.1391</b> USD/EUR	<b>Monthly High</b>	<b>1.1573</b> USD/EUR
<b>Week Open</b>	<b>1.1371</b> USD/EUR	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>1.0779</b> USD/EUR
<b>Week Close</b>	<b>1.1364</b> USD/EUR	<b>30 Days Average</b>	<b>1.1114</b> USD/EUR
<b>Weekly High</b>	<b>1.1573</b> USD/EUR	<b>90 Days Average</b>	<b>1.0676</b> USD/EUR
<b>Weekly Low</b>	<b>1.1307</b> USD/EUR	<b>YTD Change</b>	<b>+10.03%</b>

**Next Week's Euro Economic Events**

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
Consumer Confid. Final	Apr	29-Apr	-16.7	-16.7
GDP Flash Prelim YY	Q1	30-Apr		1.2%
GDP Flash Prelim QQ	Q1	30-Apr	0.2%	0.2%
HCOB Mfg Final PMI	Apr	2-May	48.7	48.7
HICP Flash YY	Apr	2-May	2.0%	2.2%
Unemployment Rate	Mar	2-May	6.1%	6.1%



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**Pound Sterling**
**Pound Sterling Graph**


Source: Refinitiv

**Pound Sterling Outlook**

- Traders will closely monitor the developments surrounding US-UK trade talks.
- The US will aim for the UK to reduce its automotive tariff from 10% to 2.5%, according to people with knowledge of a draft document the Trump administration circulated to stakeholders this week outlining goals for trade negotiation with the UK. However, any signs of uncertainty in trade policy could undermine the US and create a tailwind for the major pair.
- Financial markets have priced in nearly 82% odds of a BoE interest rate cut next month, as the effects of Donald Trump's evolving trade war continue to play out in the global economy.
- Bank of England (BoE) Governor Andrew Bailey said that the central bank must take the risk to economic growth from global trade disruption very seriously.

<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>1.2783</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	<b>1.3520</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Appreciation</b>		

**Pound Sterling News**

- The Pound Sterling demonstrates firmness against the US Dollar near 1.3400 as Trump aims to sack Fed Powell for not cutting interest rates.
- The Pound Sterling remains weak near 1.3280 on Wednesday. Comments by US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent hint at a thaw in US-China trade tensions, fueling optimism in markets and strengthening the US Dollar against the Pound Sterling.
- The Pound Sterling underperforms its peers as the preliminary UK PMI unexpectedly contracted in April.
- The Composite PMI is down at 48.2 against estimates of 50.4 and the March reading of 51.5, the first decline since October 2023. The Service PMI contracts to 48.9 from expectations of 51.3 from 52.5 in March. Meanwhile, the Manufacturing PMI has contracted again at a faster pace to 44.0, as expected, against the former reading of 44.9.
- The Pound Sterling is little moved even after the latest U.K. retail sales data exceeded expectations. Retail sales rose 0.4% month-on-month in March, according to the Office for National Statistics.

**Pound Sterling Performance**

<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>1.3294</b> USD/GBP	<b>Monthly High</b>	<b>1.3444</b> USD/GBP
<b>Week Open</b>	<b>1.3250</b> USD/GBP	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>1.2709</b> USD/GBP
<b>Week Close</b>	<b>1.3314</b> USD/GBP	<b>30 Days Average</b>	<b>1.3074</b> USD/GBP
<b>Weekly High</b>	<b>1.3423</b> USD/GBP	<b>90 Days Average</b>	<b>1.2716</b> USD/GBP
<b>Weekly Low</b>	<b>1.3230</b> USD/GBP	<b>YTD Change</b>	<b>+7.26%</b>

**Next Week's Pound Sterling Economic Events**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Previous</b>
Nationwide house price mm	Apr	30-Apr	0.0%	
Nationwide house price yy	Apr	30-Apr	3.9%	
S&P GLOBAL MANUFACTURING PMI	Apr	1-May	44.0	



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**Australian Dollar**
**Australian Dollar Graph**


Source: Refinitiv

**Australian Dollar Outlook**

- Inflation will also be in the spotlight in Australia where the quarterly CPI readings will be published on Wednesday. The Reserve Bank of Australia has only cut rates once during this cycle amid slow progress in getting inflation under control.
- Aussie traders will also be watching the manufacturing PMIs out of China for any signs that the steep US levies are hurting the world's second largest economy. Both the official and Caixin manufacturing PMIs are due on Wednesday.
- The outlook of the AUD still remains uncertain until both China and the US reduces additional tariffs imposed recently. The impact of a slowdown in the Chinese economy will also be visible on Australian exports, given it is the largest trading partner of Beijing.
- Westpac anticipates that the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) will cut interest rates by 25 basis points at its May 20 meeting. In recent quarters, the RBA's policy decisions have been heavily data-dependent, making it challenging to project the Board's actions beyond the upcoming

<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>0.6050</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	<b>0.6536</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Neutral</b>		

**Australian Dollar News**

- The Australian Dollar recovered some ground on Wednesday, retracing its losses from the previous session. The Aussie stabilized following the release of preliminary data from Australia's Judo Bank Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), which showed that private sector activity expanded for the seventh consecutive month in April, driven by continued growth in both manufacturing and services output.
- The Judo Bank Manufacturing PMI edged down to a two-month low of 51.7 in April, compared to 52.1 in March. While manufacturing output remained in expansion territory, the increase in new orders was modest. Meanwhile, the Services PMI dipped slightly to 51.4 from 51.6 in the previous month, and the Composite PMI also eased to 51.4 from 51.6.

**Australian Dollar Performance**

<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>0.6376</b> USD/AUD	<b>Monthly High</b>	<b>0.64390</b> USD/AUD
<b>Week Open</b>	<b>0.6374</b> USD/AUD	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>0.59150</b> USD/AUD
<b>Week Close</b>	<b>0.6393</b> USD/AUD	<b>30 Days Average</b>	<b>0.62855</b> USD/AUD
<b>Weekly High</b>	<b>0.6439</b> USD/AUD	<b>90 Days Average</b>	<b>0.63404</b> USD/AUD
<b>Weekly Low</b>	<b>0.6341</b> USD/AUD	<b>YTD Change</b>	<b>+3.90%</b>

**Next Week's Australian Dollar Economic Events**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Previous</b>
Weighted CPI YY	Mar	30-Apr		2.4%
CPI SA MM	Mar	30-Apr		0.10%
CPI QQ	Q1	30-Apr	0.8%	0.2%
RBA Weightd Medn CPI QQ	Q1	30-Apr	0.7%	0.5%
RBA Trimmed Mean CPI QQ	Q1	30-Apr	0.7%	0.5%
S&P Global Mfg PMI Final	Apr	1-May		51.7
Retail Sales MM Final	Mar	2-May	0.4%	0.2%
Retail Trade	Q1	2-May	0.3%	1.0%




**Japanese Yen Graph**


Source: Refinitiv

**Japanese Yen Outlook**

- The Japanese Finance Minister Katsunobu Kato said after meeting U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent that there were no talks on currency targets. Trump has accused Tokyo of weakening its currency to help its exporters.
- Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda reiterated the central bank's commitment to raising interest rates if underlying inflation moved towards the 2% target as projected. But he repeated that policymakers needed to scrutinise the fallout from U.S. tariffs.
- The Bank of Japan is widely expected to deliver a hold at this week's meeting, however the statement's tone will be closely scrutinized for any indications of a shift in the bank's plans for further tightening

**Japanese Yen News**

- The Japanese Yen attracts some dip-buyers and stalls its pullback from a multi-month low against the USD.
- The initial market reaction to mixed PMIs from Japan turns out to be short-lived amid reports that the US and Japan are moving closer to an interim arrangement on trade. Adding to this, the growing acceptance that the Bank of Japan (BoJ) will continue raising interest rates in 2025 helps revive demand for the JPY.
- The preliminary Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released on Wednesday showed that Japanese manufacturing activity has shrunk for the tenth consecutive month in April. The au Jibun Bank manufacturing PMI came in at 48.5 in April, slightly higher compared to 48.4 in the previous month. In contrast, Japanese services activity rebounded and the au Jibun Bank Services PMI rose to 52.2 during the reported month compared to a neutral reading of 50.0 in March.
- Core inflation in Japan's capital accelerated to a two-year high in April on surging food costs, making the central bank's quest to fully exit ultra easy policy a delicate balancing act of managing risks between higher U.S. tariffs and rising prices.

**Japanese Yen Performance**

<b>Last Week Close</b>	<b>142.17 JPY/USD</b>	<b>Monthly High</b>	<b>150.48 JPY/USD</b>
<b>Week Open</b>	<b>142.09 JPY/USD</b>	<b>Monthly Low</b>	<b>139.89 JPY/USD</b>
<b>Week Close</b>	<b>143.67 JPY/USD</b>	<b>30 Days Average</b>	<b>155.09 JPY/USD</b>
<b>Weekly High</b>	<b>144.03 JPY/USD</b>	<b>90 Days Average</b>	<b>151.22 JPY/USD</b>
<b>Weekly Low</b>	<b>139.86 JPY/USD</b>	<b>YTD Change</b>	<b>-9.19%</b>

**Next Week's Japanese Yen Economic Events**

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
Industrial O/P Prelim MM SA	Mar	30-Apr	-0.4%	2.3%
Large Scale Retail Sales YY	Mar	30-Apr		2%
JP BOJ Rate Decision	1 May	1-May	0.50%	0.50%
JibunBK Mfg PMI Final SA	Apr	1-May		48.5
Jobs/Applicants Ratio	Mar	2-May	1.25	1.24
Unemployment Rate	Mar	2-May	2.4%	2.4%
Monetary Base YY	Apr	2-May		-3.22%

<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>140.05</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	<b>148.07</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Neutral</b>		



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