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Key Market Highlights:

- Crude is opening the week sharply higher after a chaotic weekend reversed Friday's peace-trade rally. Brent rose as much as 7.9% on Monday to around \$95/bbl, retracing most of Friday's 9%+ sell-off, while European gas prices surged by up to 11%. The move was triggered by the re-closure of the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday, alongside claims that the US blockade of Iran-linked vessels breached the two-week ceasefire set to expire on Tuesday. Friday's rally in risk assets, with the S&P 500 closing at a record 7,126 (+1.2%) and the Nasdaq up 1.5%, had been underpinned by Iran's declaration that Hormuz was "completely open." That narrative has now broken down, and renewed escalation risk and uncertainty are expected to weigh on equities in the near term.
- The PBoC left key lending rates unchanged for an 11th consecutive month in April, keeping the 1Y LPR at 3.00% and the 5Y LPR at 3.50%, both record lows and in line with consensus expectations. The decision reflects a balancing act between elevated external risks, notably from Middle East tensions, and a genuinely improving domestic backdrop. Q1 GDP grew 5.0%, up from 4.5% in late 2025 and at the upper end of Beijing's 4.5–5.0% full-year target, reducing the urgency for near-term policy easing.

Technical Levels	Support 2	Support 1	Spot	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
EUR	1.1650	1.1700	1.1755	1.1800	1.1850
GBP	1.3400	1.3450	1.3500	1.3550	1.3600
JPY	157.85	158.40	158.95	159.50	160.00
CHF	0.7750	0.7775	0.7825	0.7860	0.7900

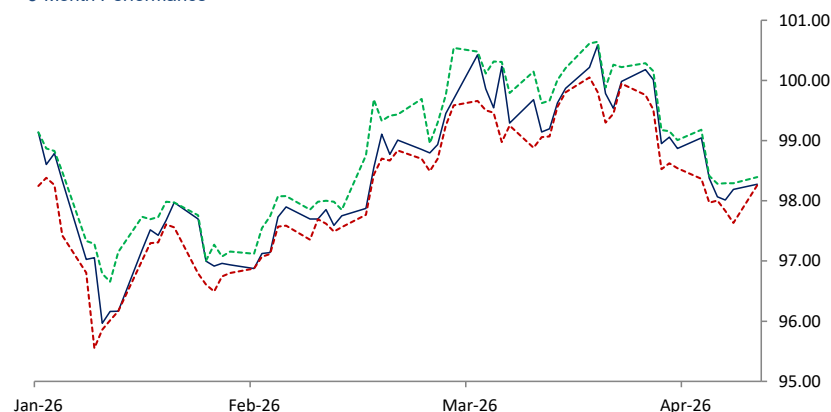
Brief Technical Commentary

EURUSD gapped 1% lower of the back of the weekend escalation regarding the US-Iran conflict. Market sentiment remains fragile without seeing any tangible progress. Support for EURUSD is at 1.1700 followed by 1.1650. Resistance for the pair is at 1.1800 followed by 1.1850.

We saw the JPY strengthen on Friday to a low of 157.60, this move has retraced amid regained USD strength and is currently trading at 158.95. Support is at 158.40 followed by 157.85. Resistance is at 159.50 followed by 160.00.

Economic Events	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
20-Apr-26	CNY	1-y Loan Prime Rate	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
20-Apr-26	CNY	5-y Loan Prime Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
20-Apr-26	CAD	CPI m/m		1.1%	0.5%
21-Apr-26	NZD	CPI q/q		0.8%	0.6%
21-Apr-26	USD	Retail Sales m/m		1.4%	0.6%
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22-Apr-26	GBP	CPI y/y		3.3%	3.0%
23-Apr-26	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI		50.7	51.6
23-Apr-26	GBP	Flash Manufacturing PMI		50.2	51.0
23-Apr-26	USD	Flash Manufacturing PMI		52.5	52.3

U.S. Dollar Index
3-Month Performance



Currencies	Closing	YTD %	Closing	YTD %	
EUR/USD	1.1762	0.14	EUR/GBP	0.8701	0.11
GBP/USD	1.3514	0.27	GBP/JPY	214.33	1.72
USD/JPY	158.61	1.44	EUR/JPY	186.55	1.59
USD/CHF	0.7817	1.27	EUR/CHF	0.9195	1.17

Commodities	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	100.89	1.99	Dow Jones	49,447.43	1.79
Brent	95.10	5.22	Nikkei 225	58,855.07	0.65
West Texas	88.75	5.84	S&P 500	7,126.06	1.20
Gold	4,809.40	1.44	KuwaitSE	8,901.49	0.26

Local & Global Rates (%)	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.38	3.44	3.56	3.75	3.94
USD	3.67	3.66	3.67	3.68	3.69
EUR	1.91	2.00	2.20	2.42	2.69
GBP	3.73	3.75	3.79	3.90	4.05

Government Yields (%)	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	3.63	3.74	3.87	4.27	4.90
Germany	2.35	2.47	2.65	3.00	3.56
United Kingdom	4.11	4.15	4.28	4.80	5.53
Japan	1.10	1.34	1.80	2.38	3.55