Week from 05/17/2021 to 05/21/2021

# WEEKLY MAD INSIGHTS

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# WEEKLY VARIATIONS



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(1) Impact of the variation in the EUR/USD parity (2) Impact of the variation in the liquidity spread (Supply / Demand)



(3) Calculated over the period from 05/06/2021 to 05/12/2021

# INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



# EUR/USD at its highest since early 2021

This week was marked by the rise of the euro against the dollar by + 0.34%, going from 1.214 to 1.218. The pair even reached this week its highest since early 2021 at 1.223.

With the advancement of the vaccine campaign, Eurozone countries eased restrictions during this month, allowing an acceleration of economic activity recovery. The Eurozone PMI index attests to this, going from 53.8 to 56.9 pts during the month of May.

Across the Atlantic, the latest disappointing US data weighed on the dollar. Indeed, the Philadelphia Fed index fell sharply in May, from 50.2 to 31.5.

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#### MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





#### Spread USD/MAD (Gap between Reference price Vs. Central price) Bank foreign exchange position, in MAD Mn 12M Max 9 345 3,400 3.182 3.166 2,907 +0.120% 05/06 05/07 05/10 05/11 05/12 Min 811 -4.413% -4.470%

# The bank's FX position at more than MAD 3.0 Bn

According to recent data, the weekly average of the bank's foreign exchange position crossed the threshold of MAD 3.0 Bn against MAD 2.8 Bn a week earlier. At the origin, the seasonal effect of remittances by Moroccans living abroad during Eid Al-Fitr. The spread between the MAD reference price and its central price widened slightly by 3 PBS to -4.41% against -4.38% a week earlier.

Concerning the MAD, it continues to appreciate against the dollar by + 0.56%. The USD/MAD parity stood at 8.81 against 8.86 a week earlier. Originally, a basket effect relating to the EUR/USD pair variation of -0.53% versus a market effect of -0.03%.

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## **VOLATILITY INDICATORS**

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		USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
	1 MONTH	4.18%	3.38%	5.60%	7.31%	7.01%	4.69%
	2 MONTHS	4.02%	3.03%	5.26%	6.93%	7.29%	4.99%
	3 MONTHS	4.65%	3.56%	5.13%	7.01%	7.70%	5.95%

## Attractive levels for hedging

The high MAD volatility levels comfort the companies operating in foreign currencies in their dynamic hedging strategies over the ST. These allow them to better manage the currency risk in such context.

We recommend to importing Corporates in dollar to hedge their operations at the current levels of the dirham which we consider attractive.

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# EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

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MAD

• •	SPOT	Q2-21	Q3-21	Q4-21	Q1-22	2022	2023	2024	2025
MEDIAN		1.20	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.24	1.21	1.22	
AVERAGE	1,2182	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.23	1.21	1.21	
+HIGH	05/21/2021	1.26	1.29	1.33	1.35	1.31	1.26	1.24	
+L0W		1.16	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.15	1.16	1.18	
FORWARD		1.22	1.22	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.25	1.27	1.29

The main international brokers slightly revised upwards their forecasts concerning the EUR/USD parity. The consensus is for a bearish forecast until early 2022. The pair would settle at 1.21 at the end of Q2-21 from an initial forecast of 1.20. It would stabilize at this level until the beginning of 2022. At the end of 2022, EUR/USD is aiming for a level of 1.23 against an initial forecast of 1.22. It would drop to 1.21 by 2024.

While policymakers said that debates on debt reduction in the United States could begin in June 2021, the latest disappointing data could delay the start of such a process. Indeed, while the US economy recovery remains relevant, there is no indication that its pace is accelerating. At the same time, the more favorable outlook for the global recovery could steer investors towards other currencies that are both growth-oriented and relatively higher risk, such as the euro.

## EUR/MAD AND USD/MAD OUTLOOK - AGR



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q2-20



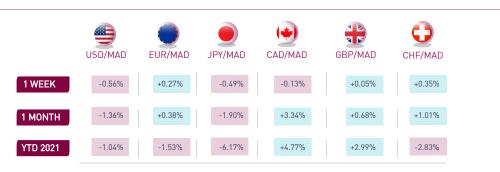
Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q2-20

Taking into account our projections of improving liquidity conditions by the ST, supported by the current low levels of liquidity spreads, we are keeping our forecasts for the MAD. Our scenario concerns a MAD depreciation against the dollar during the next 3

The MAD would depreciate against the dollar by 0.8% over 1 month and 1.1% over 2 and 3 months from a current level of 8.81. The USD/MAD parity would thus reach 8.89, 8.91 and 8.91 at 1, 2 and 3 months horizons respectively.

Against the euro, the MAD would appreciate slightly by 0.1% over 1 month before depreciating by 0.1% over 2 and 3 months. The EUR/MAD parity would reach 10.75, 10.78 and 10.78 over the same periods against a spot rate of 10.78.

# MAD DASHBOARD (YTD PERFORMANCE)



Prices as of 05/21/2021



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# APPENDICES DATA AS OF MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021

# **APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES**

		Q2-21	Q3-21	Q4-21	2022	2023	2024	2025
FORECAST	USD/JPY	109	109	110	110	112	109	
FORWARD	109	109	109	109	108	107	105	103
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.22	1.23	1.23
FORWARD	1.20	1.2	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.22	1.22
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.92	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.90	0.93	
FORWARD	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.86	0.84
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.42	1.41	1.39	
FORWARD	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.43

## APPENDIX 2: MAIN BROKERS FORECASTS FOR THE EUR/USD PARITY

	Date	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	2022	2023
Rabobank	05/21/21	1.20	1.18	1.17	1.17	1.18
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	05/20/21	1.20	1.22	1.23	1.25	1.29
Swedbank	05/20/21	1.21	1.23	1.24	1.18	1.16
NAB/BNZ	05/19/21	1.26	1.28	1.30	1.31	1.25
Westpac Banking	05/10/21	1.21	1.23	1.23	1.27	1.26
Citigroup	05/07/21	1.21	1.19	1.17	1.15	1.40
X-Trade Brokers Dom Maklerski	04/30/21	1.19	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.24
Mouvement Desjardins	04/28/21	1.21	1.22	1.22	1.19	1.18
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg	04/27/21	1.21	1.19	1.18	1.15	1.18
Maybank Singapore	04/15/21	1.20	1.22	1.24	1.25	1.25
Ballinger & Co.	04/13/21	1.20	1.23	1.24	1.23	1.21
Standard Chartered	04/08/21	1.17	1.17	1.20	1.26	1.26
ING Financial Markets	04/06/21	1.22	1.25	1.28	1.22	1.20
United Overseas Bank	03/31/21	1.18	1.19	1.20	1.18	1.16
BNP Paribas	03/29/21	1.18	1.20	1.23	1.18	1.32
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	03/09/21	1.24	1.26	1.28	1.34	1.34
SCB Securities	12/18/20	1.30	1.25	1.28	1.32	1.25

Data as of 05/21/2021

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