Week from 06/21/2021 to 06/25/2021

# MAD WEEKLY VARIATIONS

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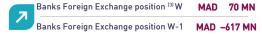
WEEKLY

# INSIGHTS ...



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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 06/11/2021 to 06/17/2021

# INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



#### A visible rebound in the EUR/USD parity

The sharp drop in the EUR/USD parity recorded last week was readjusted this week. The euro appreciates against the dollar by + 0.6%, going from 1.186 to 1.194 over the week.

The publication of the euro zone PMI report shows an improvement in economic activity. The index rose to 59.2 in June versus 57.1pts a month earlier. In fact, EU institutions expressed this week their optimism about the economic recovery thanks in part to the imminent deployment of the 'Next Generation EU' recovery plan.

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# MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





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# The liquidity spread widens to a historic level

This week's liquidity conditions led to a further widening of the spread between the MAD's reference price and its central price by 4.2 BPS in one week to -4.88%, reaching its all-time low.

Thus, we do not exclude out a BAM intervention in case the lower limit of the band is reached.

Regarding the dirham evolution, it appreciates against the dollar by + 0.18% to 8.90. Originally, a basket effect of -0.14% versus -0.04% for the market effect.

The foreign exchange position of the banks is improving to MAD 70 Mn on average. This is explained by the first effects of the "Marhaba" operation on the local banks foreign currencies.

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## **VOLATILITY INDICATORS**

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|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| d |          | USDMAD | EURMAD | JPYMAD | CADMAD | GBPMAD | CHFMAD |
|   | 1 MONTH  | 4.84%  | 3.18%  | 5.90%  | 4.39%  | 4.96%  | 4.44%  |
|   | 2 MONTHS | 4.58%  | 3.33%  | 5.48%  | 5.94%  | 6.04%  | 4.70%  |
|   | з монтнѕ | 4.32%  | 3.14%  | 5.45%  | 6.02%  | 6.52%  | 4.80%  |
|   | · ·      |        |        |        |        |        |        |

# Caution is required in the face of the MAD variations

We anticipate a significant flow of foreign currency receipts over the coming weeks. The latter would fuel the volatility of the dirham. These are the travel receipts during this summer period.

We note a keen interest on the part of the importing Corporates for the implementation of MAD hedging strategies over 3-month horizons.

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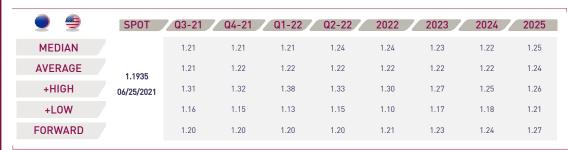
# EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

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The main international brokers slightly adjusted down their forecasts on the ST for the EUR/USD parity. The consensus is for a bullish forecast of 1.21 in Q3-21, against an initial forecast of 1.22. The pair is expected to settle at 1.22 through 2024. By 2025, the target level is 1.24.

Following the release of the Eurozone PMI reports this week, the post-covid recovery is felt. However, this does not mask the macroeconomic difficulties facing the old continent, sources of the slowdown in the euro rally in the ST. To this end, the ECB would maintain its relief measures.

As a reminder, the ECB seems to be taking the opposite direction from the Federal Reserve. The FED is preparing for a reduction in its asset purchases, or even an earlier-than-expected hike in its key rates in line with inflation concerns over the ST in the United States.

# EUR/MAD AND USD/MAD OUTLOOK - AGR



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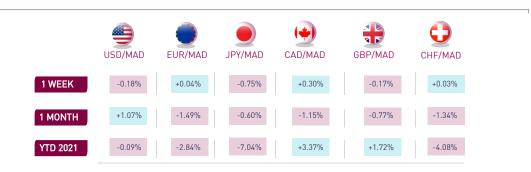
Considering the liquidity spreads levels close to the lower band limit and taking into account the MAD appreciation against the dollar, we revised our scenario downwards over the next 2 months. We also adjusted upwards our 3 month forecasts, in connection with the end of the summer season.

The MAD would appreciate against the dollar within 1, 2 and 3 months horizons. Against the euro, the MAD would depreciate over the same horizons compared to current levels.

The MAD would appreciate against the dollar by 0.7%, 0.7% and 0.5% in 1, 2 and 3 month horizons. USD/MAD parity would reach 8.83, 8.83 and 8.85 at 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against an initial forecast of 8.84, 8.86 and 8.84 over the same periods.

Against the euro, the MAD would depreciate by 0.6%, 0.6% and 0.8% against a spot rate of 10.62 during the next three months. In fact, the EUR/MAD parity would reach 10.69, 10.69 and 10.71 over 1, 2 and 3 month horizons, against an initial forecast of 10.70, 10.72 and 10.70 over the same periods.

# MAD DASHBOARD (YTD PERFORMANCE)



Prices as of 06/25/2021



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# APPENDICES DATA AS OF JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

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

|          |         | Q3-21 | Q4-21 | Q1-22 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
|          |         |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| FORECAST | USD/JPY | 110   | 109   | 110   | 110  | 110  | 104  | 103  |
| FORWARD  | 111     | 111   | 111   | 110   | 110  | 109  | 107  | 105  |
|          |         |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| FORECAST | USD/CAD | 1.22  | 1.22  | 1.22  | 1.21 | 1.19 | 1.18 | 1.18 |
| FORWARD  | 1.23    | 1.23  | 1.23  | 1.23  | 1.23 | 1.24 | 1.24 | 1.25 |
|          |         |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| FORECAST | USD/CHF | 0.91  | 0.92  | 0.92  | 0.93 | 0.89 | 0.90 | 0.91 |
| FORWARD  | 0.92    | 0.91  | 0.91  | 0.91  | 0.90 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.86 |
|          |         |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| FORECAST | GBP/USD | 1.42  | 1.42  | 1.42  | 1.45 | 1.46 | 1.42 | 1.42 |
| FORWARD  | 1.39    | 1.39  | 1.39  | 1.39  | 1.39 | 1.39 | 1.40 | 1.41 |
|          |         |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |
|          |         |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |

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

|                                       | Date     | Q3-2021 | Q4-2021 | Q1-2022 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|
| Barclays                              | 06/24/21 | 1.18    | 1.18    | 1.17    | 1.15 | 1.17 |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking Group | 06/22/21 | 1.22    | 1.26    | 1.27    | 1.30 | 1.24 |
| BNP Paribas                           | 06/22/21 | 1.18    | 1.17    | 1.16    | 1.14 | 1.32 |
| Standard Chartered                    | 06/18/21 | 1.24    | 1.26    | 1.26    | 1.26 | 1.26 |
| Westpac Banking                       | 06/15/21 | 1.23    | 1.24    | 1.25    | 1.27 | 1.26 |
| Rabobank                              | 06/11/21 | 1.18    | 1.17    | 1.18    | 1.17 | 1.18 |
| Citigroup                             | 06/10/21 | 1.21    | 1.19    | 1.17    | 1.16 | 1.40 |
| ING Financial Markets                 | 06/10/21 | 1.25    | 1.28    | 1.28    | 1.22 | 1.20 |
| Maybank Singapore                     | 06/10/21 | 1.22    | 1.24    | 1.25    | 1.25 | 1.25 |
| Intesa Sanpaolo                       | 06/03/21 | 1.17    | 1.17    | 1.19    | 1.22 | 1.22 |
| United Overseas Bank                  | 06/03/21 | 1.24    | 1.25    | 1.25    | 1.25 | 1.19 |
| Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg         | 06/01/21 | 1.19    | 1.18    | 1.16    | 1.15 | 1.18 |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria       | 05/28/21 | 1.22    | 1.24    | 1.24    | 1.25 | 1.27 |
| Mouvement Desjardins                  | 05/28/21 | 1.22    | 1.21    | 1.21    | 1.19 | 1.18 |
| X-Trade Brokers Dom Maklerski         | 05/27/21 | 1.20    | 1.19    | 1.18    | 1.18 | 1.24 |
| Swedbank                              | 05/20/21 | 1.23    | 1.24    | 1.22    | 1.18 | 1.16 |
| NAB/BNZ                               | 05/19/21 | 1.28    | 1.30    | 1.32    | 1.31 | 1.25 |

Data as of 06/25/2021

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