Week from 08/16/2021 to 08/19/2021

MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS



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



(3) Calculated over the period from 08/12/2021 to 08/18/2021

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Euro hits 10-month low against dollar

The Euro has fallen against the Dollar this week by -0.84% to 1.1698. During Thursday's session, the Euro hit 1.1675, i.e. its lowest level since November 2020.

Several factors support the Dollar recovery: (1) the optimistic prospects of the employment market in the United States, (2) the rise in health risks, mainly in China and (3) the less accommodating speech of the Fed during the minutes of the FOMC meeting on Wednesday night. Indeed, the institution could start reducing asset purchases before the end of 2021. These are currently set at \$ 120 billion/month.

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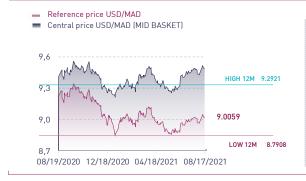
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MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





Spread USD/MAD (Gap between Reference price Vs. Central price) Bank foreign exchange position, in MAD Mn Max 9 3/5 8,521 7 797 7.653 7.620 -1.637% 08/13 08/12 08/16 08/17 08/18 -2.655 -4.958% 4.969% -4.976% -4 980% -4 983%

USD/MAD parity goes above 9.0 DH

The USD/MAD parity crosses upwards the level of 9.0 for the first time since April, i.e. a change of -0.30%. This is explained exclusively by the EUR/USD basket effect. In contrast, the market effect is neutral.

The spread between the reference price and the central price of the MAD remains stable at -4.96%. Thus, the Dirham's liquidity spreads resist close to the lower limit of its fluctuation band.

Regarding market liquidity conditions, the bank foreign exchange position continued to improve, exceeding a daily average of MAD 8.0 billion this week. At the origin of this improvement, the favorable evolution of MRE receipts and travel receipts during the summer season thanks to the operation "Marhaba".

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VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MOIS	3.15%	1.92%	6.10%	10.70%	7.81%	5.62%
2 MOIS	2.84%	1.76%	6.37%	8.89%	6.66%	4.76%
3 MOIS	3.67%	2.37%	5.94%	7.49%	6.25%	4.81%

Increasingly higher EUR/USD volatility

The increased level of volatility of the EUR/USD parity confirms our recommendation to hedge currency transactions on CT horizons.

Given the current spread levels, we recommend that companies exporting in USD hedge their transactions in USD over a 3 month-horizon.

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EUR/USD OUTLOOK - BLOOMBERG

WEEKLY

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•	SPOT	Q3-21	Q4-21	Q1-22	Q2-22	2022	2023	2024	2025
MEDIAN		1.18	1.19	1.20	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.25
AVERAGE	1.1675	1.18	1.19	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.23
+HIGH	08/19/2021	1.24	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.30	1.26	1.25	1.25
+L0W		1.15	1.14	1.13	1.12	1.12	1.10	1.11	1.16
FORWARD		1.17	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.18	1.20	1.21	1.23

The bullish forecasts of the EUR / USD parity of international brokers were maintained during this week. The pair would settle at 1.18 in Q3-21 before rising to 1.19 in Q4-21. It should reach 1.20 at the start of 2022 and stabilize at this level until 2024. In 2025, the target level is 1.23.

Expectations of market operators in the LT remain in favor of the euro in a context marked by growing concerns about the strength of global growth, mainly in the United States. To this end, several banks have revised their US growth forecasts downwards. Originally, the larger than expected impact of the "Delta" variant on the dynamics of global growth, implying increasingly high inflationary pressures at SMT.

EUR/MAD AND USD/MAD OUTLOOK - AGR



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q3-21



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q3-21

Following lower forecasts for EUR/USD over the ST and stable liquidity conditions in local market, we have adjusted our EUR/MAD and USD/MAD forecasts.

The MAD appreciates against the dollar in 1, 2 and 3 month horizons. Against the Euro, it should depreciate over the same horizons. The MAD would appreciate against the Dollar by 0.5%, 0.4% and 0.5% in 1, 2 and 3 month horizons. The USD/MAD parity would reach 8.96, 8.97 and 8.96 at 1, 2 and 3 month horizons, against a spot price of 9.01.

Against the Euro, the MAD should depreciate by 0.4%, 0.5% and 0.4% over the next 3 months against a spot rate of 10.53. The EUR/MAD parity should reach 10.57, 10.59 and 10.57 at 1, 2 and 3 month horizons.

MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET

	USD/MAD	EUR/MAD	JPY/MAD	CAD/MAD	GBP/MAD	CHF/MAD
1 WEEK	+0.30%	-0.18%	+0.86%	-1.49%	-0.58%	+0.72%
1 MONTH	+0.43%	-0.25%	+0.57%	+0.55%	+0.28%	+0.80%
YTD 2021	+1.14%	-3.67%	-4.93%	+1.02%	+1.37%	-2.95%

Prices as of 08/19/2021

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APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES

		Q3-21	Q4-21	Q1-22	2022	2023	2024	2025
FORECAST	USD/JPY	110	110	111	112	113	112	106
FORWARD	110	110	110	110	109	108	107	105
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.24	1.23	1.22	1.22	1.2	1.2	1.2
FORWARD	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.3	1.3
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.93	0.95
FORWARD	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.89	0.88	0.86
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.40	1.40	1.41	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.41
FORWARD	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.37	1.38

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

	Date	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	2022	2023
Rabobank	08/20/21	1.18	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.18
Standard Chartered	08/20/21	1.24	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26
Swedbank	08/10/21	1.16	1.17	1.2	1.16	1.16
BNP Paribas	08/09/21	1.18	1.17	1.16	1.14	1.32
ING Financial Markets	08/09/21	1.2	1.23	1.23	1.15	1.1
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	08/06/21	1.18	1.18	1.2	1.24	1.25
Maybank Singapore	08/04/21	1.22	1.24	1.25	1.25	1.25
PNC Financial	08/03/21	1.18	1.18	1.17	1.17	1.16
United Overseas Bank	08/02/21	1.16	1.15	1.14	1.12	1.11
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	07/30/21	1.18	1.22	1.24	1.25	1.25
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg	07/30/21	1.19	1.18	1.16	1.15	1.18
X-Trade Brokers Dom Maklerski	07/30/21	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.23
Intesa Sanpaolo	07/27/21	1.16	1.15	1.16	1.21	1.22
NAB/BNZ	07/26/21	1.21	1.23	1.24	1.3	1.24
Westpac Banking	07/26/21	1.21	1.22	1.23	1.21	1.19
Mouvement Desjardins	07/20/21	1.19	1.2	1.21	1.18	1.19
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	07/07/21	1.16	1.13	1.12	1.18	1.3

Prices as of 08/23/2021

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