Week from 02/21/2022 to 02/25/2022

MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS

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CURRENCIES

MAD



(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 02/09/2022 to 02/15/2022

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Tensions in Ukraine benefit safe havens

The euro depreciated this week against the dollar, posting a weekly underperformance of -0.48%, falling from 1.1322 to 1.1268.

The Russian military offensive against Ukraine has revived concerns about disruptions of the global energy supply chain. This escalation in risk aversion benefits safe havens like the dollar.

US GDP growth in Q4-21 came out at 7%, confirming the strength of the economic recovery. This situation supports the scenario of hike in US rates next March.

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 ^{4ax} 10.302 02/10 02/11 02/14 02/15 02/09 -3 726 -3.921 -4.155 -4.174 Min -5,308 -2.977% -2.977% -3.038% -3.052% -3.056%

The depreciation of the Dirham against the Dollar continues this week with an increase in the parity of +1.07% to 9.52. This is a 19-month high.

At the origin of this depreciation of the Dirham a basket effect of +1.02% given the significant rise in the dollar against its main counterparties and a liquidity effect of +0.05%. The foreign exchange position of banks remains in deficit at -4.0 billion dirhams on a weekly average, i.e. the lowest since March 2020.

For their part, liquidity spreads remain at their highest since October 2020, i.e. -2.3 % up slightly by 4 PBS from the previous week.

VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	6.97%	6.21%	9.24%	6.72%	6.34%	7.43%
2 MONTHS	5.99%	5.17%	7.71%	6.67%	5.68%	6.82%
3 MONTHS	5.32%	4.72%	7.34%	7.79%	5.86%	6.55%

MAD disturbed by geopolitical tensions

MAD crosses above the 9.50 mark

The escalation of tensions in Europe and its impact on the energy market should generate high currency volatility in the weeks to come.

Taking into account the liquidity conditions of the interbank foreign exchange market, we recommend that importers favor hedging strategies on the very ST.

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EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

•	SPOT	Q2-22	Q3-22	Q4-22	Q1-23	2023	2024	2025	2026
MEDIAN		1.13	1.15	1.15		1.18	1.21	1.24	1.20
AVERAGE	1.1268	1.13	1.14	1.15		1.17	1.20	1.22	1.21
+HIGH	02/25/2021	1.17	1.18	1.20		1.25	1.25	1.26	1.27
+L0W		1.08	1.08	1.07		1.05	1.13	1.16	1.16
FORWARD		1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.16	1.18	1.19	1.21

EUR/USD forecasts from international brokers have been stable this week. In Q2-22, the pair would trade at 1.13. The pair would settle at 1.14 in Q3-22 and then at 1.15 in Q4-22. In 2023, the target is 1.17 before reaching 1.20 in 2024. The target level of the pair is 1.22 in 2025 and 1.21 by 2026.

The latest developments in the crisis in Ukraine are increasingly worrying investors. Western sanctions on Russia are expected to have a major impact on energy prices.

As for central banks, monetary policy expectations remain stable in favor of a gradual rise in US rates in 2022. The Fed's decision next March remains uncertain all the same, due to the situation in Ukraine. Euro rates, meanwhile, should remain stable at least until the end of 2022. This situation favors the Dollar at ST.

UPWARD REVIEW OF OUR 1 MONTH, 2 MONTH AND 3 MONTH HORIZON FORECASTS



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q2-22



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Given the EUR/USD forecast and MAD liquidity conditions, we have revised our 1, 2, and 3 month forecasts.

Compared to the current spot rate, the MAD is depreciating against the USD on a 1-month horizon and appreciating on a 2 and 3-month horizon.

Against the Euro, the Dirham should depreciate in 1 and 2 months and appreciate in 3 months.

The USD/MAD parity should reach 9.53 then 9.52 before returning to 9.49 at horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 9.52.

The EUR/MAD parity should reach 10.67 then 10.66 before returning to 10.63 at horizons 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 10.64.

MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET

	USD/MAD	EUR/MAD	JPY/MAD	CAD/MAD	GBP/MAD	CHF/MAD
1 WEEK	+1.07%	-0.59%	+0.89%	+0.20%	-0.72%	+0.56%
1 MONTH	+2.20%	+1.20%	+1.07%	+0.76%	+1.45%	+1.51%
YTD 2022	+2.63%	+1.17%	+2.34%	+1.92%	+1.69%	+1.08%

Prices as of 02/25/2022

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APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES

		Q2-22	Q3-22	Q4-22	Q1-23	2023	2024	2025
FORECAST	USD/JPY	116	116	116		115	108	107
FORWARD	115	115	114	114	113	111	109	106
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.26	1.25	1.24		1.23	1.26	1.27
FORWARD	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.28
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.93	0.93	0.93		0.93	0.91	0.95
FORWARD	0.92	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.88	0.87	0.85
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.36	1.36	1.38		1.40	1.43	1.42
FORWARD	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.35	1.35

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

	Date	Q2-2022	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023	2023
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	02/28/22	1.12	1.13	1.13		1.16
Mouvement Desjardins	02/28/22	1.14	1.16	1.17		1.2
Silicon Valley Bank	02/28/22	1.14	1.16	1.17		1.18
Rabobank	02/25/22	1.12	1.12	1.14		1.18
Investec	02/23/22	1.15	1.18	1.18		1.22
Nomura Bank International	02/22/22	1.16	1.18	1.2		1.25
Axis Bank	02/18/22	1.15	1.16	1.16		1.17
ING Financial Markets	02/18/22	1.12	1.12	1.13		1.18
Swedbank	02/17/22	1.14	1.16	1.18		1.2
Maybank Singapore	02/16/22	1.14	1.16	1.18		1.2
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg	02/15/22	1.1	1.09	1.08		1.1
Ebury	02/14/22	1.15	1.17	1.19		1.22
ABN Amro	02/11/22	1.1	1.08	1.07		1.05
TD Securities	02/11/22	1.16	1.17	1.19		1.23
BNP Paribas	02/10/22	1.16	1.17	1.18		1.2
NAB/BNZ	02/08/22	1.13	1.15	1.17		1.23
Westpac Banking	02/07/22	1.08	1.09	1.1		1.14

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