Week from 04/04/2022 to 04/08/2022

# MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS



# USD/MAD EUR/MAD | Basket<sup>[1]</sup> effect | +1.07% | -0.69% | Market<sup>2]</sup> effect | -0.73% | -0.73%

(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 04/01/2022 to 04/07/2022

## INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



#### A context of uncertainty thats favours the Dollar

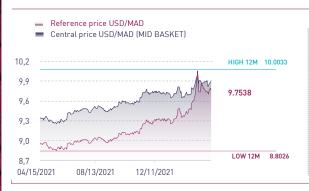
The euro depreciated sharply this week against the dollar by -1.50% falling from 1.1043 to 1.0877, a 2-year low.

This poor performance is mainly due to two factors. On the one hand, the Fed's will continue the tightening of its monetary policy supported thanks to solid unemployment figures and high levels of inflation.

We recall that the Reserve had already begun its cycle of monetary tightening at its last meeting held on March 16, by raising the Fed Fund Rate by 1/4 point. On the other hand, the economic slowdown in Europe benefits the dollar as a safe haven.

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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 <sup>4ax</sup> 10.302 04/04 04/05 04/06 04/07 04/01 1.064% -2.568-2.606-2,869 -3.083Min -7.405 -3.427-0.937% -0.933% -1.481% -1.582% **o** -4.993% -1.696%

# The rise of the Dollar internationally penalizes the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MAD}}$

The MAD is depreciating this week against the USD. The USD/MAD pair evolves by +0.34%. The basket effect stands at +1.07%, offsetting the liquidity effect.

Liquidity conditions in the interbank foreign exchange market have improved this week. This is an increase in the foreign exchange position of banks from -4.2 billion dirhams on average weekly to -2.9 billion dirhams this week.

At the same time, the Dirham's liquidity spreads came out in negative territory this week and widened by -72 BPS, going from -0.9% to -1.7%, i.e. a 1-month low.

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#### **VOLATILITY INDICATORS**

#### GBPMAD **USDMAD EURMAD JPYMAD** CADMAD CHEMAD 10.42% 12.67% 15.07% 11.13% 12.11% 12.18% 1 MONTH 10.54% 10.32% 15.61% 11.43% 10.51% 11.00% 2 MONTHS 3 MONTHS 9.20% 9.90% 9.47% 9.01% 13.34% 10.39%

### A currency market characterized by volatility

The uncertainties surrounding the situation in Ukraine and the impacts on economic growth in Europe are fueling currency volatility.

The MAD volatility threshold has reached its highest since the start of the Covid-19 crisis. In this context, we recommend considerably reducing the hedging horizons on the MAD.

Week from 04/04/2022 to 04/08/2022

# EUR/USD OUTLOOK - BLOOMBERG

**WEEKLY** 

MAD INSIGHTS

**CURRENCIES** 

•	SPOT	Q2-22	Q3-22	Q4-22	Q1-23	2023	2024	2025	2026
MEDIAN		1.10	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.20	1.19	1.20
AVERAGE	1.0877	1.10	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.16	1.19	1.19	1.19
+HIGH	04/08/2021	1.16	1.18	1.20	1.22	1.23	1.25	1.27	1.21
+L0W		1.06	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.09	1.10	1.16
FORWARD		1.09	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.15	1.17	1.19

EUR/USD forecasts from international brokers have been broadly stable this week. In Q2-22, the pair would trade at 1.10 versus 1.11 a week earlier. The pair would settle at 1.12 in Q3-22 and then at 1.13 in Q4-22. In Q1-23, this would change to 1.14. Finally in 2023, the target is 1.16, before reaching 1.19 in 2024 and 2025. The target level for the pair is 1.19 by 2026, against 1.21 initially.

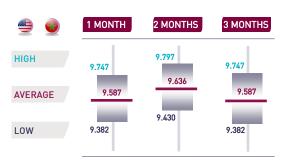
The single currency is penalized on the ST by the situation in Ukraine, the impact of economic sanctions against Russia and the surge in commodity prices. In this context, the ECB has still not set out an orientation toward the normalization of its monetary policy. In the United States, the labor market is deemed strong in the latest FOMC minutes release. The unemployment rate hit 3.6%, a 2-year low. Therefore, the Fed should continue its monetary tightening process.

The fragility of growth in Europe and the divergence of monetary policy normalization between the Fed and the ECB further favor the dollar on the ST.

## OUR 1-MONTH, 2-MONTH AND 3-MONTH HORIZON FORECASTS MAINTAINED



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q2-22



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q2-22

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

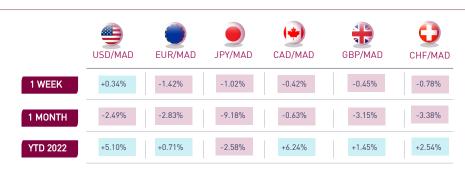
Compared to the spot price, the MAD has appreciated against the USD over 1, 2 and 3 months.

Against the Euro, the Dirham should depreciate over the same horizons.

The USD/MAD parity should reach 9.59 then 9.64 before reaching 9.59 at horizons 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 9.75.

The EUR/MAD parity should reach 10.74 then 10.79 before reaching 10.74 at horizons 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 10.59.

# MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as of 04/08/2022

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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	120	120	120	120	117	116	115
FORWARD	126	125	125	124	123	120	116	112
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.24	1.23	1.24	1.28
FORWARD	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26
FORECAST	USD/CHF 0.93	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.94
FORWARD		0.93	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.89	0.87	0.85
FORECAST	GBP/USD 1.3	1.32	1.33	1.34	1.35	1.39	1.41	1.42
FORWARD		1.30	1.30	1.31	1.31	1.32	1.33	1.34

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

	Date	Q2-2022	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023	2023
Maybank Singapore	04/11/22	1.12	1.13	1.15	1.15	1.2
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	04/08/22	1.08	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.17
Commerzbank	04/08/22	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.15	1.12
ING Financial Markets	04/08/22	1.08	1.08	1.1	1.11	1.15
NAB/BNZ	04/08/22	1.11	1.13	1.15	1.17	1.23
Argentex LLP	04/07/22	1.06	1.09	1.1	1.12	1.15
RBC Capital Markets	04/07/22	1.1	1.09	1.08	1.07	1.09
Alpha Bank	04/06/22	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.15
Axis Bank	04/04/22	1.15	1.11	1.12	1.13	1.13
Investec	04/04/22	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.18
Swedbank	04/04/22	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.18
Rabobank	04/01/22	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.12	1.18
BNP Paribas	03/31/22	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.2
Barclays	03/30/22	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.15	1.15
Mouvement Desjardins	03/30/22	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.18	1.23
Scotiabank	03/30/22	1.1	1.09	1.08		1.1
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg	03/29/22	1.1	1.09	1.08	1.08	1.1

Prices as of 04/12/2022

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