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MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

	EUR/USD				
	AB	Parity W	1.0	220 ••••• +0.07%	7
		Parity W-1	1.0	213	
1,25					
1,20				MAX 12M	1.1887
1,15	when here	h /lu		AVG.12M	1.1144
1,10		- Why			
1,05		by the	Ч с	SPOT 07/29/22	1.0220
1,00			Vr		
0,95				MIN 12M	1.0018
0,90 07/29	7/2021 11/26/2021	03/26/2022 0	7/24/2022		

	USD/MAD	EUR/MAD
Basket ⁽¹⁾ effect	-0.35%	+0.25%
Market ²⁾ effect	+0.64%	+0.64%
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AUGUST 2022

Week from 07/25/2022 to 07/29/2022

N	Banks Foreign Exchange position ⁽³⁾ W	-7,559 MN
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(3) Calcula	ated over the period from 07/18/2022 to 07/22/2022	

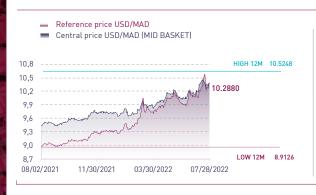
The dollar under pressure

The common currency is strengthening against the dollar this week. The EUR/USD pair rose slightly to 1.022 from 1.021 a week earlier.

The pair was driven on the one hand by recession fears in the United States after the publication of a -0.9% economy contraction in Q2-22. On the other hand, we have witnessed an exacerbation of Sino-American tensions leading to an increase in risk aversion.

The euro remains penalized by fears surrounding an energy crisis in the Euro zone following the cessation of gas flows from Russia.

MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS









VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	14.59%	13.90%	16.81%	15.01%	16.36%	15.26%
2 MONTHS	11.64%	10.96%	16.83%	11.94%	13.17%	14.24%
3 MONTHS	10.38%	9.70%	15.42%	11.07%	12.42%	13.91%

The MAD depreciates against the main currencies

The dirham depreciated against its benchmark basket following the sharp deterioration in liquidity in the interbank foreign exchange market. Attests to this the restrictive MAD liquidity effect of 0.64%. To this effect, the USD/MAD pair appreciates by +0.29% to 10.2880.

The banking foreign exchange position shows a drop in banks' foreign currency holdings to MAD -7.6 Bn. Originally, significant foreign currency commitments in connection with currency hedging operations.

Under these conditions, MAD liquidity spreads are moving up into positive territory at +0.04%, against -0.60% a week earlier, at the expense of the Dirham.

Currencies facing the risk of a global recession

The risks of recession in developed economies (Europe & USA) following monetary tightening by central banks are raising risk aversion in the financial markets.

Considering current MAD levels and liquidity spreads, we anticipate growing interest in hedging in order to deal with increased volatility of the MAD.

WEEKLY MAD INSIGHTS

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04 AUGUST 2022 Week from 07/25/2022 to 07/29/2022

🗭 EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

99	SPOT	Q3-22	Q4-22	Q1-23	Q2-23	2023	2024	2025	2026
MEDIAN		1.04	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.11	1.15	1.15	1.16
AVERAGE	1.0220	1.03	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.15	1.16	1.15
+HIGH	07/29/2022	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.20	1.25	1.16
+LOW		0.95	0.96	0.96	0.95	1.01	1.09	1.10	1.12
FORWARD		1.02	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.06	1.07	1.09	1.10

EUR/USD forecasts from international brokers were revised downwards this week. In Q3-22, the pair would evolve at 1.03, against 1.04 initially. The pair would stabilize at 1.05 in Q4-22, then at 1.06 in Q1-23 against 1.07 forecasted a week before. In Q2-23, this would change to 1.08. On an annual basis, the target is 1.10 by 2023 against 1.11 previous week, before reaching 1.15 a year later. In 2025, the target is 1.16 and in 2026, the forecast is unchanged at 1.15.

As the Fed seems to be giving signals that its monetary tightening cycle is slowing down, market actors will keep a close eye on the geopolitical tensions between the United States and China.

On the other side of the Atlantic, investors remain very sensitive to economic indicators in the Euro Zone. Meanwhile, political instability in Italy ahead of the September elections heightened concerns about the economic outlook in Europe, further weakening the euro.

The dollar should continue to outperform its rivals as a safe haven. However, risk perception is likely to remain the main driver of the market.

😳 UPWARD REVIEW OF 1-MONTH, 2-MONTH AND 3-MONTH HORIZON FORECASTS



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 HIGH
 10.209
 10.313
 10.345

 AVERAGE
 10.033
 10.135
 10.166

 LOW
 9.752
 9.852
 9.881

Given the forecasts for the EUR/USD parity and the liquidity conditions on the foreign exchange market, our forecasts at ST for the USD/MAD have been revised upwards. Compared to its current spot rate, the MAD would appreciate against the USD over a 3-month horizon.

We anticipate significant foreign exchange flows in the form of travel receipts following Operation Marhaba. The latest indicators from the Foreign Exchange Office reveal an increase in travel receipts at the end of June 2022 (MAD 27 Bn, i.e. an increase of +206% on a yearon-year basis). However, we remain vigilant with regard to the evolution of energy products and their impact on Morocco's foreign exchange reserves.

The target levels of the USD/MAD parity stand at 10.03; 10.14 and 10.17 at 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against a spot price of 10.29.

Against the Euro, the Dirham should appreciate over 1 month, 2 months and 3 months.

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity stand at 10.33; 10.44 and 10.47 at 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against a spot price of 10.51.

Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q3-22

🐼 MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET

	USD/MAD	EUR/MAD	JPY/MAD	CAD/MAD	GBP/MAD	CHF/MAD
1 WEEK	+0.29%	+0.89%	+3.24%	+0.61%	+2.21%	+1.68%
1 MONTH	+1.79%	-1.19%	+4.23%	+2.03%	+1.87%	+1.53%
YTD 2022	+10.86%	0.00%	-4.28%	+9.94%	-0.02%	+6.13%

Prices as of 07/29/2022



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APPENDIX 1 : BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES

		Q3-22	Q4-22	Q1-23	Q2-23	2023	2024	2025
FORECAST		135	132	129	127	123	120	115
FORWARD	USD/JPY	133	132	131	129	127	123	119
FORECAST		1.29	1.27	1.26	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.28
FORWARD	USD/CAD	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28
FORECAST		0.97	0.96	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.92	0.93
FORWARD	USD/CHF	0.95	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.91	0.89	0.88
FORECAST	000/000	1.21	1.22	1.24	1.25	1.28	1.33	1.37
FORWARD	GBP/USD	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.24

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

	Date	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	2023
Wells Fargo	07/26/22	1.00	0.98	0.96	0.97	1.01
JPMorgan Chase	28/06/22	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.03	
Commerzbank	24/06/22	1.07	1.10	1.12	1.14	1.14
BNP Paribas	20/06/22	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.20
Standard Chartered	06/06/22	1.07	1.10	1.12	1.15	1.20
RBC Capital Markets	01/06/22	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.09
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	07/29/22	1.05	1.10	1.12	1.13	1.16
Emirates NBD	07/29/22	1.05	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.12
Rabobank	07/28/22	0.98	1.04	1.06	1.08	1.18
Credit Agricole CIB	07/26/22	1.08	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.15
UniCredit	07/25/22	1.03	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.12
Capital Economics	07/22/22	1.01	1.00	1.02	1.05	1.10
NAB/BNZ	07/20/22	0.98	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.04
Axis Bank	07/19/22	1.11	0.98	1.00	1.02	1.05
Nomura Bank International	07/15/22	0.95	0.96	0.98	1.00	1.04
Swedbank	07/15/22	1.00	1.02	1.08	1.10	1.12
Ebury	07/12/22	1.04	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.13

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q3-22 Prices as of 07/29/2022

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