Week from 01/16/2023 to 01/20/2023

## WEEKLY MAD INSIGHTS

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## MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS



# USD/MAD EUR/MAD 1 Basket Effect<sup>[1]</sup> -0.04% +0.03% 1 Market Effect<sup>[2]</sup> +1.39% +1.39%

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



(3) Calculated over the period from 12/23/2022 to 12/30/2022

#### INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



#### The euro is stabilizing around 1.08 this week

The EUR/USD pair depreciated slightly this week by -0.06% from 1.0830 to 1.0823, its highest level since April 2022.

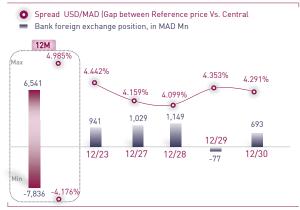
The ECB chair is expected to raise interest rates by +50 BPS in February and then +50 BPS at the next two meetings.

In December, US inflation fell sharply and US retail sales fell more than expected. These economic data confirmed the expectations of a slowdown in Fed Fund rates hikes. This scenario has supported the euro this week.

## MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS







#### Less favorable liquidity conditions for the MAD

The dirham is depreciating this week against the dollar. The USD/MAD pair thus rose from 10.07 to 10.20, an increase of +1.35%.

This is due to a significant liquidity effect of +1.39% against the MAD. The basket effect is insignificant at -0.04%.

Liquidity spreads rose from 1.32% to 2.73%. This is an increase of +141 BPS after two consecutive weeks of decline. These spreads nevertheless moved away from the upper limit of the dirham's fluctuation band.

## VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	10.11%	6.82%	19.01%	8.59%	11.50%	12.37%
2 MONTHS	8.65%	5.88%	17.74%	8.63%	10.11%	9.58%
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#### A favorable context for importers

Uncertainties about the economic environment and central bank decisions are fueling EUR/USD volatility.

This remains high on the foreign exchange market.

We recommend that dollar importers reduce their hedging horizons in order to benefit from the relative stability of the USD/MAD parity.

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## EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

WEEKLY

MAD INSIGHTS

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	SPOT	Q1-23	Q2-23	Q3-23	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
MEDIAN		1.06	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.14	1.14	1.12	1.10
AVERAGE	1.0823	1.05	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.13
+HIGH	01/20/2023	1.11	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.21	1.21	1.20	1.20
+L0W		0.98	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.10	1.10
FORWARD		1.08	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.13

EUR/USD ST forecasts from international brokers have been revised slightly higher on the ST this week. The pair would move to 1.05 in Q1-23. In Q2-23, the pair stands at 1.07 against 1.06 the previous week, to reach 1.08 in Q3-23. On an annual basis, the target is 1.09 in 2023, before reaching 1.12 in 2024. avec the LT, the target is 1.13 in 2025, 1.14 in 2026 then 1.13 in 2027.

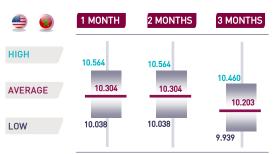
US inflation stood at 6.5% in December 2022 against 7.1% the previous month. The Fed is expected to slow down its rate hike process with only +25 BPS in February 2023E vs. +50 BPS in December bringing Fed Funds rates within the [4.50%-4.75%] range.

In the Euro Zone, inflation reached 9.2% in December 2022 according to the latest Eurostat figures against 10.1% the previous month. Despite this decline, it remains at levels well above the 2% target. The ECB is expected to continue its process of raising interest rates through a +50 BPS hike in its next decision. The latest forecasts from international economists still seem to favor the dollar on the ST.

#### DOWNWARD REVIEW OF OUR 1-MONTH, 2-MONTHS AND 3-MONTHS HORIZON FORECAST



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q1-23



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Given the forecasts for the EUR/USD parity and the prospects for improving liquidity conditions on the foreign exchange market, we have reviewed our USD/MAD forecasts downwards for 1, 2 and 3 months.

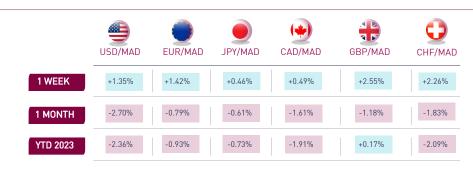
Dollar expectations remain slightly bullish relative to the spot rate.

Liquidity spreads in Morocco should stabilize over the 1 and 2 month horizons and drop slightly over the 3 month horizon.

Under these conditions, the target levels of the USD/ MAD parity stand at 10.30, 10.30 and 10.20 at horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 10.20.

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity stand at 10.85, 10.85 and 10.75 at horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 11.05.

## MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as of 01/20/2023

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## APPENDICES DATA AS OF JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

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

		Q1-23	Q2-23	Q3-23	Q4-23	2024	2025	2026
FORECAST	USD/JPY	131	130	127	125	120	116	115
FORWARD	128	127	126	124	122	118	115	111
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.34	1.32	1.3	1.29	1.25	1.28	1.26
FORWARD	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.33	1.32
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.91
FORWARD	0.92	0.91	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.86	0.85	0.83
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.20	1.22	1.23	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.25
FORWARD	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.23	1.23

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

	Date	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	2024
Commerzbank	01/20/23	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.1	1.02
Standard Chartered	01/20/23	1.04	1.06	1.09	1.1	1.1
JPMorgan Chase	01/17/23	1.1	1.1	1.08	1.08	
Wells Fargo	12/16/22	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.1	
RBC Capital Markets	12/15/22	1.06	1.04	1.02	1	1.15
BNP Paribas	11/17/22	1.01	1	1.03	1.06	1.1
Credit Agricole CIB	01/20/23	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.1	1.05
DZ Bank	01/20/23	1.06	1.07	1.09	1.1	
Bank Julius Baer	01/19/23	1.09	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.25
Cinkciarz.pl	01/18/23	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.15
AFEX	01/17/23	1.05	1.08	1.12		
Kshitij Consultancy Services	01/17/23	1.06	1.07	1.12	1.15	
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	01/17/23	1.08	1.1	1.11	1.12	1.15
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank	01/17/23	1.06	1.08	1.09	1.1	
ABN Amro	01/16/23	1.07	1.08	1.1	1.12	1.16
Ebury	01/16/23	1.06	1.08	1.1	1.12	1.15
ING Financial Markets	01/16/23	0.98	1	1	1	1.1

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q1-23 Prices as of 01/20/2023

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