Week from 04/03/2023 to 04/07/2023

# MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS

WEEKLY

**INSIGHTS** 

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**CURRENCIES** 

**MAD** 



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(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



#### Strong US jobs report in March

The EUR/USD pair appreciated this week by +0.61% from 1.0839 to 1.0905.

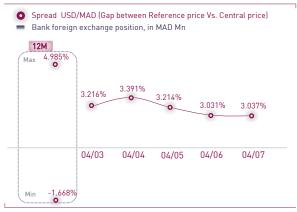
The decline in manufacturing activity in the United States is deepening and may accelerate with the continued tightening of credit conditions. A situation which would benefit to the euro.

At the end of the week, the US jobs report came out strong. Job creations in March of 236K remain in line with expectations and the unemployment rate fell from 3.6% to 3.5%. Expectations point to a further increase in Fed Funds rates of +25 BPS at the next FOMC meeting in May.

# MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS







#### The dirham at a two-month low

The MAD appreciates for the  $4^{th}$  consecutive week against the Dollar. The USD/MAD pair fell -0.33% from 10.22 to 10.19 in one week.

This change is explained by a basket effect of -0.22% related to the weakening of the dollar internationally and a positive liquidity effect of -0.11%.

Dirham liquidity spreads fell -12 BPS this week to 3.04%. These spreads should continue to decrease on the ST due to the expected improvement in export flows.

# VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	5.77%	6.63%	17.87%	6.38%	8.01%	9.54%
2 MONTHS	5.42%	5.64%	14.37%	6.91%	9.11%	8.43%
3 MONTHS	7.35%	6.03%	13.76%	8.19%	9.60%	9.69%

#### Take advantage of the slight drop in the dollar on the ST

Volatility continues to reign in the forex market. These uncertainties are related to the evolution of inflation and the expectations of the monetary decisions of the major central banks.

We recommend that dollar importers take advantage of the continued weakening of the dollar by reducing their exposure to hedging transactions on the very ST.

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# EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

**WEEKLY** 

MAD INSIGHTS

**CURRENCIES** 

•	SPOT	Q2-23	Q3-23	Q4-23	Q1-24	2024	2025	2026	2027
MEDIAN		1.08	1.10	1.12	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.17
AVERAGE	1.0905	1.08	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.16
+HIGH	04/07/2023	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.20	1.23	1.20	1.20
+L0W		1.00	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.05	1.09	1.10	1.10
FORWARD		1.10	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.13

Brokers' EUR/USD forecasts have been stable this week. This would change to 1.08 in Q2-23 to reach 1.10 in Q3-23. On an annual basis, the target is 1.11 in 2023. It should change to 1.12 in Q1-24 before reaching 1.14 in 2024. It should stabilize at 1.14 in 2025 against 1.15 in previous week. Over the long run, the target stands at 1.15 in 2026 against 1.16 initially and at 1.16 in 2027 against 1.15 previously.

US inflation fell in February 2023 to 6.0% after 6.4% in January. In March, the Fed decided to raise Fed Funds rates by +25 BPS. They are now within the range [4.75%-5.00%]. In addition, the US employment report for March came out solid with an unemployment rate of 3.5% against a consensus which forecast a status quo at 3.6%. Expectations are for another rate hike of +25 BPS in May.

In the Euro Zone, inflation fell to 6.9% in March against 8.5% in February according to preliminary figures from Eurostat. Despite this drop, it remains well above the 2% target. The ECB has decided to raise its main interest rate to 3.50%, an increase of +50 BPS. The ECB would rationally catch up in terms of monetary tightening, which would support the euro over the short run.

#### WE MAINTAIN OUR SCENARIO OF OUR 2-MONTH HORIZON FORECAST



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q2-23



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Given the forecasts for the EUR/USD parity and the liquidity conditions of the foreign exchange market, we are maintaining our USD/MAD forecasts for 1, 2 and 3 months.

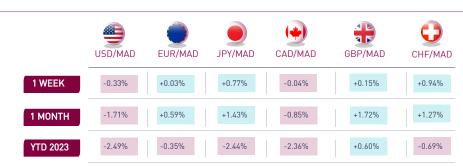
EUR/USD forecasts from international brokers have been stable this week. They are in favor of an appreciation of the dollar over the next 3 months compared to spot levels.

According to our forecasts, MAD liquidity spreads should remain stable over a 1-month horizon, then fall from spot levels over a 2-month horizon and stabilize over a 3-month horizon.

Under these conditions, the target levels of the USD/MAD parity stand at 10.25, 10.20 and 10.20 at horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 10.19

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity stand at 11.07, 11.02 and 11.02 at horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 11.12.

# MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as of 04/07/2023

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# APPENDICES DATA AS OF APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

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

		Q2-23	Q3-23	Q4-23	Q1-24	2024	2025	2026
FORECAST	USD/JPY	129	127	125	124	120	115	114
FORWARD	132	130	129	127	126	122	118	115
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.34	1.33	1.31	1.3	1.27	1.28	1.28
FORWARD	1.35	1.35	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.92	0.91	0.90	0.89
FORWARD	0.9	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.88	0.87	0.85	0.84
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.23	1.24	1.26	1.26	1.28	1.29	1.28
FORWARD	1.24	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.24	1.23	1.23

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

	Date	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	2024
RBC Capital Markets	04/06/23	1.07	1.05	1.03	1.03	1.15
Wells Fargo	03/23/23	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.15	
BNP Paribas	03/17/23	1.1	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.18
Commerzbank	03/10/23	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.1	1.08
Standard Chartered	03/07/23	1.06	1.09	1.12	1.12	1.13
JPMorgan Chase	03/03/23	1.1	1.08	1.08		
Klarity FX	04/06/23	1.08	1.09	1.11	1.12	
MUFG	04/05/23	1.1	1.12	1.14	1.12	
Axis Bank	04/04/23	1.05	1.1	1.1	1.09	1.09
Amdocs Development Ltd	04/03/23	1.1	1.12	1.13		
AFEX	04/03/23	1.12	1.14	1.1		
Bank Julius Baer	04/03/23	1.1	1.11	1.13	1.15	1.14
CICC	04/03/23	1.07	1.09	1.13	1.15	
Mizuho Bank	04/03/23	1.1	1.11	1.13	1.13	
NAB/BNZ	04/03/23	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.2	1.19
Polski Instytut Ekonomiczny	04/03/23	1.08	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.1
Capital Economics	03/31/23	1	1.04	1.08	1.09	1.12

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q2-23 Prices as of 04/10/2023

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