#### Week from 03/27/2023 to 03/31/2023

## MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS

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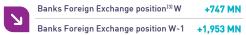
**CURRENCIES** 

MAD



# USD/MAD EUR/MAD | Basket Effect<sup>[1]</sup>| -0.81% +0.53% | Market Effect<sup>[2]</sup>| +0.10% +0.10%

(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



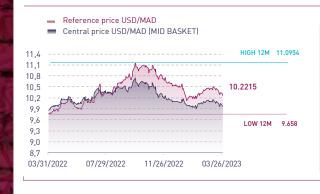
#### Banking sector concerns are fading out

The EUR/USD pair appreciated by +0.73% from 1.0760 to 1.0839.

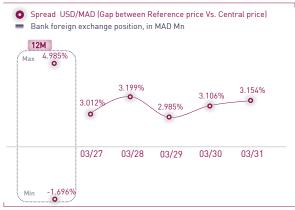
European stock market indices, particularly banking stocks, started to rise again this week. The latter benefited from an improvement in economic sentiment following of the reassuring speech of the President of the ECB, Christine Lagarde. She reaffirmed the solidity of the European banking sector in terms of capital and liquidity.

At the end of the week, preliminary inflation in the Euro Zone came out at 6.9% in March, below expectations of 7.1%.

## MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS







## Dirham liquidity spreads are stabilizing

The MAD appreciates this week against the Dollar. The USD/MAD pair fell -0.71% from 10.29 to 10.22 in one week.

This change is explained by a basket effect of -0.81% related to the sharp rise in the euro this week and a market effect of +0.10%.

Dirham liquidity spreads appreciated by +10 BPS this week to 3.15%. In our view, the latter should fall slightly on the ST due to the rebalancing of import and export flows.

## VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	6.02%	6.91%	18.93%	5.83%	7.57%	10.14%
2 MONTHS	6.41%	6.07%	15.51%	6.92%	9.34%	9.07%
3 MONTHS	7.98%	6.63%	15.14%	8.10%	10.14%	10.30%

#### A currency market sensitive to inflation figures

The EUR/USD pair remains mainly sensitive to Fed and ECB monetary policy expectations. These expectations are linked to the evolution of the inflation figures.

As Central Banks focus on inflation, we recommend that importers in dollars hedge their operations on the very ST.

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## EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

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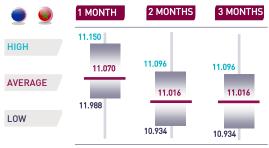
•	SPOT	Q2-23	Q3-23	Q4-23	Q1-24	2024	2025	2026	2027
MEDIAN		1.08	1.10	1.12	1.12	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.15
AVERAGE	1.0839	1.08	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.15
+HIGH	03/31/2023	1.15	1.15	1.18	1.16	1.23	1.21	1.20	1.20
+L0W		1.00	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.05	1.10	1.10	1.10
FORWARD		1.09	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.12	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 evolve to 1.12 in Q1-24 against 1.11 the previous week, before reaching 1.14 in 2024 and 1.15 in 2025 against 1.14 initially. At LT, the target is 1.16 in 2026 and 1.15 in 2027.

US inflation fell in February 2023 to 6.0% in line with expectations after 6.4% in January. In March, the Fed decided to raise the Fed Funds rates by +25 BPS. They are now within the range [4.75%-5.00%]. The US employment report for March, which will be released on Friday, would be decisive for expectations of the Fed's next decisions.

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 key rate to 3.50%, an increase of +50 BPS. The ECB would likely catch up in terms of monetary tightening, which would support the euro on the ST.

#### DOWNWARD REVIEW 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 have reviewed our USD/MAD forecasts down to a 2-month horizon.

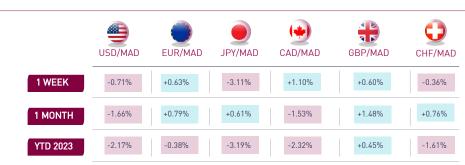
EUR/USD forecasts from international brokers have been stable this week. They are in favor of a slight appreciation of the dollar over the next 3 months compared to spot levels.

According to our forecasts, MAD liquidity spreads should remain stable over the 1-month horizon, then fall relative to spot levels and stabilize over the 2 and 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 10.22

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 03/31/2023

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## APPENDICES DATA AS OF APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023

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

		Q2-23	Q3-23	Q4-23	Q1-24	2024	2025	2026
FORECAST	USD/JPY	130	127	125	125	120	115	
FORWARD	133	131	130	128	126	123	118	114
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.34	1.32	1.3	1.29	1.26	1.26	1.26
FORWARD	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.34	1.34	1.33
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.92	0.91	0.90	
FORWARD	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.86	0.84
FORECAST	GBP/USD 1.24	1.22	1.24	1.25	1.26	1.29	1.31	
FORWARD		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	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	2024
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		
RBC Capital Markets	03/02/23	1.07	1.05	1.03	1.03	1.15
Capital Economics	03/31/23	1	1.04	1.08	1.09	1.12
Rabobank	03/31/23	1.05	1.06	1.07		1.18
TD Securities	03/31/23	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.16
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	03/30/23	1.1	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.2
Credit Agricole CIB	03/30/23	1.07	1.09	1.1		1.05
CIMB	03/30/23	1.07	1.08	1.1	1.11	
Mouvement Desjardins	03/30/23	1.06	1.05	1.08	1.12	1.15
Nomura Bank International	03/30/23	1.11	1.11	1.14	1.15	1.18
Swedbank	03/30/23	1.1	1.12	1.12	1.14	1.14
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	03/29/23	1.07	1.09	1.12		1.18
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg	03/29/23	1.08	1.09	1.1	1.1	1.1

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q2-23 Prices as of  $04/03/2023\,$ 

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