Week from 08/21/2023 to 08/25/2023

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CURRENCIES

MAD



USD/MAD EUR/MAD ↑0.32% -0.21% ↑0.92% +0.92%

(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 Dollar soars to a more than 2 months high

The Euro depreciated against the Dollar for the 6th consecutive week from 1.0873 to 1.0796.

Strong US economic statistics and below consensus unemployment figures explain this evolution. Furthermore, Fed Chairman, Jerome Powell, spoke at the Jackson Hole symposium and confirmed that further rate hikes could take place if inflation remains at high levels.

Markets are still expecting a pause in Fed monetary policy in September. Nevertheless, the probability of a +25 BPS rise has increased this week, thus favoring the Dollar.

MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





Spread USD/MAD (Gap between Reference price Vs. Central price) 12M Max 4.985% 1.660% 0.667% 08/21 08/22 08/23 08/24 08/25

The Dollar goes back above MAD 10

USD/MAD appreciated by +1.24% from 9.99 to 10.11 this week. The Dollar is thus appreciating for the 4th consecutive week to go back above MAD 10 for the first time since June.

This evolution is explained by a basket effect of +0.32% related to the rise of the Dollar and a significant liquidity effect of +0.92%.

MAD liquidity spreads continue to tighten from 0.73% to 1.66% this week. Export flows, which were supported by workers remittances, become less important as the summer period ends.

VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	9.53%	7.62%	13.00%	9.03%	6.87%	8.02%
2 MONTHS	8.77%	7.96%	13.19%	8.54%	9.16%	9.07%
з монтня	7.83%	7.25%	11.88%	8.23%	8.71%	8.49%

Towards an increase in volatility on the USD/MAD

The evolution of the EUR/USD pair remains mainly dependent on the monetary policy decisions of the Fed and the ECB. At the same time, we are seeing increasingly visible tensions on the liquidity of the MAD.

A situation which would increase the volatility of the USD/MAD pair in the weeks to come.

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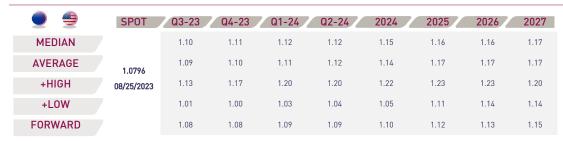
EUR/USD OUTLOOK - BLOOMBERG

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Broker forecasts for the EUR/USD pair were reviewed downwards this week. The pair would move to 1.09 in Q3-23 against 1.10 a week earlier then to 1.10 in Q4-23 against 1.11 initially. This should stand at 1.11 in Q1-24 against 1.12 the previous week and in Q2-24 at 1.12, unchanged. On an annual basis, the target is 1.14 in 2024 against 1.15 initially. In the LT, the pair would stabilize at 1.17 in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

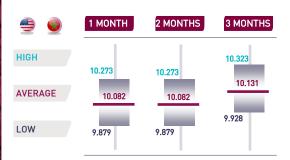
Inflation in the United States stood at 3.2% in July after 3.0% in June. The Fed had hiked +25 BPS in July, bringing Fed Funds rates into the range [5.25% - 5.50%]. Markets widely expect a pause in the Fed's monetary tightening in September but the scenario of a +25 BPS hike remains highly likely.

In the Euro Zone, inflation fell from 5.5% in June to 5.3% in July. The ECB decided at its monetary policy meeting in July to raise its key rate to 3.75%, an increase of +25 BPS. Despite inflation still well above the MT target of 2%, the ECB could interrupt its monetary tightening cycle. Indeed, it fears a deterioration in the economic outlook in the Euro Zone. In the end, the gradual reduction of the monetary policy divergence between the Fed and the ECB should benefit the Euro on the MLT.

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



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q3-23



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Taking into account the forecasts of the EUR/USD parity and the liquidity conditions on the foreign exchange market, we have reviewed upwards our USD/MAD forecasts for 1, 2 and 3 months.

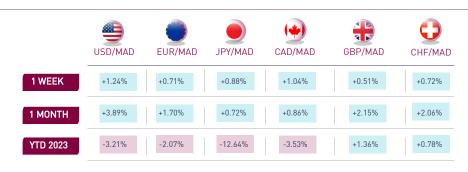
Brokers' EUR/USD forecasts were reviewed downwards this week. These stand out in favor of a fall in the Dollar over the next 3 months compared to spot

MAD liquidity spreads should continue to tighten in anticipation of the end of the summer period.

Under these conditions, the target levels of the USD/MAD parity stand at 10.08, 10.08 and 10.13 over 1, 2 and 3 month horizons compared to a spot price of 10.11.

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity stand at 10.92, 10.92 and 10.98 over 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against a spot price of 10.93.

🔯 MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as of 08/25/2023



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APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES

		Q3-23	Q4-23	Q1-24	Q2-24	2024	2025	2026
FORECAST	USD/JPY	141	136	133	130	127	120	
FORWARD	147	146	144	142	140	136	130	125
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.33	1.31	1.3	1.29	1.28	1.27	1.29
FORWARD	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36
FORECAST	USD/CHF 0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.93
FORWARD		0.88	0.88	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.80
FORECAST	GBP/USD 1.26	1.27	1.27	1.26	1.27	1.30	1.32	1.23
FORWARD		1.26	1.26	1.26	1.25	1.25	1.24	1.23

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

	Date	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	2024
Wells Fargo	08/25/23	1.07	1.06	1.07	1.09	1.11
Standard Chartered	08/22/23	1.09	1.1	1.12	1.13	1.14
RBC Capital Markets	08/10/23	1.07	1.04	1.04	1.07	1.15
Commerzbank	07/10/23	1.12	1.14	1.12	1.1	1.08
JPMorgan Chase	07/07/23	1.05	1.05	1.08	1.12	
BNP Paribas	06/13/23	1.1	1.12	1.13	1.15	1.18
Banco Santander	08/25/23	1.07	1.09	1.1	1.12	
Investec	08/24/23	1.1	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.15
Maybank Singapore	08/24/23	1.08	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.15
Nomura Bank International	08/24/23	1.08	1.07	1.09	1.1	1.12
Danske Bank	08/23/23	1.08	1.07	1.05	1.04	
Ebury	08/23/23	1.1	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.15
Polski Instytut Ekonomiczny	08/23/23	1.09	1.09	1.1	1.1	1.1
Alpha Bank	08/22/23	1.09	1.12	1.13	1.15	1.16
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	08/22/23	1.1	1.08	1.1	1.14	1.22
BMO Capital Markets	08/21/23	1.01	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.15
Credit Agricole CIB	08/21/23	1.09	1.1	1.11	1.09	1.05

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q3-23 Prices as of 08/28/2023

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