Week from 11/06/2023 to 11/10/2023

MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS

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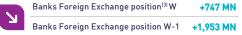
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CURRENCIES

MAD



(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



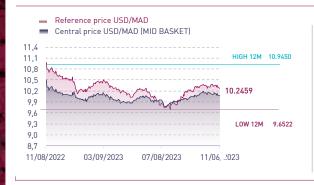
Fed's restrictive speech strengthens the Dollar

The Euro fell this week by -0.42% from 1.0731, a peak of almost 2 months, to 1.0686.

This evolution is due to Fed's restrictive speech this week. Indeed, Jerome Powell seems convinced that current monetary policy is not enough restrictive to stem current inflationary risks and that further rate increases are not completely ruled out. These statements led financial markets to postpone their expectations of interest rate cuts starting H2-2024, which strengthened the Dollar this week.

On the Euro Zone side, the vice-president of the ECB suggested that interest rates will remain at their current levels on the ST.

MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





Spread USD/MAD (Gap between Reference price Vs. Central price) 12M Max 4.985% 2.299% 2.073% 1.967% 1.985% 11/06 11/07 11/08 11/09 11/10

A slight appreciation of the MAD this week

The USD/MAD pair fell -0.11% from 10.26 to 10.25 this week.

This evolution is explained by a *negative basket effect* of -0.23%, more significant than the *market effect* which came out in positive territory at +0.12%. This situation is mainly explained by the tightening of liquidity conditions on the interbank foreign exchange market in Morocco during the end of the year.

Under these conditions, liquidity spreads' levels of the dirham tightened by +12 BPS (2.18% to 2.30%) under the effect of import flows which weighed on the MAD liquidity this week.

VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	6.53%	5.22%	7.05%	5.62%	5.90%	6.25%
2 MONTHS	5.85%	4.89%	6.50%	6.61%	5.90%	6.60%
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Brokers anticipate an appreciation of the Dollar

While the ECB and the Fed took a break from their latest monetary policy meeting, volatility remains very high in the financial markets.

To this end, we recommend implementing ST hedging strategies. To this end, we advise that importers hedge their operations in USD over 3-month horizons.

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EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

WEEKLY

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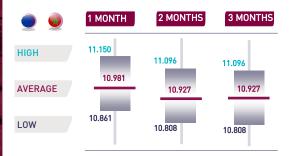
	SPOT	Q4-23	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	2024	2025	2026	2027
MEDIAN		1.06	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.15	1.16	1.17
AVERAGE	1.0686	1.06	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.17
+HIGH	11/10/2023	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.18	1.20	1.20	1.20
+L0W		1.00	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.15
FORWARD		1.07	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.11	1.12	1.14

Broker forecasts for the EUR/USD pair have been stable this week. The pair would move to 1.06 in Q4-23 then to 1.07 in Q1-24. This would settle at 1.09 in Q2-24 then increase to 1.10 in Q3-24. On an annual basis, the target is 1.12 in 2024. On the LT, the pair stands at 1.15 in 2025, 1.17 in 2026 and 2027.

Inflation in the United States stood at 3.7% in September, the same level as in August. The FOMC decided to take another pause in its monetary tightening in November after raising the Fed Fund rates to [5.25% - 5.50%]. The Fed has said it is not completely satisfied with the progress being made on inflation and that monetary policy may not be tight enough. A situation which induces increased volatility within the financial markets.

In EZ, inflation fell to 2.9% in October after 4.3% in September. The ECB maintained its deposit rate at 4.0% in October after deciding 10 hikes since July 2022. The institution said interest rates are now in sufficiently restrictive territory for inflation to converge at target level of 2% on the MT. In our opinion, the reduction in the FED-ECB interest rate divergence should be favorable to the Euro on the MLT.

WE MAINTAIN OUR 1-MONTH, 2-MONTHS AND 3-MONTHS HORIZON FORECAST





Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q3-23

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

Brokers' EUR/USD forecasts are in favor of an appreciation of the Dollar over the next 3 months compared to spot levels.

MAD liquidity spreads should gradually tighten over 1-month horizon compared to spot levels given greater import flows, then ease slightly over a 2- and 3-months horizon.

Under these conditions, the target levels of the USD/MAD parity stand at 10.38, 10.33 and 10.33 over horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot price of 10.25.

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity stand at 10.98, 10.93 and 10.93 over 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against a spot price of 10.95.

MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET

	USD/MAD	EUR/MAD	JPY/MAD	CAD/MAD	GBP/MAD	CHF/MAD
1 WEEK	-0.11%	+0.27%	-0.94%	-0.63%	-0.14%	+0.26%
1 MONTH	-0.25%	+0.71%	-1.83%	-1.80%	-0.47%	+0.29%
YTD 2023	-1.93%	-1.90%	-14.67%	-3.97%	-0.56%	+0.26%

Prices as of 11/10/2023



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APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES

		Q4-23	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	2024	2025	2026
FORECAST	USD/JPY	147	143	140	136	134	126	130
FORWARD	151	150	148	146	144	142	136	131
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.36	1.35	1.33	1.32	1.3	1.26	1.28
FORWARD	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.37	1.37
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.89
FORWARD	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.81
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.22	1.23	1.24	1.26	1.27	1.28	1.30
FORWARD	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.23

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

	Data	07.0000	04 0007	00.0007	02.2027	2027
	Date	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	2024
RBC Capital Markets	11/09/23	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.08
Wells Fargo	10/26/23	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.05
Commerzbank	10/13/23	1.06	1.09	1.12	1.1	1.09
BNP Paribas	10/03/23	1.07	1.11	1.12	1.13	1.15
JPMorgan Chase	09/18/23	1.05	1.05	1.08	1.12	
Standard Chartered	09/06/23	1.1	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.14
Jyske Bank	11/13/23	1.05	1.05	1.09	1.1	1.1
Rabobank	11/13/23	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.18
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank	11/10/23	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.08	
iBanFirst	11/08/23	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.15
Cinkciarz.pl	11/03/23	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.15	1.17
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg	11/03/23	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.1
Amdocs Development Ltd	11/02/23	1.05	1.07	1.1		
Klarity FX	11/01/23	1.07	1.1	1.11	1.12	
Mizuho Bank	11/01/23	1.07	1.06	1.05	1.07	
Axis Bank	10/31/23	1.11	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.09
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	10/31/23	1.06	1.08	1.1	1.11	1.12

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q3-23 Prices as of 11/13/2023

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