Week from 12/11/2023 to 12/15/2023

MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS

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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



Towards a Fed monetary pivot in 2024

After a three-week low, the EUR/USD parity appreciated sharply this week by +1.23% to 1.0895.

At its last meeting of the year, the FOMC decided to keep interest rates unchanged as widely anticipated. However, Fed Chairman opened the way to rate cuts from March 2024. The new projections now forecast a continued decline in inflation in the United States, with the target of inflation at 2% at the MT. This change in tone from the Fed signals a very accommodating pivot which benefited to the Euro this week.

For its part, the ECB has also decided to take a pause but has not signaled an upcoming interest rate cut.

MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





Spread USD/MAD (Gap between Reference price Vs. Central price) 12M Max 4.587% 1.833% 2.065% 2.284% 2.316% 2.462% 12/11 12/12 12/13 12/14 12/15

A basket effect in favor of the Dirham this week

The USD/MAD depreciated this week by -0.47% from 10.15 to 10.10.

This evolution is mainly explained by a negative basket effect of -1.00% following the depreciation of the Dollar internationally this week. The liquidity effect, for its part, comes out positive at +0.53% to the disadvantage of the MAD. This is due to the increase in liquidity spreads of +54 PBS up from 1.92% to 2.46%. This situation could be explained by a tightening of liquidity conditions on the interbank foreign exchange market in Morocco. According to our discussions with the trading floor, import flows were relatively superior to those from exports this week.

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	5.41%	5.41%	14.48%	5.25%	5.48%	6.18%
2 MONTHS	5.74%	5.20%	11.90%	5.77%	5.49%	6.49%
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High volatility following the Fed's Dovish pivot

The markets experienced very high volatility at the end of the week following the Fed's declarations regarding the start of the monetary pivot through Fed Funds rate cuts from Q1-24. Brokers' forecasts are in favor of an appreciation of the Dollar against the Euro on the ST.

To this end, we recommend investors to hedge their Dollar transactions over 1 to 3 months.

VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

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•	SPOT	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q4-24	2025	2026	2027	2028
MEDIAN		1.09	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.15	1.15
AVERAGE	1.0895	1.08	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.16	1.14
+HIGH	12/15/2023	1.13	1.16	1.17	1.18	1.24	1.22	1.20	1.15
+L0W		1.00	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.11
FORWARD		1.10	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.15	1.16	1.18

Broker forecasts for the EUR/USD pair were reviewed upwards this week. The pair would move to 1.08 in Q1-24 then to 1.10 in Q2-24 compared to 1.09 the previous week. This would increase to 1.11 in Q3-24 then 1.12 in Q4-24. On an annual basis, the target is 1.15 in 2025. At LT, the pair stands at 1.17 in 2026 and 1.16 in 2027 compared to 1.18 initially for these two years. In 2028, it will be 1.14 compared to 1.17 previously.

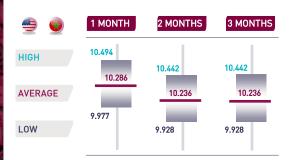
US inflation stood at 3.1% in November after 3.2% in October. At its last meeting of the year, the FOMC decided for the third time to keep the Fed Funds rates unchanged, i.e. in the range [5.25%-5.50%]. However, the Fed has paved the way for rate cuts in 2024 and its new economic projections now indicate 3 rate cuts in 2024 with a first cut from March 2024. On the Euro Zone side, despite inflation at 2.4% in November after 2.9% in October, the ECB, for its part, refrained from holding discussions on interest rate cuts during its next decisions on the key rate.

The signaling of the Fed's accommodative pivot and the current Status Quo of the ECB leads to the anticipatation of a reduction in the divergence of interest rates between the Euro Zone and the United States. This would 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 Q1-24



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Taking into account the forecasts for the EUR/USD pair and the liquidity conditions on the foreign exchange market, we have reviewed upwards our forecasts for the USD/MAD pair over a 1, 2 and 3 month horizons.

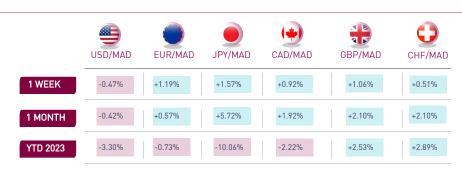
Brokers' EUR/USD forecasts are in favor of an appreciation of the Dollar over the coming 3 months compared to spot levels.

MAD liquidity spreads would stabilize over a 1 month horizon compared to spot levels due to relatively large import flows before easing slightly over a 2 and 3 month horizons.

Under these conditions, the target levels of the USD/MAD parity stand at 10.29, 10.24 and 10.24 over horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot price of 10.10.

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity are 10.95, 10.90 and 10.90 over 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against a spot price of 11.08.

🔯 MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as of 12/15/2023

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APPENDICES DATA AS OF DECEMBER 18TH, 2023

APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES

		Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q4-24	2025	2026	2027
FORECAST	USD/JPY	145	141	138	135	130	123	112
FORWARD	142	140	138	136	134	130	125	121
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.35	1.34	1.33	1.31	1.28	1.28	1.3
FORWARD	1.34	1.34	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.32	1.31
FORECAST	USD/CHF 0.87	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.88	0.89
FORWARD		0.86	0.85	0.84	0.83	0.81	0.79	0.77
FORECAST	GBP/USD 1.27	1.25	1.26	1.27	1.29	1.32	1.34	1.37
FORWARD		1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27

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

	Date	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	2025
BNP Paribas	12/15/23	1.1	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.18
Commerzbank	12/15/23	1.12	1.15	1.14	1.12	1.1
Wells Fargo	12/15/23	1.07	1.07	1.09	1.1	
Standard Chartered	12/13/23	1.04	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.11
RBC Capital Markets	11/09/23	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.08	
JPMorgan Chase	10/20/23	1.03	1.05	1.1		
Kshitij Consultancy Services	12/18/23	1.06	1.05	1.08	1.1	
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	12/18/23	1.09	1.1	1.1	1.12	1.15
AFEX	12/15/23	1.1	1.1	1.07		
Danske Bank	12/15/23	1.1	1.07	1.06		
Jyske Bank	12/15/23	1.05	1.09	1.1	1.1	
Nomura Bank International	12/14/23	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.18
Rabobank	12/14/23	1.05	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.2
TD Securities	12/14/23	1.09	1.1	1.11	1.12	1.15
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank	12/13/23	1.08	1.09	1.08	1.09	
Axis Bank	12/12/23	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.1
CIMB	12/12/23	1.09	1.1	1.11	1.12	

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q1-24 Prices as of 12/18/2023

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