Week from 02/19/2024 to 02/23/2024

MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS

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CURRENCIES

MAD



	USD/MAD	EUR/MAD
Basket Effect ⁽¹⁾	-0.34%	+0.23%
Market Effect ^[2]	+0.08%	+0.08%

(1) Impact of the variation of the EUR/USD parity (2) Impact of the variation in the liquidity spread (Supply / Demand)

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



The timetable for the first rate cut remains uncertain

EUR/USD recorded an increase of +0.41% this week from 1.0777 to 1.0821.

The minutes of the latest monetary policy meetings of the Fed and the ECB have been released this week. These have highlighted the desire of Central Banks to act with caution before deciding on an initial rate cut. These would like to wait until there is enough progress in the disinflation process so that price increases come back to the 2% objective in a sustainable manner.

Financial markets now anticipate the first rate cut of the Fed and the ECB at least by the end of the first half of 2024.

MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





• Spread USD/MAD (Gap between Reference price Vs. Central price) 12M 3.850% 1.329% 1.237% 1.263% 1.085% 1.084% 0 0 02/19 02/20 02/21 02/22 02/23 -1.581% Min •

A drop in the Dollar internationally this week

The Dollar depreciates against the Dirham this week to 10.04 against 10.07 the previous week, a variation of -0.26%.

This evolution is explained by a negative *basket effect* of -0.34% after the depreciation of the Dollar this week. The *liquidity effect*, for its part, came out positive to +0.08% to the disadvantage of the Dirham.

Liquidity spreads tighten slightly by +9 BPS this week, to a level of 1.08%. This is due to import flows which weighed on the Dirham liquidity.

VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	3.70%	3.34%	6.95%	5.35%	4.73%	5.88%
2 MONTHS	5.10%	5.49%	10.22%	5.15%	6.33%	9.82%
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Uncertainties over monetary policies

The timing of the first interest rate cut of the Fed and ECB remains uncertain. Expectations of a first rate cut have been postponed until June.

Main international brokers anticipate an appreciation of the Dollar against the Euro on the ST. We recommend importers to hedge their operations in Dollars over time horizons of 1 month to 3 months.

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EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

WEEKLY

MAD INSIGHTS

CURRENCIES

•	SPOT	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q4-24	2025	2026	2027	2028
MEDIAN		1.08	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.20
AVERAGE	1.0821	1.08	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.15	1.17	1.19	1.21
+HIGH	02/23/2024	1.13	1.16	1.17	1.19	1.24	1.20	1.22	1.30
+L0W		1.05	1.00	1.03	1.04	1.08	1.08	1.15	1.15
FORWARD		1.08	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.12	1.13	1.15	1.17

Broker forecasts for the EUR/USD pair were generally stable this week. The pair would move to 1.08 in Q1-24 against 1.09 the previous week then to 1.10 in Q2-24. It would increase to 1.11 in Q3-24 then to 1.11 in Q4-24 compared to 1.12 initially. On an annual basis, the target is 1.15 in 2025 compared to 1.16 a week earlier. At the LT, the pair stands at 1.17 in 2026. In 2027, this stands at 1.19 and in 2028 at 1.21.

US inflation stood at 3.1% in January after 3.4% the month before. Despite a drop in inflation in January, the FOMC minutes highlighted the Fed's cautious approach. Indeed, Fed officials want to see a lasting drop in inflation in order to decide on the first cut in interest rates. Financial markets now anticipate a first cut in Fed Funds rates by June.

In the Euro Zone, inflation fell to 2.8% in January 2024 after 2.9% the month before. The President of the ECB is considering rate cuts to begin by the summer but is also calling for caution in order to bring inflation back to the 2% target in a sustainable manner.

At MLT, the reduction in the rate divergence between the Fed and the ECB would benefit the Euro.

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



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 maintained our forecasts for the USD/MAD pair.

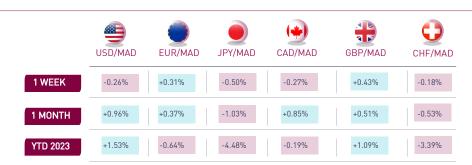
Brokers' EUR/USD forecasts are in favor of an appreciation of the Dollar over the next 3 months compared to spot levels.

MAD liquidity spreads would stabilize over a 1-month horizon then tighten over a 2-month and 3-month horizon compared to spot levels.

Under these conditions, the target levels of the USD/MAD parity stand at 10.07, 10.12 and 10.12 over horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot price of 10.04

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity stand at 10.84, 10.90 and 10.90 over 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against a spot price of 10.87.

MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as of 02/23/2024

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APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS FOR TENOR CURRENCIES

		Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q4-24	2025	2026	2027
FORECAST	USD/JPY	145	142	140	137	132	126	118
FORWARD	151	150	148	146	144	138	133	128
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.35	1.34	1.32	1.31	1.28	1.26	1.28
FORWARD	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.34	1.34	1.33	1.33
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.87	0.88	0.88	0.89	0.88	0.86	0.88
FORWARD	0.88	0.88	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.82	0.80	0.78
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.26	1.27	1.27	1.28	1.32	1.35	1.38
FORWARD	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.28

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

	Date	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	2025
	Date	Q1-2024	GZ-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	2025
RBC Capital Markets	02/02/24	1.08	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.18
Wells Fargo	01/22/24	1.09	1.1	1.12	1.13	
Commerzbank	01/19/24	1.12	1.15	1.14	1.12	1.1
BNP Paribas	12/15/23	1.1	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.18
Standard Chartered	12/13/23	1.04	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.11
JPMorgan Chase	10/20/23	1.03	1.05	1.1		
Jyske Bank	02/15/24	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.09	
Citigroup	02/14/24	1.08	1.06	1.03	1.04	1.13
Westpac Banking	02/14/24	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.17
Danske Bank	02/13/24	1.07	1.06	1.05	1.04	
Nomura Bank International	02/13/24	1.08	1.1	1.1	1.13	1.15
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken	02/13/24	1.07	1.1	1.13	1.14	1.18
United Overseas Bank	02/13/24	1.1	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.19
MUFG	02/12/24	1.08	1.1	1.12	1.14	
Ipopema Securities	02/12/24	1.08	1.13	1.11	1.12	1.13
Amdocs Development Ltd	02/09/24	1.07	1.09	1.11		
Argentex LLP	02/09/24	1.08	1.1	1.12	1.14	

In gray, the main brokers retained to calculate the EURUSD consensus for Q1-24 Prices as of 02/23/2024

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