Week from 02/17/2025 to 02/21/2025

# WEEKLY MAD INSIGHTS

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# USD/MAD EUR/MAD | Basket Effect<sup>(1)</sup>| +0.02% | -0.01% | Market Effect<sup>(2)</sup>| -0.18% | -0.18%

# INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS



#### More favorable economic outlook in ZE

(2) Impact of the variation in the liquidity spread (Supply / Demand)

The EUR/USD pair depreciated by -0.32% this week to 1.0458.

Negotiations regarding the end of the war in Ukraine have revived expectations of a return of economic growth in the Eurozone. The increase in tariffs on US imports remains a significant risk factor but remains pending, particularly following the 1-month postponement of the decision regarding Mexico and Canada.

The minutes of the last FOMC meeting indicate that the Fed would not reduce its Fed Funds rates until the  $2^{nd}$  half of the year, which supported the Dollar this week.

#### MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





# O2/17 02/18 02/19 02/20 02/21 -1.917% -1.694% -1.658% -1.735% -1.731% -1.813%

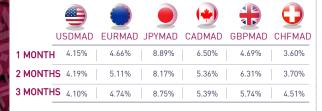
### A liquidity effect in favor of the Dirham this week

The USD/MAD pair depreciated this week by -0.16% from 9.97 to 9.95, a low of more than 2 months.

This is due to a negative market effect in favor of the Dirham of -0.18%. The basket effect, for its part, comes out almost neutral at +0.02%.

The liquidity spreads of the Dirham eased by -17.2 BPS to -1.81%. These negative spreads reflect the resilience of the liquidity of the Dirham which outperforms its reference basket since the summer of 2024.

# VOLATILITY INDICATORS



#### Towards a new configuration of tariffs?

Trump's final tariff measures are still uncertain. A trade war would fuel inflation and put global economic growth at risk.

Given the uncertainties related to these tensions, we recommend importers to hedge their transactions over a 3-month horizon.

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# EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

WEEKLY

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	SPOT	Q1-25	Q2-25	Q3-25	Q4-25	2026	2027	2028	2029
MEDIAN		1.03	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.13
AVERAGE	1.0458	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.08	1.11	1.13	1.14
+HIGH	02/14/2025	1.07	1.10	1.12	1.13	1.15	1.21	1.20	1.20
+L0W		0.97	0.98	0.96	0.98	1.00	1.08	1.10	1.11
FORWARD		1.05	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.14

Brokers' EUR/USD forecasts were stable this week. The pair is expected to move at 1.03 in Q1-25 through Q2-25. It would rise to 1.04 in Q3-25 through Q4-25. In 2026, the target is 1.08 versus 1.07 a week earlier and 1.11 in 2027. In 2028 and 2029, the target level stands at 1.13 and 1.14 versus 1.14 and 1.15 respectively.

In the United States, inflation rebounded to 3.0% in January after 2.9% in December. At the FOMC meeting in January, the Fed kept Fed Funds rates unchanged in the range [4.25%-4.50%]. The lack of visibility regarding Trump's tariff measures, considered inflationary, would limit the Fed in its monetary easing process in 2025. The markets are largely anticipating a monetary pause by the Fed in March.

In the Eurozone, inflation rebounded to 2.5% in January after 2.4% in December and 2.2% in November. Following its monetary policy meeting in January 2025, the ECB considers that the disinflation process in the EZ is on track and expects inflation to return to the 2% target as early as 2025. It has therefore decided to lower its deposit facility rate from -25 BPS to 2.75%. Financial markets are anticipating continued monetary easing in a context marked by trade uncertainties and risks to global economic growth.

## WE MAINTAIN OUR 1 MONTH, 2 MONTH AND 3 MONTH HORIZON FORECASTS



Based on EUR/USD Bloomberg forecast for Q1-25



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Given the EUR/USD parity forecasts and the liquidity conditions on the foreign exchange market, we have maintained our forecasts for the USD/MAD pair at 1 month, 2 months and 3 months.

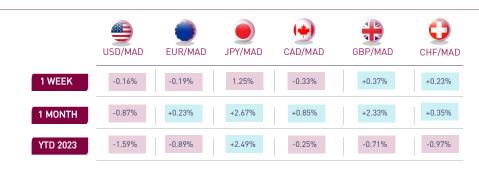
The EUR/USD forecasts of the brokers are in favor of a depreciation of the Euro against the Dollar up to 3 months compared to spot levels.

The MAD liquidity spreads would ease at 1 month horizon and then tighten at 2 months and 3 months horizons to settle slightly above spot levels.

In these conditions, the target levels of the USD/MAD parity stand at 10.04; 10.09 and 10.09 on horizons of 1, 2 and 3 months against a spot rate of 9.95.

The target levels of the EUR/MAD parity stand at 10.33; 10.38 and 10.38 at 1, 2 and 3 month horizons against a spot price of 10.43.

# MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as at 02/21/2025

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#### **APPENDIX 1: BLOOMBERG FORECASTS OF CURRENCY PAIRS TENORS**

		Q1-25	Q2-25	Q3-25	Q4-25	2026	2027	2028
FORECAST	USD/JPY	153	152	149	148	140	138	133
FORWARD	150	149	147	146	145	140	135	131
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.44	1.45	1.42	1.42	1.38	1.37	1.34
FORWARD	1.42	1.42	1.41	1.41	1.4	1.38	1.36	1.35
FORECAST	USD/CHF 0.90	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.88
FORWARD		0.90	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.84	0.81	0.78
FORECAST	GBP/USD 1.26	1.24	1.24	1.25	1.26	1.30	1.32	1.35
FORWARD		1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.27

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

	Date	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	2026	
Commerzbank	02/14/25	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.08	
RBC Capital Markets	02/10/25	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.05		
JPMorgan Chase	02/07/25	0.99	1.03	1.05	1.08		
Wells Fargo	01/27/25	1.03	1.01	1	0.99		
BNP Paribas	01/15/25	1.03	1.02	1.01	1	1	
Standard Chartered	12/05/24	1.08	1.07	1.05	1.04	1.04	
CIMB	02/24/25	1.03	1.02	1	0.99		
AFEX	02/20/25	1.02	0.98	1.03			
Ebury	02/20/25	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.06	
Ipopema Securities	02/20/25	1.03	1.05	1.08	1.07	1.11	
United Overseas Bank	02/20/25	1	0.98	1	1.02	1.07	
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	02/19/25	1.02	1.04	1.06	1.07	1.12	
Citigroup	02/19/25	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.07	
TD Securities	02/19/25	1.03	1.01	1.05	1.08	1.1	
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	02/18/25	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.07	
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank	02/18/25	1.05	1.07	1.1	1.08		
Jyske Bank	02/17/25	0.97	1	1.02	1.02		

In gray, the main brokers selected to compute the EURUSD consensus for Q1-25 Prices as at 02/24/2025

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