Week from 01/20/2025 to 01/24/2025

# MAIN WEEKLY VARIATIONS

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**CURRENCIES** 

**MAD** 



	USD/MAD	EUR/MAD
Basket Effect <sup>(1)</sup>	-1.09%	+0.76%
Market Effect <sup>(2)</sup>	+0.51%	+0.51%

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

# INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



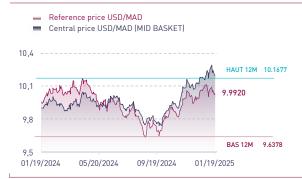
#### Uncertainties over Trump's tariff measures

The EUR/USD pair appreciated by +2.18% this week to 1.0497 from a more than 2 years low.

The Dollar weakened following Trump's inauguration at the White House. Indeed, Trump backed down from the implementation of tariff measures since day one, in particular universal tariffs. In addition, he has not yet clarified the tariffs he intends to impose on China.

Given these new elements and in a context of rather tense trade relations with Canada and Mexico, financial markets are still largely anticipating a status quo of the Fed's Key Rate for the month of January.

# MAD EVOLUTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET LIQUIDITY INDICATORS





# O1/20 01/21 01/22 01/23 01/24 01/20 01/21 01/22 01/23 01/24 -1.917% Min -1.917% -1.783% -1.676% -1.676% -1.674%

## The MAD benefits from a negative basket effect

The USD/MAD pair depreciated this week by -0.58% from 10.05 to 9.99.

This evolution is due to a negative *basket effect* in favor of the Dirham. This comes out at -1.09% following the weakening of the Dollar internationally this week. On the other hand, the *market effect* comes out at +0.51% as MAD liquidity conditions have tightened.

Liquidity spreads of the Dirham increased by +50.5 BPS to -1.36%. Despite this tightening, these spreads remain negative reflecting the resilience of the liquidity of the Dirham which comes out in appreciation of its reference basket.

# VOLATILITY INDICATORS

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	USDMAD	EURMAD	JPYMAD	CADMAD	GBPMAD	CHFMAD
1 MONTH	4.40%	5.87%	7.08%	3.47%	7.66%	3.60%
2 MONTH	<b>IS</b> 3.85%	4.92%	8.23%	4.38%	6.27%	4.88%
3 МОПТН	<b>IS</b> 4.01%	4.59%	8.36%	4.45%	5.62%	4.77%

## Concerns over growth and inflation

Trump's promised measures in terms of import tariff increases are still unclear. A trade war would disrupt international trade, fuel inflation and put global economic growth at risk.

Given the uncertainties and volatility of the foreign exchange market, we recommend exporters to hedge their transactions over a 3-month horizon.

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# EUR/USD OUTLOOK – BLOOMBERG

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MAD

•	SPOT	Q1-25	Q2-25	Q3-25	Q4-25	2026	2027	2028	2029
MEDIAN		1.03	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.13
AVERAGE	1.0497	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.08	1.10	1.13	1.14
+HIGH	01/24/2025	1.09	1.11	1.12	1.13	1.15	1.15	1.20	1.20
+L0W		0.97	0.98	0.96	0.98	1.00	1.08	1.10	1.12
FORWARD		1.05	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.12	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. In Q3 -25, it would rise to 1.04 and then to 1.05 in Q4-25. In 2026, the target is 1.08 and 1.10 in 2027. In 2028, the target level is 1.13.

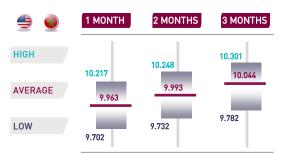
In the United States, inflation rebounded to 2.9% in December from a low of 2.4% in September. At the last FOMC meeting of 2024, the Fed decided to cut rates by -25 BPS in order to settle in the range [4.25%-4.50%]. However, the Fed is concerned about political uncertainties in 2025. It concerns the measures promised by the new Trump administration in terms of international trade. These measures, considered inflationary, limit the Fed in its monetary easing process in 2025.

In the Eurozone, inflation rebounded to 2.4% in December after 2.2% in November according to the latest figures from Eurostat. The ECB expects inflation to return to the 2% target by 2026. At its last meeting of the year, it decided to lower its 3 key rates by -25 BPS each. The deposit facility rate thus stands at 3.00%. The markets are now anticipating continued monetary easing in a context marked by political uncertainties in the United States and significant risks to economic growth in the EZ.

## DOWNWARD REVIEW OF 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 slightly reviewed downwards our forecasts for the USD/MAD pair at 1-month, 2-month and 3-month horizons.

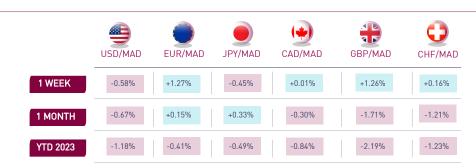
The EUR/USD forecasts of the brokers are in favor of a depreciation of the Euro against the Dollar up to 3 months horizon compared to spot levels.

The MAD liquidity spreads would ease at 1-month horizon and then gradually tighten at 2-month and 3-month horizons while remaining below spot levels.

In these conditions, the target levels for the USD/MAD parity stand at 9.96, 9.99 and 10.04 over 1 month, 2 months and 3 months horizons against a spot rate of 9.99.

The target levels for the EUR/MAD parity stand at 10.30; 10.33 and 10.38 at 1 month, 2 months and 3 months horizons against a spot price of 10.48.

## MAD YTD PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD IN FRONT OF A REFERENCE BASKET



Prices as at 01/24/2025

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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	150	148	145	139	132
FORWARD	156	155	153	152	150	145	140	135
FORECAST	USD/CAD	1.43	1.43	1.42	1.4	1.38	1.35	1.34
FORWARD	1.44	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.42	1.4	1.38	1.36
FORECAST	USD/CHF	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.89
FORWARD	0.91	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.84	0.81	0.78
FORECAST	GBP/USD	1.24	1.25	1.26	1.28	1.30	1.33	1.36
FORWARD	D 1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.25

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

		T4 0005	T0 0005	TO 0005	T/ 0005	
	Date	T1-2025	T2-2025	T3-2025	T4-2025	2026
Wells Fargo	01/27/25	1.03	1.01	1	0.99	
Commerzbank	01/17/25	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.08
BNP Paribas	01/15/25	1.03	1.02	1.01	1	1
JPMorgan Chase	01/10/25	0.99	1.03	1.05	1.08	
RBC Capital Markets	12/18/24	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.05	
Standard Chartered	12/05/24	1.08	1.07	1.05	1.04	1.04
HDFC Bank	01/29/25	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.1
XTB	01/27/25	1.04	1.02	1.01	1.04	1.06
Swedbank	01/24/25	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.1
Credit Agricole CIB	01/23/25	1.05	1.04	1.05	1.07	1.1
Banco Santander	01/22/25	1.09	1.09	1.1	1.12	
Kshitij Consultancy Services	01/21/25	1.01	1.04	1.02	1.06	1.11
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	01/20/25	1.02	1.04	1.06	1.07	1.12
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	01/17/25	1.03	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.1
Woori Bank	01/17/25	1.04	1.06	1.03	1	1.05
Citigroup	01/16/25	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.06
Danske Bank	01/16/25	1.04	1.02	1.01	1	

In gray, the main brokers selected to compute the EURUSD consensus for Q1–25 Prices as at  $01/29/2025\,$ 

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