

## Key monetary statistics April 2016

On a monthly basis, M3 aggregate grew by 0.3 percent in April to 1136.6 billion dirhams, mainly as a result of the increase by 1.6 percent in net international reserves and 0.6 percent in net claims on the central government. In contrast, bank credit remained virtually unchanged month on month.

The stagnation of bank lending conceals increases in equipment and real estate loans by 0.8 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, and declines in cash advances by 0.5 percent and financial loans by 1.4 percent. Conversely, consumer loans remained at the same level of the previous month.

Year on year, M3 growth in April 2016 slowed down to 5.2 percent from 5.5 percent a month earlier, mostly because of the deceleration in both demand deposits from 7.1 to 6.9 percent and time deposits from 10.6 to 2.1 percent<sup>1</sup>. On the opposite, money market fund shares/units held by institutional sectors declined less sharply, from 12.5 to 1.2 percent, while the growth rate of currency in circulation and interest-bearing demand deposits remained unchanged at 7.1 percent and 6.2 percent, respectively.

As regards the counterparts of M3, bank credit grew by 2 percent after 1.5 percent in March, while net international reserves increased by 25.4 percent as against 29.6 percent. Net claims on the central government fell by 11.2 percent, after decreasing by 11.6 percent a month earlier.

By economic purpose, the change in bank lending is primarily driven by the accelerated pace of growth in equipment loans from 1.3 to 4.1 percent and in real estate loans from 0.7 to 1.3 percent. Consumer loans increased by 4.6 percent, as against 5.6 percent, while cash advances declined more steeply from 1.2 to 2.3 percent.

By institutional sector, credit to the nonfinancial sector grew by 2.4 percent after 1.8 percent in March. This reflects an increase from 0.5 to 1.5 percent in loans to private nonfinancial corporations and from 2 to 5.8 percent in loans to public nonfinancial corporations. However, lending to households decelerated to 2.8 percent, as against 3.2 percent in March.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This change is primarily due to the increase in time deposits in April 2015 after *Office Chérifien des Phosphates* (National Phosphates Office) invested the revenues generated from the \$1 billion international borrowing.

Million DI
ril-15
7,8
7,5
5,2
15,6
7,1
5,1
6,9
2,1
-1,2
25,4
-11,2
4,0
2,7
2,0
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1,3
5,6
-9,2
-2,3
4,0
4,6
1,8
12,1
-0,8
6,8
9,4
5,8
2,1 <b>4</b> 1,5 <b>4</b>
2,8

<sup>(1)</sup> All deposits opened by money-holding sectors with the banking system except regulated deposits and guarantee deposits.

<sup>(2)</sup> Banks and monetary UCITS

<sup>(3)</sup> Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households







