

Month-on-month change

In February 2015, M3 aggregate was up 0.6 percent to 1,074 billion dirhams, mostly due to the 0.2 percent rise in loans to the economy, as a result of the rapid growth in loans of money market funds to financial corporations as part of repurchase agreements. On the contrary, bank loans and net international reserves dropped by 0.2 percent.

This development mostly resulted from the 1.6 percent decline in cash facilities and, to a lesser extent, from the 1.1 percent decrease in property development loans. Consumer loans and housing loans rose by 0.9 percent and 0.5 percent respectively, while equipment loans remained almost unchanged from the previous month.

By component, the expansion in M3 reflects, on the one hand, increases by 10.7 percent in money market fund shares/units held by institutional sectors and 7.3 percent in deposits with the Treasury, and on the other hand decreases by 1.2 percent in demand deposits with banks and 3.1 percent in foreign currency-denominated deposits.

Year-on-year change

M3 aggregate grew slightly from 7.4 percent in January to 7.6 percent, mainly due to the rise in money market fund shares/units held by institutional sectors from 11.1 to 18.6 percent, in time deposits from 8.7 to 10.1 percent, and in demand deposits with the Treasury from 0.6 to 7.9 percent. Conversely, the growth rate of demand deposits with banks decelerated from 5 to 3.4 percent while that of currency in circulation and interest-bearing demand deposits remained almost unchanged at 4.9 percent and 7.6 percent, respectively.

This change in M3 was mostly caused by the 0.5 percent rise in net claims of depository corporations on the central government, after declining 1.9 percent in the previous month, as well as by a less rapid growth in bank lending from 4.3 to 4.1 percent and in net international reserves from 21.4 to 20.5 percent.

The slowdown in bank lending reflects the slower rate of increase in cash facilities from 5.6 to 2.8 percent due to the drop from 6.9 to 2.7 percent in the growth rate of loans to private nonfinancial corporations and from 3.3 to 3.1 percent in real estate loans. On the opposite, equipment loans rose from 3.9 percent in January 2015 to 4.2 percent while consumer loans grew from 10.3 to 11 percent. Financial loans fell by -0.8 percent, from -3 percent.

By institutional sector, the slowdown in bank lending mainly reflects less rapid growth in loans to private nonfinancial corporations from 3.3 to 2.2 percent, and to a lesser extent in loans to households from 6.4 percent in January 2015 to 5.7 percent.

Key indicators of monetary statistics

Million DH

	Outstanding amount	△		△ (%)	
	Feb-15	Jan-15	Feb-14	Jan-15	Feb-14
M1	645 879	-1 548	26 686	-0,2 ▼	4,3 ▲
M2	777 818	-727	36 008	-0,1 ▼	4,9 ▲
M3	1 074 053	5 950	75 817	0,6 ▲	7,6 ▲
Liquid investment aggregate	490 695	3 907	78 377	0,8 ▲	19,0 ▲
Currency in circulation	178 757	-552	8 420	-0,3 ▼	4,9 ▲
Banking deposits included from broad money⁽¹⁾	749 161	-3 603	52 873	-0,5 ▼	7,6 ▲
Demand deposits with the banking system	418 496	-5 093	13 782	-1,2 ▼	3,4 ▲
Time accounts and fixed-term bills	156 145	742	14 262	0,5 ▲	10,1 ▲
Securities of money market UCITS	67 099	6 502	10 547	10,7 ▲	18,6 ▲
Net international reserves	182 428	-350	31 092	-0,2 ▼	20,5 ▲
Net claims on central government	147 414	863	764	0,6 ▲	0,5 ▲
Lending to the economy	883 550	1 411	49 328	0,2 ▲	5,9 ▲
Loans of other depository corporations⁽²⁾	766 639	1 165	32 706	0,2 ▲	4,5 ▲
Bank loans	753 725	-1 462	29 491	-0,2 ▼	4,1 ▲
By economic purpose					
Real estate loans	238 583	290	7 075	0,1 ▲	3,1 ▲
Home loans	171 425	880	9 375	0,5 ▲	5,8 ▲
Loans to property developers	64 340	-720	-2 578	-1,1 ▼	-3,9 ▼
Debtor accounts and overdraft facilities	173 633	-2 868	4 649	-1,6 ▼	2,8 ▲
Equipment loans	143 087	170	5 725	0,1 ▲	4,2 ▲
Consumer loans	44 487	412	4 393	0,9 ▲	11,0 ▲
Miscellaneous claims	101 347	86	-535	0,1 ▲	-0,5 ▼
Non-performing loans	52 587	449	8 184	0,9 ▲	18,4 ▲
By institutional sectors					
Other financial corporations	91 076	760	846	0,8 ▲	0,9 ▲
Public sector	47 571	-258	6 526	-0,5 ▼	15,9 ▲
Local government	13 322	92	953	0,7 ▲	7,7 ▲
Public nonfinancial corporations	34 248	-350	5 573	-1,0 ▼	19,4 ▲
Private sector	615 078	-1 965	22 119	-0,3 ▼	3,7 ▲
Other nonfinancial corporations	337 658	-2 434	7 314	-0,7 ▼	2,2 ▲
Households and NPISH ⁽³⁾	277 420	469	14 805	0,2 ▲	5,6 ▲

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

(2) Banks and monetary UCITS

(3) Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households

Chart 1: Annual change in M3

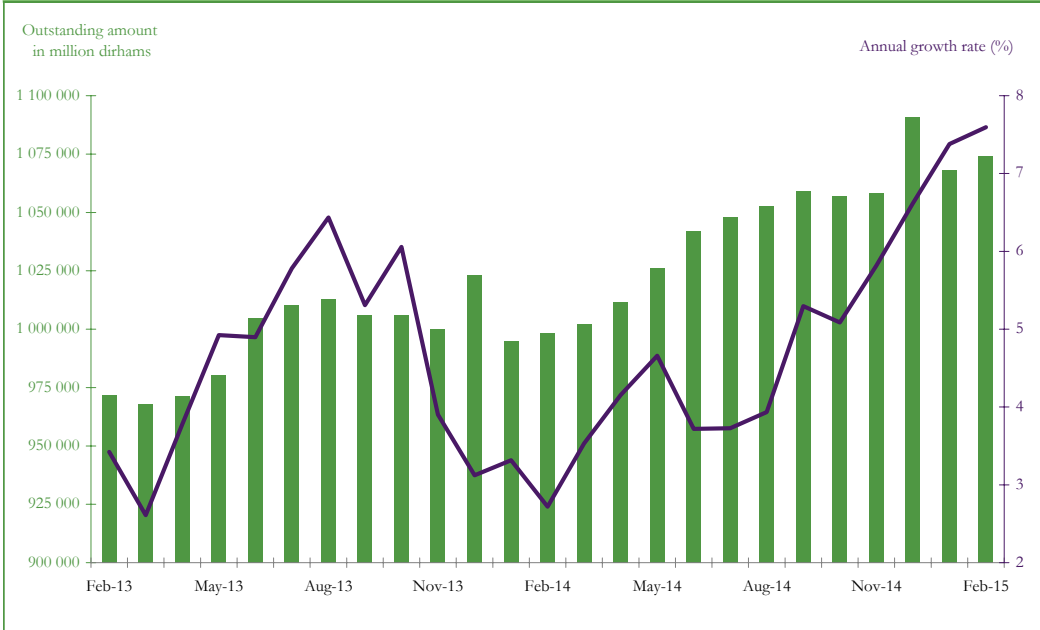


Chart 2: Annual change in M3 components

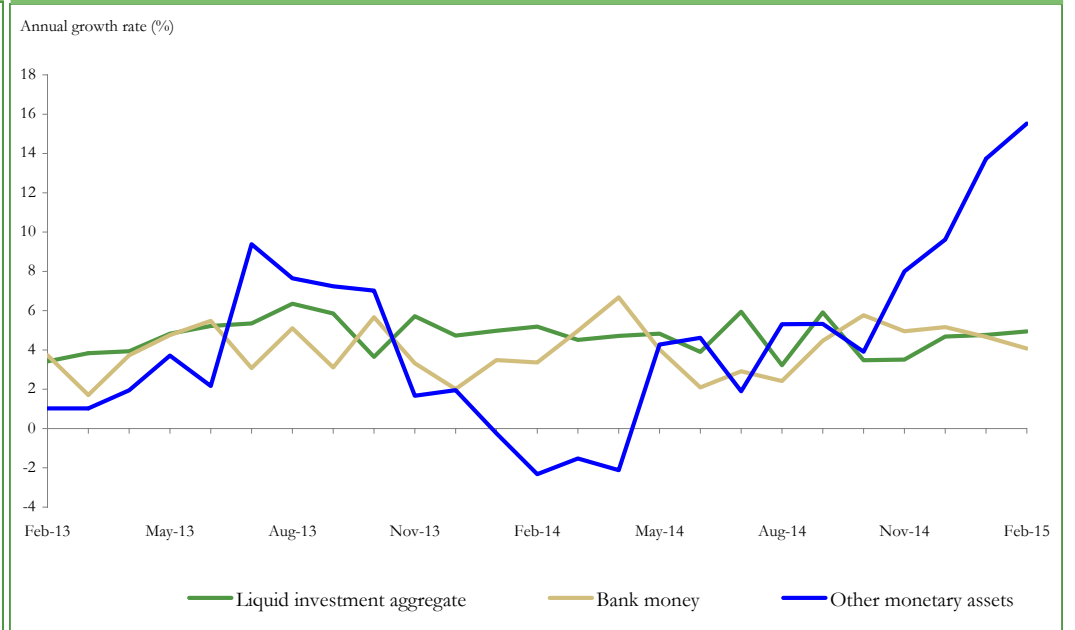


Chart 3: Change in Net international reserves



Chart 4: Annual change in bank loans by economic purpose

