

**On a monthly basis**, M3 aggregate decreased by 0.3 percent to 1191 billion dirhams, mainly due to the 0.5 percent decline in loans to the economy and the 3 percent drop in net claims on central government. Conversely, net international reserves rose 0.3 percent.

By components of bank lending, cash advances, equipment loans and consumer loans recorded respective increases of 0.8 percent, 0.3 percent and 0.4 percent, whereas real estate loans remained in the same level compared to last month, while financial loans decreased 6.6 percent.

**Year on year**, M3 growth decelerated from 7.1 percent in January 2017 to 5.4 percent. This change mainly covers a steeper decrease in time deposits to 9.6 percent, after 7.6 percent, and a slower increase in demand deposits with banks from 9.1 percent to 7.9 percent. Similarly, the growth rate of money market funds /shares held by economic units dropped to 8.6 percent, after 25.6 percent, while that of sight investments fell from 5.2 percent to 5.1 percent. As regards currency in circulation, it rose by 5.6 percent, after 5.3 percent.

By counterparts, the change in M3 is mainly due to the slower growth of bank credit, from 4.4 percent to 3.7 percent, and of net international reserves, from 9 percent to 7.3 percent. Net claims on central government grew by 12.4 percent after 9.1 percent in January 2017.

By economic purpose, the growth deceleration of bank lending, year on year, is driven by the slower equipment loans from 7.3 percent to 6.6 percent, on the one hand, and by the deceleration of financial loans from 15.2 percent to 7.7 percent, on the other. The growth rate of consumer loans dropped from 5.6 percent to 5.2 percent and cash advances fell less sharply to 3.1 percent, after 5.1 percent. The growth rate of real estate loans remained unchanged at 3.8 percent, owing to slower housing loans at 4.9 percent, after 5.2 percent and a less sharper decrease of loans to property development loans from 0.9 percent to 0.1 percent.

By institutional sector, loans to the **nonfinancial sector** grew by 3.1 percent after 3 percent the previous month. This change mainly reflects a 2.2 percent growth in loans to the financial sector, after 2 percent, a 4.2 percent increase in loans to household, compared to 3.7 percent, and a rise in loans to nonfinancial private companies by 0.4 percent, after 0.5 percent. On the other hand, the growth rate of credits granted to public nonfinancial companies fell to 14.5 percent, compared to 17.2 percent in January.

## Key indicators of monetary statistics

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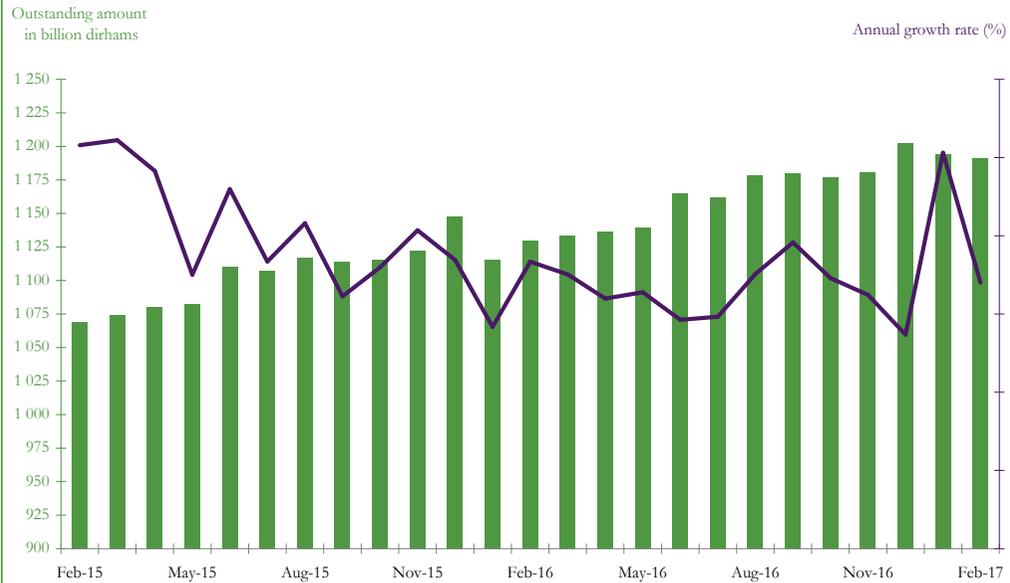
	Outstanding amount	△			△ (%)		
	February-17	January-17	December-16	February-16	January-17	December-16	February-16
M1	746 205	1 404	-5 678	48 170	0,2 ▲	-0,8 ▼	6,9 ▲
M2	893 577	1 883	-4 510	55 339	0,2 ▲	-0,5 ▼	6,6 ▲
<b>M3</b>	<b>1 191 017</b>	<b>-3 034</b>	<b>-11 396</b>	<b>61 042</b>	<b>-0,3 ▼</b>	<b>-0,9 ▼</b>	<b>5,4 ▲</b>
Liquid investment aggregate	592 640	3 552	5 544	35 885	0,6 ▲	0,9 ▲	6,4 ▲
<b>Currency in circulation</b>	<b>201 989</b>	<b>-693</b>	<b>-1 253</b>	<b>10 637</b>	<b>-0,3 ▼</b>	<b>-0,6 ▼</b>	<b>5,6 ▲</b>
<b>Banking deposits included from broad money<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>842 796</b>	<b>-1 511</b>	<b>-10 050</b>	<b>40 787</b>	<b>-0,2 ▼</b>	<b>-1,2 ▼</b>	<b>5,1 ▲</b>
Demand deposits with the banking system	489 353	1 780	-7 260	35 964	0,4 ▲	-1,5 ▼	7,9 ▲
Time accounts and fixed-term bills	153 790	-4 867	-9 477	-16 303	-3,1 ▼	-5,8 ▼	-9,6 ▼
<b>Securities of money market UCITS</b>	<b>61 130</b>	<b>-137</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>4 864</b>	<b>-0,2 ▼</b>	<b>0,8 ▲</b>	<b>8,6 ▲</b>
<b>Net international reserves</b>	<b>250 905</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>-952</b>	<b>17 154</b>	<b>0,3 ▲</b>	<b>-0,4 ▼</b>	<b>7,3 ▲</b>
<b>Net claims on central government</b>	<b>156 711</b>	<b>-4 802</b>	<b>14 343</b>	<b>17 280</b>	<b>-3,0 ▼</b>	<b>10,1 ▲</b>	<b>12,4 ▲</b>
<b>Lending to the economy</b>	<b>939 417</b>	<b>-4 425</b>	<b>-18 307</b>	<b>40 909</b>	<b>-0,5 ▼</b>	<b>-1,9 ▼</b>	<b>4,6 ▲</b>
<b>Loans of other depository corporations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>806 612</b>	<b>-2 985</b>	<b>-19 227</b>	<b>29 693</b>	<b>-0,4 ▼</b>	<b>-2,3 ▼</b>	<b>3,8 ▲</b>
<b>Bank loans</b>	<b>793 575</b>	<b>-5 706</b>	<b>-24 597</b>	<b>28 040</b>	<b>-0,7 ▼</b>	<b>-3,0 ▼</b>	<b>3,7 ▲</b>
<b>By economic purpose</b>							
Real estate loans	249 967	-21	3 084	9 161	0,0 ■	1,2 ▲	3,8 ▲
Home loans	189 993	711	1 633	8 830	0,4 ▲	0,9 ▲	4,9 ▲
Loans to property developers	57 285	-327	1 785	-66	-0,6 ▼	3,2 ▲	-0,1 ▼
Debtor accounts and overdraft facilities	161 494	1 203	-11 267	-5 251	0,8 ▲	-6,5 ▼	-3,1 ▼
Equipment loans	152 916	467	24	9 456	0,3 ▲	0,0 ■	6,6 ▲
Consumer loans	49 239	209	509	2 424	0,4 ▲	1,0 ▲	5,2 ▲
Miscellaneous claims	117 762	-7 600	-17 708	7 895	-6,1 ▼	-13,1 ▼	7,2 ▲
Non-performing loans	62 197	36	761	4 355	0,1 ▲	1,2 ▲	7,5 ▲
<b>By institutional sectors</b>							
Other financial corporations	106 032	-6 918	-16 699	7 467	-6,1 ▼	-13,6 ▼	7,6 ▲
<b>Public sector</b>	<b>59 349</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-701</b>	<b>6 804</b>	<b>0,1 ▲</b>	<b>-1,2 ▼</b>	<b>12,9 ▲</b>
Local government	15 366	195	280	1 228	1,3 ▲	1,9 ▲	8,7 ▲
Public nonfinancial corporations	43 983	-151	-981	5 576	-0,3 ▼	-2,2 ▼	14,5 ▲
<b>Private sector</b>	<b>628 194</b>	<b>1 168</b>	<b>-7 198</b>	<b>13 768</b>	<b>0,2 ▲</b>	<b>-1,1 ▼</b>	<b>2,2 ▲</b>
Other nonfinancial corporations	317 626	894	-8 182	1 171	0,3 ▲	-2,5 ▼	0,4 ▲
Households and NPISH <sup>(3)</sup>	310 568	274	984	12 597	0,1 ▲	0,3 ▲	4,2 ▲

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

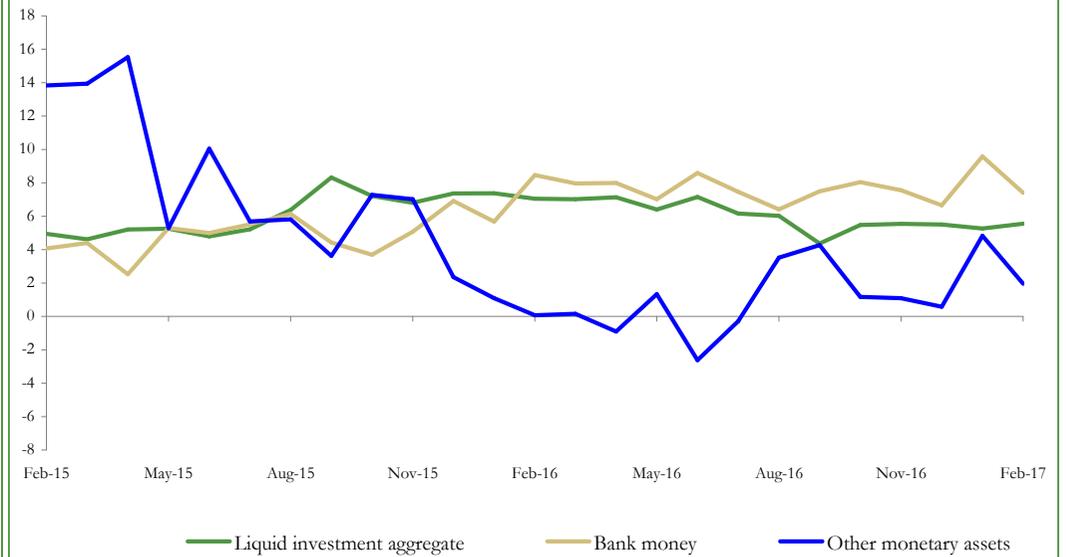
(2) Banks and monetary UCITS

(3) Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households

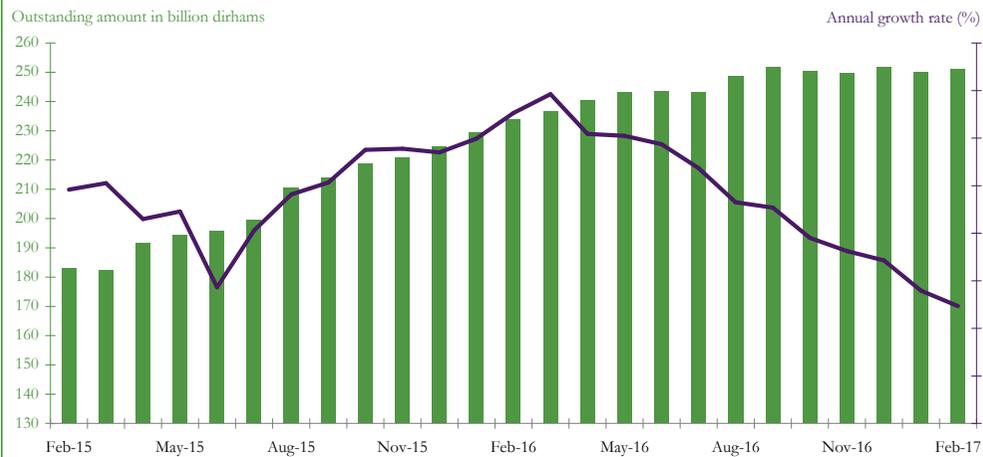
**Chart 1: Annual change in M3**



**Chart 2: Annual change in M3 components**  
Annual growth rate (%)



**Chart 3: Change in Net international reserves**



**Chart 4: Annual change in bank loans by economic purpose**  
Annual growth rate (%)

