

Month-on-month, M3 aggregate dropped by 0.7 percent in January 2021 to 1, 475.1 billion dirhams, covering mainly a 1.6 percent decline in demand deposits with banks and an increase by 1 percent in currency in circulation and 0.3 in time accounts. By counterpart, official reserve assets were down 2.1 percent, mainly due to the reimbursement in advance to the IMF of part of the drawdown on the Precautionary and Liquidity Line (an amount of 651 million SDR, equivalent to 8.3 billion dirhams). Similarly, bank credit to the non-financial sector fell slightly by 0.1 percent, with a decline in property development and equipment loans and an increase in housing and consumer loans.

Year-on-year, M3 aggregate rose by 9.2 percent in January 2021 after 8.4 percent in December 2020. By component, the change in M3 mainly reflects an increase in demand deposits with banks by 11.1 percent after 10.6 percent, a slowdown in the decline in time deposits from 9.6 percent to 7.1 percent, and a virtual stagnation in the growth of banknotes and currency in circulation at around 20%

By counterparts, official reserve assets increased by 25.1 percent after 26.5 percent and net claims on Central Government by 11.3 percent after 13.5 percent in the previous month. For their part, loans to the non-banking sector increased by 4.9 percent after 3.9 percent. The last trend mainly covers the acceleration from 4.7 percent to 7.5 percent in the growth of loans to private non-financial companies and the slowdown from 3.4 percent to 3.2 percent in the growth of loans to households.

The breakdown of bank lending to the non-financial sector by economic purpose shows an increase of 14.4 percent after 10.2 percent in cash facilities, a slowdown in the decline in equipment loans from 3 percent to 2.6 percent and in consumer loans from 4.2 percent to 3.6 percent and a deceleration in the increase in real estate loans from 2.5 percent to 2.3 percent. The annual growth rate of outstanding debts stood at 15.3 percent in January 2021 after 14.4 percent in December 2020. Under these conditions, the outstanding debts stood at 8.7 percent after 8.4 percent.

Key indicators of monetary statistics

Million DH

	Outstanding amount		Δ		Δ (%)	
	January-21	December-20	January-20	December-20	January-20	
M1	1 013 438	-6 127	111 447	-0,6 ▼	12,4 ▲	
M2	1 183 618	-5 308	113 977	-0,4 ▼	10,7 ▲	
M3	1 475 091	-10 398	124 541	-0,7 ▼	9,2 ▲	
Liquid investment aggregate	797 887	1 433	50 425	0,2 ▲	6,7 ▲	
Currency in circulation	303 574	2 948	50 572	1,0 ▲	20,0 ▲	
Banking deposits included from broad money⁽¹⁾	995 594	-14 468	64 761	-1,4 ▼	7,0 ▲	
Demand deposits with the banking system	639 234	-10 228	63 653	-1,6 ▼	11,1 ▲	
Time accounts and fixed-term bills	135 887	379	-10 414	0,3 ▲	-7,1 ▼	
Securities of money market UCITS	63 805	-124	11 098	-0,2 ▼	21,1 ▲	
Official reserve assets	313 895	-6 672	62 935	-2,1 ▼	25,1 ▲	
Net claims on central government	243 920	2 762	24 686	1,1 ▲	11,3 ▲	
Lending to the economy	1 117 403	-13 581	51 363	-1,2 ▼	4,8 ▲	
Loans of other depository corporations⁽²⁾	940 498	-25 568	37 070	-2,6 ▼	4,1 ▲	
Bank loans	933 394	-24 751	36 731	-2,6 ▼	4,1 ▲	
By economic purpose						
Real estate loans	282 863	-835	6 487	-0,3 ▼	2,3 ▲	
Housing loans	222 809	539	7 505	0,2 ▲	3,5 ▲	
Of which: participation financing of housing	11 554	226	3 489	2,0 ▲	43,3 ▲	
Loans to property developers	55 561	-2 726	-17	-4,7 ▼	0,0 ▼	
Debtor accounts and overdraft facilities	207 635	1 199	23 893	0,6 ▲	13,0 ▲	
Equipment loans	177 692	-839	-4 686	-0,5 ▼	-2,6 ▼	
Consumer loans	54 346	118	-2 019	0,2 ▲	-3,6 ▼	
Miscellaneous claims	129 458	-25 775	2 276	-16,6 ▼	1,8 ▲	
Non-performing loans	81 400	1 380	10 781	1,7 ▲	15,3 ▲	
By institutional sectors						
Other financial corporations	118 410	-23 565	-1 614	-16,6 ▼	-1,3 ▼	
non-financial sector	814 983	-1 185	38 345	-0,1 ▼	4,9 ▲	
Public sector	72 929	-2 230	55	-3,0 ▼	0,1 ▲	
Local government	24 348	-38	1 993	-0,2 ▼	8,9 ▲	
Public nonfinancial corporations	48 581	-2 192	-1 938	-4,3 ▼	-3,8 ▼	
Private sector	742 054	1 045	38 290	0,1 ▲	5,4 ▲	
Other nonfinancial corporations	388 857	-705	27 103	-0,2 ▼	7,5 ▲	
Households and NPISH ⁽³⁾	353 198	1 749	11 187	0,5 ▲	3,3 ▲	

(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

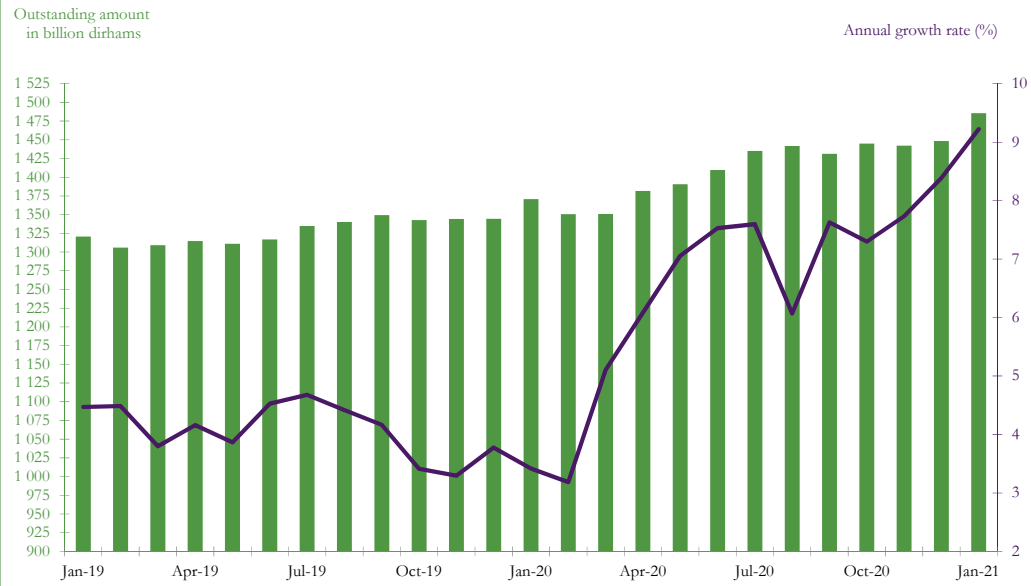


Chart 2: Annual change in M3 components
Annual growth rate (%)

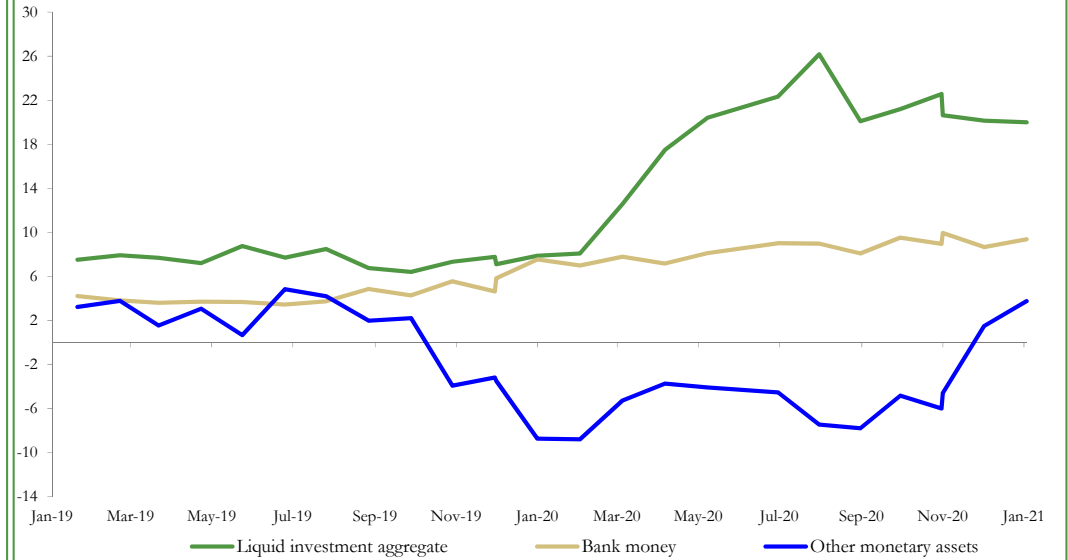


Chart 3: Official reserve assets

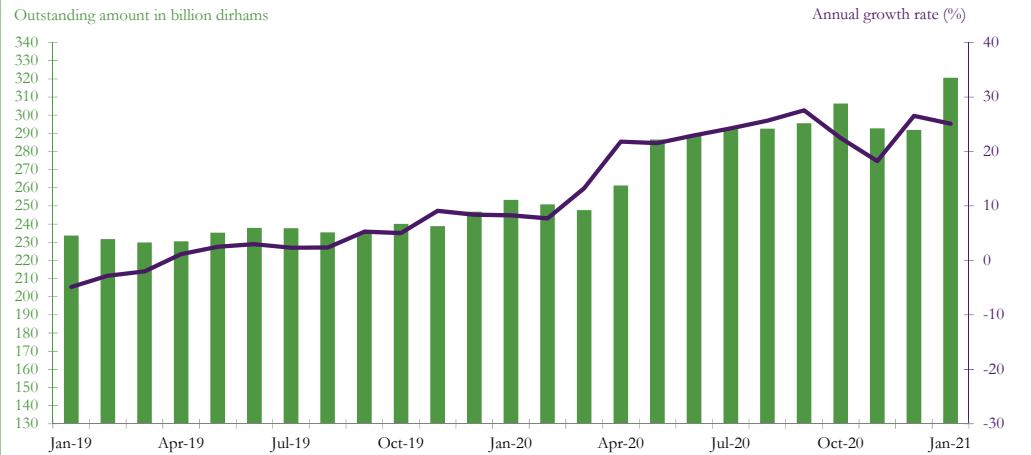


Chart 4: Annual change in bank loans by economic purpose
Annual growth rate (%)

