

# UAE Monthly Monetary Survey August 2018



#### **Monetary Developments (\*)**

M₁ decreased by 1.7%, from AED 496.4 billion at the end of July 2018 to AED 488.1 billion at the end of August 2018. This reduction was due to 1.3% and 1.7% reduction in Currency in Circulation outside Banks (14% of M1) and Monetary Deposits (86% of M₁), respectively.

At the end of August 2018,  $M_2$  also decreased by 1.8%, falling from AED 1302.3 billion at the end of July 2018 to AED 1278.9 billion.  $M_2$  mainly decreased due to a reduced  $M_1$  and an AED 15.1 billion or 1.9% decrease in Quasi- Monetary Deposits (61.8% of  $M_2$ ).

On the other hand,  $M_3$  increased by 0.1%, from AED 1556 billion at the end of July 2018 to AED 1556.9 billion at the end of August 2018.  $M_3$  increased mainly because of an AED 24.3 billion or 9.6% increase in Government Deposits (17.9% of  $M_3$ ), overshadowing the reductions in  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .

In summary, during August 2018, Monetary Aggregates  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  decreased by 1.7% and 1.8%, respectively. Whereas,  $M_3$  exhibited an increase by 0.1%.

#### **The Money Multiplier**

The money multiplier indicates by how much the money supply and the underlying components will grow following an increase of 1 billion Dirhams in the Monetary Base, defined as the sum of Currency issued (Currency in circulation outside banks and cash at banks), Total Banks' Reserves at the Central Bank and Certificates of Deposits held by Banks (see Table 2).

During the month of August 2018, the Monetary Base contracted by 0.6%. The Monetary Base contracted mainly due to decreases in; Currency Issued (23.5% of the Monetary Base) by 0.7%, Banks' Required Reserves (34.9% of the Monetary Base) by 0.6% and Banks & OFC's Excess Reserves (4.1 % of the Monetary Base) by 46.3%, overriding the increase in Certificates of Deposits purchased by Banks (37.5% of the Monetary Base) by 9.7%.

From the end of July to the end of August 2018, the multipliers of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  decreased from 1.39 to 1.38 and from 3.66 to 3.61, respectively. However, the multiplier of  $M_3$  increased from 4.37 to 4.40.

The reductions in the multipliers of  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and  $\mathbf{M}_2$  reflects faster reductions in their respective Monetary Aggregates compared to the contraction of the monetary base. In contrast, the rise in the multiplier of  $\mathbf{M}_3$  shows increase in its Monetary Aggregate in contrast to the contraction of the monetary base.

(\*) Monetary aggregates are defined in a footnote to Table 1



Table 1. UAE Monthly Monetary Survey With Contribution to Aggregate Money Supply (August 2018) (End of period, billions of Dirhams)											
			Dec-16	Dec-17	Mar-18	July-18	Aug <sup>1</sup> 2018		MoM		
	Dec-14 Dec-15	In billions of Dirhams					Shares of the Aggregates	In Billions of Dirhams	% Change	Contribution to Aggregate Growth <sup>2</sup>	
Money Supply M <sub>1</sub> *	436.1	456.9	474.1	492.4	510.6	496.4	488.1		-8.3	-1.7%	
Currency in Circulation Outside Banks	59.0	58.4	62.3	67.7	69.9	69.0	68.1	14.0%	-0.9	-1.3%	-0.18%
Monetary Deposits**	377.1	398.5	411.8	424.7	440.7	427.4	420.0	86.0%	-7.4	-1.7%	-1.5%
Money Supply M <sub>2</sub> *	1125.4	1186.8	1225.5	1276.2	1293.8	1302.3	1278.9		-23.4	-1.8%	
Currency in Circulation Outside Banks	59.0	58.4	62.3	67.7	69.9	69.0	68.1	5.3%	-0.9	-1.3%	-0.07%
Monetary Deposits**	377.1	398.5	411.8	424.7	440.7	427.4	420.0	32.8%	-7.4	-1.7%	-0.6%
Quasi-Monetary Deposits***	689.3	729.9	751.4	783.8	783.2	805.9	790.8	61.8%	-15.1	-1.9%	-1.16%
Money Supply M <sub>3</sub> *	1314.5	1342.8	1411.4	1487.1	1526.7	1556.0	1556.9		0.9	0.1%	
Currency in Circulation Outside Banks	59.0	58.4	62.3	67.7	69.9	69.0	68.1	4.4%	-0.9	-1.3%	-0.06%
Monetary Deposits**	377.1	398.5	411.8	424.7	440.7	427.4	420.0	27.0%	-7.4	-1.7%	-0.5%
Quasi-Monetary Deposits***	689.3	729.9	751.4	783.8	783.2	805.9	790.8	50.8%	-15.1	-1.9%	-0.95%
Government Deposits	189.1	156.0	185.9	210.9	232.9	253.7	278.0	17.9%	24.3	9.6%	1.7%

<sup>(1)</sup>Figures are provisional and subject to revision

<sup>(2)</sup>Contribution to aggregate growth = Shares of the sub-aggregate times percent change in each sub-aggregate, such that contribution of sub-aggregates equals percent change in the aggregate

 $<sup>^{(*)}</sup>M_1$  = Currency in Circulation Outside Banks (Currency Issued - Cash at banks) + Monetary Deposits

 $<sup>\</sup>mathbf{M}_2 = \mathbf{M}_1 + \mathbf{Quasi-Monetary Deposits}$ 

 $M_3 = M_2 + Government Deposits$ 

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Monetary Deposits: All short term deposits on which bank customer can withdraw without prior notice

<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> Quasi-Monetary Deposits: Resident Time and Savings Deposits in Dirham + Resident Deposits in Foreign Currencies



#### Table 2. Money Multiplier in the UAE (End of period, billions of Dirhams) **Change in August** Dec Dec Dec Dec March Jun Jul Aug<sup>1</sup> 2018 In billions % 2018 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2018 2018 of Change **Dirhams Monetary Base** 309.2 365.2 338.1 377.4 365.2 353.9 356.1 353.9 -2.2 -0.6% Currency Issued\* 73.5 85.4 84.7 83.2 74.5 77.6 86.1 83.8 -0.6 -0.7%Banks' Required Reserves 104.1 111.9 116.9 121.4 122.0 125.1 124.1 123.4 -0.7-0.6%Banks & OFCs' Excess Reserves 35.4 35.5 14.6 -12.6 -46.3% 31.1 40 24.2 17.5 27.2 Certificates of Deposit purchased by Banks 99.5 139.8 108.2 135.1 134.3 125.2 121.0 132.7 11.7 9.7% 456.9 Money Supply (M<sub>1</sub>) 436.1 474.1 492.4 510.6 495.5 496.4 488.1 -8.3 -1.7% Money Multiplier of M<sub>1</sub> (M<sub>1</sub>/Monetary Base) 1.41 1.25 1.40 1.30 1.40 1.40 1.39 1.38 1225.5 1276.2 1278.9 -23.4 -1.8% Money Supply (M<sub>2</sub>) 1125.4 1186.8 1293.8 1300.1 1302.3 Money Multiplier of M<sub>2</sub> (M<sub>2</sub>/Monetary Base) 3.64 3.25 3.62 3.38 3.54 3.67 3.66 3.61 Money Supply (M<sub>3</sub>) 1314.5 1342.8 1411.4 1487.1 1526.7 1553.6 1556.0 1556.9 0.9 0.1% Money Multiplier of M<sub>3</sub> (M<sub>3</sub>/Monetary Base) 4.25 3.68 4.17 3.94 4.18 4.39 4.37 4.40

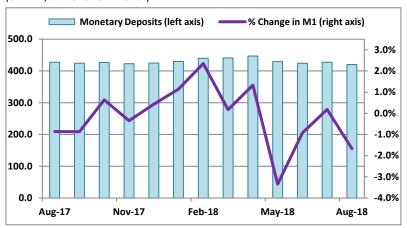
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<sup>\*</sup> Currency Issued = Currency in circulation outside Banks + Cash at Banks



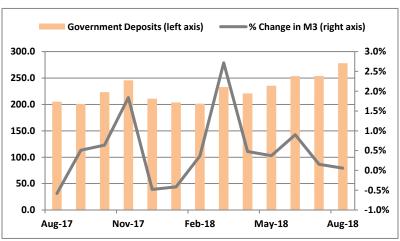
### Money Supply $M_1$ decreased by 1.7%, driven by 1.7% reduction in Monetary Deposits.

(bn AED, % month-on-month)



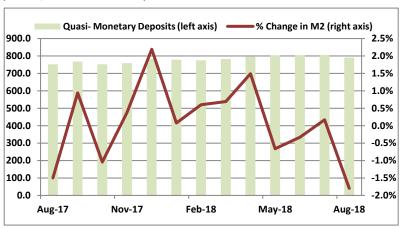
## Money Supply $M_3$ increased by 0.1% due to 9.6% increase in Government Deposits, overriding the reductions in $M_1 \& M_2$ .

(bn AED, % month-on-month)



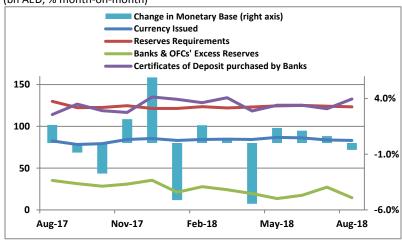
## Money Supply $M_2$ decreased by 1.8% due to a decreased $M_1$ and 1.9% reduction in Quasi-Monetary Deposits.

(bn AED, % month-on-month)



#### Monetary Base contracted by 0.6% during August 2018.

(bn AED, % month-on-month)



Source: CBUAE