

UAE Banking Sector Reaches New Heights: Assets Cross **\$1.09 Trillion** for the First Time



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Dubai, UAE, January 19, 2024: The United Arab Emirates' banking sector has achieved a historic milestone, surpassing **\$1.09 trillion** in total assets for the first time ever. This significant achievement, recorded in November 2023, marks a surge of **0.8%** compared to the previous month and reflects the robust growth and dynamism of the UAE's financial landscape.

Key Features:

- Total Assets: 4.02 trillion dirhams (\$1.09 trillion)
- Bank Credit: 1.99 trillion dirhams, showcasing a 1% increase
- Domestic Credit: 0.8% growth
- Foreign Credit: 2.8% growth
- Total Deposits: 2.44 trillion dirhams
- Resident Deposits: 0.4% increase, driven by a 1.9% rise in private sector funds
- Monetary Base: 2.9% growth, reaching 614 billion dirhams
- M1 Money Supply: 797.4 billion dirhams, comprising currency, demand deposits, and other liquid deposits

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Dubai, featuring several illuminated skyscrapers and the Burj Khalifa on the right. The buildings are reflected in a body of water in the foreground. The sky is dark blue.

The Central Bank of the UAE reported these figures, attributing the growth to various factors, including:

- Moving beyond its dependence on oil, the UAE has actively invested in sectors like tourism, logistics, and renewable energy, attracting significant investments.
- The government's focus on creating a favorable business environment, attracting foreign direct investment, and implementing supportive policies.
- Banks in the UAE have embraced digital transformation, offering innovative financial products and services that cater to the evolving needs of customers.

Looking Ahead:

Analysts remain optimistic about the future of the UAE banking sector. Continued economic growth, coupled with ongoing government initiatives and technological advancements, is expected to propel the sector even further. Despite these headwinds, the UAE's banking sector is well-positioned to navigate these challenges.

This historic milestone signifies the UAE's commitment to building a strong and vibrant financial ecosystem.