# UAE BANKS SHOW STRENGTH WITH CAPITAL AND RESERVES SURPASSING \$136 BILLION

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) banking sector is displaying robust health, with combined capital and reserves exceeding \$136 billion (AED 501.5 billion) as of February 2024. This represents a significant year-on-year increase of 14.4%, highlighting the sector's resilience and growth trajectory.

The data, released by the **Central Bank of the UAE**, paints a positive picture of the country's financial system. The rise in capital and reserves strengthens the banks ability to absorb potential losses and provide financing for businesses and individuals.

## **Key Findings:**

- Total Capital and Reserves: \$136 billion (AED 501.5 billion)
- Year-on-Year Growth: 14.4%
- Monthly Growth: 0.95% (AED 4.7 billion increase)

#### Breakdown by Bank Type:

#### **National Banks:**

- Account for 86.5% of total capital and reserves.
- Recorded AED 433.7 billion at the end of February.
- Year-on-year increase of 14.6%.

### Foreign Banks:

- Represent 13.5% of total capital and reserves.
- Held AED 67.8 billion at the end of February.
- Year-on-year increase of 13.2%.

These figures align with the Central Bank's objective of fostering a stable and secure monetary and financial environment within the UAE. The robust growth observed in both national and foreign banks signifies the sector's overall confidence and adaptability.

