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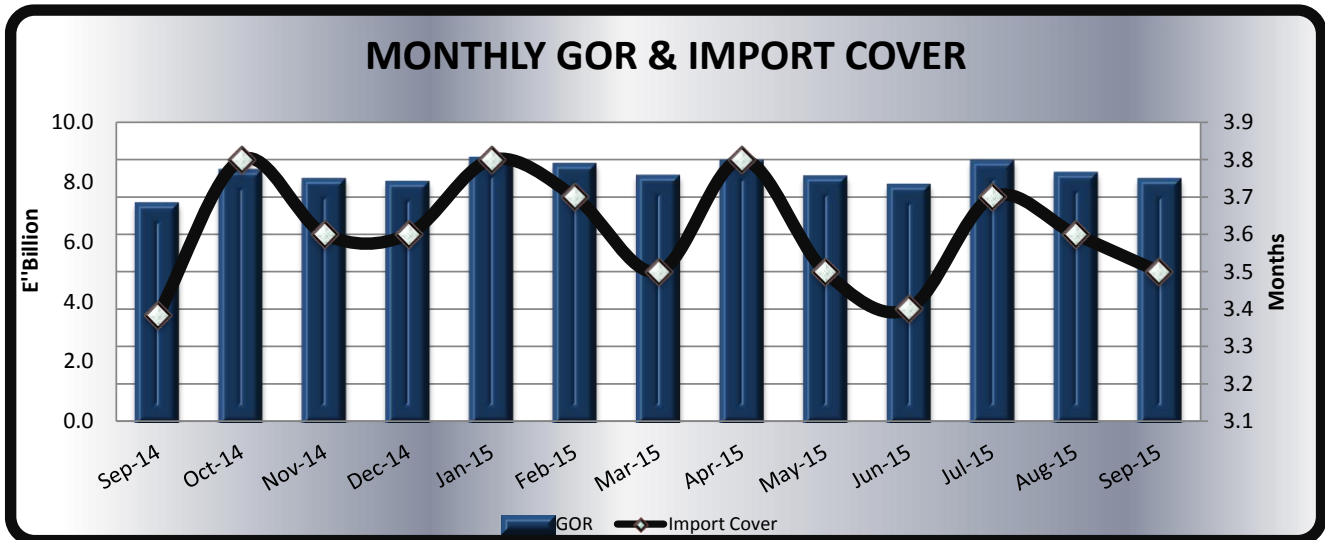
HIGHLIGHTS ON MAJOR MONETARY AGGREGATES	VARIABLE	MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) decelerated by 2.2 percent in September 2015 , largely on account of government's external budgetary obligations. The reserves were enough to cover 3.5 months of imports of goods and services.	GOR	2.2 
Credit Extended to the Private Sector (PSCE) reflected a marginal decline of 0.7 percent , reflecting a slightly higher rate of decline from the 0.6 percent fall recorded last month.	PSCE	0.7 
Broad Money Supply (M2) expanded by 5.4 percent at the end of September 2015 . The increase in M2 was mainly driven by quasi money.	M2	5.4 
Domestic liquid assets went up by 13.1 percent due to a rise in commercial banks' balances with the Central Bank and investment in government securities on a month-on-month comparison.	BANKS' LIQUIDITY	13.1 
	VARIABLE	PERCENT
Discount Rate. The Central Bank of Swaziland left its discount rate unchanged at 5.75 percent at the end of September 2015.	BANK RATE	5.75
Commercial Banks also left their prime lending rate unchanged at 9.25 percent at the end of September 2015.	PRIME LENDING	9.25

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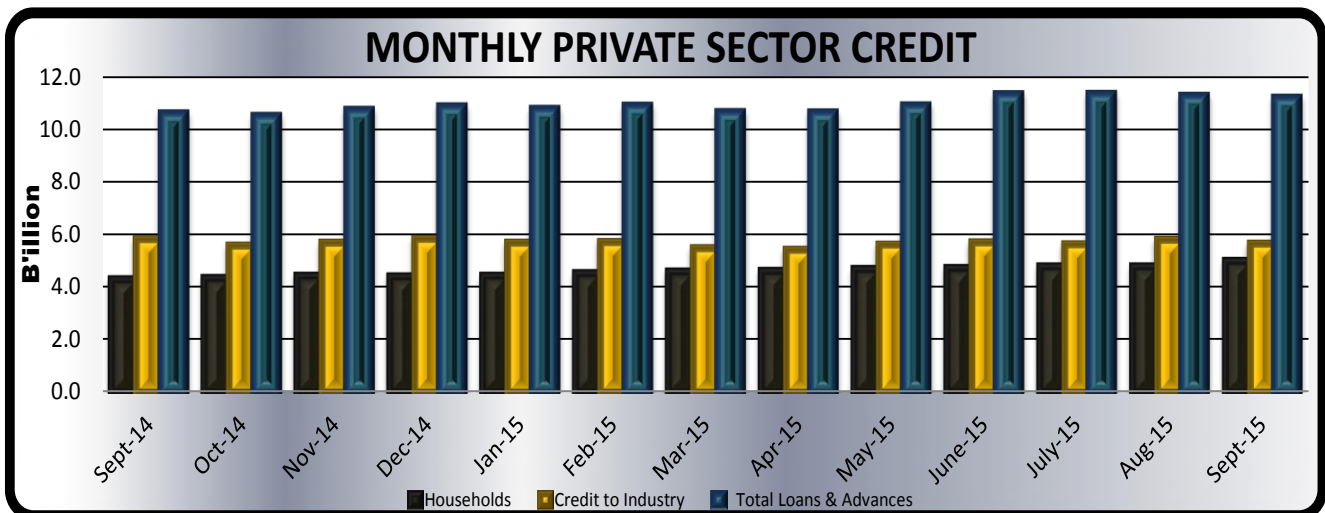
Summary of Movements in Major Monetary Aggregates

Gross Official Reserves declined by 2.2 percent during the month of September 2015 to settle at E8 billion, slightly lower than the E8.2 billion observed at the end of August 2015. The fall in reserves stemmed mainly from payment of government's external budgetary obligations over the month. At this level the reserves were sufficient to finance 3.5 months of imports, lower than the 3.6 months cover observed in the preceding month. When valued in Special Drawing Rights (SDR) the reserves amounted to SDR411.8 million, depicting a contraction of 6.2 percent month-on-month. On an annual basis, the reserves grew by 11.6 percent in Emalangeni terms but in SDR terms the reserves contracted by 3.7 percent.



Source: Other Depository Corporations

Net Domestic Claims recorded growth of 6.9 percent to E8.1 billion during the review month, up slightly from the growth rate of 5.1 percent recorded last month. Credit advanced to the private sector on the other hand trended downward by a marginal rate of 0.7 percent to E11.2 billion. The slowdown in private sector credit was primarily due to a fall in credit advanced to other sectors and credit advanced to nonfinancial corporations (industries). Credit advanced to other sectors stood at E638.1 million decreasing by 17.5 percent and lower than the decline of 23.5 percent registered in August 2015. Credit advanced to industries contracted by 2.6 percent to E5.6 billion, contrary to the increase of 3.1 percent observed at the end of the preceding month. The negative growth in credit advanced to industries was mainly discernable in these sectors; Manufacturing as well as the Community, Social and Personal Services.

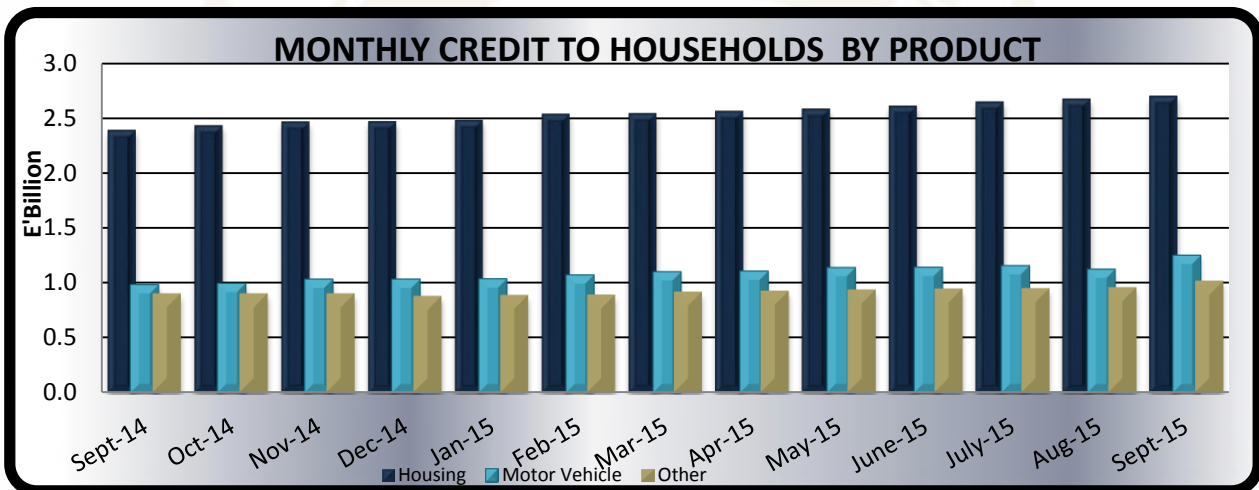


Source: Central Bank of Swaziland



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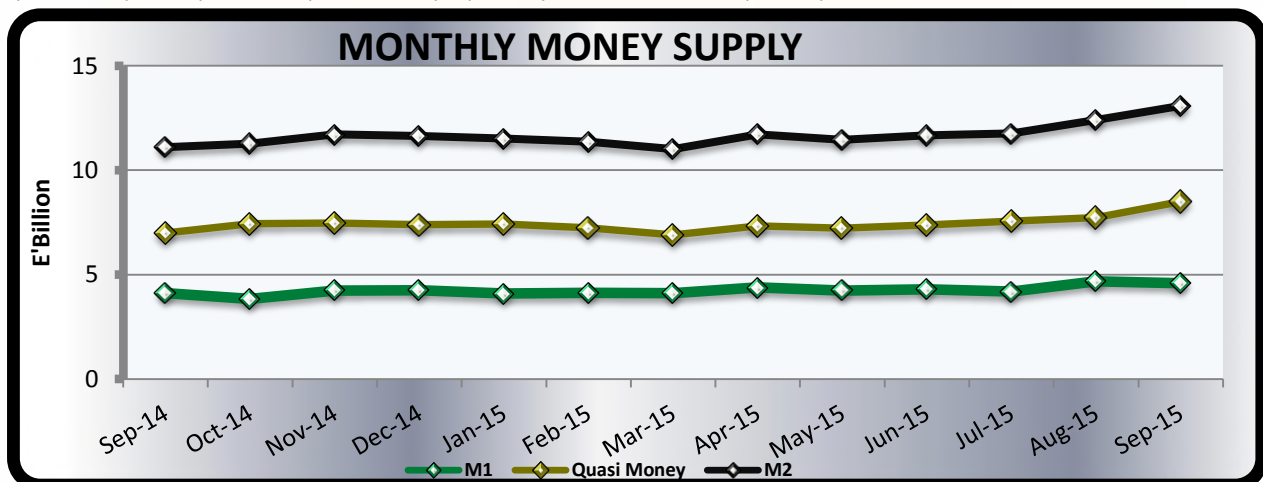
Credit advanced to the household sector expanded by 4.4 percent to close at E5 billion, higher than the E4.7 billion depicted in August 2015. The expansion was mainly driven by a rise in all components of household credit during the month under review. Motor vehicle finance being a major contributor grew by 11.3 percent to E1.2 billion, followed by other household loans which grew by 6.2 percent to E1.01 billion and housing finance depicted the least growth of 1 percent to E2.7 billion. Year-on-year, credit advanced to the private sector grew by 5.7 percent.



Source: Other Depository Corporations

In September 2015, net government balances with the banking sector receded by 16 percent to settle at E3.1 billion, compared to the E3.7 billion shown in August 2015. The contraction was mainly attributed to a drawdown on government deposits over the review month. Year-on-year, the balances expanded by 1.9 percent.

Broad Money Supply (M2) grew by 5.4 percent to E13.1 billion on a month-on-month basis, slightly lower than the 5.6 percent growth recorded in August 2015. The increase in M2 was primarily driven by a rise in quasi money which surpassed a contraction in narrow money supply (M1) over the review month. Quasi money surged by 9.9 percent to E8.5 billion on account of a rise in both time deposits and savings deposits. Time deposits accelerated by 12.1 percent to E6.9 billion whilst savings deposits rose by a lower rate of 1.5 percent to E1.6 billion. M1 on the contrary, decelerated by 1.9 percent to E4.6 billion, a contrast to the increase of 11.6 percent observed in August 2015. The contraction in M1 was due to a decline in currency outside depository corporations and transferable deposits over the review month. Currency outside depository corporations contracted by 7.5 percent to E586.1 million whilst transferable deposits depicted a marginal decline of 1 percent to E4 billion. On an annual basis, M2 expanded by 17.9 percent, quasi money by 21.5 percent and M1 by 11.7 percent.

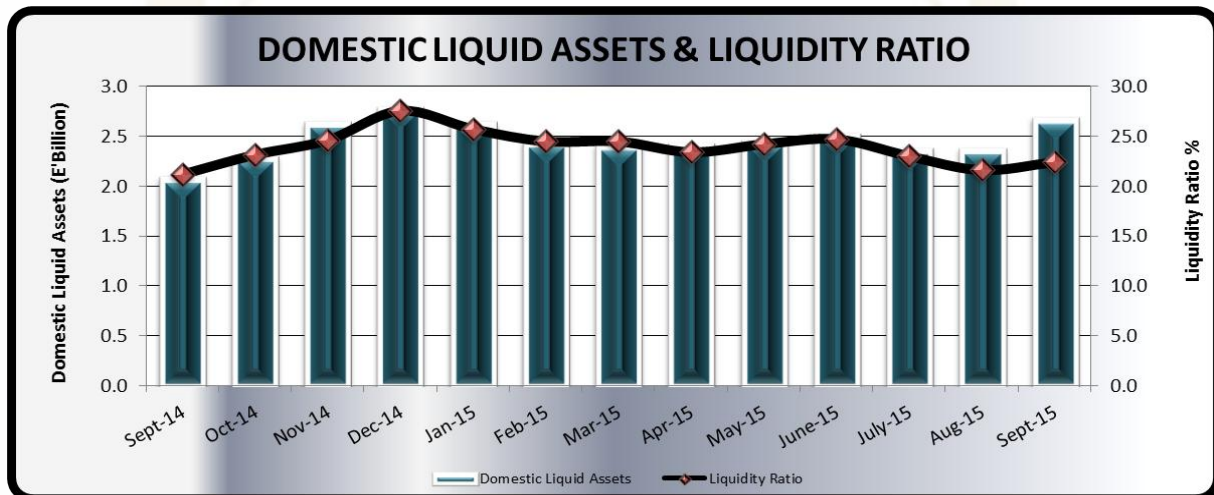


Source: Other Depository Corporations & Central Bank of Swaziland



Summary of Movements in Major Monetary Aggregates

Domestic liquid assets amounted to E2.7 billion recording a notable growth of 13.1 percent from the preceding month. The growth was predominantly driven by a rise in commercial banks' balances with the Central Bank and investment in government securities over the review month. The banks' liquidity ratio consequently settled at 22.4 percent, 0.8 percentage points higher than the level recorded last month. Compared on an annual basis, the banks' liquidity position expanded by 28.5 percent.



Source: Other Depository Corporations

RELEASE OF MONEY AND BANKING STATISTICS

Notes:

1. Data supplied in this Monthly Release represent an abstract of those provided regularly in the Central Bank's Quarterly Review.
2. This Release is issued every month.
3. All figures shown are subject to revision.
4. For definitions of concepts used reference should be made to the relevant notes in the Central Bank's Quarterly Review.

ITEM	2015	2015	2014
	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14
	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)
CENTRAL BANK OF SWAZILAND			
Claims on Non-residents	8 873 547	9 018 542	7 924 734
Claims on Domestic Economy	26 514	26 681	23 602
Government	2 744	3 066	1 485
Other Depository Corporations	1 708	1 842	1 837
Other Resident Sectors	22 061	21 772	20 279
Other Assets	435 218	425 906	411 156
Total Assets/Liabilities	9 335 279	9 471 130	8 359 492
OTHER DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS			
Cash and Deposits with CBS	1 195 210	1 019 142	910 225
Net Balances with Banks Outside Swaziland	2 444 726	1 710 506	987 251
Loans and advances	10 963 210	10 941 560	10 407 311
Government Securities	1 597 454	1 562 615	1 299 124
Total Deposits	13 017 720	12 296 332	10 934 719
Transferable/Demand	4 023 482	4 053 510	3 577 952
Savings	1 670 066	1 648 380	1 597 067
Time	7 324 172	6 594 442	5 759 700
Capital and Reserves	2 833 145	2 780 017	2 491 533
Total Assets/Liabilities	17 638 989	16 903 940	15 685 674
Total Liquid Assets (Banks only)	2 667 666	2 359 339	2 075 825

	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14
	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)
Required Liquidity (Banks only)	2 344 148	2 143 333	1 920 859
Surplus/ Deficiency(-)(Banks only)	323 518	216 006	154 966
RATIOS (%)			
Actual Liquidity to Domestic Liabilities (Banks Only)	22.4	21.6	21.2
	0.8		
Loans and Advances to Deposits	84.2	89.0	95.2
DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS SURVEY			
Net Foreign Assets	9 634 528	9 064 818	7 305 313
Net Domestic Claims	8 080 257	7 561 847	7 537 662
Net Claims on Government	-3 117 249	-3 710 690	-3 059 762
Claims on other sectors	11 197 506	11 272 536	10 597 423
Other nonfinancial corporations(Industry)	5 605 192	5 754 834	5 777 429
Other resident sectors(Households &NPISH)	4 954 255	4 744 499	4 264 966
Other sectors	638 059	773 204	555 029
Broad Money Supply(M2)	13 084 593	12 409 941	11 099 351
Narrow Money Supply(M1)	4 586 129	4 675 342	4 105 718
Currency outside depository corporations(E)	586 066	633 856	549 008
Transferable(Demand)deposits	4 000 063	4 041 486	3 556 710
Quasi Money	8 498 464	7 734 598	6 993 633
Savings Deposits	1 644 045	1 619 132	1 569 674
Time Deposits	6 854 419	6 115 466	5 423 959
Shares and other equity	4 833 596	4 645 264	4 153 760
Other Items (net)	-203 404	-428 540	-410 136
SWAZILAND'S INTERNATIONAL RESERVES			
Total Official (Gross) - E	8 014 433	8 194 862	7 183 054
SDR	411 753	439 134	427 471
Central Bank	8 014 433	8 194 862	7 183 054
Government	88 576	89 765	75 931
Import Cover (Reserves to months of estimated imports)	3.5	3.6	3.4
Net Bank Holdings	2 441 358	1 702 674	929 431