

Banking Monthly Report (April 2026)

Loans and deposits: Private sector bank lending increased 7.2% y/y to SAR3.2tn in April 2026 (+0.6% m/m), moderating slightly from the previous month. Retail real estate loans rose 5.9% y/y (+0.9% m/m). Meanwhile, new residential mortgage disbursements were broadly flat y/y at SAR6.3bn in April 2026 but jumped 51.1% m/m. Deposits grew 10.5% y/y (+1.7% m/m) in April 2026, continuing to outpace lending growth. Regarding the deposit mix, the share of Time & Savings deposits reached 43% in April 2026 versus 38% a year earlier. Time & Savings deposits and Government deposits expanded 24.1% y/y and 22.4% y/y, respectively, while demand deposits edged up 0.5% y/y in April 2026. Consequently, the sector's LDR fell 94bps m/m and 354bps y/y to 78.9% in April 2026.

Banking sector profits: The profit before tax for the banks increased by 6.1% y/y (although down 17.9% m/m), reaching SAR8.2bn in April 2026. Meanwhile, YTD profit before tax (till April'26) grew by 6.3% y/y, reaching SAR35.1bn. The yield curve remains inverted, with Saudi 3M SAIBOR at ~4.9%, and the 10Y Govt Bond yield at ~4.8%.

Economic activity: PoS transactions grew 16.7% y/y in April 2026, with ATM withdrawals also jumping 22.3% over the same period. KSA's non-oil private sector PMI recovered to 51.5 in April 2026 following a contractionary 48.8 in the previous month due to regional development, indicating improving business conditions. The US Fed remains in a "wait-and-see" mode, holding its benchmark rate at 3.5%–3.75%. Policymakers have become more cautious amid persistent inflation risks, particularly from higher energy prices, delaying further rate cuts, while some officials have even signaled the possibility of future rate hikes.

Figure 1: Key metrics

Key metrics (SARbn unless specified)	Apr-26	Apr-25	y/y	Mar-26	m/m
Loans					
Claims on Private Sector	3,229	3,013	7.2%	3,209	0.6%
Residential New Mortgages	6.3	6.3	0.5%	4.2	51.1%
Retail Real Estate Loans*	747	705	5.9%	741	0.9%
Claims on Govt. and Quasi Govt.	923	835	10.5%	914	1.0%
Deposits					
Total Deposits	3,103	2,808	10.5%	3,051	1.7%
Demand Deposits	1,467	1,459	0.5%	1,504	-2.5%
Time and Savings Deposits	1,319	1,062	24.1%	1,244	6.1%
Government Deposits	1,066	871	22.4%	998	6.8%
Other key indicators					
LDR (%)	78.9%	82.4%	-354bps	79.8%	-94bps
Profit Before Tax	8.2	7.8	6.1%	10.0	-17.9%
SAMA Foreign Reserves (US\$bn)	495	439	12.7%	497	-0.3%
Money Supply (M3)	3,357	3,052	10.0%	3,307	1.5%
Rates (%)					
	Spot	2024	2025	YTD^	
SAIBOR 3M	4.9%	6.0%	5.3%	4.8%	
Repo	4.3%	5.8%	4.9%	4.3%	
Reverse Repo	3.8%	5.3%	4.4%	3.8%	
US Fed Data					
	Current	2025	2026	2027	
Bbg cons. benchmark rate expectat	3.75%	3.75%	3.59%	3.34%	
Next Fed meeting	16-17 June 2026				

Source: SAMA, Bloomberg. *Based on our calculations, cumulative number as on latest month, ^Average

Valuation metrics of Saudi Banks

Bank	P/E*	P/B	Div. Yield*
Al Rajhi	14.5x	3.3x	3.8%
SNB	9.2x	1.2x	6.0%
Riyad	7.9x	1.2x	5.7%
Alinma	11.1x	1.9x	3.5%
BJAZ	7.5x	1.0x	2.7%
Al Bilad	11.0x	1.9x	4.4%
BSF	9.0x	1.1x	6.0%
Arab	8.8x	1.0x	5.9%
SAIB	8.7x	1.0x	5.4%
SAB	8.6x	1.0x	6.1%

Source: Bbg, *based on Bbg cons. (12m fwd)

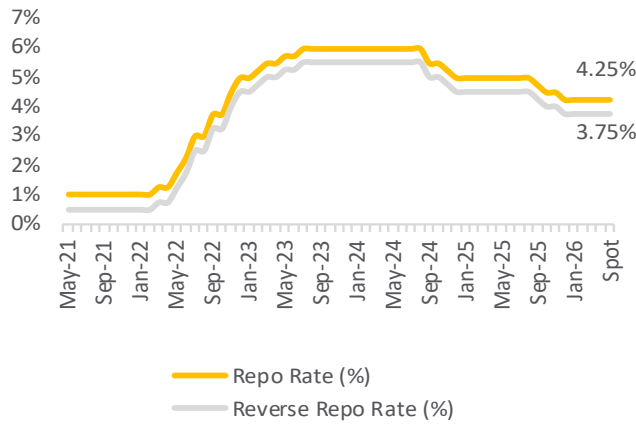
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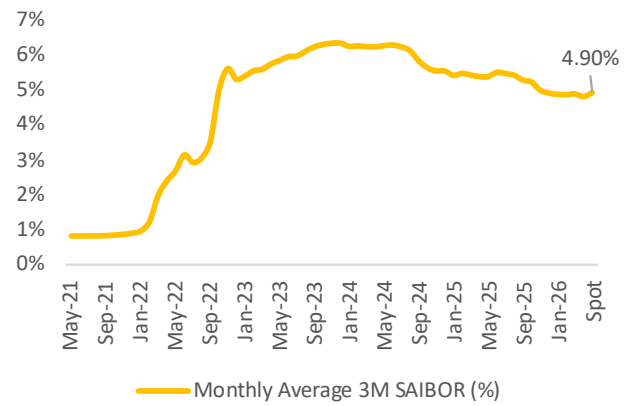
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Figure 2: Policy Rates



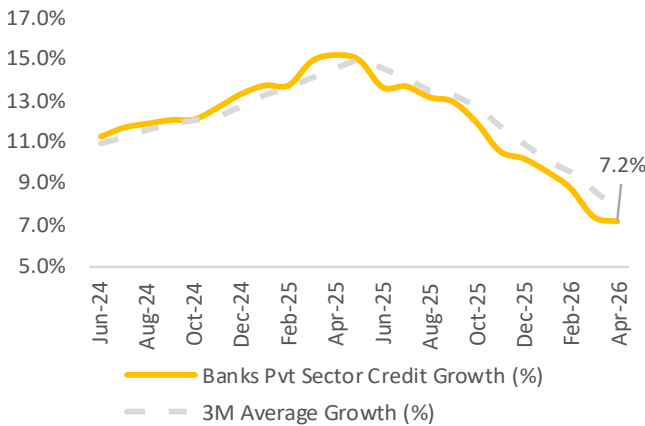
Source: SAMA, GIB Capital

Figure 3: Monthly Average 3M SAIBOR



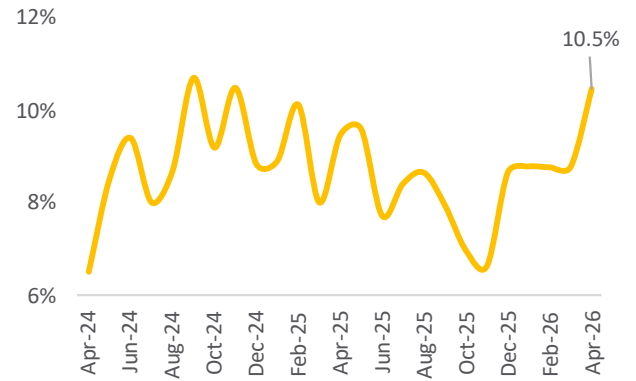
Source: Bloomberg, SAMA, GIB Capital

Figure 4: Banks Private Sector Credit Growth (y/y)



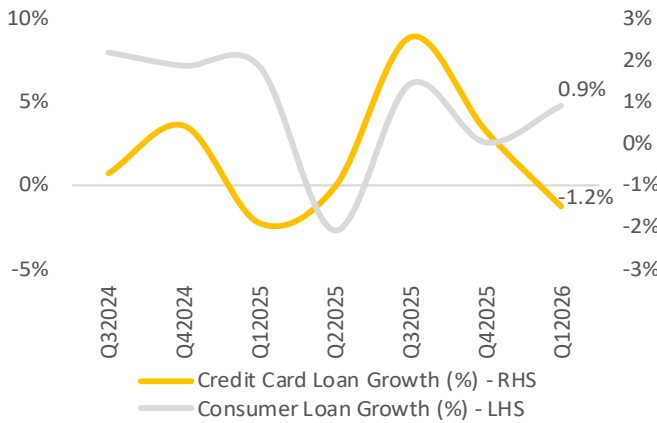
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Figure 5: Banks Deposit Growth (y/y)



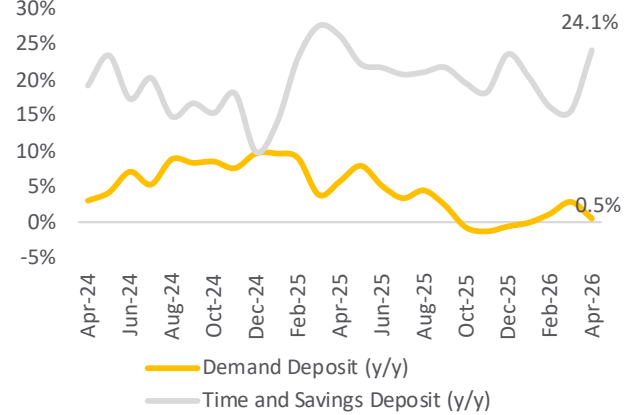
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Figure 6: Consumer and Credit Card Loan Growth (q/q)



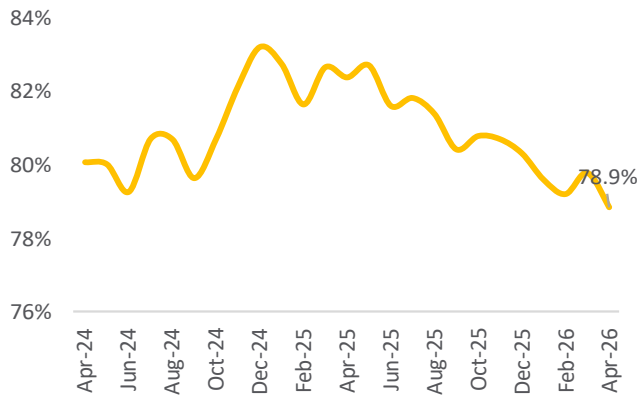
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Figure 7: Demand vs. Time and Savings Deposit Growth



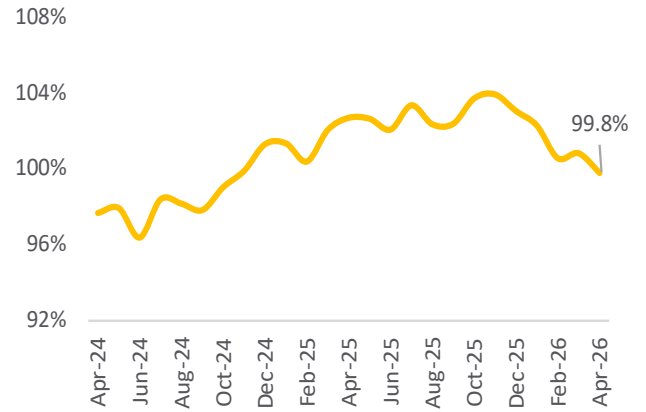
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Figure 8: Banks Loans-to-Deposit Ratio



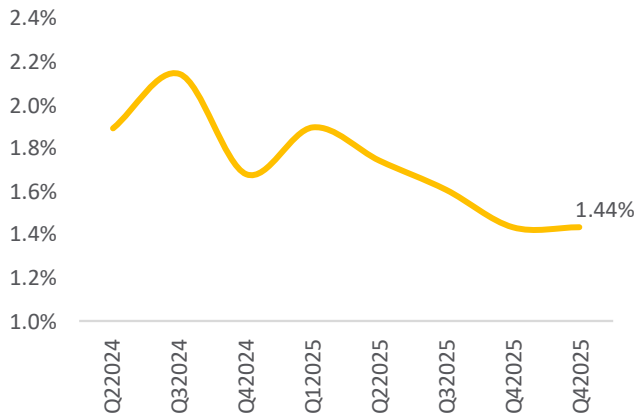
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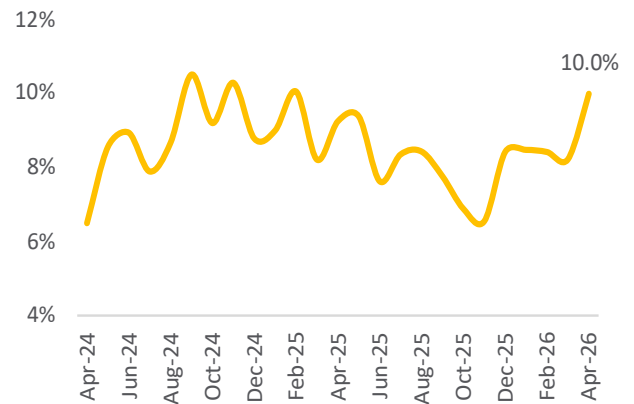
Source: GIB Capital, calculated as reported loans/reported deposits

Figure 10: Non-Performing Loans (NPL) as % of Total Loans



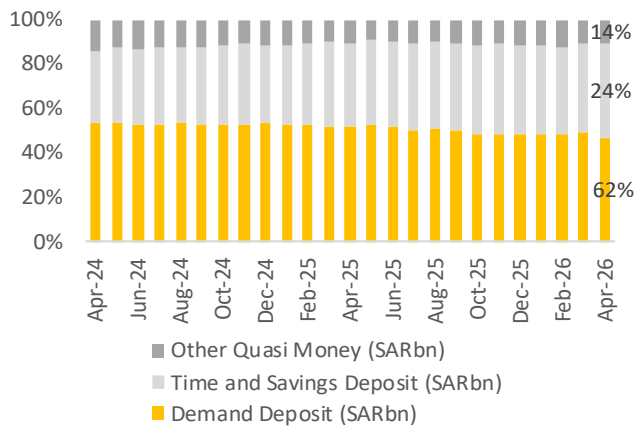
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Figure 11: Banking Sector Non-Govt Deposits Growth (y/y)



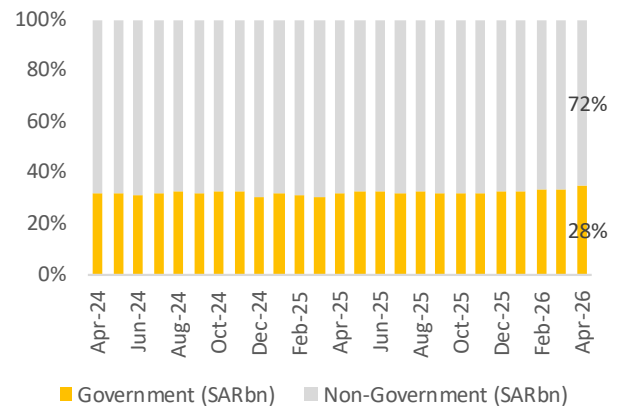
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Figure 12: Mix of Deposit – Demand, Time and Savings, and Others



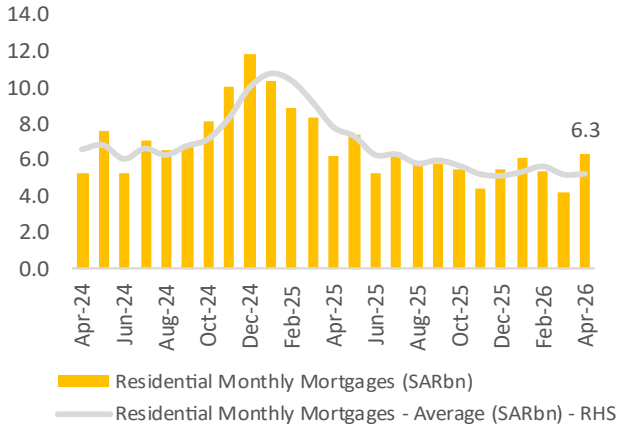
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Figure 13: Mix of Deposit – Government and Non-Government



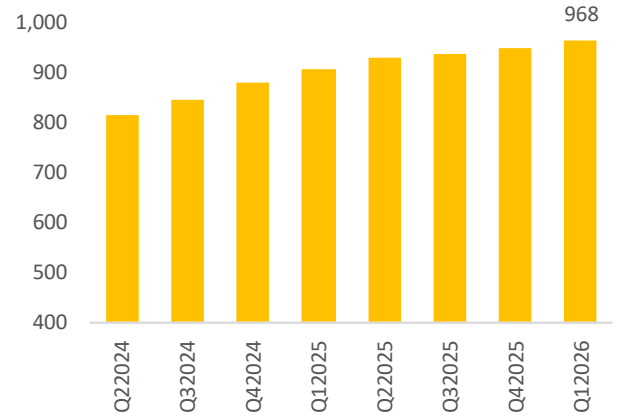
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Figure 14: Residential Monthly Mortgages



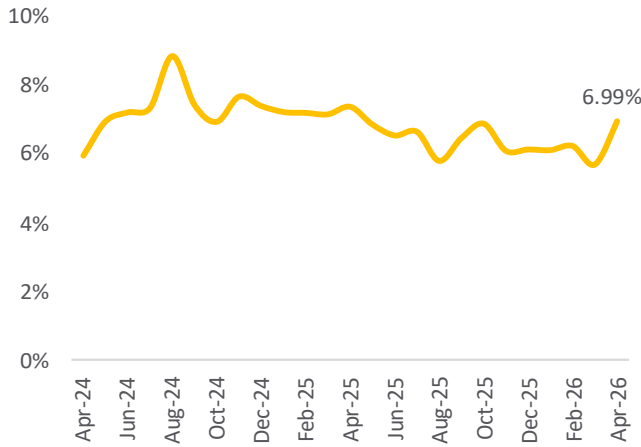
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Figure 15: Real Estate Loans by Banks (SARbn)



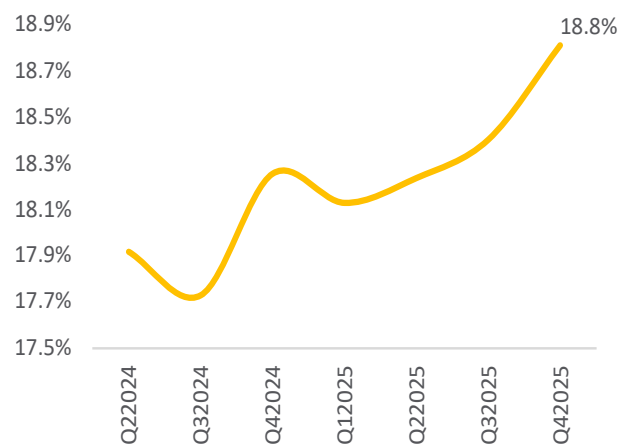
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Figure 16: Banking Sector Total Assets Growth (y/y)



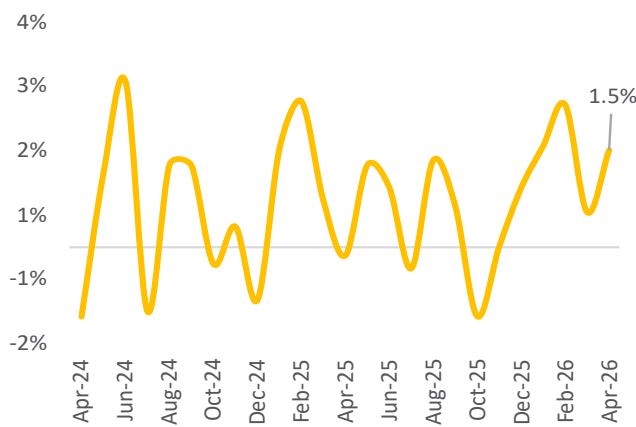
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Figure 17: Tier1 Capital-to-Risk Weighted Assets (RWA)



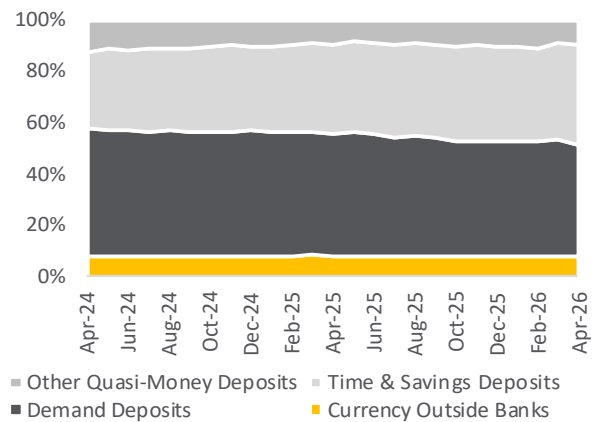
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Figure 18: Money Supply (M3) Growth (m/m)



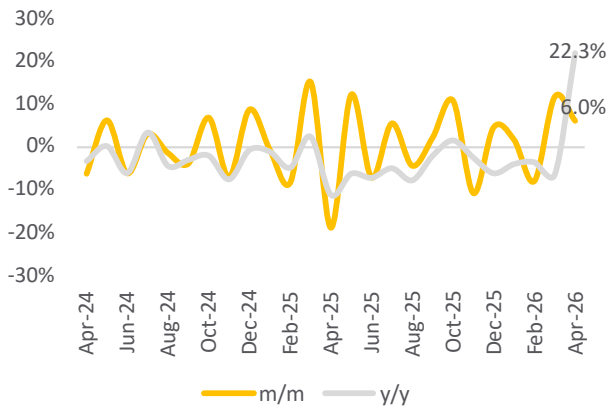
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Figure 19: Money Supply (M3) Components



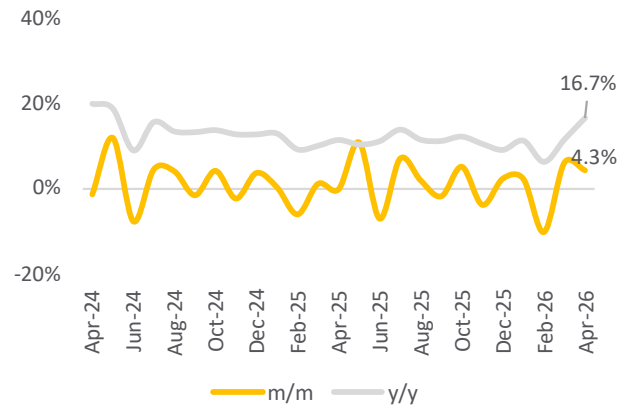
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Figure 20: ATM Withdrawals Growth



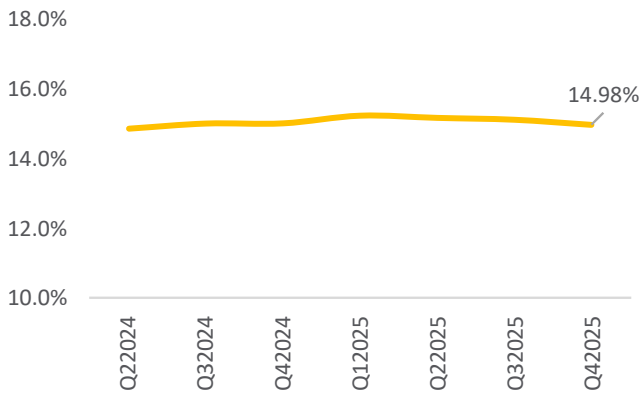
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Figure 21: PoS Transactions Growth



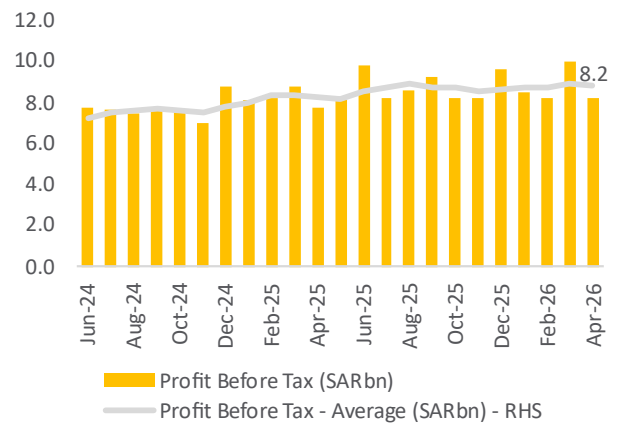
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Figure 22: Return on Equity



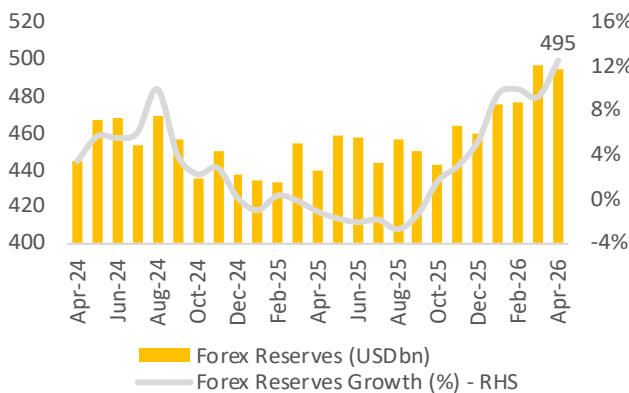
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Figure 23: Profit Before Tax



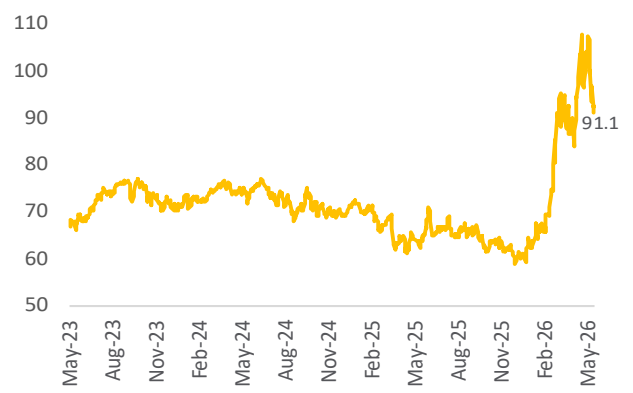
Source: SAMA, GIB Capital

Figure 24: Forex reserves



Source: SAMA, GIB Capital

Figure 25: Oil prices (US\$/bbl)



Source: Bloomberg, GIB Capital

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