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# Country Model Bank United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Accelerating Compliance and Innovation for  
UAE Financial Institutions



# What is the UAE Country Model Bank?

The **UAE Model Bank** by **Systems Limited**, built on the **Temenos Open Platform**, is a pre-packaged, regulatory-aligned solution designed to meet the unique regulatory, Shariah, and market needs of financial institutions in the United Arab Emirates.

Designed under license from Temenos, the UAE Model Bank streamlines digital transformation by embedding **CBUAE Rulebook compliance**, market practices, and ready-to-deploy integrations – significantly accelerating time-to-market and reducing the total cost of ownership.



# Key Features



## Lending & Risk Module

The Lending Module is designed with in-built compliance to CBUAE regulations, offering extensive support for both conventional and Islamic financing products. It automates approval flows based on predefined thresholds and customer profiles, while ensuring accurate Annual Percentage Rate (APR) calculations and credit scoring. Risk management is tightly coupled with data from Al Etihad Credit Bureau, enabling real-time decision-making and exposure tracking. Islamic financing options, including Murabaha, Ijarah, and Tawarruq, are embedded within the model, with appropriate handling of profit-sharing, collateral, and commodity flows. Furthermore, the module adheres to Basel standards by enabling credit risk assessments, provisioning classifications, and credit conversion factor (CCF) computations in line with regulatory expectations.



## Accounts Lifecycle Management

Account management within the UAE Model Bank supports full lifecycle handling as per CBUAE mandates. Dormancy rules are automated, with unclaimed balances transferred to designated accounts and restrictions applied on transactions for dormant or expired-ID-linked accounts. Reactivation and KYC refresh flows are embedded within the platform. The system handles a variety of account types, including savings, current, minor accounts linked with guardian CIFs, and Shariah-compliant accounts. It also manages standing instructions, locker service charges, and statement issuance with the necessary compliance oversight. Emirates ID expiry, FATCA/CRS flags, and other risk indicators are tightly woven into the account status logic.



## Integrated Regulatory Interfaces

The UAE Model Bank comes with pre-built integration to a vast ecosystem of UAE regulatory and national infrastructure systems. These include the UAE Pass for digital identity validation, Al Etihad Credit Bureau for customer credit scoring, and the Wage Protection System (WPS) for payroll compliance. Payment infrastructure connections include the UAE Funds Transfer System (UAEPGS), ICCS for cheque clearing, and the Instant Payments Platform (IPP). The model also includes seamless links to cross-border systems like GCC RTGS and BUNA, utility billing networks such as SEWA, and law enforcement systems like the Abu Dhabi Police interface. This out-of-the-box connectivity ensures minimal integration overhead while maximizing compliance and operational speed.



## VAT & Financial Charges Compliance

To support UAE's fiscal regulations, the model includes automated VAT processing in line with Federal Tax Authority (FTA) rules. Financial service charges are VAT-enabled and mapped based on account or customer-specific exemptions. System-level configurations allow the dynamic application of VAT, exemptions, and consolidated invoicing. These features ensure transparency and regulatory alignment across all service fee and tax-related workflows, while supporting both Islamic and conventional financial operations.



## Instruments & Cheque Management

Cheque and instrument handling is a critical part of the UAE banking ecosystem, and the model bank addresses this through a full lifecycle instrument management system. It supports issuance of Banker's Cheques, Demand Drafts, and Cheque Books with appropriate suspense GLs, currency tagging, issuance tracking, and destruction logic for expired or lost stock. Regulatory timelines for cheque clearing—Normal, Special, and Same Day—are configured, along with approval workflows for stop payments, partial payments, cancellations, and duplicate issuances. The model maintains a centralized stock register, separated for Islamic and conventional products, with traceability from vendor intake to branch distribution.



## Regulatory Maintenance & Updates

With the regulatory landscape in constant flux, the UAE Model Bank includes a proactive regulatory maintenance service. Systems Limited delivers quarterly and ad hoc updates aligned with CBUAE's new circulars and frameworks, including Basel III, IFRS 9, ESG disclosures, NSFR, and ASRR. These releases ensure that banks remain compliant with the latest directives without the burden of internal R&D or development cycles. This continuous delivery model also enables faster adoption of new regulatory opportunities and smoother audit outcomes.



## Regulatory Reports Suite (100+ BRF Reports)

The UAE Model Bank includes a powerful suite of over 100 pre-configured regulatory reports as mandated by the Central Bank of the UAE. These reports span a wide array of categories such as Assets and Liabilities, Liquidity and Capital Adequacy (e.g., LCR, ASRR), Income and Expenditure Statements, Basel III disclosures, Dormant Account Movements, Emiratization data, Real Estate and Exposure reporting, and ESG indicators. The plug-and-play reporting engine allows data population from bank systems to be directly consumed in regulatory formats, enabling timely submission and reducing manual overhead for compliance teams.

# Our UAE Model Bank caters to:

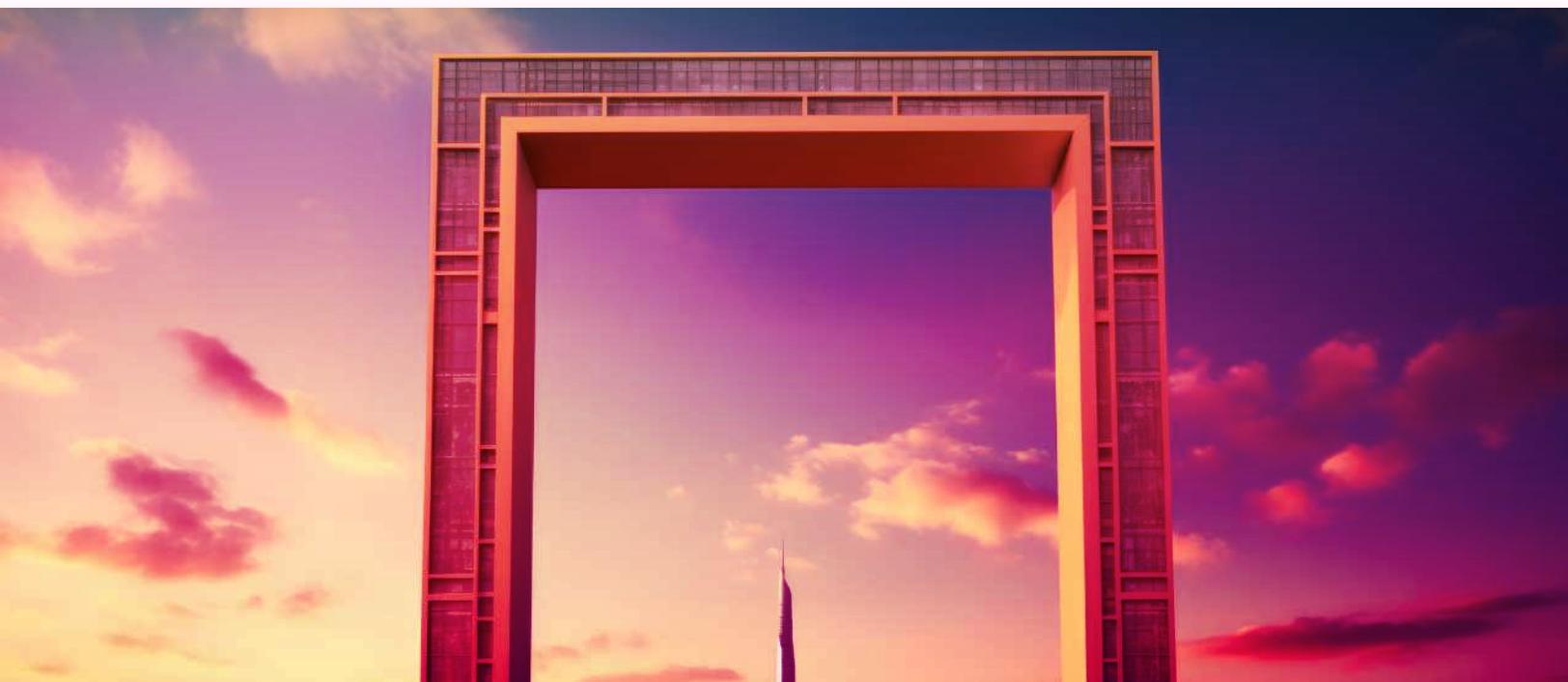
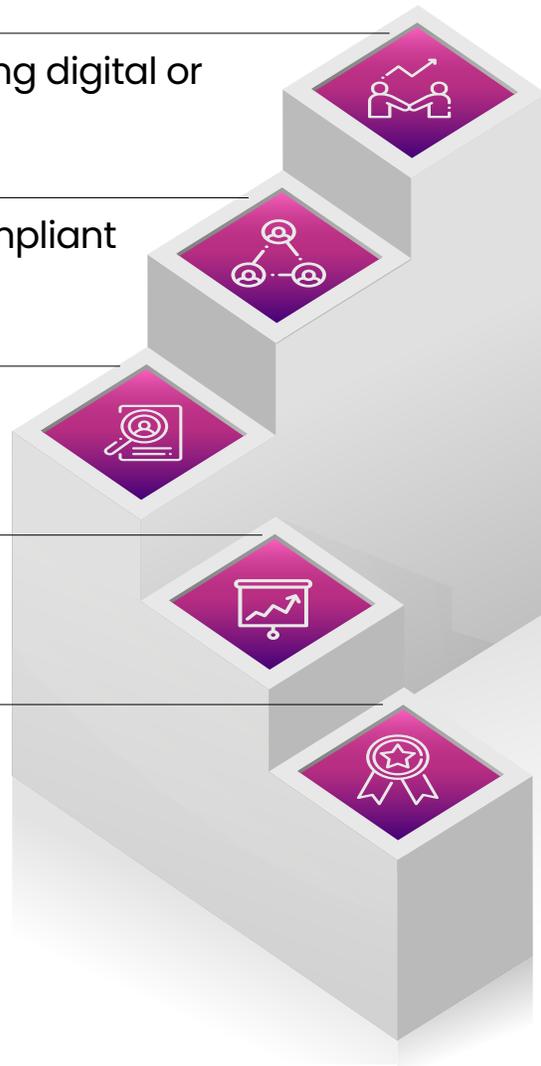
**Conventional and Islamic Banks** launching digital or core transformation

**NeoBanks and Fintechs** needing fast, compliant deployment

**Banks upgrading Temenos Core** to new releases with ready-to-use UAE compliance

**Financing institutions** focused on Shariah or SME markets

Institutions facing CBUAE compliance pressure



# Benefits of UAE Model Bank



Pre-built for  
CBUAE Rulebook  
compliance



Reduced deployment  
time and costs



“Plug-and-Play”  
deployment with  
local interfaces



Future-proofed  
through quarterly  
regulatory updates



Supports both Islamic  
& conventional  
banking



Built & tested with  
leading UAE banks &  
regulatory bodies



# Why Systems Limited?

With 40+ years of experience and licensed rights for 12 Temenos Country Model Banks, Systems Limited has led the digital transformation of Tier-1 banks across the GCC. Our partnership with Temenos, combined with our extensive market knowledge and expertise in UAE banking, positions us as the region's most reliable implementation partner.

Systems Limited has been widely acknowledged for its excellence in digital transformation and banking innovation. We are proud to be recognized as the **Microsoft Partner of the Year** for both **UAE and Pakistan**, showcasing our leadership in cloud and enterprise technology. Our core banking transformation capabilities earned us the prestigious **IBSI Award for Best Core Implementation**. Recently, **Everest Group recognized Systems Limited in its BFSI PEAK Matrix® Assessment**, further reinforcing our status as a top-tier provider of IT services for banks and financial institutions. Our sustained growth and impact have also been honored with **five consecutive appearances on Forbes Asia's "Best Under A Billion" list**, highlighting our influence across diverse markets.



# Let's Build the Future of UAE Banking – Together

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