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The Reserve Bank of Vanuatu Purchases Gold as Part of its Reserve of External Assets (Foreign Reserve Holdings)

The Reserve Bank of Vanuatu (RBV) announces purchase of gold bullion (bars) in August 2025 as part of its reserve of external assets (official foreign reserves) as stipulated under Section 22 of the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu Act (CAP 125), valued at slightly over US\$4 million (equivalent to VT481.6 million). This marks the first time the RBV has placed investment of its reserve of external assets in gold bullion.

The RBV's primary function as a central bank is to regulate monetary policy, primarily through the control of the level of domestic currency – the Vatu – so as to achieve price stability and an adequate level of foreign reserves in Vanuatu. Additionally, as regulator, it is responsible for the stability of the financial sector in Vanuatu.

The purchase diversifies RBV's holdings of its reserve of external assets from deposits (in fiat currency) and fixed income to gold, and, is in line with the trend among world central banks in the ongoing climate of heightened global risks and uncertainty. This investment diversification aims to address risks, provides safety that strengthen its balance sheet and improves confidence in Vanuatu and its monetary system.

The RBV will be making such further investments in future as and when it sees appropriate.

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