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PRESS RELEASE

Consolidated balance sheet of MFIs: September 2003

In September 2003, the monetary base changed by Ft 0.4 billion, from Ft 1,824.8 billion to Ft 1,824.4 billion. Of its components, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation fell by Ft 3 billion to Ft 1,415.6 billion. The monthly average stock of other monetary financial institutions' current account deposits increased by Ft 1.1 billion to Ft 398.4 billion and the monthly average of overnight deposits by Ft 1.5 billion to Ft 10.4 billion. The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base (M0), calculated from trend data, was 110% in the month under review.

The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary aggregate M1, calculated from trend data, was 111.4% in September. The growth rate of the aggregate was 5.2 percentage points higher than in August. Despite the increase in September, the long-term declining trend of the index remained. Growth in the monetary aggregate M2 increased by 4.1 percentage points relative to August, the index increasing by 14% year on year. The growth rate of the monetary aggregate M3 saw the largest monthly change – it picked up 11.1 percentage points in the month under review, the aggregate being 17.8% higher relative to a year earlier. That strong increase is seen as a correction of the decline in the preceding two months, as the value of M3 continued to fluctuate near the trend.

Chart 1 Annualised month-on-month growth in the monetary aggregates

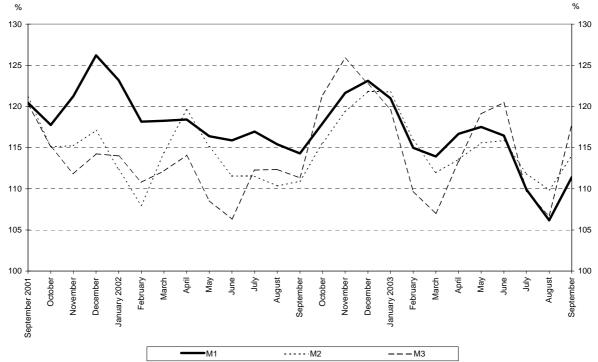


Chart 2 Developments in the monetary aggregates

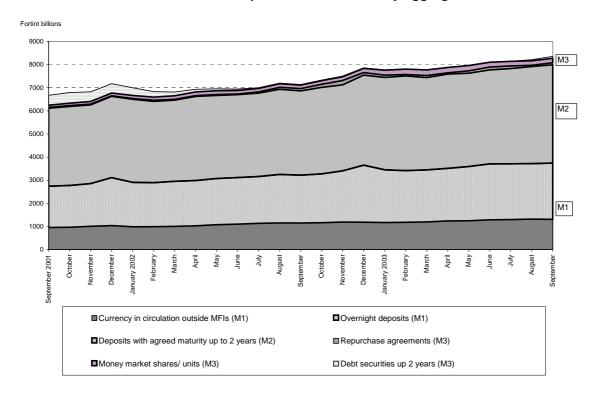
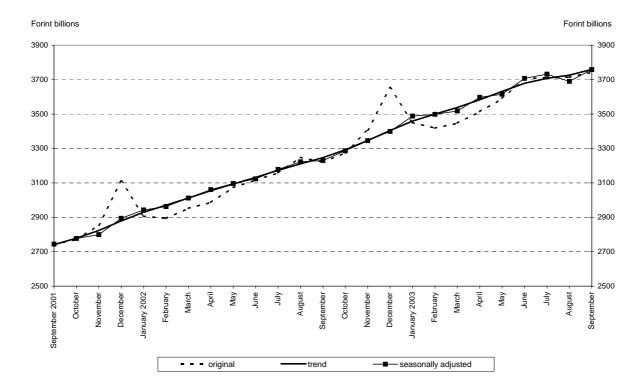


Chart 3 M1^{a)}



a) The trend data do not include outliers.

Chart 4 M2^{b)}

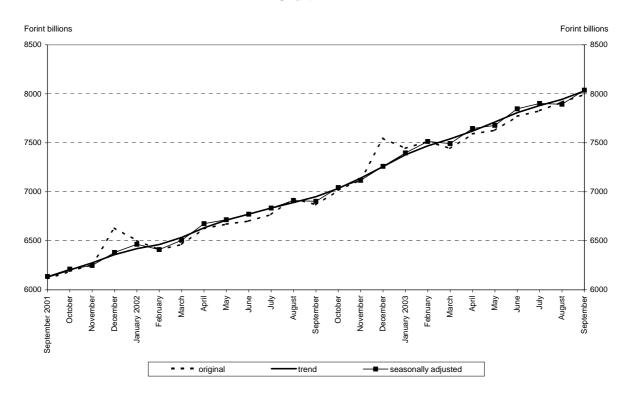
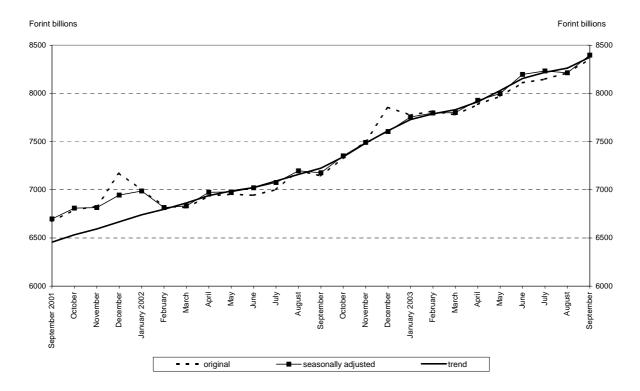
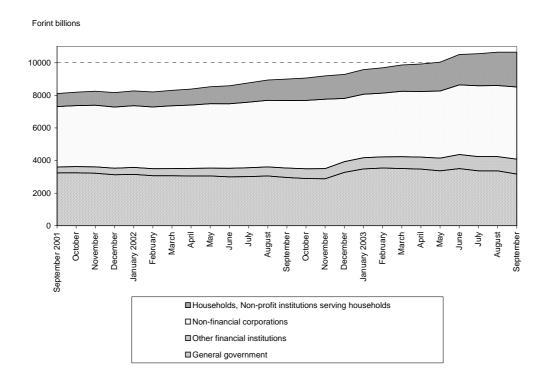


Chart 5 M3^{c)}



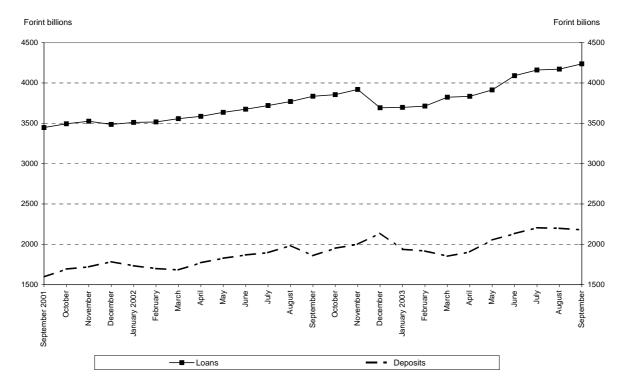
b) The trend data do not include outliers. c) The trend data do not include outliers.

Chart 6 Outstanding domestic loans



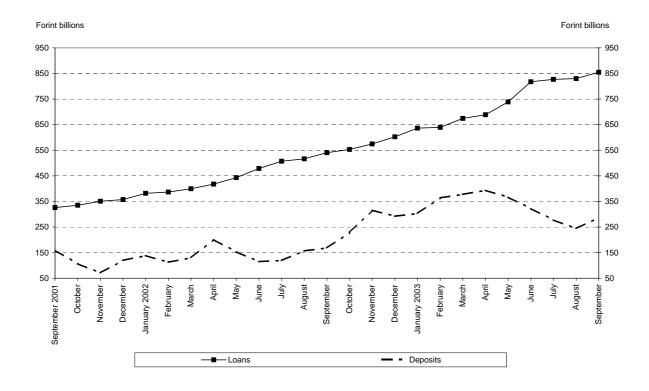
Outstanding borrowings of non-financial corporations increased by Ft 65.3 billion in the month. Here, short-term loans rose by Ft 6.1 billion and long-term loans by Ft 59.2 billion. Non-financial corporations' deposits were Ft 18.5 billion lower than in August – overnight and current account deposits increased by Ft 3.4 billion in one month, time deposits by Ft 28.3 billion and outstanding repos by Ft 6.4 billion.

Chart 7 Non-financial corporations' loans and deposits



Outstanding loans of other financial corporations increased by Ft 25.1 billion. The sector's deposits with monetary financial institutions were higher by Ft 54.2 billion relative to August. Deposits of insurers and pension funds increased by Ft 9.1 billion and their liabilities arising from repurchase agreements by Ft 1.9 billion. Deposits and outstanding repos of other financial intermediaries and financial auxiliaries increased by Ft 32.7 billion and Ft 10.5 billion respectively relative to the preceding month.

Chart 8 Loans and deposits of other financial corporations



Loans granted by monetary financial institutions to general government fell by Ft 175.9 billion in September. Here, the fall in loans granted to the central government accounted for Ft 166.1 billion. Outstanding loans to the local government sub-sector fell by Ft 9.8 billion.

The one-month increase in deposits of general government amounted to Ft 57 billion. Here, deposits of the central government fell by Ft 20 billion and those of the local government subsector increased by Ft 77 billion relative to August.

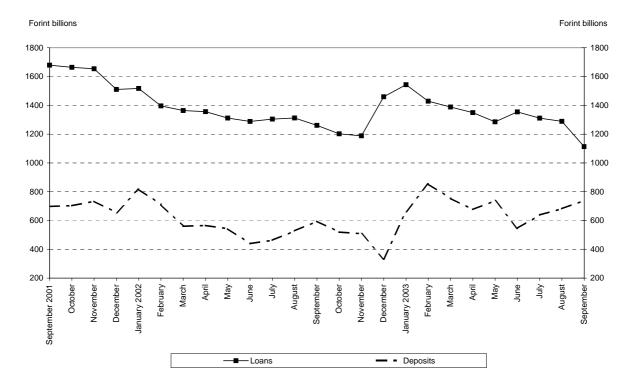
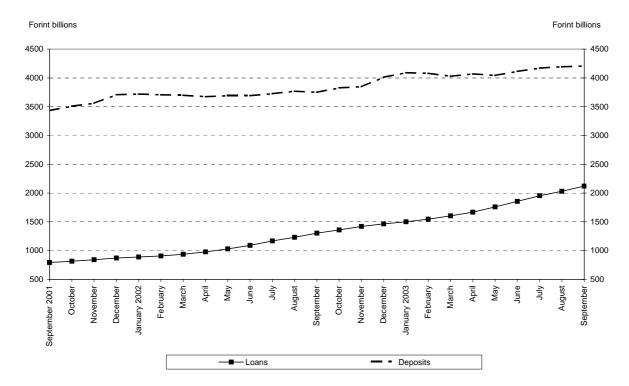


Chart 9 Loans and deposits of general government

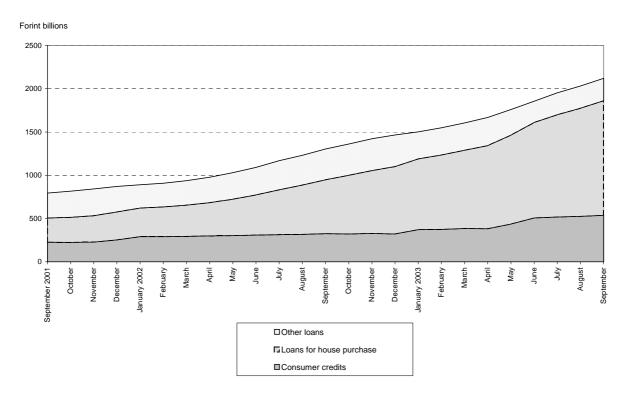
The outstanding total of loans granted to households increased by Ft 88.4 billion in September. The sector's deposits with other monetary financial institutions were Ft 12.5 billion higher than in August.

Chart 10 Loans and deposits of households



Within loans to households, outstanding housing loans, consumer credit and other loans, respectively, rose by Ft 75.5 billion, Ft 11.8 billion and Ft 1.1 billion. This meant that housing loans continued to be predominant as a proportion of the outstanding total of loans to the sector – they accounted for more than 62% of total loans in the month under review.

Chart 11 Loans to households



The net position of monetary financial institutions vis-à-vis non-residents improved by Ft 161.5 billion in September. The sector's assets rose by Ft 35.1 billion and liabilities fell by Ft 126.4 billion in one month.

Net assets of the central bank vis-à-vis non-residents increased by Ft 233 billion as a result of assets increasing by Ft 48.5 billion and liabilities falling by Ft 184.5 billion relative to August.

The net position of other monetary financial institutions vis-à-vis non-residents worsened by Ft 71.5 billion in September, reflecting a drop of Ft 13.4 billion in assets and an increase of Ft 58.1 billion in liabilities.

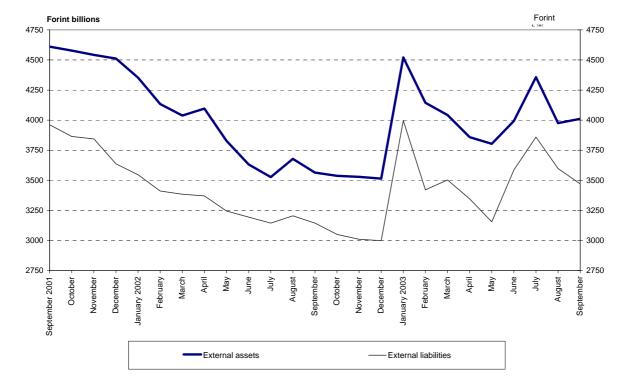


Chart 12 Assets and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents

The data underlying this press release can be found on the MNB's website at http://www.mnb.hu/dokumentumok/0708_monstatpubl_en.xls.xls.