



**MAGYAR NEMZETI BANK**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Publication of securities statistics in a new framework**

Budapest, 10 February 2011 - *In order to improve the detail, frequency and timeliness of securities statistics, the Magyar Nemzeti Bank has launched a new monthly statistical release entitled 'Data on securities issued by Hungarian residents with breakdown by issuer and holding sectors'. The publication, issued today for the first time, combines the advantages of both the Bank's previous quarterly securities statistics and monthly securities issue statistics, allowing users to analyse holdings and transactions data on a range of securities in a breakdown by holding sector, maturity and currency.*

The Bank's main objective in redesigning its securities statistics releases has been to make available statistical data which are consistent with its other statistics, including the financial accounts and the balance of payments statistics, as well as to ensure that the breakdown of securities by type and sector and the valuation of stocks and transactions are consistent with the national accounts. Publication of data at a monthly frequency will allow users to have access to information on securities issues by the various institutional sectors and their securities purchases each month.

The new publication will be available in a form of monthly and time series tables without accompanying text on the Bank's website on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the second month following the reference month. The publication is split into four sections: 'Actual monthly data', 'Monthly time series', 'Quarterly time series' and 'Supplementary data'. The table sets containing the most recent monthly data and the time series data are similarly constructed: the pages following the table of contents contain summary as well as detailed tables. The summary tables contain stock and transaction data on securities issued by resident institutional units in a breakdown by type, which are further broken down by issuing sector. A row of the summary table is detailed in the following worksheets in a breakdown by holding sector and, in part, by maturity and currency.

The tables containing monthly times series start with data for April 2010. The quarterly time series, previously published within the securities statistics framework, have been reconstructed to reflect the new structure and contents. This mainly involved the production of tables containing a breakdown by issuer sector; however, in certain cases tables providing a breakdown by maturity (short and long) and currency (forint and foreign currencies), not published previously, are now also available. In the case of quoted shares, separate data show the quantity of shares held (repurchased) by issuers; unlike the practice of previous data releases, the published holdings and transactions data do not include such information. Supplementary data include information on the maturity, interest rate and type of issue of government securities, as well as on the types of investment funds.

The publication is available on the MNB's website at [http://english.mnb.hu/Statiztika/data-and-information/mnben\\_statiztikai\\_idosorok](http://english.mnb.hu/Statiztika/data-and-information/mnben_statiztikai_idosorok) under XII. Securities. The publications are accompanied by methodological notes, which contain detailed information on the coverage of securities observed, the underlying data sources and the method of calculations used. A new feature of the publication is a description of the Bank's data revision policy.

#### Major methodological changes to the publication

The process of compiling securities statistical data was revised in 2010 Q2 and new data sources were added. The sectoral breakdown of holdings became more accurate. Furthermore, data on holdings at market value are now generated using price information of better quality. The resulting difference between the closing stock for 2010 Q1 and the opening stock for 2010 Q2 has been recorded as other volume changes in the monthly and quarterly times series data of the new publication, in line with the practice adopted in compiling the previous publication (in April 2010 and 2010 Q2).

Another change in the new publication is that foreign currency-denominated government securities are valued using observed market prices going back to data for April 2010, consistent with the pricing of other securities. Previously, the values of holdings were determined on the basis of the sum of the issue price plus accrued interest. (The effects of changes in pricing are also shown as other volume changes for April 2010 and 2010 Q2.)

In the new publication, securities are recorded in a primary breakdown by issuing sector, in contrast with the previous quarterly publication, which contained data on securities holdings in a breakdown by legal form. Accordingly, securities issued by the central government also include bonds issued by companies categorised into the sector, in addition to government securities (government bonds and Treasury bills). Previously, these securities were included in other bonds not classified as government paper.

In contrast to the past, stock and transaction data on quoted shares do not include data on own shares repurchased by issuers, in order to ensure consistency of treatment across other types of securities. Such data are shown as separate information in the tables. In previous publications, shares held by issuers were shown as part of holdings by the issuing sectors and total holdings.

Producing data on securities holdings in the new category and sector breakdowns required back estimates in a number of cases. Consequently, data on the various types of securities in a breakdown by holder for the period prior to 2003 have been partly estimated to conform with the current statistical categories, due to the different sector categories used until that period.

#### **MAGYAR NEMZETI BANK STATISTICS**

*One of the primary statutory duties of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank is to collect and publish statistical information. The statistical press release aims to help the reader understand the latest published data. The Quarterly Report on Inflation and the Report on Financial Stability, published*

*periodically, contain the Bank's analyses of underlying economic processes and are accessible at [www.mnb.hu](http://www.mnb.hu).*

Detailed tables:

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