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PRESS RELEASE

Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB September 2004

In September 2004, the monetary base fell by HUF 6.1 billion, from HUF 1,882.3 billion in the preceding month to HUF 1,876.2 billion. Of the components of the monetary base, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation rose by HUF 0.9 billion to HUF 1,437.4 billion and the monthly average of other monetary financial institutions' current account balances by HUF 3.4 billion to HUF 437.1 billion. The monthly average stock of other monetary financial institutions' overnight deposits fell by HUF 10.4 billion to HUF 1.8 billion.

Chart 1 Components of the monetary base

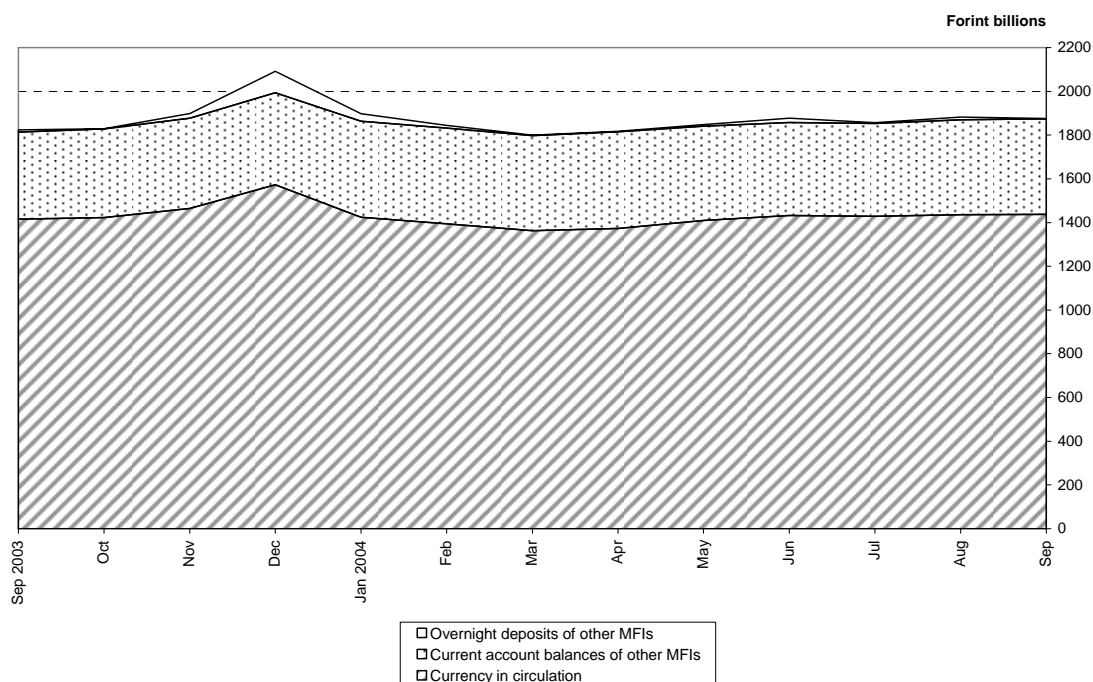
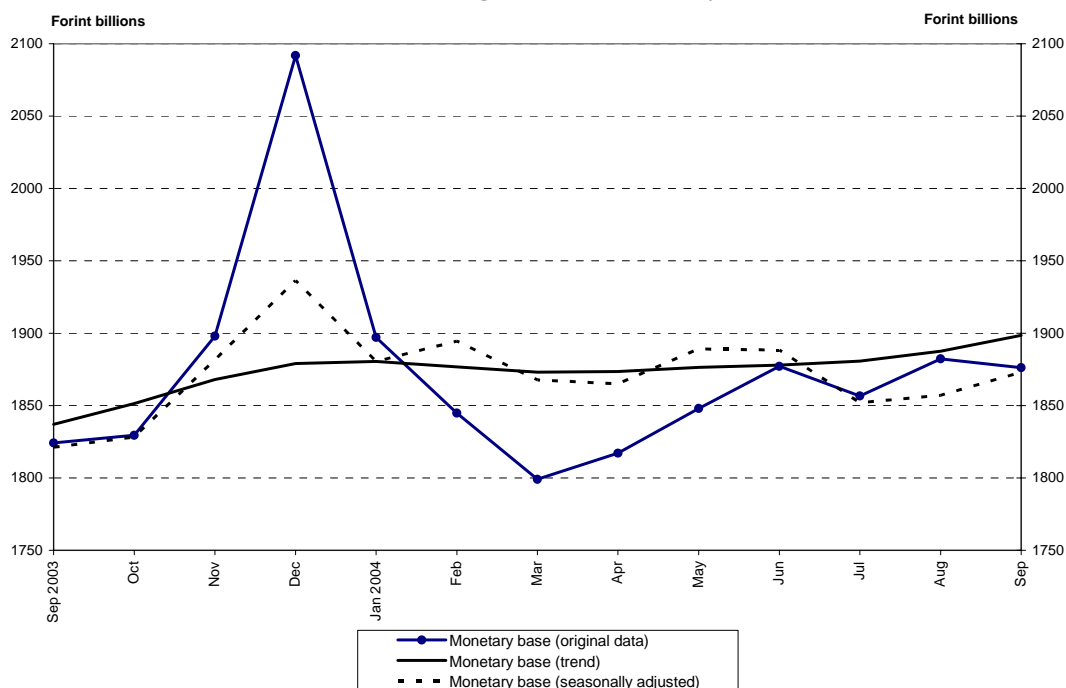
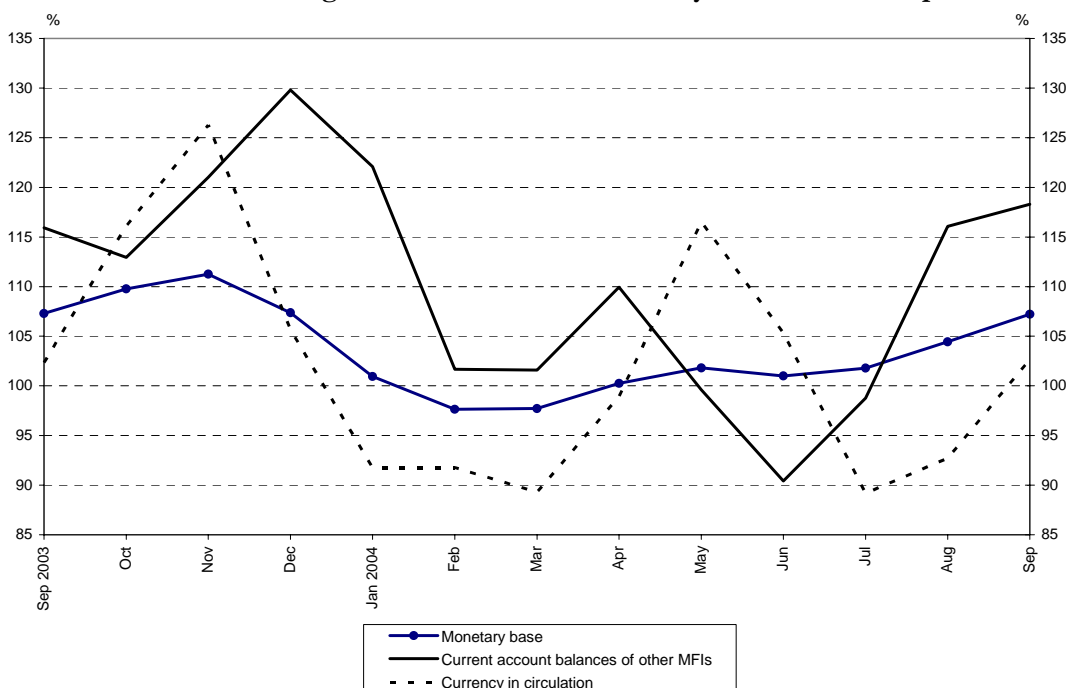


Chart 2 Changes in the monetary base



The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base, derived from trend data, stood at 107.2% in September, up 2.8 percentage points on August.

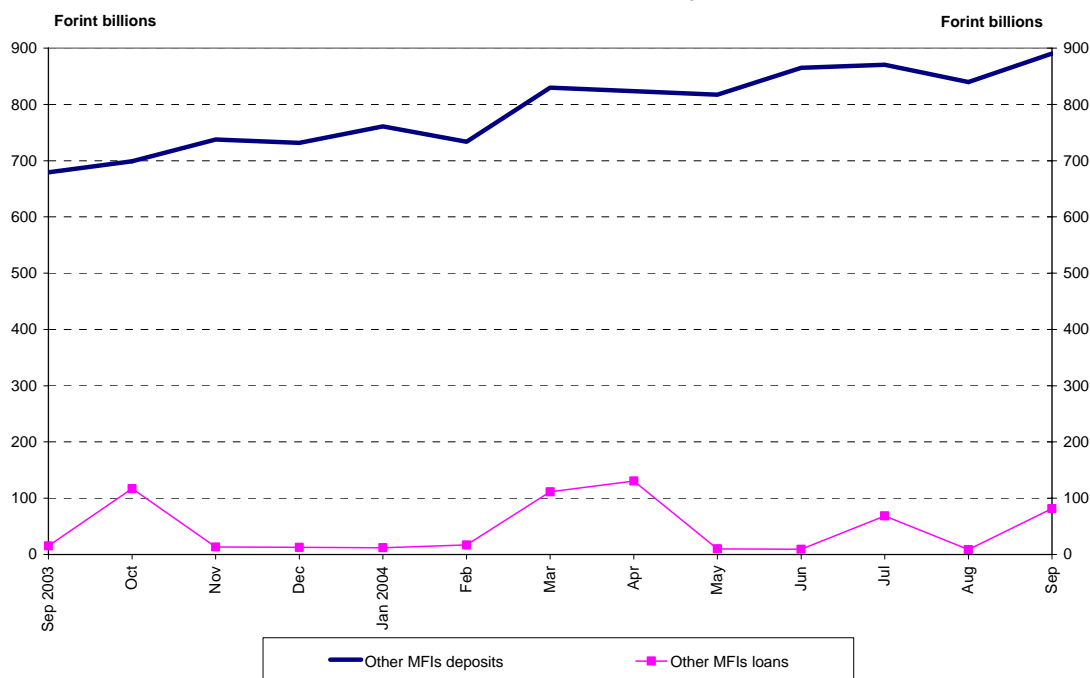
Chart 3 Annualised growth indices of the monetary base and its components



Note: Chart 3 plots the annualised month-on-month growth indices of the monetary base and its components, derived from trend data. The Bank does not publish a separate index for overnight deposits, as they fluctuate considerably, frequently moving to zero. However, changes in the stock of overnight deposits are also taken account of in calculating the growth index of the monetary base.

Deposits of other monetary financial institutions with the MNB increased by HUF 50.6 billion to HUF 890.2 billion and the stock of loans granted by the MNB to other monetary financial institutions by HUF 73 billion to HUF 81.7 billion.

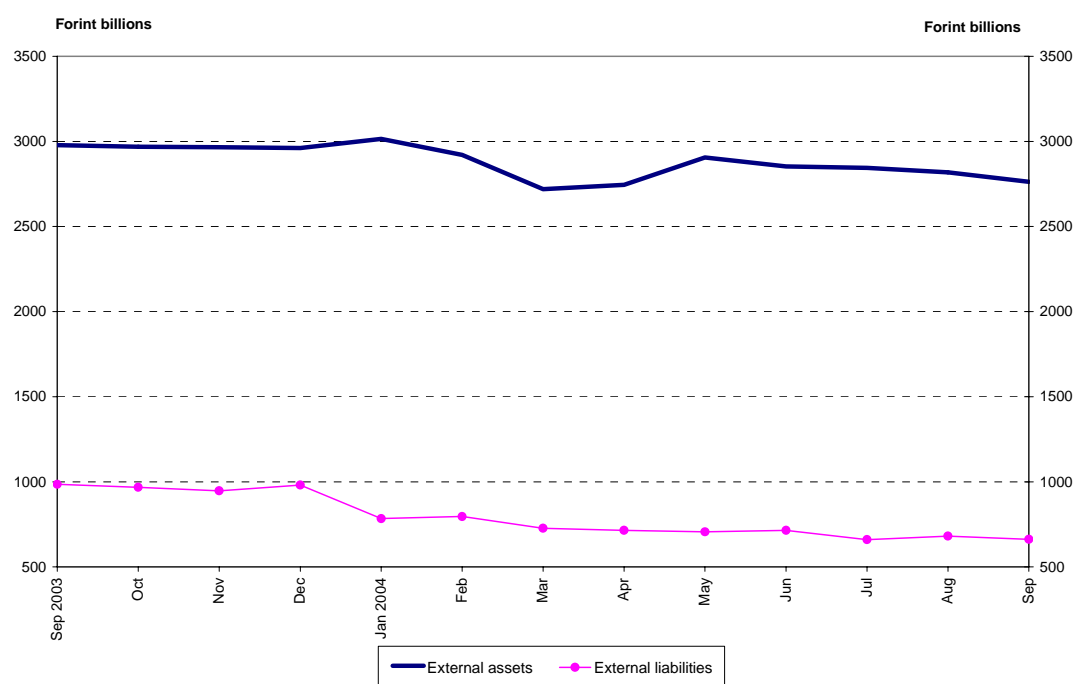
Chart 4 Loans and deposits of other monetary financial institutions



The stock of loans outstanding to the central government fell by HUF 24.4 billion to HUF 448.1 billion and deposits of the central government by HUF 26.7 billion to HUF 404.6 billion.

Net external assets of the MNB were lower by HUF 37.5 billion than in the preceding month. Its assets and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents fell by HUF 55.5 billion to HUF 2,762.6 billion and by HUF 18 billion to HUF 662.2 billion, respectively.

Chart 5 Assets and liabilities of the MNB vis-à-vis non-residents



The data used for the purposes of this press release are available on the MNB's website at http://english.mnb.hu/Resource.aspx?ResourceID=mnbfile&resourcename=0708_monstatpubl_en.xls.