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Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB December 2004

In December 2004, the monetary base increased by HUF 96.6 billion, from HUF 1,918.3 billion in the preceding month to HUF 2,014.9 billion. Of the components of the monetary base, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation rose by HUF 94.9 billion to HUF 1,548.7 billion and the monthly average of other monetary financial institutions' current account balances by HUF 7.1 billion to HUF 458.3 billion. By contrast, the monthly average stock of other monetary financial institutions' overnight deposits fell by HUF 5.3 billion to HUF 7.9 billion.

Chart 1 Components of the monetary base

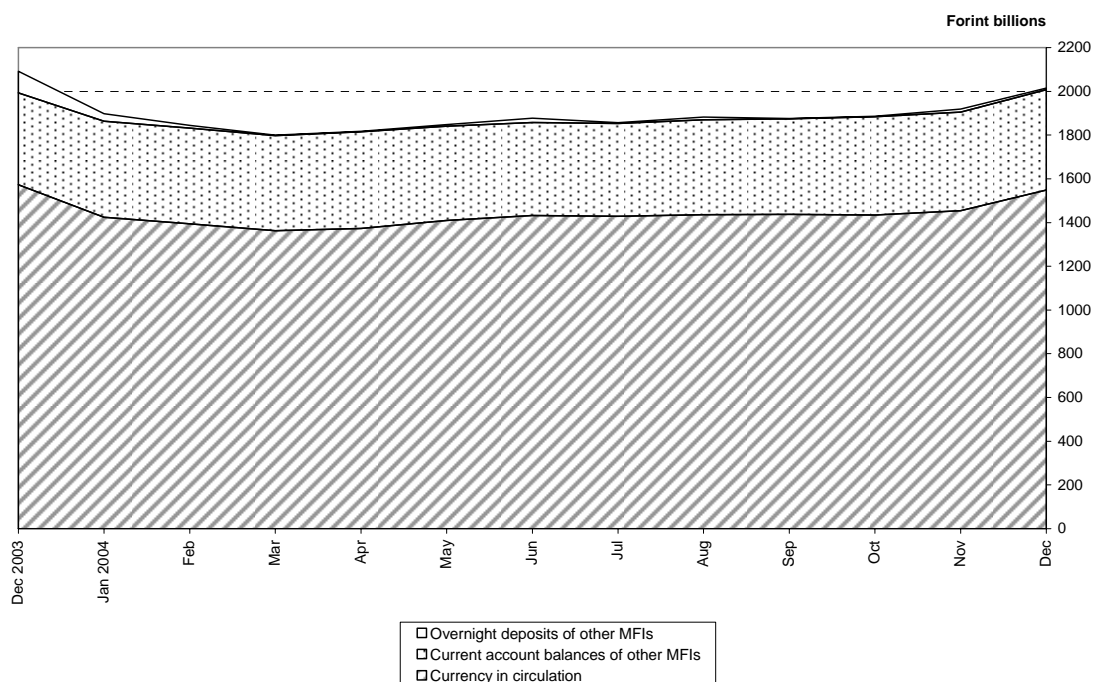
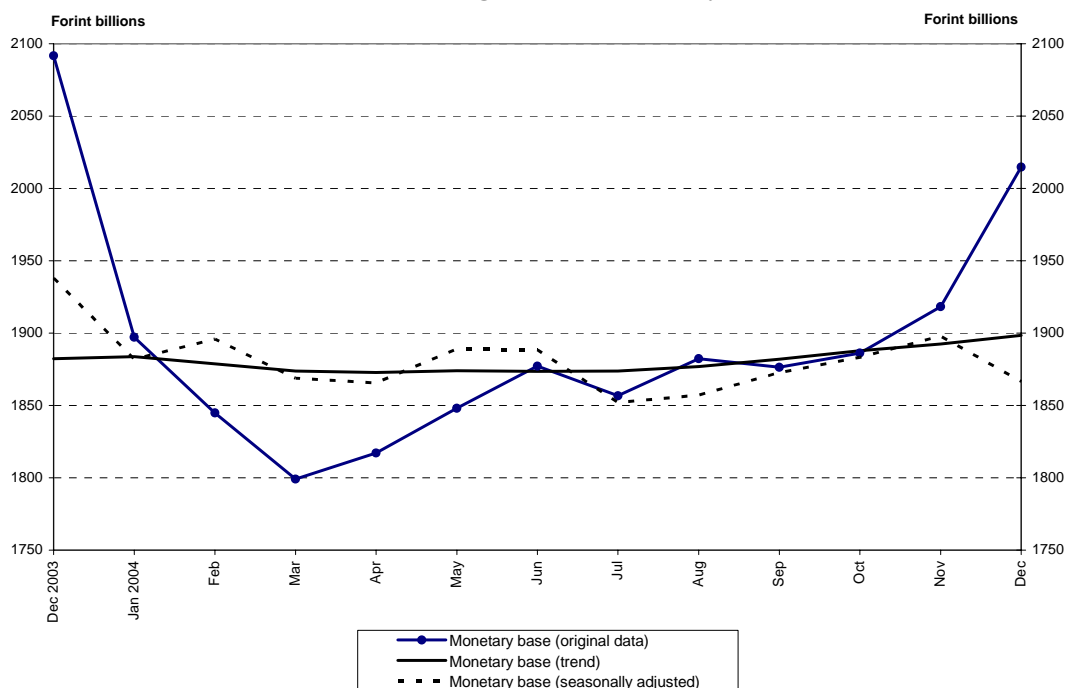
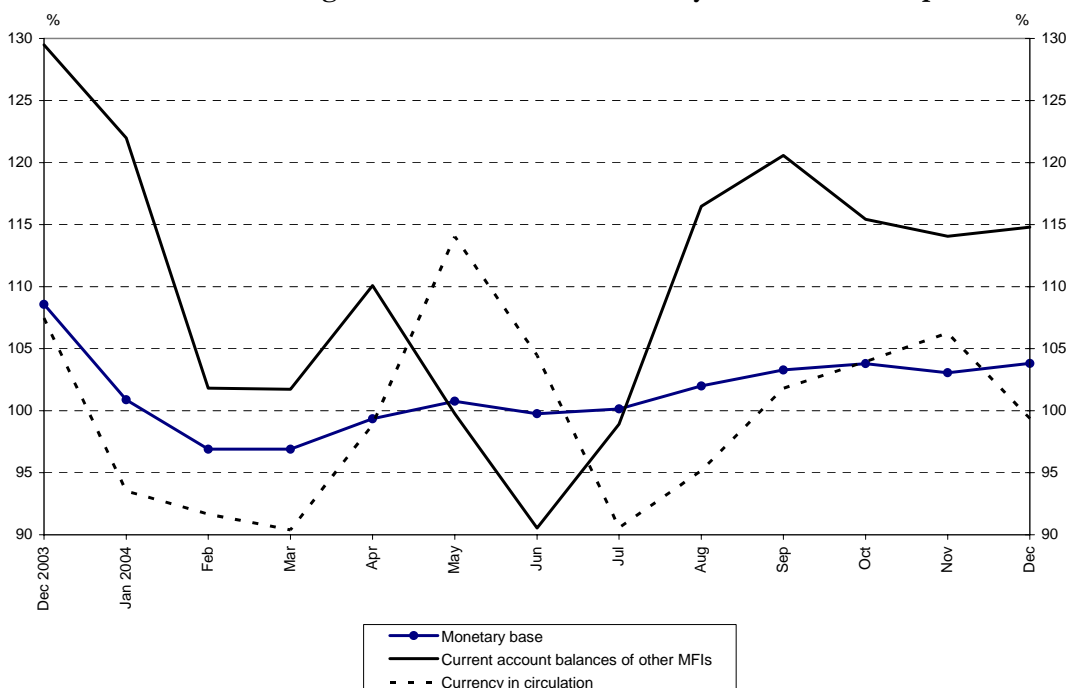


Chart 2 Changes in the monetary base



The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base, derived from trend data, stood at 103.8% in December, up 0.7 percentage points on the preceding month.

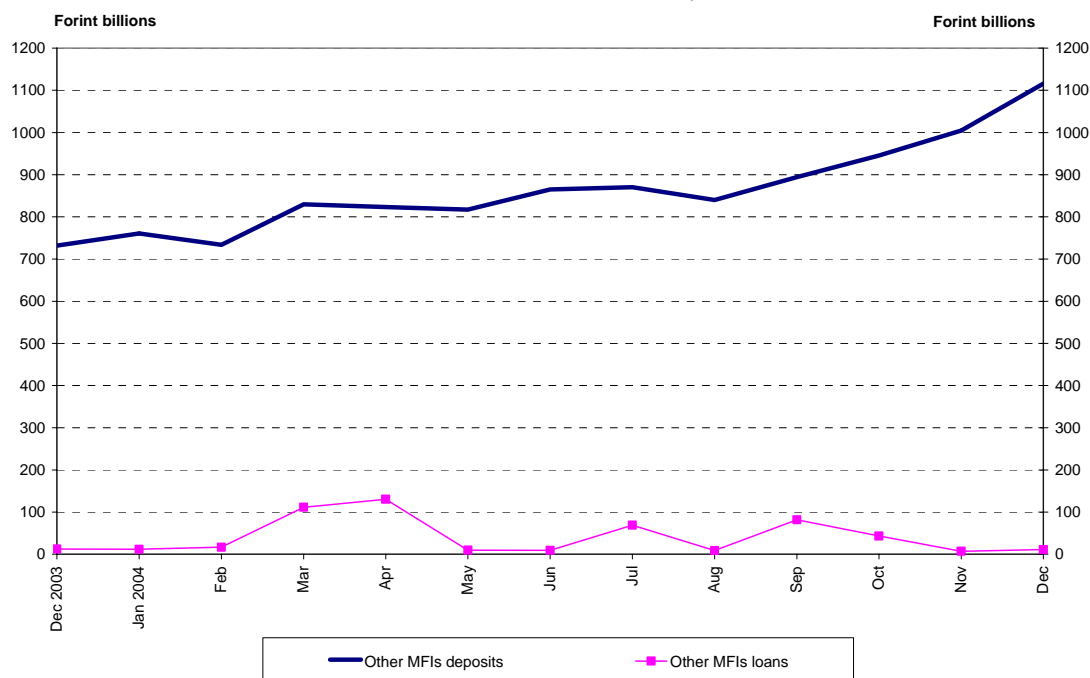
Chart 3 Annualised growth indices of the monetary base and its components



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 111.5 billion to HUF 1,116.2 billion and the stock of loans granted by the MNB to other monetary financial institutions by HUF 3.7 billion to HUF 11 billion.

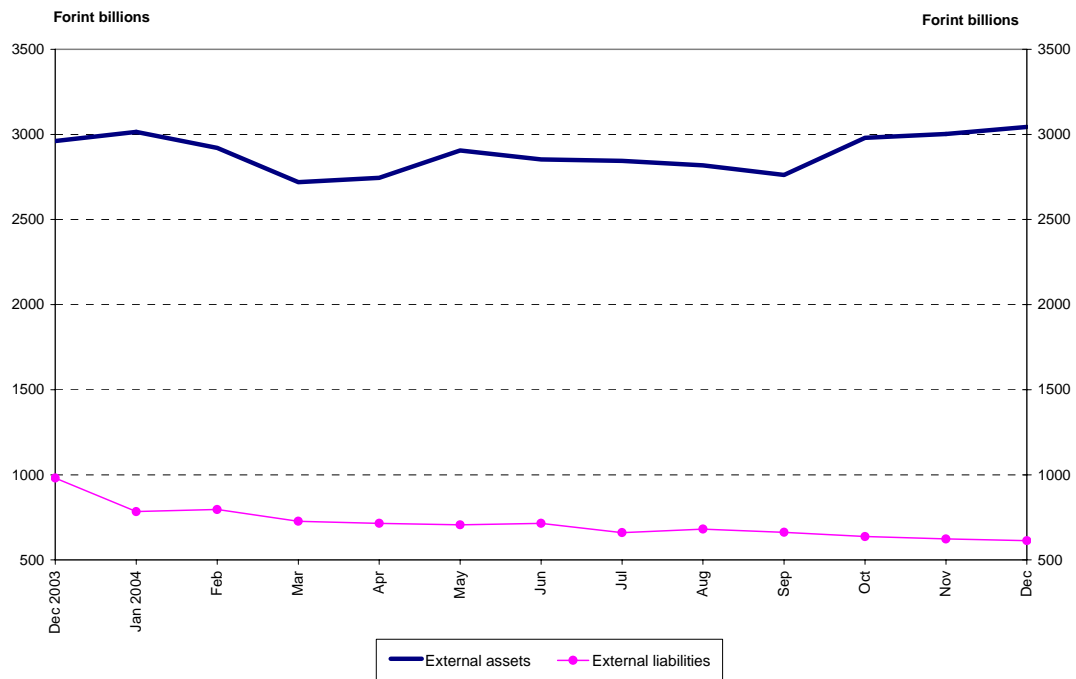
Chart 4 Loans and deposits of other monetary financial institutions



The stock of loans outstanding to the central government sub-sector fell by HUF 112.7 billion to HUF 331.5 billion and deposits of the central government by HUF 169.3 billion to HUF 314.6 billion.

Net external assets of the MNB were higher by HUF 51.9 billion than in the preceding month. Its assets vis-à-vis non-residents rose by HUF 41.2 billion to HUF 3,043.8 billion, its liabilities falling by HUF 10.7 billion to HUF 612.3 billion.

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.

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