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PRESS RELEASE

Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB January 2005

In January 2005, the monetary base fell by HUF 99 billion, from HUF 2,014.7 billion in the preceding month to HUF 1,915.7 billion. Of the components of the monetary base, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation fell by HUF 112.7 billion to HUF 1,435.7 billion, the monthly average of other monetary financial institutions' current account balances by HUF 10.6 billion to HUF 469 billion. By contrast, the monthly average stock of other monetary financial institutions' overnight deposits increased by HUF 3.1 billion to HUF 11 billion.

Chart 1 Components of the monetary base

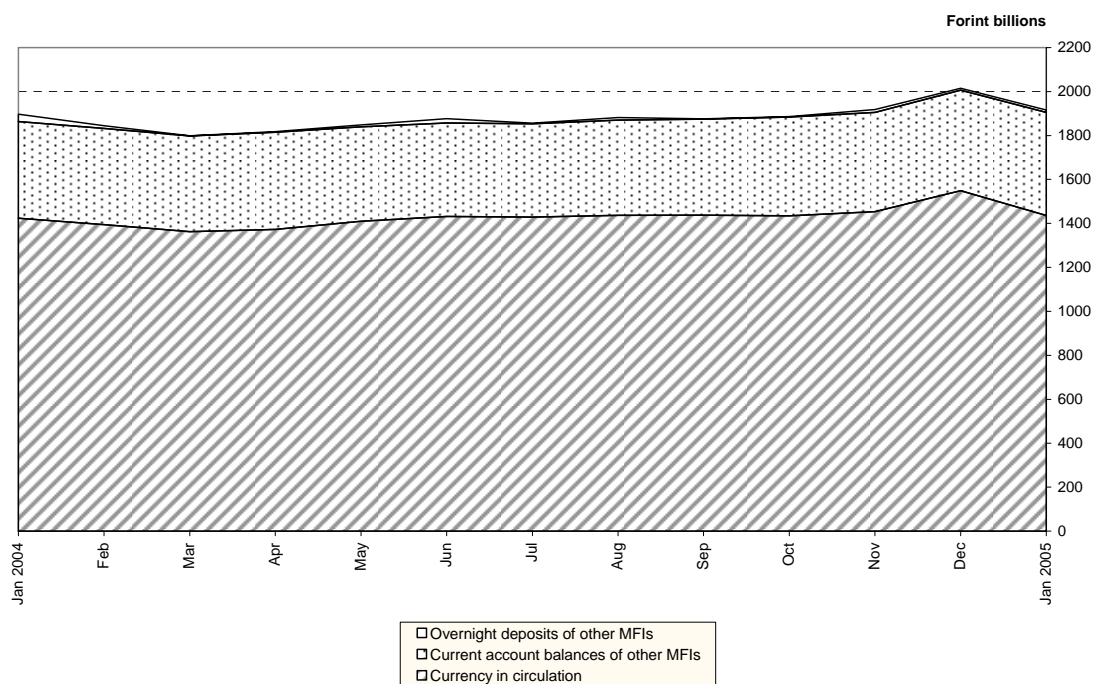
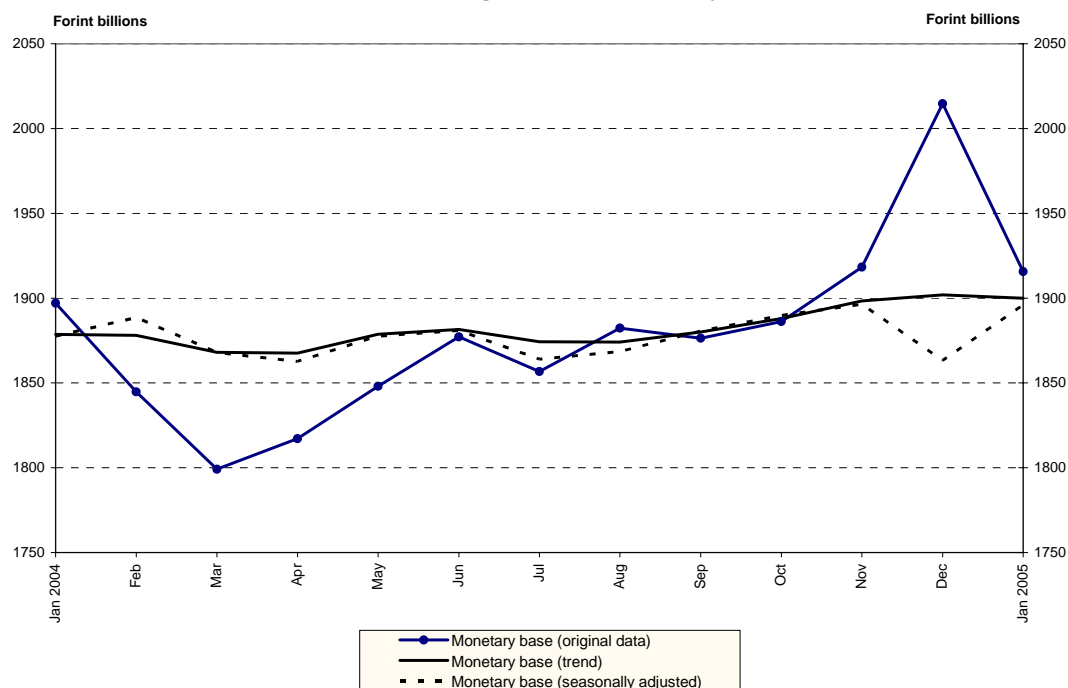
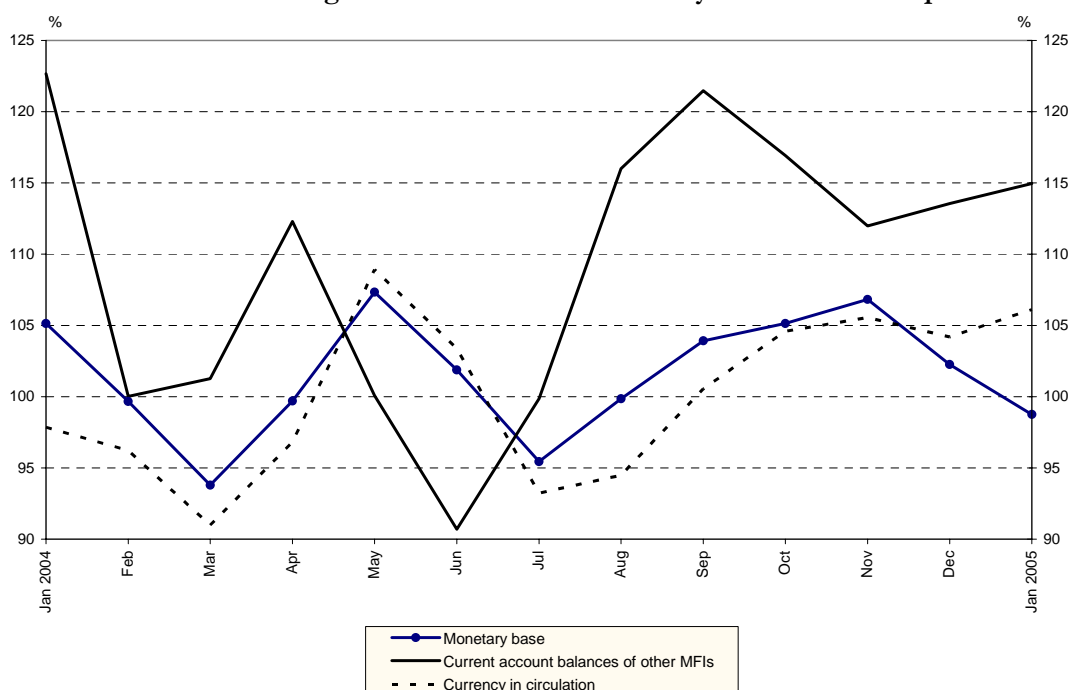


Chart 2 Changes in the monetary base



The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base, derived from trend data, stood at 98.8% in January, down 3.5 percentage points on the preceding month.

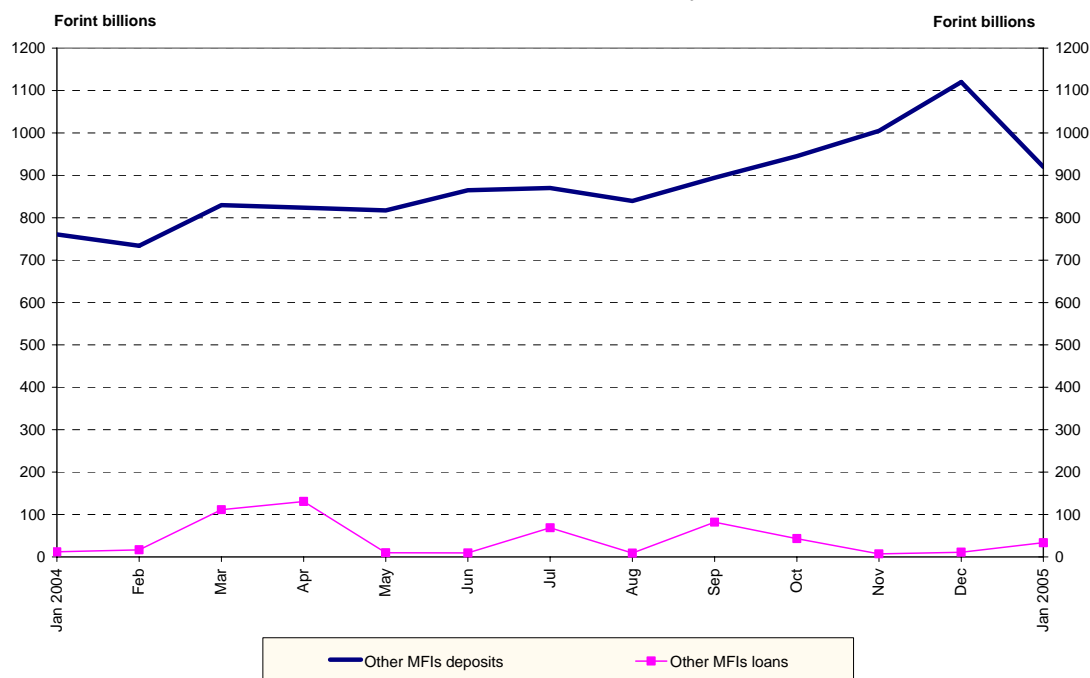
Chart 3 Annualised growth indices of the monetary base and its components



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 fell by HUF 199.9 billion to HUF 920.1 billion and the stock of loans granted by the MNB to other monetary financial institutions increased by HUF 22.4 billion to HUF 33.4 billion.

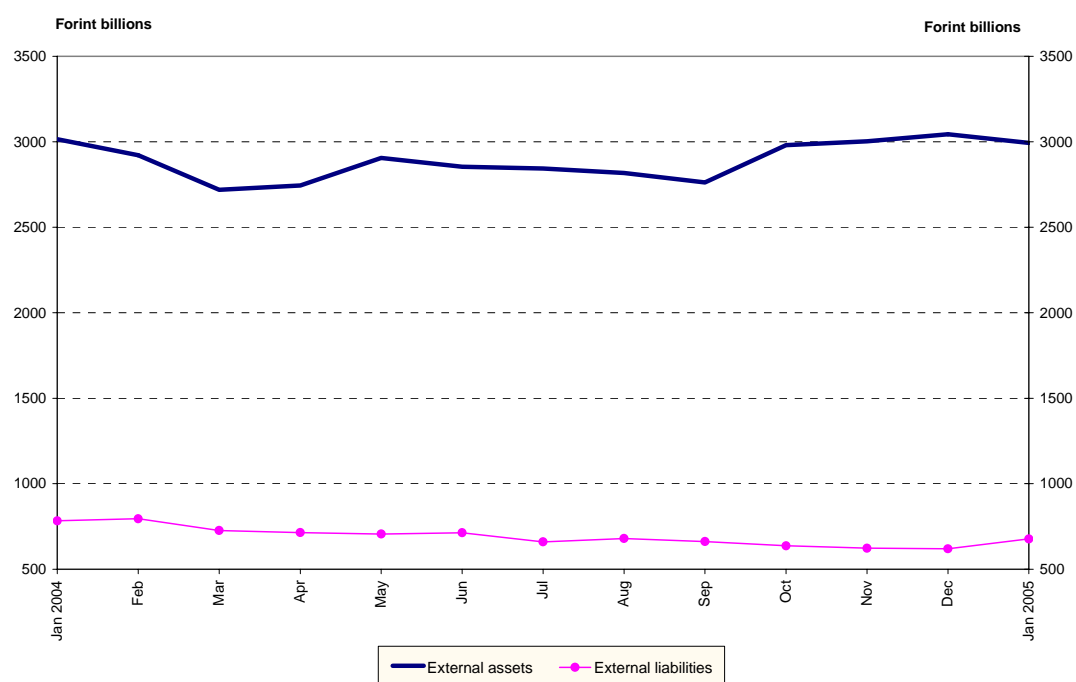
Chart 4 Loans and deposits of other monetary financial institutions



The stock of loans outstanding to the central government sub-sector increased by HUF 13.2 billion to HUF 344.7 billion and deposits of the central government by HUF 154.8 billion to HUF 469.4 billion.

Net external assets of the MNB were lower by HUF 109.8 billion than in December 2004. Its assets vis-à-vis non-residents fell by HUF 51.1 billion to HUF 2,993.6 billion, its liabilities rising by HUF 58.7 billion to HUF 678.2 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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