

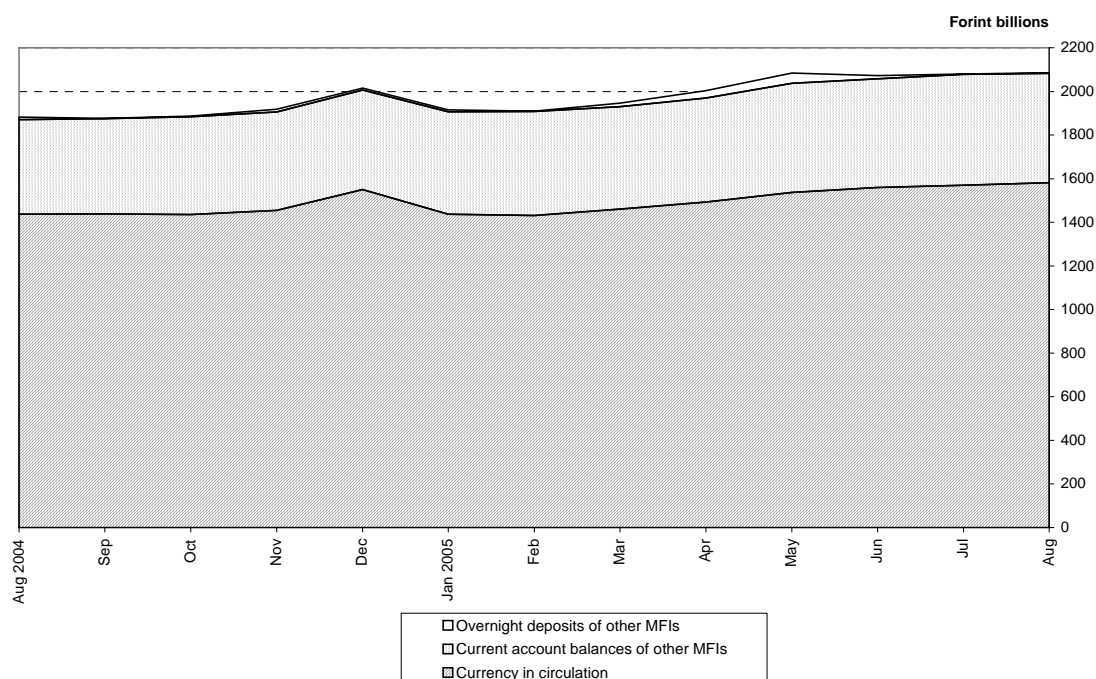
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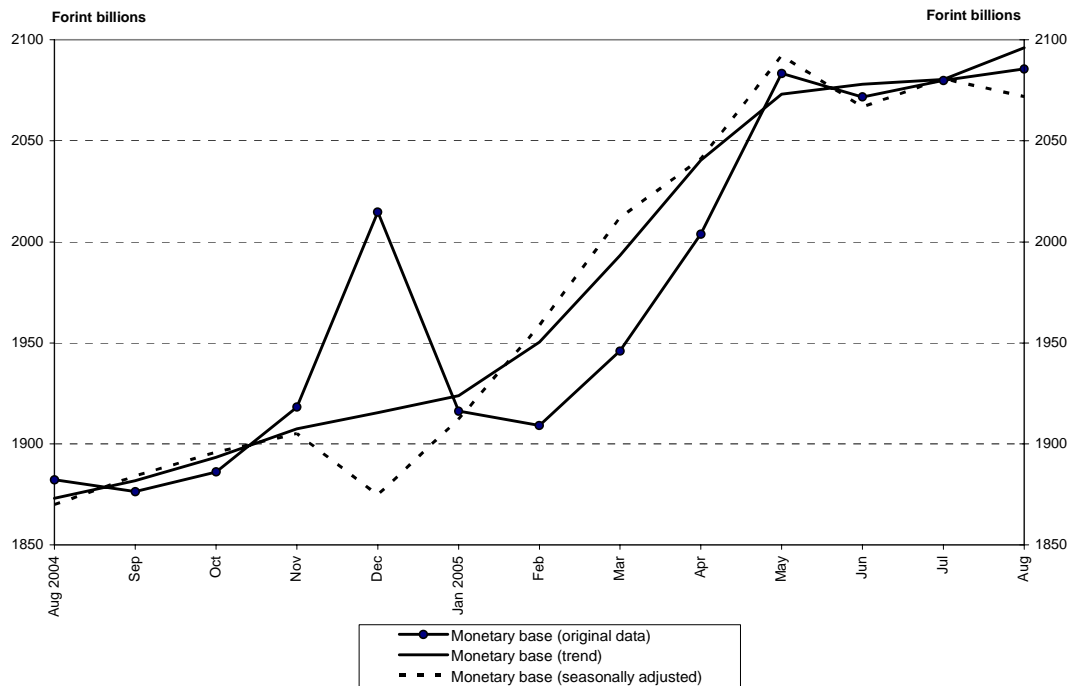
### Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB August 2005

In August 2005, the monetary base rose by HUF 5.7 billion, from HUF 2,079.9 billion in the preceding month to HUF 2,085.5 billion. Of the components of the monetary base, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation increased by HUF 11.3 billion to HUF 1,581.1 billion, the monthly average of other MFIs' current account balances fell by HUF 7.1 billion to HUF 500.8 billion and the monthly average stock of other MFIs' overnight deposits increased by HUF 1.5 billion to HUF 3.6 billion.

**Chart 1 Components of the monetary base**

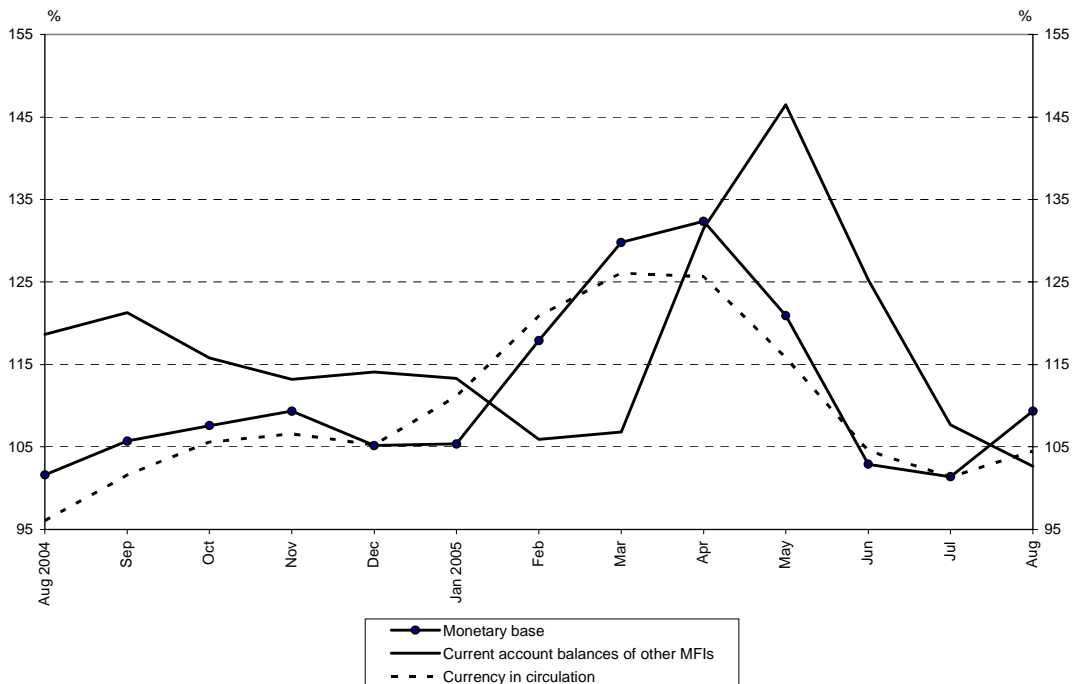


**Chart 2 Changes in the monetary base**



The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base,<sup>1</sup> derived from trend data, stood at 109.4% in the month under review, up 7.9 percentage points on July.

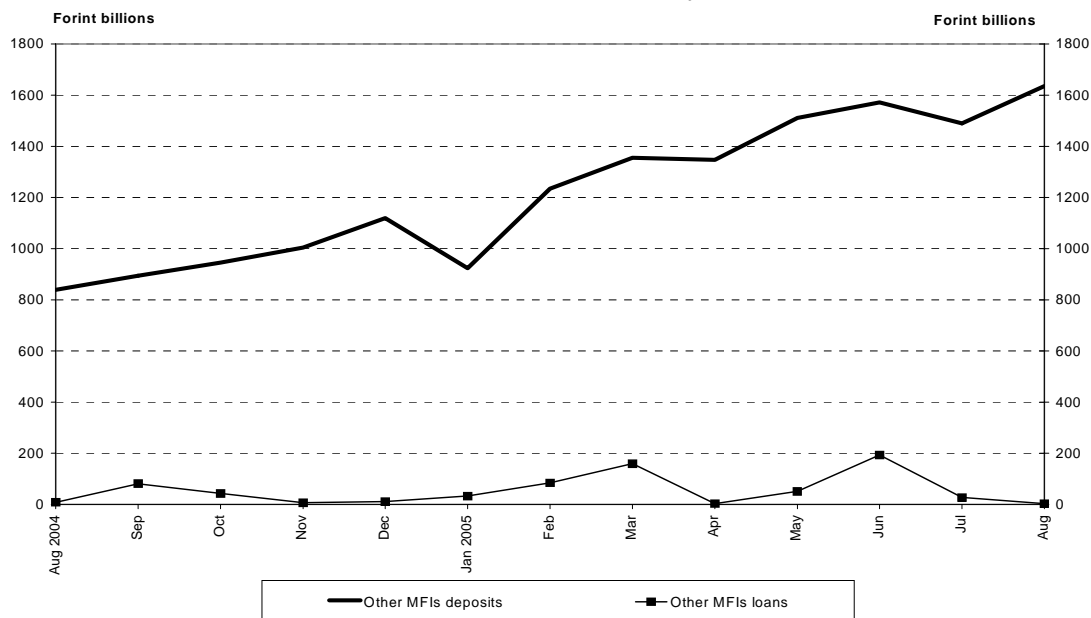
**Chart 3 Annualised growth indices of the monetary base and its components**



<sup>1</sup> See the note at the end of this press release.

In August, deposits of other MFIs with the MNB rose by HUF 145.5 billion to HUF 1,635.1 billion and the stock of loans granted by the MNB to other MFIs fell by HUF 23.8 billion to HUF 3.5 billion.

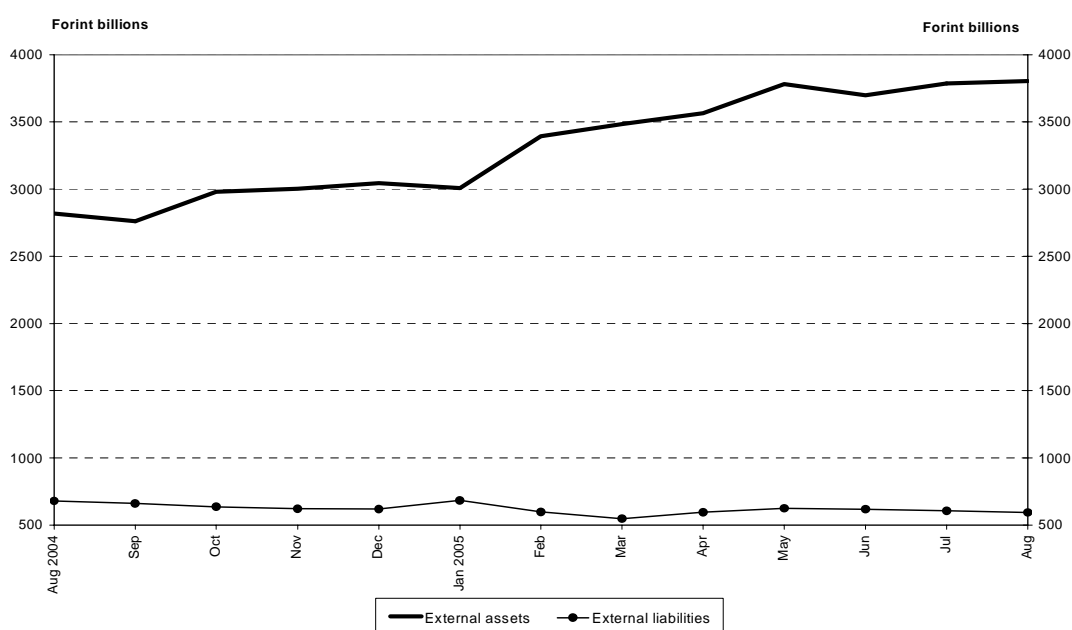
**Chart 4 Loans and deposits of other monetary financial institutions**



The stock of loans outstanding to the central government fell by HUF 1.1 billion to HUF 264.9 billion and deposits of the sub-sector by HUF 152.6 billion to HUF 440.6 billion.

Net external assets of the MNB were HUF 29.6 billion higher than in July. Its assets vis-à-vis non-residents rose by HUF 16.7 billion to HUF 3,803.8 billion and its liabilities fell by HUF 12.9 billion to HUF 594.7 billion.

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



## Methodological notes to the press release

Ensuring comparability of data over periods requires eliminating seasonal variations and distortions from original data. Consequently, the time series for the monetary base (M0) is seasonally adjusted. Trend data are obtained from the seasonally adjusted data by eliminating outliers relating to deterministic effects and irregular components identified in the seasonal adjustment process. The growth indices in this press release are derived from trend data by dividing the base period data by data for the previous period, and by raising the quotient to the 12<sup>th</sup> power. The month-on-month growth rates, calculated using this method, better reflect developments in the most recent periods than year-on-year growth indices. Chart 3 plots the annualised month-on-month growth indices of the monetary base and its components. 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 M0.

Monthly changes in stock data are calculated from data before rounding. Consequently, such differences between monthly data, derived using this method, may not add to those calculated from rounded data.

*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=mnbfiler&resourcename=0708\\_monstatpubl\\_enxls](http://english.mnb.hu/Resource.aspx?ResourceID=mnbfiler&resourcename=0708_monstatpubl_enxls).*

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