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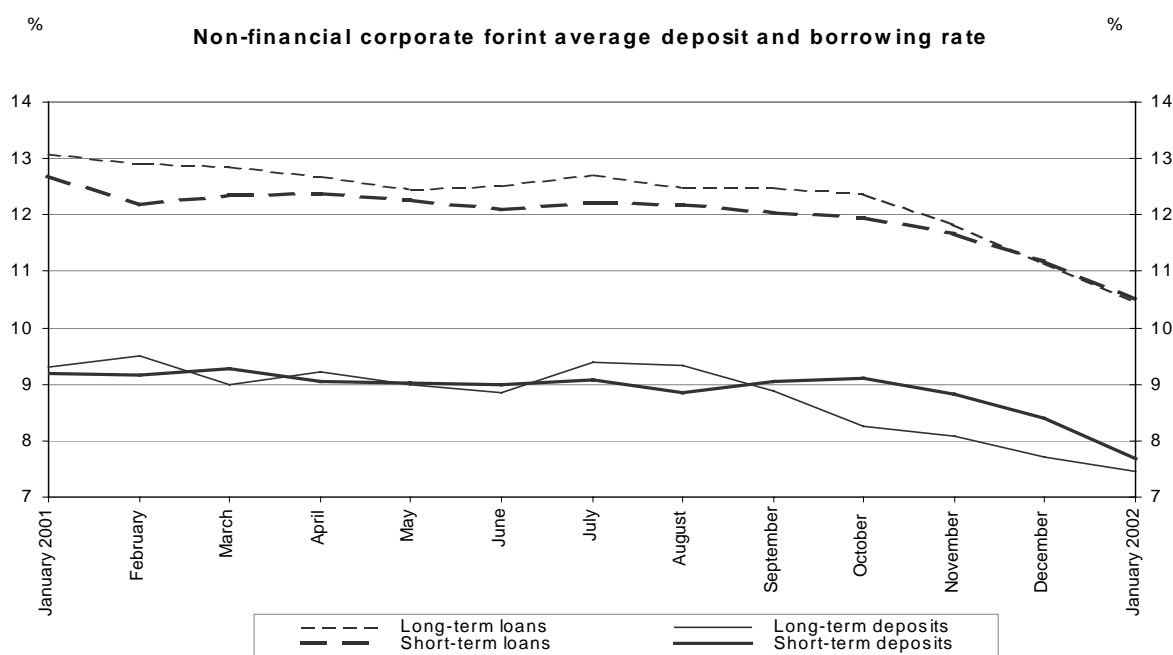
Non-financial corporate sector and household sector borrowing and deposit rates, interbank lending rates

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Starting from this Press Release, total charges on all types of loans to the household sector, i.e. individuals and sole proprietors, will be published, in a breakdown by maturity.¹

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In January, the downward trend of non-financial corporate sector average borrowing and deposit rates² continued. Household sector average borrowing and deposit rates also fell, with the exception of sole proprietors' sight deposit rates. Average rates in the forint interbank market were lower at every maturity, with the largest drop being recorded in interest rates on overnight interbank loans.



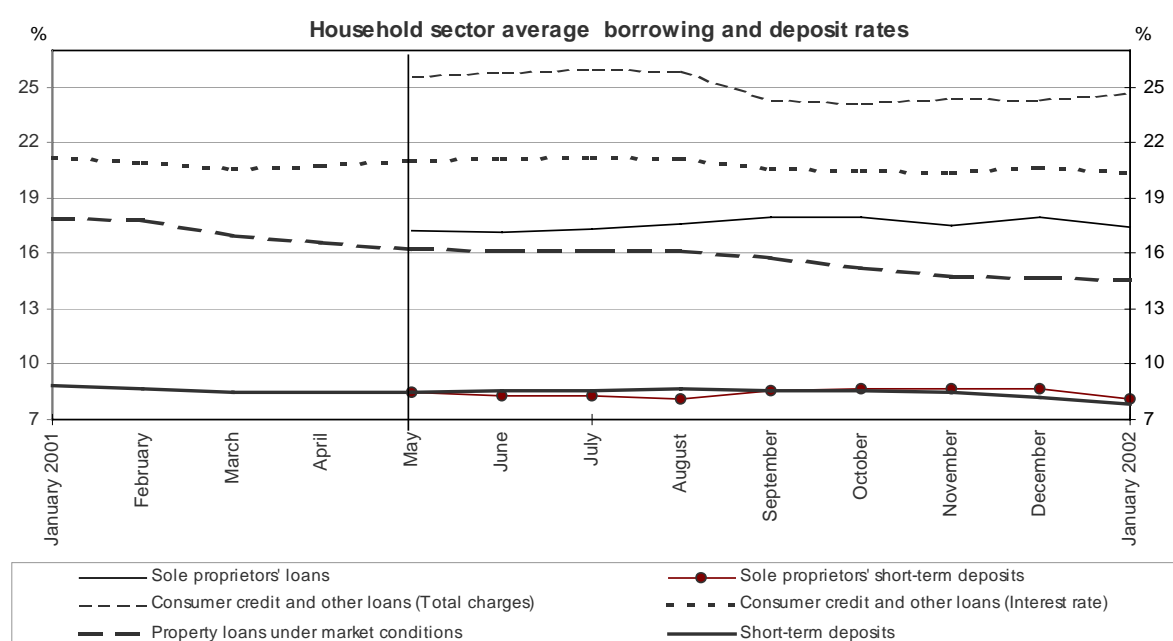
The average of interest rates on short-term loans provided to the non-financial corporate sector under market conditions fell 68 basis points, from 11.18% to 10.50%, due mostly to changes in interest rate conditions. Those on long-term loans

¹ For the period May–December 2001, only total charges on consumer credit and other loans for more than three months were available.

² When calculating average rates and total charges for the individual sectors, depositing and lending during the month under review are applied as weights. The rates do not contain any additional charges (such as fees).

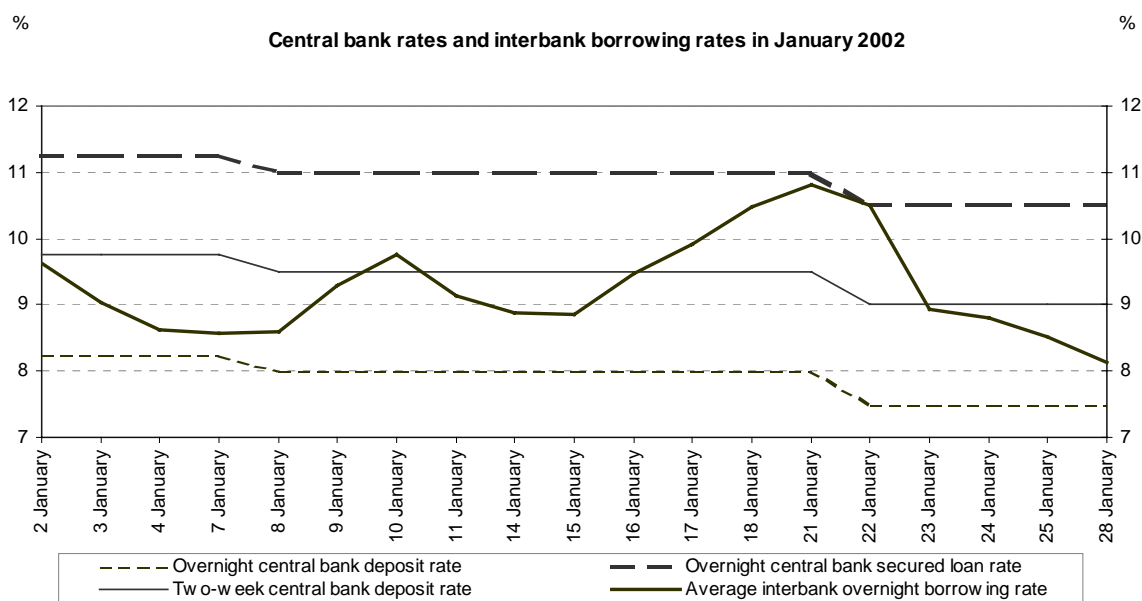
were 67 basis points lower, down from 11.15% to 10.48%, on account of changes in composition. The sector's average of short-term deposit rates fell 71 basis points, from 8.40% to 7.69%, those on long-term deposits falling 25 basis points, from 7.70% to 7.45%, due to changes in interest rate conditions. The spread between interest rates on short-term loans and deposits, which play a major role for non-financial corporations, changed from 2.78 percentage points to 2.82 percentage points relative to December 2001.

Among borrowing rates of individuals, who constitute part of the household sector, the average of interest rates on property loans provided under market conditions fell from 14.63% in December to 14.57% in January, the total charge on property loans being 15.6%. Average rates on consumer credit and other loans changed from 20.65% to 20.37%, due to changes in interest rate conditions. Total charges on consumer credit and other loans were 24.65% in the month.³ Individuals' average sight deposit rates fell 15 basis points, from 3.13% to 2.98%, those on short-term deposits falling 31 basis points, from 8.16% to 7.85%. Average long-term deposit rates fell 18 basis points, from 8.41% to 8.23%, in January, mainly due to interest rate changes.



The average interest rate on lending to sole proprietors, constituents of the household sector, fell 49 basis points, from 17.94% in December to 17.45% in January. Total charges on loans were 19.05% in the month. The average sight deposit rate rose from 1.51% to 1.66%. Average short-term deposit rate fell from 8.62% to 8.07% relative to the previous month. Movements in rates were caused by changes in interest rate conditions.

³ Total charges on lending for more than three months were published for December. For January, total charges on all types of loan are being published. Therefore, the indicators are not comparable.



Forint interbank turnover amounted to Ft 1,513.8 billion in January, showing a fall of Ft 52.2 billion relative to the preceding month. The daily averages of interest rates on overnight loans showed strong fluctuations in the month. Movements in the interest rate were confined to the lower region of the interest rate corridor in the first half; however, it rose near to the upper boundary by the 20th. The average interbank overnight interest rate fell 142 basis points, from 10.49% to 9.07%, and the average lending rates for one month fell 70 basis points, from 10.02% to 9.32%, relative to December. The three-month average interest rate fell 87 basis points, from 9.80% to 8.93% in one month. Six-month average borrowing rates fell 50 basis points, from 9.76% in December to 9.26% in January.

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Daily interbank rates are available on request at the Bank's Press and Public Relations Department.

Appendix 1

Non-financial corporate sector forint average borrowing and deposit rates^{a)}

	2001												Per cent 2002
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Loans													
Short-term loans	12,70	12,19	12,36	12,37	12,27	12,08	12,22	12,17	12,04	11,95	11,66	11,18	10,50
Long-term loans	13,10	12,91	12,87	12,69	12,45	12,51	12,72	12,50	12,49	12,39	11,85	11,15	10,48
Discounted bills ^{c)}	12,60	12,34	12,61	12,45	12,34	12,06	11,87	12,30	11,71	11,61	12,10	10,66	..
Time deposits													
Short-term deposits	9,20	9,16	9,28	9,04	9,02	8,98	9,08	8,85	9,05	9,09	8,81	8,40	7,69
Less than one month	9,20	9,15	9,25	8,97	9,00	8,96	9,06	8,79	9,03	9,05	8,79	8,40	7,67
1 month<maturity=<1 year	9,50	9,31	9,47	9,62	9,20	9,27	9,19	9,36	9,30	9,45	9,05	8,38	7,88
Long-term deposits	9,30	9,52	9,00	9,22	9,01	8,86	9,38	9,35	8,89	8,26	8,08	7,70	7,45
Settlement account deposits													
Minimum	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	0,80	1,00	0,50	0,50	0,50
Maximum	12,30	12,00	12,00	12,00	11,50	12,30	11,80	11,60	11,80	11,80	12,00	12,00	11,00

a) Does not include interest rates for sole proprietors from May 2001. Data for sole proprietors account for an insignificant role within average rates, therefore, the time series are homogenous from a statistical perspective.

b) Weighted monthly average. Data on contracts concluded by banks and specialised credit institutions with non-financial corporations under market conditions in the given month. Borrowing rates do not include additional costs of loans (e.g. fees).

c) From January 2002, discounted bills of exchange have been recorded under the corresponding categories of loans, taking into account the period between the dates of discounting and maturity.

Household sector forint average borrowing and deposit rates

	2001												Per cent 2002
	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	HOUSEHOLDS												
Loans													
Property loans at market conditions ^{a)}	17,86	17,82	16,95	16,57	16,19	16,11	16,13	16,11	15,73	15,18	14,78	14,63	14,57
Consumer credit and other loans ^{b)}	21,21	20,88	20,57	20,70	21,05	21,07	21,19	21,09	20,54	20,48	20,40	20,65	20,37
Short-term consumer credit and other	21,24	20,88	20,70	20,93	21,05	21,09	21,16	21,11	20,05	19,86	19,68	20,10	19,56
Long-term consumer credit and other	21,16	20,89	20,37	20,42	21,05	21,03	21,22	21,06	21,30	21,44	21,50	21,60	21,91
Deposits													
Sight deposits	3,72	3,37	3,37	3,36	3,32	3,42	3,31	3,20	3,33	3,42	3,51	3,13	3,02
Short-term deposits	8,81	8,66	8,52	8,53	8,50	8,53	8,53	8,61	8,58	8,57	8,44	8,16	7,85
Less than one month	8,65	8,49	8,34	8,36	8,30	8,35	8,36	8,39	8,36	8,31	8,20	7,94	7,65
1 month<maturity=<3 months	9,49	9,54	9,39	9,35	9,50	9,45	9,35	9,56	9,60	9,60	9,58	9,13	8,77
3month<maturity=<1 year	9,01	8,83	8,88	8,89	8,88	8,77	8,79	8,80	8,82	8,73	8,57	8,00	7,81
Long-term deposits	8,86	9,16	8,91	8,93	9,00	9,30	9,41	9,31	9,30	9,23	8,71	8,41	8,27
	SOLE PROPRIETORS												
Loans	..	..	..	..	17,24	17,13	17,33	17,63	17,94	17,95	17,52	17,94	17,45
Deposits													
Sight deposits	..	..	..	..	1,86	1,83	1,74	1,74	1,81	1,74	1,72	1,51	1,66
Short-term deposits	..	..	..	..	8,47	8,27	8,27	8,15	8,59	8,63	8,65	8,62	8,07

a) Housing loans (building, property, renovation and addition) and other (holiday homes, garages) provided under market conditions with or without mortgage.

b) Includes overdrafts, personal loans, Lombard ,loans, instalment credit, car purchase loans, mortgage loans etc.

Appendix 2

Changes in household sector average interest rate on average total charge of forint loans^{a)}

Per cent

	2001								2002
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
HOUSEHOLDS									
<i>Overdrafts</i>									
Average interest rate	20,11	20,09	20,33	20,27	18,89	19,00	18,90	18,82	18,68
Average total charge	26,56	26,53	26,82	26,75	23,98	24,14	23,82	23,79	23,10
<i>Personal loans</i>									
Average interest rate	23,88	23,57	23,15	22,99	23,08	23,54	23,18	21,38	22,72
Average total charge	29,12	29,65	28,72	28,68	28,64	28,50	27,78	26,49	26,81
<i>Lombard loans</i>									
Average interest rate	17,89	17,35	18,09	16,92	17,25	17,78	16,20	16,94	15,88
Average total charge	20,25	19,73	20,94	19,81	20,59	19,84	18,02	18,27	17,81
<i>Installment credit</i>									
Average interest rate	27,05	28,09	28,17	27,34	27,93	27,54	27,95	28,81	27,44
Average total charge	30,64	32,38	32,55	32,04	32,07	32,40	32,89	33,68	33,12
<i>Car purchase loans</i>									
Average interest rate	19,88	19,82	19,76	19,93	19,94	19,42	18,68	18,00	18,56
Average total charge	22,40	22,40	22,28	22,47	22,39	20,84	20,31	18,54	19,67
<i>Mortgage loans</i>									
Average interest rate	18,65	18,73	18,61	18,69	18,61	18,61	18,45	18,60	18,70
Average total charge	20,37	20,46	20,37	20,79	20,14	19,39	20,85	20,99	22,38
<i>Other loans</i>									
Average interest rate	17,37	16,70	16,82	17,64	16,69	16,24	17,65	15,45	31,83
Average total charge	20,49	21,10	22,29	19,30	19,95	20,57	22,01	20,15	37,24
<i>Total consumer credit and other loans</i>									
Average interest rate	20,59	20,59	20,80	20,66	19,98	20,01	20,06	19,97	20,37
Average total charge	25,57	25,82	25,98	25,89	24,30	24,14	24,39	24,31	24,65
<i>Market-related mortgage</i>									
Average interest rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,57
Average total charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,60
ENTREPRENEURS									
<i>Total of loans</i>									
Average interest rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,45
Average total charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,05

a) There are only THM (average total charge) to consumer credit and other loans with maturities of more than 3 months from May 2001 to December 2001.

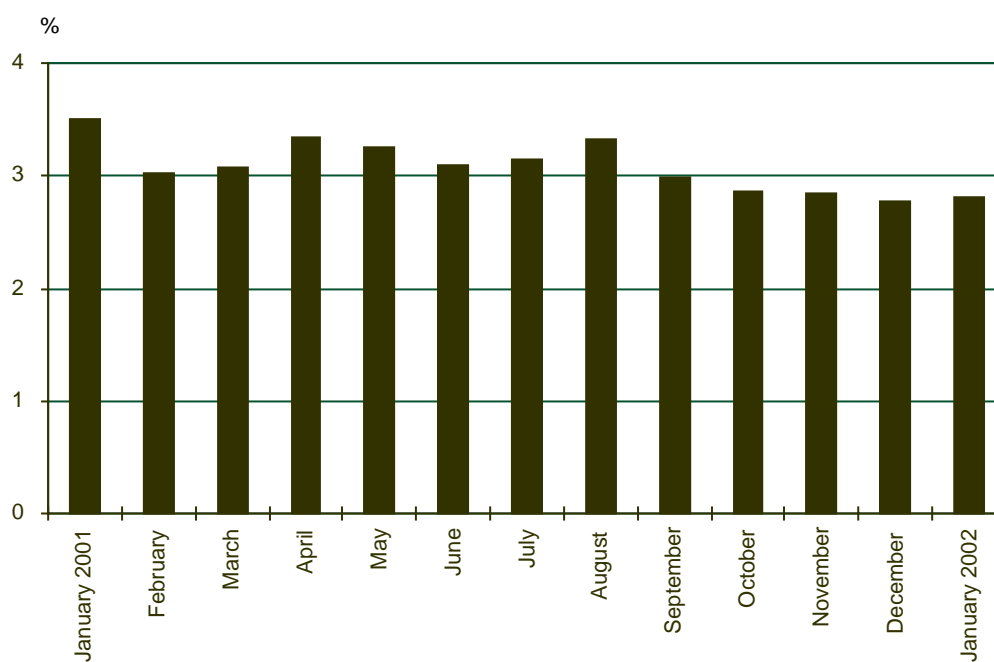
Composition of household sector consumer credit and other loans – percentage of shares of loans within total outstanding debt^{a)}

Per cent

	2001								2002
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Consumer and other loans									
Overdraft	51,82	52,44	53,26	54,73	53,94	55,53	54,47	52,47	62,27
Personal loans	12,50	12,89	12,44	12,11	12,83	11,18	12,21	12,14	8,47
Lombard loans	2,98	3,43	2,18	1,60	2,06	2,19	2,03	1,84	1,63
Installment credit	5,59	5,44	6,95	6,43	6,59	6,85	8,65	10,06	8,31
Car purchase loans	7,93	7,75	7,08	6,13	6,16	6,57	7,50	5,39	4,79
Mortgage loans	18,37	17,15	16,61	17,02	17,34	16,82	14,19	16,72	9,43
Other loans	0,80	0,90	1,48	1,97	1,09	0,86	0,95	1,40	5,09
Total	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00

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Differential between short term average deposit and borrowing rates of non-financial corporations



Short term average rates

