FINANCING OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER 2018

1. Government debt data

The debt of the central government increased by HUF 1,942.0 billion in January-December period due to the following reasons:

- **The first factor** is the net forint issuance of HUF 2,106.5 billion executed in the domestic and the retail market, which finances the annual deficit of the central government budget and partly the foreign currency debt maturing this year.
- **The second factor** is the depreciation of the forint, that increased the HUF value of the foreign currency debt by HUF 208.8 billion.
- **The third – which had contrary effect than the above mentioned factors –** is the net foreign currency redemption of HUF 266.5 billion.
- **The fourth – also decreasing – factor** is the change of the foreign currency exchange rates and other factors that decreased the mark-to-market deposits placed at GDMA by HUF 106.8 billion.

According to the preliminary data **the domestic and foreign currency debt of central government** was the following in 2018.

Central government gross debt and debt transactions in 2018

	31.12.2017		Issuance (increase in debt)	Redemptions (decrease in debt)	Other changes	Net change	31.12.2018		change
	Debt stock (preliminary data)	Breakdown	I-XII. month				Debt stock (preliminary data)	Breakdown	percent
1. HUF denominated debt	***20,689.414***	*77.4%*	***12,744.891***	***10,638.350***	***0.000***	***2,106.540***	***22,795.954***	***79.5%***	***2.1%***
1.1. Loans	**1,041.076**	***3.9%***	**143.658**	**17.043**	**0.000**	**126.615**	**1,167.691**	***4.1%***	***0.2%***
1.1.1. Foreign	1,041.076	*3.9%*	143.658	17.043	0.000	126.615	1,167.691	***4.1%***	***0.2%***
1.1.2. Domestic	0.000	*0.0%*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	***0.0%***	***0.0%***
1.2. Government securities	**19,648.338**	***73.5%***	**12,601.232**	**10,621.307**	**0.000**	**1,979.925**	**21,628.263**	***75.4%***	***1.9%***
1.2.1. Public issues	19,609.161	*73.3%*	12,601.232	10,621.307	0.000	1,979.925	21,589.085	***75.3%***	***1.9%***
1.2.1.1. Bonds	*11,767.139*	*44.0%*	*3,133.269*	*2,064.345*	*0.000*	*1,068.924*	*12,836.062*	***44.7%***	***0.7%***
1.2.1.2. Discount T-bills	*1,039.165*	*3.9%*	*3,996.312*	*3,798.169*	*0.000*	*198.143*	*1,237.307*	***4.3%***	***0.4%***
1.2.1.3. Retail securities	*6,802.857*	*25.4%*	*5,471.651*	*4,758.793*	*0.000*	*712.858*	*7,515.716*	***26.2%***	***0.8%***
1.2.2. Private placements (bonds)	39.178	*0.1%*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	39.178	***0.1%***	***0.0%***
2. Foreign currency denominated debt	**5,782.546**	***21.6%***	**736.788**	**1,003.324**	**208.759**	**-57.778**	**5,724.768**	***20.0%***	***-1.7%***
2.1. Loans	**929.066**	***3.5%***	**220.325**	**390.059**	**35.643**	**-134.091**	**794.975**	***2.8%***	***-0.7%***
2.1.1. Foreign	929.066	*3.5%*	220.325	390.059	*35.643*	*-134.091*	794.975	***2.8%***	***-0.7%***
2.1.2. Domestic	*0.000*	*0.0%*	*0.000*	*0.000*	*0.000*	*0.000*	*0.000*	***0.0%***	***0.0%***
2.2. Government securities	**4,853.480**	***18.1%***	**516.463**	**613.265**	**173.116**	**76.313**	**4,929.793**	***17.2%***	***-1.0%***
2.2.1. Issued abroad	4,145.912	*15.5%*	477.476	524.305	147.117	100.287	4,246.199	***14.8%***	***-0.7%***
2.2.2. Issued in Hungary	707.568	*2.6%*	38.987	88.960	25.999	-23.974	683.594	***2.4%***	***-0.3%***
Total	**26,471.960**	***99.0%***	**13,481.678**	**11,641.674**	**208.758**	**2,048.762**	***28,520.723***	***99.4%***	***0.4%***
Other debt	274.246	*1.0%*	966.135	1,078.684	5.747	-106.802	167.444	***0.6%***	***-0.4%***
Total central government debt	**26,746.206**	***100.0%***	**14,447.813**	**12,720.359**	**214.506**	**1,941.960**	***28,688.167***	***100.0%***	***0.0%***

The foreign currency debt of the central government decreased by HUF 57.8 billion in 2018 and amounted to HUF 5,724.8 billion at the end of December 2018. The share of foreign currency denominated debt within the total debt decreased from 21.6% to 20.0% in 2018.

The forint denominated debt increased by HUF 2,106.5 billion and amounted to HUF 22,796.0 billion. The share of HUF-denominated debt reached 79.5% of the total debt, while in December 2017 this proportion was 77.4%.

The stock of retail securities increased by HUF 712.9 billion from the end of 2017 and amounted to HUF 7,515.7 billion at the end of December. The combined outstanding amount of the Premium Hungarian Government Securities and the Bonus Hungarian Government Securities increased by HUF 583.6 billion by the end of December and reached HUF 3,041.1 billion. The 2-year Hungarian Government Security's stock increased by HUF 123.4 billion and reached HUF 500.2 billion. The stock of the 1-year and Half-year Government Securities decreased by HUF 37.9 billion as a result of lenghtening maturities to HUF 3,423.6 billion at the end of December.

The volume of non-resident holdings of Hungarian government securities decreased by HUF 115.8 billion in December. 93.8% of non-resident holdings was T-bonds, which amounted to HUF 3,715.2 billion. The non-resident holdings of Discount T-Bills amounted to HUF 245.7 billion, that represented only 6.2% of total non-resident holdings. The duration of the non-resident stock was 5.1 years at the end of December 2018.

In order to reduce counterparty risk associated with the swap transactions concluded by ÁKK, so-called marked-to-market deposits are being placed as collateral covering the net value of the swap positions. Such deposits placed at ÁKK are counted as part of the government debt as 'other obligations'. During the twelve months marked-to-market deposits decreased by HUF 106.8 billion due to the revaluation of EUR vs USD and other factors and reached HUF 167.4 billion (EUR 0.5 billion) at the end of the month.

2. Forint yields

The average bid-to-cover ratio of Discount T-bill auctions decreased from 2.0 to 1.8 in December. The bid-to-cover ratio of T-bond auctions decreased from 2.7 to 2.6.

The average yield of the last 3-month Discount Treasury Bill auction in December was 0.03%, 14 basis points higher than in the previous month. The average yield of the last 12-month Discount Treasury Bill auction in December was 0.36%, 3 basis points higher compared to November.

The average yield of the last 3-year government bond auction in December was 1.27% 20 basis points lower compared to the previous month. The average yield of the last 5-year government bond auction was 2.66% 17 basis points lower compared to November. Finally, the average yield of the last auction of 10-year government bond was 3.15%, lower by 48 basis points compared to the last November's average yield.