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Press Release

Significant developments in interest rates of banks and savings houses¹: February 2018

- In February 2018, the average interest rates on the outstanding amount of both loans and deposits kept on decreasing. The change is minor, so the interest rates on the outstanding amount of loans and deposits reduced to 5.70% and 1.50%, respectively.
- In February, the average interest rate on new loans² equaled 4.98%, given monthly drop of 0.15 percentage points, while interest rate on newly accepted deposits increased by 0.21 percentage points on a monthly basis and it equaled 1.57%.

Table 1. Interest rates on loans and deposits (outstanding amounts and new business)

	2.2017	3.2017	4.2017	5.2017	6.2017	7.2017	8.2017	9.2017	10.2017	11.2017	12.2017	1.2018	2.2018
in % on annual level													
Loans, outstanding amounts	6.14	6.09	6.05	6.01	5.98	5.95	5.93	5.89	5.89	5.82	5.73	5.72	5.70
Corporations	5.73	5.66	5.61	5.55	5.49	5.45	5.42	5.36	5.36	5.25	5.14	5.12	5.09
Households	6.60	6.58	6.55	6.53	6.51	6.49	6.48	6.46	6.46	6.40	6.38	6.37	6.36
New loans	5.38	5.45	5.28	5.53	5.21	5.38	5.18	5.06	5.09	5.10	4.88	5.13	4.98
Corporations	5.11	5.24	5.05	5.39	5.02	5.17	4.96	4.74	4.84	4.89	4.72	4.96	4.56
Households	5.89	5.83	5.67	5.77	5.69	5.73	5.68	5.78	5.55	5.52	5.35	5.50	5.60
Deposits, outstanding amounts	1.68	1.65	1.59	1.58	1.56	1.52	1.51	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.51	1.51	1.50
Corporations	2.05	2.01	2.00	2.02	2.02	1.87	1.82	1.96	1.96	1.91	1.76	1.77	1.72
Households	1.63	1.60	1.54	1.52	1.50	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47
New deposits	1.62	1.36	1.37	1.44	1.46	1.16	1.25	1.34	1.38	1.26	1.29	1.36	1.57
Corporations	1.31	1.10	1.05	1.14	1.22	0.96	1.03	1.20	1.03	0.98	1.02	0.95	1.42
Households	1.84	1.59	1.59	1.61	1.64	1.35	1.45	1.51	1.73	1.57	1.57	1.61	1.71

Source: NBRM.

1. Corporate interest rates³

- In February 2018, the interest rate on outstanding amount of loans to the corporate sector equaled 5.09% and it registered minimal monthly decrease of 0.03 percentage points. The monthly decrease is the result of downward changes in the interest rates on all components: interest rates on denar loans without and with currency clause (by 0.03 percentage points, respectively) and interest rates on foreign currency loans (by 0.04 percentage points). Compared to February 2017, this interest rate decreased by 0.64 percentage points.

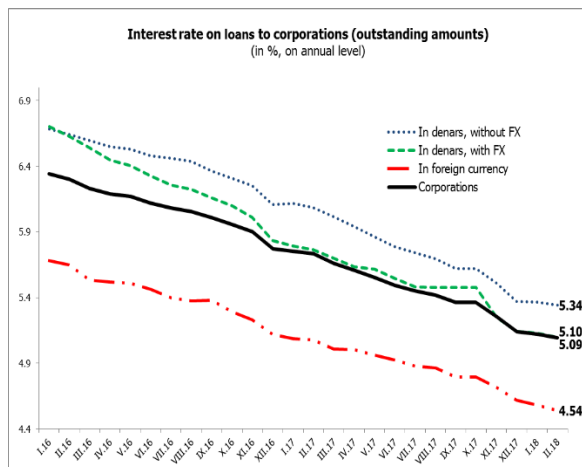
¹ Interest rate implies annual weighted average interest rate in percentage. For more details see the methodology at: <http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-ponderirani-kamatni-stapki-na-bankite-i-stedilnicite-nova-metodologija-od-januari-2015-godina-en.nsp>

² With regard to the interest rates on new loans / newly accepted deposits, variable movements are characteristic. Such movements in interest rates stems from changes in the volume of new deposits / loans (which can significantly vary from month to month), as well as from the newly agreed interest rate.

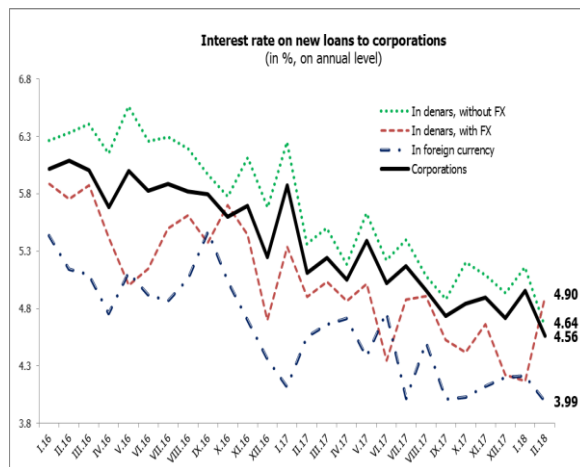
³ For the purposes of this press release, corporate sector refers to non-financial corporations (public and other).



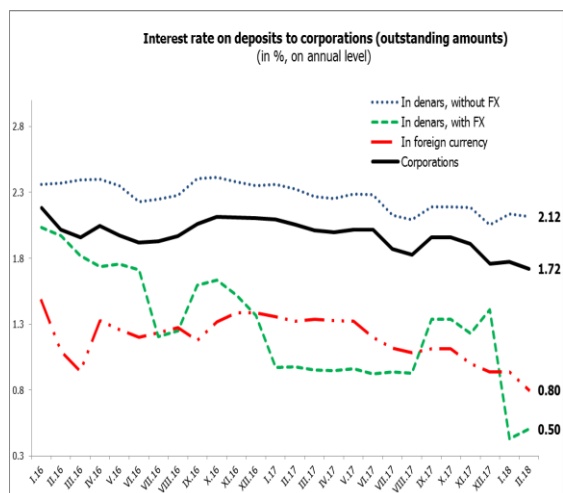
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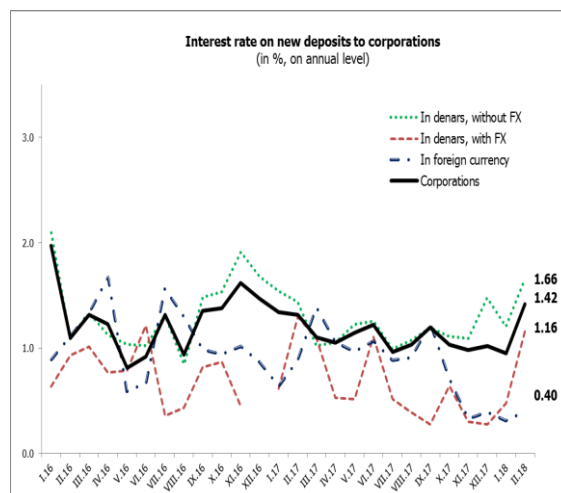
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- The interest rate on new loans extended to the corporate sector in February equaled 4.56%, which compared to the previous month is a downward movement of 0.40 percentage points. The monthly fall is a result of the decrease in the interest rates on denar loans without currency clause and foreign currency loans (of 0.52 percentage points and 0.22 percentage points, respectively), partially compensated with the rise in the interest rate on denar loans with currency clause (of 0.73 percentage points). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.55 percentage points.



Source: NBRM



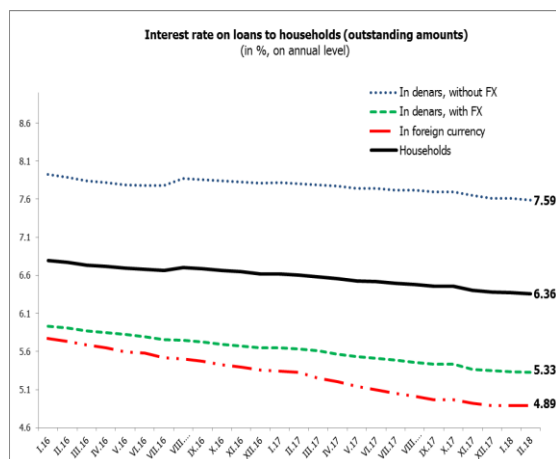
- During February this year, the interest rate on outstanding amount of deposits of the corporate sector registered a monthly decrease of 0.05 percentage points and equaled 1.72%. Analyzed from the aspect of the currency structure, the fall was driven by the downward change in the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and foreign currency deposits (of 0.02 percentage points and 0.14 percentage points, respectively), given the growth in the interest rate on denar deposits with currency clause (of 0.07 percentage points). Compared to February 2017, this interest rate registers a decline of 0.33 percentage points.



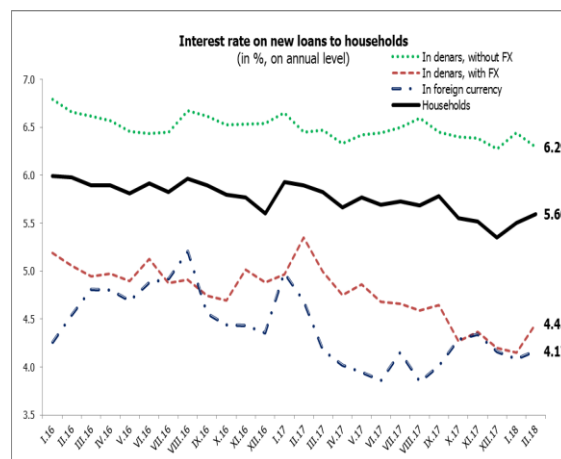
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- The average interest rate on newly received deposits⁴ of the corporate sector equals 1.41%, which is a significant deviation upwards compared to the previous month of 0.47 percentage points, primarily as a result of the increase in the interest rates on Denar deposits with and without currency clause of 0.68 and 0.46 percentage points, respectively, with minimal change in foreign currency deposits by 0.09 percentage points. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.11 percentage points.

2. Interest rates for households⁵



Source: NBRM.



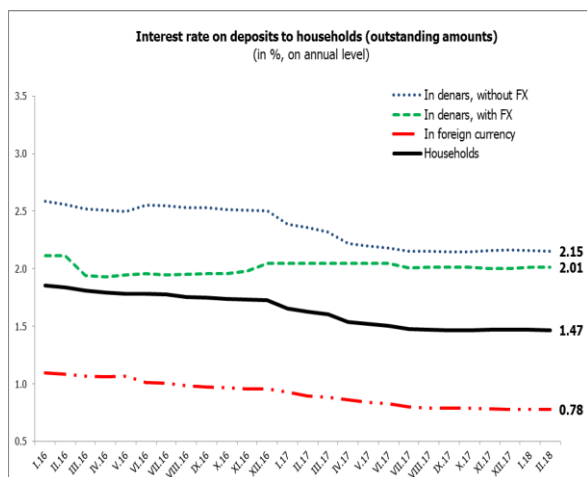
- In February 2018, the average interest rate on outstanding amounts of household loans recorded a small monthly decline of 0.01 percentage point and amounted to 6.36%. Compared to the same month of the previous year, a downward change of 0.24 percentage points was registered.
- The average interest rate on new household loans granted in February equaled 5.60%, which is by 0.10 percentage points higher compared to the interest rate on the new loans in January 2018. The increase has been determined primarily by the increase in the interest rates on denar loans with a currency clause and foreign currency loans (of 0.30 percentage points and 0.9 percentage points, respectively), in conditions of a decrease in the interest rate on denar loans without a currency clause (of 0.15 percentage points). The interest rate on the newly extended loans to households is lower by 0.29 percentage points annually.

⁴ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with FX clause shown in the chart interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate sector.

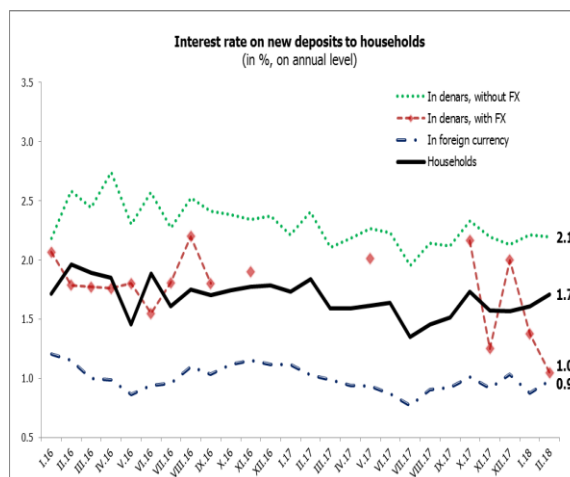
⁵ For the purposes of this press release, households include: individuals, self-employed individuals and nonprofit institutions serving households.



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Source: NBRM.



- The average interest rate on outstanding amounts of household deposits maintained at the level of 1.47%, without any changes since July 2017. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.16 percentage points.
- In February, the average interest rate on newly received household deposits⁶ increased by 0.10 percentage points on a monthly basis and it equaled 1.71%. The monthly growth stems from the increase in the interest rate on foreign currency deposits (by 0.10 percentage points), when the interest rates on denar deposits with and without currency clause dropped (by 0.32 percentage points and 0.02 percentage points, respectively). Compared to February 2017, the interest rate decreased by 0.13 percentage points.

Supporting information

Time series of data: annual, quarterly and monthly data on weighted interest rates of banks and savings houses <http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-ponderirani-kamatni-stapki-na-bankite-i-stedilnicite-nova-metodologija-od-januari-2015-godina.nspix>

Methodological explanations: <http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-ponderirani-kamatni-stapki-na-bankite-i-stedilnicite-nova-metodologija-od-januari-2015-godina-en.nspix>

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⁶ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with FX clause shown in the chart Interest rates on newly received household deposits reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the households.



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Monthly data on interest rates: 30 April 2018 (reference period as of March 2018).

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