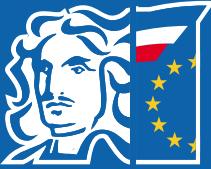


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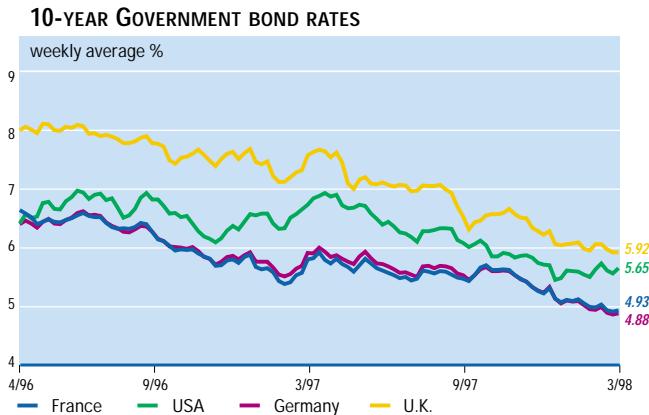
# EURO FLASH

## March Update on French debt

**①** The euro is getting closer. On March 5, 1998, the French Treasury launched a new 30-year OAT that is intended to become the long-term benchmark on the euro bond market. FRF 12.52 billion were issued at the first auction.

**②** A bill authorizing the Government to issue inflation-indexed bonds is currently before Parliament. The Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry has announced that these bonds would be indexed to the French inflation rate.

## THE FRENCH ECONOMY

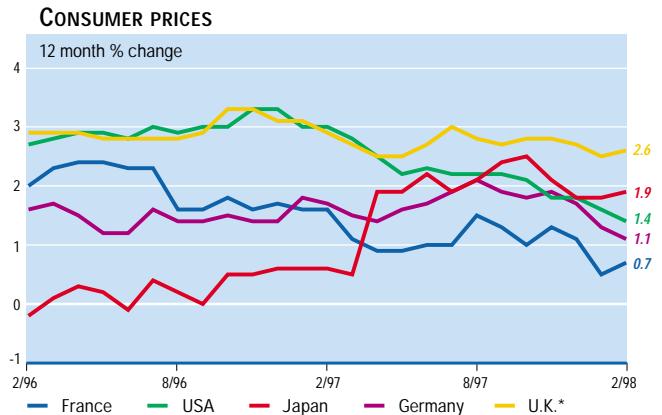


Source: Banque de France - Reuters

## MAIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

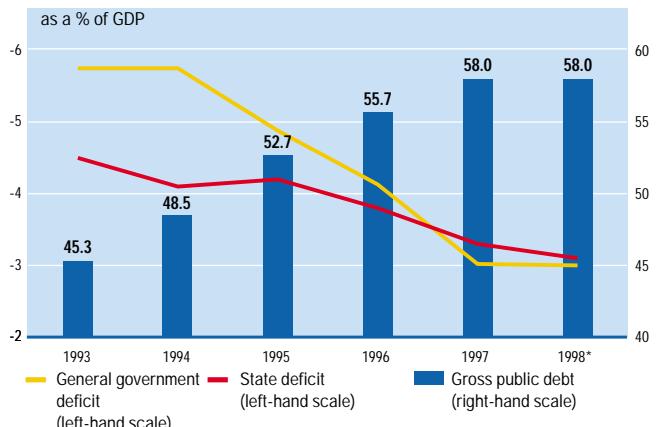
	real gross rate %			1996	1997	1997	1997	1997
	1995	1996	1997	4 <sup>th</sup> Q	1 <sup>st</sup> Q	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	4 <sup>th</sup> Q
GDP	2.1	1.5	2.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.8
Imports	5.1	2.8	6.5	1.6	-0.1	3.8	3.3	0.2
Total resources	2.7	1.8	3.4	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.5	0.6
Household's consumption	1.7	2.1	0.9	-0.6	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.7
General government consumption	0.0	1.7	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Total investment (GFCF)	2.5	-0.5	0.2	0.0	-1.5	0.4	1.3	-0.1
Exports	6.3	4.8	11.3	2.3	2.3	5.5	3.0	0.8
Inventory changes (FF billion)	14.3	-6.2	-2.3	0.7	-3.5	-0.2	0.2	1.1
Total domestic demand	1.8	1.0	1.0	0.1	-0.4	0.5	1.0	0.6
Non-farm payrolls	0.9	-0.1	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5

Source: INSEE



#### **Excluding mortgage lending**

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*\*Finance Bill Forecast*

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## AUCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

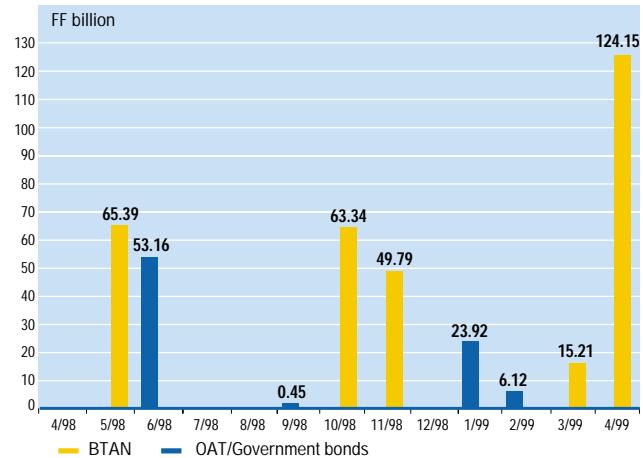
### AUCTION CALENDAR

6/4/98	Settlement on	14/4/98	Settlement on	16/4/98	Settlement on	20/4/98	Settlement on	27/4/98	Settlement on	7/5/98	Settlement on
<b>BTF</b> 13 w.	9/4/98	<b>BTF</b> 13 w.	16/4/98	<b>BTAN</b> 2 years	23/4/98	<b>BTF</b> 13 w.	23/4/98	<b>BTAN</b> 13 w.	30/4/98	<b>OAT</b>	14/5/98
<b>BTF</b> 28 w.	9/4/98	<b>BTF</b> 45 w.	16/4/98	<b>BTAN</b> 5 years	23/4/98	<b>BTF</b> 26 w.	23/4/98	<b>BTAN</b> 43 w.	30/4/98		

### LAST AUCTION OAT

FF million			
	OAT	OAT	OAT
Auction date	April 2/98	April 2/98	April 2/98
	April 2008	April 2011	April 2029
	5.25%	6.50%	5.50%
Issued volume announced	from 20 000 to 22 000		
Amount bid	32 550	11 300	12 173
Amount served	11 624	5 802	7 457
incl. non-competitive bids	1 434	722	1 597
Bid-cover ratio	2.8	1.9	1.6
Stop price	102.16%	113.16%	99.80%
Weighted average rate	4.97%	5.09%	5.51%
Previous auction	March 5/98	February 5/98	March 5/98
Weighted average rate	5.10%	5.29%	5.66%

### MONTHLY REDEMPTION OATS, OTHER GOVERNMENT BONDS AND BTANS

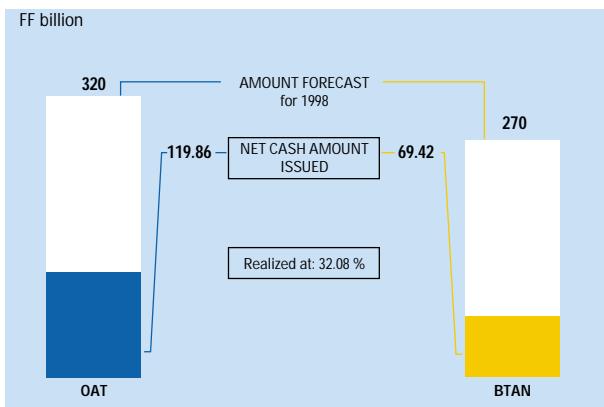


### LAST AUCTION BTAN

FF million			
	BTAN 2 years	BTAN 5 years	
Auction date	March 19/98	March 19/98	
	January 2000	July 2003	
	4.00%	4.50%	
Issued volume announced	from 20 000 to 22 000		
Amount bid	32 350	31 807	
Amount served	10 490	11 127	
incl. non competitive bids	0	507	
Bid-cover ratio	3.1	2.9	
Stop price	100.07%	100.03%	
Weighted average rate	3.95%	4.49%	
Previous auction	January 22/98	February 19/98	
Weighted average rate	4.03%	4.53%	

### LONG AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCING FOR 1998

April 3, 1998

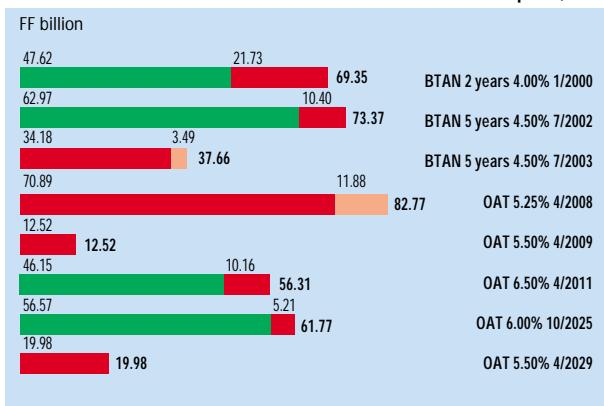


### LAST AUCTION BTF

FF million			
	BTF 13 w.	BTF 24 to 29 w.	BTF 40 to 52 w.
2/3/98			
Average amount	15 290	3 188	
Weighted average rate	3.41%	3.61%	
9/3/98			
Average amount	7 608	5 527	
Weighted average rate	3.40%	3.44%	
16/3/98			
Average amount	13 288	3 110	
Weighted average rate	3.39%	3.59%	
23/3/98			
Average amount	16 524	4 462	
Weighted average rate	3.44%	3.52%	
30/3/98			
Average amount	17 009	4 003	
Weighted average rate	3.45%	3.69%	

### 1998 ISSUES AND CUMULATIVE

April 3, 1998



Issued before 1998 in francs  
Issued in 1998 in francs

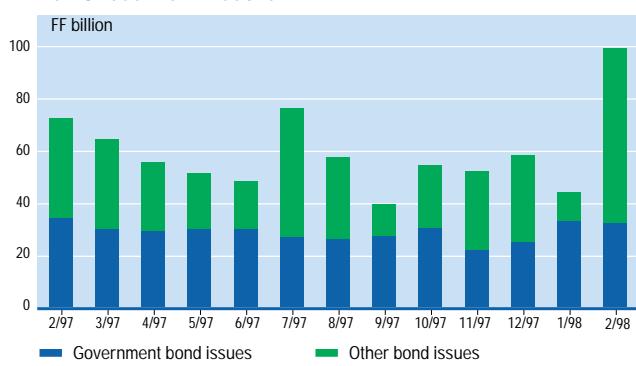
Issued before 1998 in ECU  
Issued in 1998 in ECU

### GOVERNMENT DEBT

	FF billion	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 March
<b>Negotiable debt excluding FSR</b>	2 480	2 826	3 112	3 377	3 470	
<b>Long-term debt</b>	1 559	1 774	2 022	2 170	2 247	
of which OAT	1 421	1 655	1 921	2 161	2 236	
<b>Short &amp; medium-term</b>						
<b>Treasury notes</b>	921	1 052	1 090	1 207	1 223	
of which BTF	239	292	271	270	302	
of which BTAN	682	760	819	937	921	
<b>Non-negotiable debt</b>	424	425	430	412	–	
<b>Total Government debt</b>	2 904	3 251	3 541	3 789	–	
% of GDP excluding securities issued on behalf of the FSR	39.4%	42.6%	45.2%	46.8%	–	
Average life of negotiable debt	6 years 176 days	6 years 95 days	6 years 47 days	6 years 57 days	6 years 65 days	

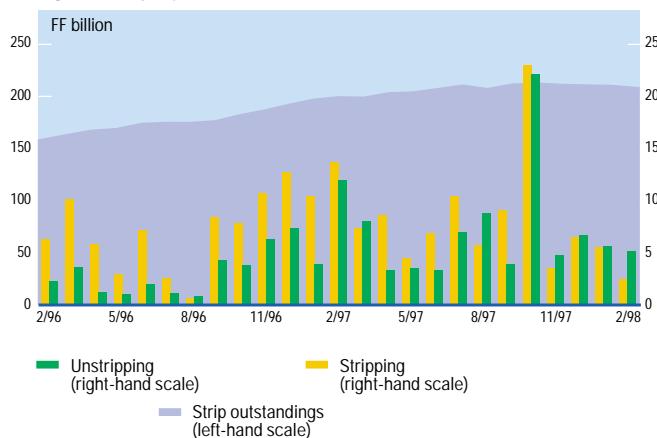
Source: SROT on 31/12/94, 95, 96 and 97

### GOVERNMENT SHARE OF GROSS BOND ISSUES



Source: Banque de France

### STRIPPING ACTIVITY



### 10-YEAR CONSTANT MATURITY TREASURY (TEC 10)

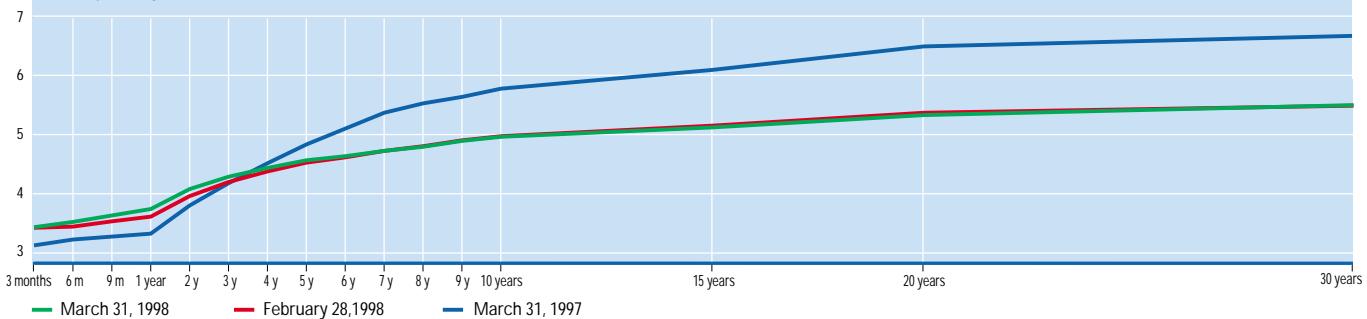


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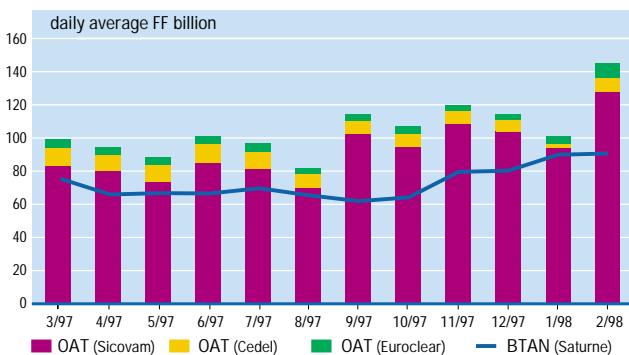
## GOVERNMENT BOND MARKET

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT YIELD CURVE

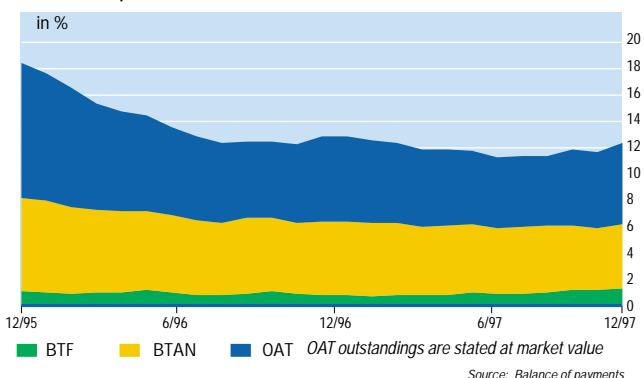
monthly average in %



### TURNOVER ON 5 MOST LIQUID OATs AND 4 MOST LIQUID BTANs

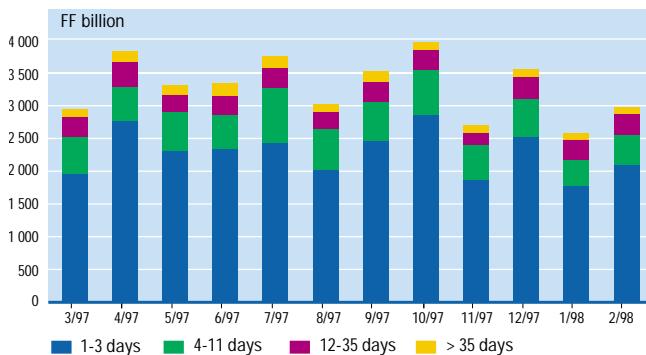


### NON-RESIDENT HOLDINGS OF BTFs, BTANs AND OATs



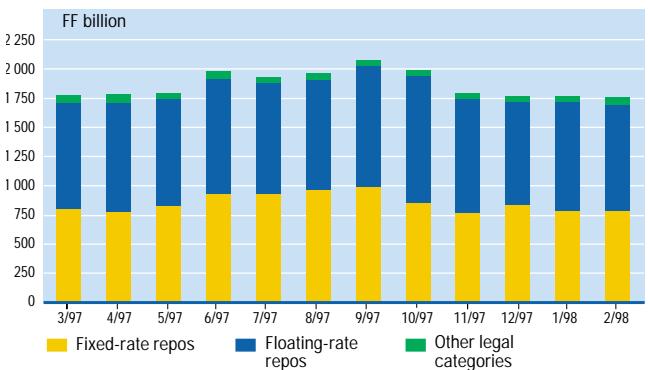
Source: Balance of payments

### PRIMARY DEALERS, MONTHLY FIXED-RATE TRANSACTIONS



Source: Statements by the Primary Dealers

### PRIMARY DEALERS, OUTSTANDING AT END OF MONTH



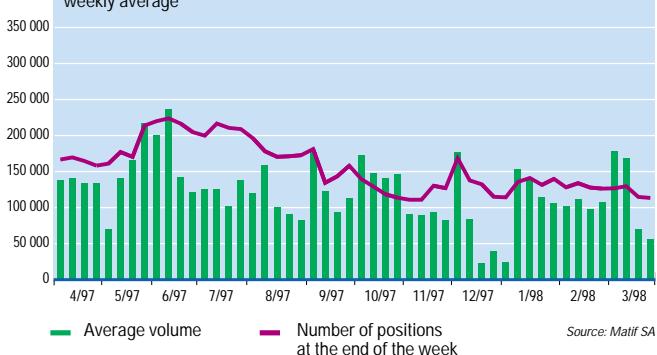
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## FUTURES MARKET

### 10 YEAR NOTIONAL

### Volumes, number of open positions

weekly average



### KEY FIGURES

March	Notional	Matif 5 years	Pibor 3 months	ECU
Number of daily contracts				
monthly average	114 238	24 132	38 144	889
Number of open positions at month end	99 451	47 115	249 077	4 892
Prices on most liquid issue:				
• high	104.56	99.84	96.41	104.02
• low	102.43	98.94	96.22	102.22
• last	103.62	99.30	96.25	103.24

Source: Matif SA/FIMA

# TRANSITION TO THE EURO... ...TRANSITION TO THE EURO

## EMU EVENTS

**MARCH 15, 1998** Irish punt revalued; drachma devalued and accepted in the European Monetary System.

**MARCH 25, 1998** European Commission and EMI released their convergence reports. According to the Commission, eleven countries will be eligible for the changeover to the euro on January 1, 1999. With a deficit of 3.0% of GDP and a public debt of 58.0%, France is one of the handful of countries strictly meeting all the convergence criteria.

**MAY 1-3, 1998** EU Heads of State summit in Brussels. ■ Decision on first wave EMU member states. ■ Announcement of bilateral conversion rates.

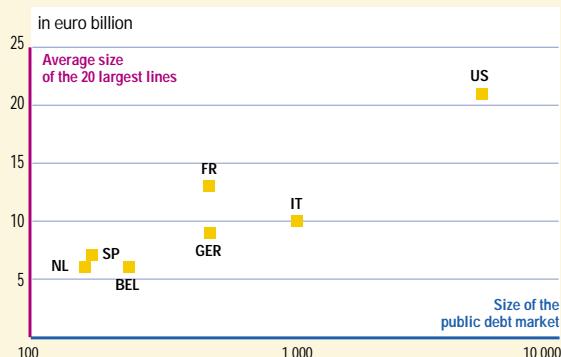
## FRENCH ISSUERS GEAR UP FOR THE EURO

**FEBRUARY 25, 1998** Bill brought before the Cabinet covering various financial and economic measures. **The bill includes rules governing the redenomination of public and private sector debt into euros** (euro amounts will be rounded down and the rounding difference will be paid to holders in the form of a compensatory marked-to-market cash payment). It also authorizes the quotation of financial instruments in euros and extends the legal framework governing delivery/settlement systems, to guarantee the irrevocability of transactions. **The bill further authorizes the issuance of inflation-indexed bonds**, making France the first sovereign issuer in the euro zone to issue this type of security. **The bill is currently being debated by Parliament.**

**MARCH 5, 1998** The Treasury launches a new 5.5% April 25, 2029 OAT. This stripable 30-year OAT is intended to become the long-term benchmark on the euro bond market. The first auction was heavily over-subscribed (161%): FRF 12.52 billion were issued at a weighted average rate of 5.66%.

**MARCH 30, 1998** Dominique Strauss-Kahn announces a record exchange offer on the ECU market. By allowing investors to exchange eight existing lines totaling ECU 17 billion against four lines that will be fungible with French franc issues at the time of redenomination of French public-sector debt into euros, the operation will further enhance the great liquidity of French government securities. In addition, it clearly confirms France's bid for Euro benchmark.

## A LIQUID, EFFICIENT AND TRANSPARENT MARKET

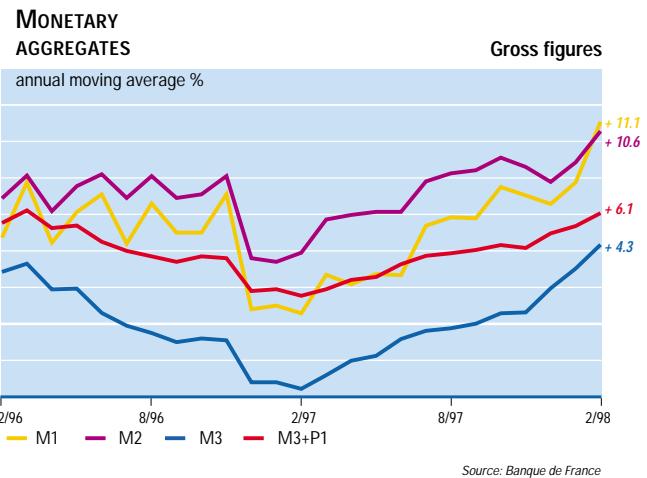
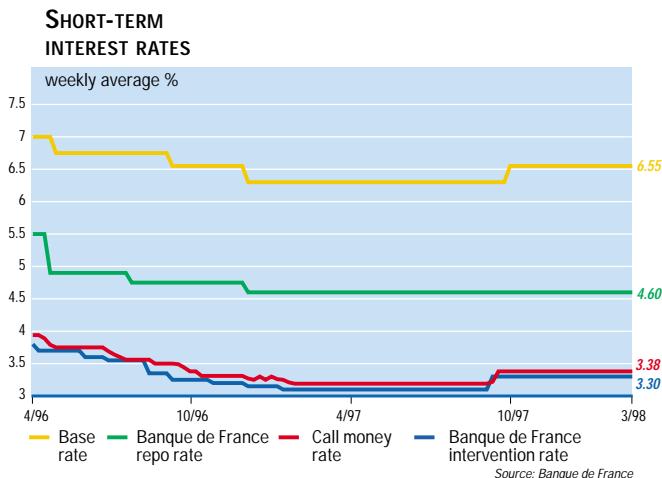


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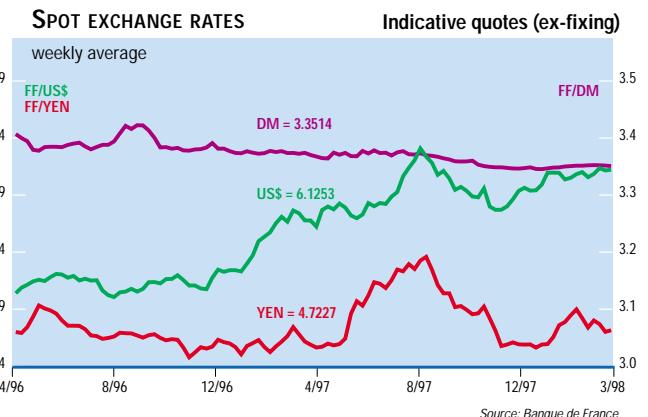


**FOREIGN TRADE**

seasonally adjusted Fob/Fob data FF billion

	1996	1997	January 1998	Cumulative at 31/1/98	January 1997	Cumulative at 31/1/97
Imports	1 391.9	1 551.8	130.2	130.2	117.1	117.1
Exports	1 478.1	1 688.0	146.7	146.7	128.5	128.5
Trade balance	86.1	176.2	16.5	16.5	11.4	11.4
Current account balance	105.0	231.7	-	-	20.5	20.5

Source: Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry, and Banque de France



## TIMETABLE FOR THE RELEASE OF FRENCH ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicator	April 1998	May 1998	June 1998	Last published result
Consumer prices	March 98 Provisional: 10/4 Definitive: 24/4	April 98 Provisional: 13/5 Definitive: 26/5	May 98 Provisional: 12/6 Definitive: 25/6	February 98 Definitive: 0.7% y.o.
Industrial output	February 98: 22/4	March 98: 20/5	April 98: 19/6	January 98: 104.4 (s.a.)
Industrial trends: monthly index quarterly index	April 98: 29/4 —	May 98: 28/5 May 98: 7/5	June 98: 29/6 —	March 98: 30/3 January 98: 6/2
Industrial investment	—	April 98: 19/5	—	Year 1998 Forecast: + 10% (nominal)
National accounts	Detailed results (1) Fourth quarter 97: 27/4	—	First results First quarter 98: 4/6	First results Fourth quarter 97: 27/2
Household consumption of manufactured goods	March 98: 28/4	April 98: 26/5	May 98: 24/6	Provisional result February 98: -3.2%
Consumer confidence survey	March 98: 9/4	April 98: 12/5	May 98: 9/6	February 98: -22
Industrial sales prices	February 98: 2/4	March 98: 5/5	April 98: 3/6	February 98: 2/4
Jobless claims	March 98: 30/4	April 98: 29/5	May 98: 30/6	February 98: 12.1%
Payrolls	—	First quarter 98 Provisional: 15/5	First quarter 98 Definitive: 10/6	Definitive results Fourth quarter 97: + 0.5%
Wages quarterly statistics	—	First quarter 98 Provisional: 15/5	First quarter 98 Definitive: 19/6	Fourth quarter 97 Definitive: 20/3
Foreign trade	February 98: 27/4	March 98: 27/5	April 98: 26/6	Provisional result January 98: + 16.5 FF bn
Balance of payments	January 98: 10/4	February 98: 15/5	March 98: 12/6	December 97: + 18.5 FF bn
Foreign exchange reserves	March 98: 10/4	April 98: 7/5	May 98: 12/6	February 98: 13/3
New construction	March 98: 28/4	April 98: 26/5	May 98: 23/6	February 98: 24/3
Sales of new residential units	—	First quarter 98: 26/5	—	Fourth quarter 97: 24/2

(1) Also, first results 1997 national accounts.  
All figures are released at 8:45 am, Paris time.

Source: INSEE



## LES VALEURS DU TRÉSOR

### DETTE NÉGOCEABLE DE L'ÉTAT NEGOTIABLE GOVERNMENT DEBT OUTSTANDING

#### OAT ET EMPRUNTS À MOYEN ET LONG TERME - AU 31 MARS 1998 OAT AND LONG AND MEDIUM TERM DEBT - MARCH 31, 1998

N° SICOVAM	Libellé de l'emprunt/Bond	ECU 000	FF 000	N° SICOVAM	Libellé de l'emprunt/Bond	ECU 000	FF 000
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 1998</b>				<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2007</b>	<b>4 834 MECU</b>	<b>211 643 MF</b>
11048	OAT 9,5% 06-1998	53 609 MF	53 162 534	20752	OAT 5,5% 04-2007 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	109 219 170	(1 539 000)
4326	OAT TRA 09-1998	446 520		22105	OAT 5,5% 04-2007 Particuliers mai	944 526	
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 1999</b>	<b>84 307 MF</b>		22108	OAT 5,5% 04-2007 Particuliers juin	940 828	
10249	OAT TMB 01-1999	23 920 834		20757	OAT ECU 5,5% 04-2007 réserve FSR <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	4 834 000	
11994	11% 02-1985 prorogé	6 121 904			50 000 <i>(143 380)</i>		
11348	OAT 8,125% 05-1999	54 264 072		20798	OAT 5,5% 10-2007 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	99 048 614	
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2000</b>	<b>2 124 MECU</b>	<b>98 522 MF</b>	22116	OAT 5,5% 10-2007 Particuliers nov.	812 276	
11641	OAT 8,5% 03-2000	2 123 944	57 645 000	22119	OAT 5,5% 10-2007 Particuliers déc.	677 978	
11720	OAT ECU 9,5% 04-2000 réserve FSR <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	50 000 (73 840)			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2008</b>	<b>1 783 MECU</b>	<b>142 286 MF</b>
4266	OAT 10% 05-2000	19 827 654		20865	OAT 5,25% 04-2008	56 552 000	
4097	6,57% 07-84	2 649 030		22120	OAT 5,25% 04-2008 Particuliers janv.	863 874	
4267	OAT TRA 09-2000	18 399 974		22123	OAT 5,25% 04-2008 Particuliers fév.	845 750	
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2001</b>	<b>1 033 MECU</b>	<b>106 554 MF</b>	22125	OAT 5,25% 04-2008 Particuliers mars	1 005 682	
11350	OAT TME 01-2001	24 654 000		20866	OAT ECU 5,25% 04-2008	1 783 000	
11878	OAT 9,5% 01-2001	64 290 000		19377	OAT 8,5% 10-2008 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	83 018 272	
11860	OAT ECU 10% 02-2001 réserve FSR	1 033 122			(22 160 200)		
10145	OAT 7,5% 07-2001	50 000			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2009</b>	<b>31 820 MF</b>	
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2002</b>	<b>4 641 MECU</b>	<b>103 709 MF</b>	20765	OAT TEC 10 01-2009	31 820 000	
11930	OAT ECU 8,5% 03-2002 réserve FSR	1 938 179			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2011</b>	<b>50 505 MF</b>	
19600	OAT ECU 6,75% 04-2002 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	2 702 501		19759	OAT 6,5% 04-2011 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	50 505 000	
10247	OAT 8,5% 11-2002	(51 910)				(2 686 000)	
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2003</b>	<b>1 210 MECU</b>	<b>200 809 MF</b>		<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2012</b>	<b>35 984 MF</b>	
19385	OAT 8,5% 04-2003 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	101 706 306		10248	OAT 8,5% 12-2012	35 983 816	
19440	OAT ECU 8% 04-2003 réserve FSR <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	1 210 000			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2019</b>	<b>62 425 MF</b>	
19465	OAT 6,75% 10-2003 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	50 000 (23 730)		11349	OAT 8,5% 10-2019 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	61 327 998	
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2004</b>	<b>3 236 MECU</b>	<b>233 773 MF</b>	11703	9,82% 12-2019 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	(41 700 750)	
11351	OAT 8,25% 02-2004	59 257 000				1 097 043	
19537	OAT 5,5% 04-2004 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	101 121 000			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2022</b>	<b>1 500 MECU</b>	<b>0 MF</b>
19520	OAT ECU 6% 04-2004 réserve FSR <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	3 235 500		19328	OAT ECU 8,25% 04-2022 réserve FSR <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	1 500 000	
19603	OAT 6,75% 10-2004 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	50 000 (20 900)			50 000 (315 700)		
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2005</b>	<b>2 131 MECU</b>	<b>211 154 MF</b>	19313	OAT 8,5% 04-2023 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	87 952 000	
19643	OAT 7,5% 04-2005 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	108 156 858				(55 275 500)	
19719	OAT ECU 7,5% 04-2005 réserve FSR <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	2 131 000			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2025</b>	<b>61 771 MF</b>	
19699	OAT 7,75% 10-2005 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	50 000 (77 010)		19579	OAT 6% 10-2025 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	61 771 000	
	<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2006</b>	<b>2 879 MECU</b>	<b>288 122 MF</b>			(11 299 460)	
19734	OAT 7,25% 04-2006 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	111 080 018			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2028</b>	<b>58 MF</b>	
19783	OAT ECU 7% 04-2006 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	2 879 000		20904	OAT zéro coupon 03-2028 <i>(non offerte à la souscription)</i>	57 757	
19775	OAT 6,5% 10-2006 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	(716 500)			<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2029</b>	<b>12 520 MF</b>	
19780	OAT TEC 10 10-2006	99 063 552		20891	OAT 5,50% 04-2029 <i>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</i>	12 520 000	
		(3 362 000)				(845 000)	
		77 978 000			<b>TOTAL *</b>	<b>25 370 MECU</b>	<b>2 077 523 MF</b>
					<b>réserve FSR</b>	<b>400 MECU</b>	<b>0 MF</b>
					<b>Total général en francs*</b>	<b>2 246 590 MF</b>	
					<b>encours démembrés/stripped bonds</b>	<b>823 MECU</b>	<b>204 355 MF</b>
					<b>en % des lignes démembrables</b>	<b>3,67 %</b>	<b>14,41 %</b>
					<b>as a % of strippable bonds</b>		

**Durée de vie moyenne des obligations :**

**8 ans et 246 jours**

Average maturity of OATs:

8 years and 246 days

**TMB :** moyenne arithmétique des taux de rendement moyens mensuels de BTF à 13 semaines constatés au cours de l'année précédant la date de mise en paiement du coupon.

**TRA :** taux révisable, en fonction des taux de rendement des emprunts d'État à taux fixe d'échéance supérieure à 7 ans, publiés par la Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations.

**TME :** moyenne arithmétique des taux de rendement moyens mensuels des emprunts d'État à taux fixe d'échéance supérieure à 7 ans sur l'année précédant la date de mise en paiement du coupon.

**TEC 10 :** taux de l'échéance constante à 10 ans.

\* Hors FSR, Excluding FSR

1 ECU = 6,6640 FF, sur la base du cours indicatif de la BDF au 31/3/98  
based on BDF guideline rate on 31/3/98.

**TMB :** the coupon rate on payment date is the arithmetic mean of the monthly average of the 13-week T-Bill auctioned weekly throughout the previous calendar year.

**TRA :** variable rate based on the yields of all fixed-rate French Government bonds (EE and OATs included) with maturities greater than 7 years, as published by the CDC.

**TME :** the coupon rate is the arithmetic mean of the monthly average of all fixed-rate French Government bonds (EE and OATs included) with maturities greater than 7 years. The coupon rate is fixed every January based on the previous calendar year.

**TEC 10 :** 10-year constant maturity Treasury.

Source : Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de l'Industrie

**BTAN - Au 31 MARS 1998**  
**TREASURY NOTES - MARCH 31, 1998**

	Échéance Maturity	Coupon nominal Rate	ECU 000	FF 000
<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 1998</b>				
BTAN	12/05/98	8,00%	0 MECU	178 520 MF
BTAN	12/10/98	4,50%		65 392 000
BTAN	12/11/98	5,75%		63 337 000
				49 791 000
<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 1999</b>				
BTAN ECU réserve FSR	16/03/99	5,00%	2 283 MECU 2 283 000 50 000	182 854 MF
BTAN	12/04/99	4,75%		124 152 000
BTAN	12/11/99	7,00%		58 702 000
<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2000</b>				
BTAN	12/01/00	4,00%		188 377 MF
BTAN	12/04/00	7,75%		69 345 000
BTAN	12/10/00	7,00%		63 514 000
				55 518 000
<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2001</b>				
BTAN	12/03/01	5,75%	1 925 MECU	148 752 MF
BTAN ECU réserve FSR	16/03/01	6,00%	1 925 000 50 000	69 198 000
BTAN	12/10/01	5,50%		79 554 000
<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2002</b>				
BTAN	12/03/02	4,75%	1 341 MECU	148 021 MF
BTAN	12/07/02	4,50%		74 651 000
BTAN ECU réserve FSR	12/07/02	4,50%	1 341 000 100 000	73 370 000
<b>ÉCHÉANCE/MATURITY 2003</b>				
BTAN	12/07/03	4,50%	523 MECU	34 177 MF
BTAN ECU	12/07/03	4,50%	523 000	34 177 000
<b>Durée de vie moyenne des BTAN : 2 ans et 13 jours</b>			<b>TOTAL* (a)</b>	<b>6 072 MECU</b>
Average maturity of BTANs: 2 years and 13 days			<b>réserve FSR</b>	<b>880 701 MF</b>
				<b>0 MF</b>
			<b>Total général en francs*</b>	<b>921 165 MF</b>

**BTF - Au 31 MARS 1998**  
**TREASURY BILLS - MARCH 31, 1998**

	Échéance Maturity	FF 000
BTF	02/04/98	10 005 000
BTF	09/04/98	21 545 000
BTF	16/04/98	10 039 000
BTF	23/04/98	10 394 000
BTF	30/04/98	12 387 000
BTF	07/05/98	23 506 000
BTF	14/05/98	16 365 000
BTF	20/05/98	14 164 000
BTF	28/05/98	33 253 000
BTF	04/06/98	15 290 000
BTF	11/06/98	21 453 000
BTF	18/06/98	13 288 000
BTF	25/06/98	16 524 000
BTF	09/07/98	8 105 000
BTF	06/08/98	11 364 000
BTF	03/09/98	21 136 000
BTF	24/09/98	9 989 000
BTF	03/12/98	21 852 000
BTF	25/02/99	11 342 000

**Durée de vie moyenne des BTF : 88 jours**

Average maturity of BTFs: 88 days

<b>Durée de vie moyenne totale de la dette au 31/3/98 : 6 ans et 65 jours</b> Average maturity of debt at 31/3/98: 6 years and 65 days	<b>Total* (a)</b>	<b>31 442 MECU</b>	<b>3 260 225 MF</b>
	<b>Total général de la dette négociable*</b>	<b>3 469 756 MF</b>	
	<b>réserve FSR</b>	<b>600 MECU</b>	<b>0 MF</b>

\* Hors FSR, Excluding FSR

(a) 1 ECU = 6,6640 FF, sur la base du cours indicatif de la BDF au 31/3/98  
based on BDF guideline rate on 31/3/98.

Source : Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de l'Industrie



## FRENCH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

### INDICATIVE CALENDAR

#### Auction and settlement dates

Second quarter 1998

Dates	BTF			BTAN*		OAT*
	13 w.	semestrial	annual	2 years 4.00% 12/01/2000	5 years 4.50% 12/07/2003	
Thursday 02/04						◇
Monday 06/04	▽	○				
Thursday 09/04	▲	●				◆
Tuesday 14/04	▽		□			
Thursday 16/04	▲		□	▽	▽	
Monday 20/04	▽	○				
Thursday 23/04	▲	●				
Monday 27/04	▽		□			
Thursday 30/04	▲		□			
Monday 04/05	▽	○				◇
Thursday 07/05	▲	●				
Monday 11/05	▽		□			
Thursday 14/05	▲		□			◆
Monday 18/05	▽	○				
Wednesday 20/05	▲	●				
Monday 25/05	▽		□			
Thursday 28/05	▲		□	▽ (1)		
Tuesday 02/06	▽	○				
Thursday 04/06	▲	●				◇
Monday 08/06	▽	○				
Thursday 11/06	▲	●				◆
Monday 15/06	▽		□			
Thursday 18/06	▲		□			
Monday 22/06	▽	○				
Thursday 25/06	▲	●		▽ (1)	▽	
Monday 29/06	▽		□			
Settlement on	02/07/1998		02/07/1998			

	Auction		Settlement
BTF	13 weeks	▽	Each Monday **
	semester	○	Generally 1 or 2 Mondays per month **
	1 year	□	Generally 1 or 2 Mondays per month **
BTAN	Jan. 12/2000	▽	Following Thursday **
	July 12/2000	○	Following Thursday **
	July 12/2003	□	Following Thursday **
OAT		◇	1 <sup>st</sup> working Thursday of the month **

\* Auction of lines in French francs or ECU

\*\* or the previous or following working day

(1) Coupon to be determined, BTAN July 12/2000

# FRENCH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

## 1998 auction calendar

OAT AUCTION CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR	OAT in French francs or ECU 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month	A fixed-rate 10-year line, of either the existing 5.25% April 2008 OAT or another OAT line to be opened, dated; if market conditions permit, other fixed-rate or floating-rate lines, either existing or to be opened, or indexed
SEMIESTERLY AUCTION CALENDAR	BTAN in French francs or ECU 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month	Lines auctioned during the first half-year of 1998 • BTAN 4.00% Jan. 12/2000 • BTAN July 12/2000, to be determined • BTAN 4.50% July 12/2003
BTF QUARTERLY CALENDAR	Each Monday	BTF 13 weeks, semester, or 1 year according to the calendar on the other side.

*The Treasury reserves the right to cancel an auction listed on the calendar if exceptional market conditions warrant it or to hold an extra auction according to its borrowing needs and market trends.*

*Furthermore, the Treasury reserves the right to create new, long- or medium-term French franc or ECU issues during the year, or to issue further tranches of previous issues in accordance with market conditions. The Treasury also reserves the right to use banking syndicate issue procedures.*

*The exact nature of the Treasury issues will be communicated to the market in the days preceding each auction with information on the volume of the issues.*

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BANQUE CPR	CPRL	CPRF	CPRAB	CPRRE	CPRSTRIP	CPRLE
BANQUE D'ESCOMpte	BEPG	BEPG	BEPF	BEPV		BEPS
BANQUE LEHMAN BROTHERS S.A.	LBBTF1	LBBTAN1/2	LBOAT1/2	LBECU1/2		LBWE
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CDC MARCHÉS	CDCFRF	CDCBTAN	CDCOAT1	CDCECU1	CDCSTRIP1	CDCFRF
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