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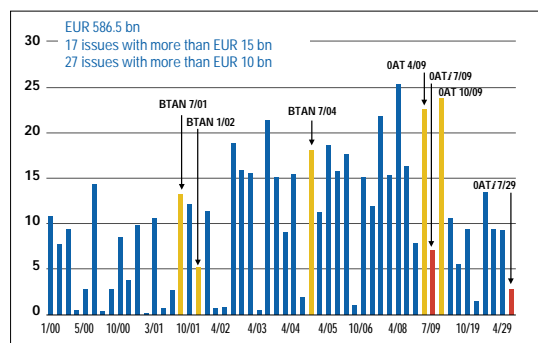
French government debt news

The minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry has publicly disclosed the government's indicative financing program for 2000. Based on the principles of **liquidity, transparency and responsiveness**, the 2000 program continues the policies of previous years. Its highlights are summarized below (see appended details).

- The preliminary amount of long- and medium-term issues for 2000 totals **EUR 90 billion**, of which roughly EUR 50 billion OATs and EUR 40 billion BTANs.
- The new 5-year benchmark security, the July 2005 BTAN, will be issued for the first time at the auction of 20 January 2000. Likewise, the new 10-year benchmark security, the April 2010 OAT, will first be issued during the 2 February 2000 auction.
- The government has opted to make its issuing policy even more transparent by moving up the date on which it will announce the exact characteristics of the medium- and long-term security auctions to the Friday before the auctions, instead of Tuesday.
- The market and strategic committees, which the minister announced would be set up last year, have been formed and will work year round to create an issuing policy that is more efficient and better adapted to market needs.

French government negotiable debt outstanding on January 6, 2000

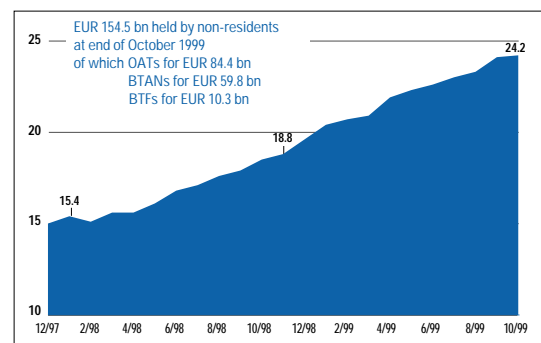
EUR billion



Source: French Treasury

Non-resident holdings of French government negotiable debt securities

as a % of negotiable debt outstanding



Source: Balance of payments

Auction calendar

10/1/2000	Settlement on	17/1/2000	Settlement on	20/1/2000	Settlement on	24/1/2000	Settlement on	31/1/2000	Settlement on	3/2/2000	Settlement on
BTF		BTF				BTF		BTF			
13 W.	13/1/2000	13 W.	20/1/2000	BTAN	27/1/2000	13 W.	27/1/2000	13 W.	3/2/2000	OAT	8/2/2000
BTF		BTF		5 years		BTF		BTF			
52 W.	13/1/2000	51 W.	20/1/2000			29 W.	27/1/2000	49 W.	3/2/2000		

Source: French Treasury

Last auctions OATs and BTANs

EUR million

	OAT October 2009 4.00%	OAT April 2029 5.50%	BTAN 2 years January 2002 4.00%	BTAN 5 years July 2004 3.50%
Auction date	6/1/2000	6/1/2000	16/12/1999	16/12/1999
Settlement date	13/1/2000	13/1/2000	23/12/1999	23/12/1999
Volume announced	from 3 300 to 3 700		from 1 300 to 1 700	
Amount bid	5 817	1 845	2 760	2 507
Amount served	2 732	730	782	748
Bid-to-cover ratio	2.1	2.5	3.5	3.4
Stop price	87.62%	91.30%	99.63%	95.46%
Weighted average rate	5.68%	6.14%	4.18%	4.62%
Previous auctions	2/12/1999	7/10/1999	18/11/1999	18/11/1999
Weighted average rate	5.23%	5.97%	4.00%	4.56%

Source: French Treasury

Last auction BTFs

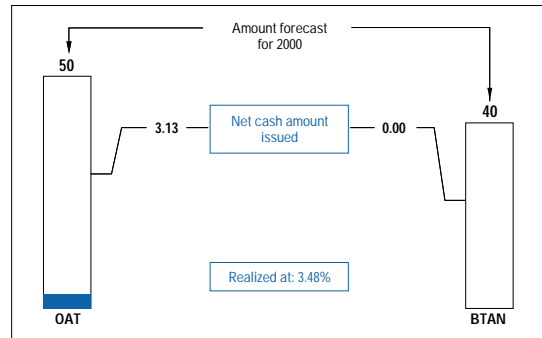
EUR million

		BTF 13 W.	BTF 24 to 29 W.	BTF 40 to 52 W.
6/12/1999	Average amount	1 005	809	
	Weighted average rate	2.87%	3.27%	
13/12/1999	Average amount	1 002		505
	Weighted average rate	3.02%		3.58%
20/12/1999	Average amount	840	513	
	Weighted average rate	3.07%	3.39%	
27/12/1999	Average amount	511		
	Weighted average rate	3.09%		
3/1/2000	Average amount	806	504	
	Weighted average rate	3.10%	3.42%	

Source: French Treasury

Long and medium term financing over the year January 6, 2000

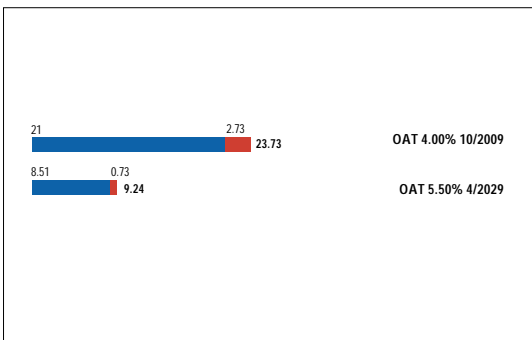
EUR billion



Source: French Treasury

BTANs and OATs 2000 issues and cumulative total January 6, 2000

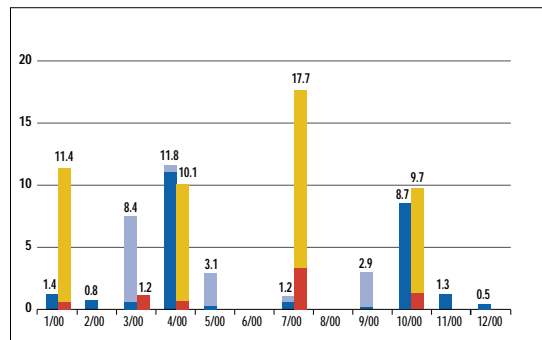
EUR billion



Source: French Treasury

OATs and BTANs : indicative repayment schedule January 6, 2000*

EUR billion



Source: French Treasury

* Floating coupons estimated at present value (6/1/2000)

French government debt

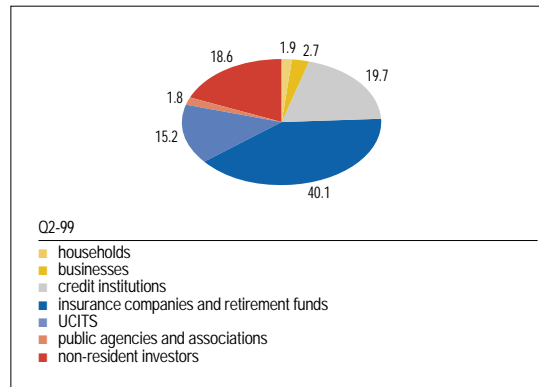
EUR billion

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 December
Negotiable debt excluding FSR	378	431	474	515	560	583
Long-term debt	238	270	308	331	363	395
of which OAT	217	252	293	329	363	395
Short & medium-term						
Treasury notes	140	160	166	184	197	188
of which BTF	36	45	41	41	47	34
of which BTAN	104	116	125	143	150	154
Non-negotiable debt	65	65	66	63	53	nc
Total Government debt	443	496	540	577	613	nc
% of GDP excluding securities issued on behalf of the FSR	38.7%	42.0%	44.5%	46.0%	46.9%	nc
Average life	6 years	6 years	6 years	6 years	6 years	6 years
of negotiable debt	176 days	95 days	47 days	57 days	93 days	99 days

Source: SROT on 31/12/94, 95, 96, 97 and 98 - French Treasury

OAT ownership by type of holder

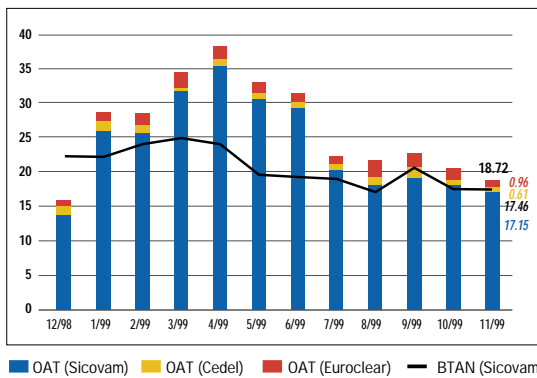
ownership structure, %



Source: These figures come from a Banque de France's survey; the percentage of non resident holdings is compatible with the more exhaustive figures coming from the Balance of payments (see page 1).

Turnover on the 5 most liquid OATs and the 4 most liquid BTANs

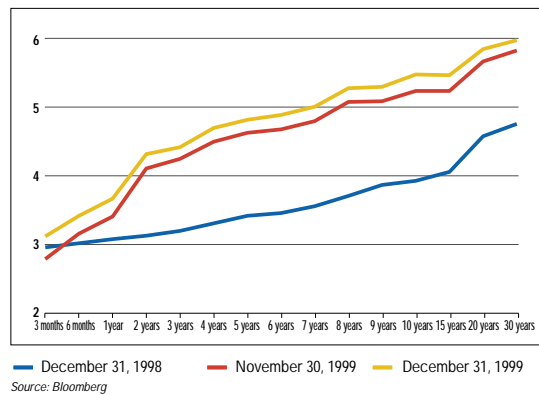
daily average (EUR billion)



Legend: OAT (Sicovam), OAT (Cedel), OAT (Euroclear), BTAN (Sicovam)

French government yield curve

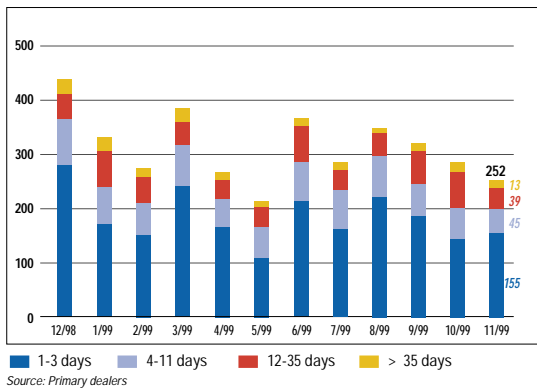
monthly average in %



Source: Bloomberg

Primary dealers, monthly fixed-rate repo transactions

EUR billion

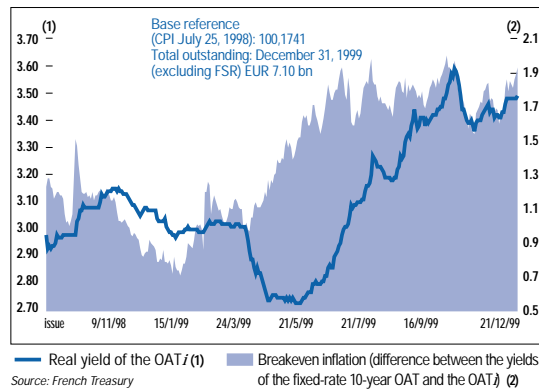


Source: Primary dealers

Real yield of the OAT \neq 3% 07/2009

in %

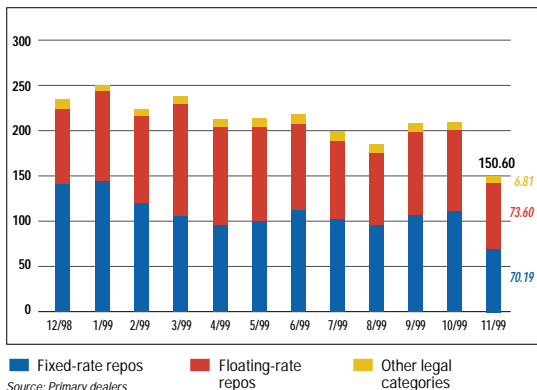
indicative daily quote on the secondary market



Source: French Treasury

Primary dealers, repo outstanding at end of month

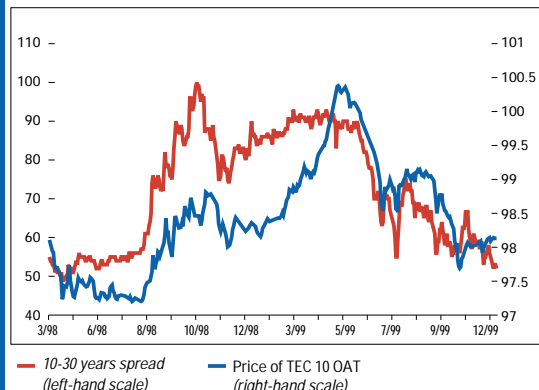
EUR billion



Source: Primary dealers

Comparative change in the 10-30 year spread and the price of the TEC 10 OAT

f o c u s



Source: French Treasury

An update on TEC 10 OATs

The first issuer of inflation linked government bonds in Euro, France Trésor is also the first sovereign issuer to have launched floating rate bonds indexed to the yield of its long term bonds, the TEC 10, thus pursuing its issuing policy of innovation and liquidity.

Launched in April 1996, the TEC 10 OATs have been tapped regularly via auctions and their total current outstanding amount is approaching EUR 18 billion. A large number of issuers have followed suit, launching Constant Maturity Bonds bearing either a similar structure or a hybrid structure to meet specific needs of investors.

Although France Trésor remains the sole sovereign issuer to have integrated such issues into its borrowing program, the growing number of Constant Maturity issues confirms investors' interest for this type of product. In addition to reducing France Trésor financing costs, TEC 10 OATs offer market players a product which, in spite of its novelty, compares well in terms of liquidity with other issues bearing the same type of reference.

A transparent index: the reference attached to TEC 10 OATs, the Constant Maturity Rate, corresponds to the yield of a fictitious OAT, with a maturity of exactly 10 years. It is fixed daily, using the prices quoted by the SVTs on the secondary market, by linear interpolation of the two OATs whose maturity encompasses 10 years.

A hedging tool against a rise in long term rates: for investors wanting to cover their exposure to an increase in long term interest rates, TEC 10 OATs offer, with a positive yield curve, a better return than FRNs indexed on money market rates. Insurance companies, whose liabilities depend largely on long term interest rates, are, of course, the genuine investors in this type of product.

A perfect instrument to take position on the slope of the yield curve: the price of TEC 10 OATs whose coupons are indexed on long term interest rates, is mainly dependent on the slope of the yield curve. Mutual funds are keen to use these instruments to take a view on the shape of the yield curve, with the assurance that they will be able to revert the position at any time.

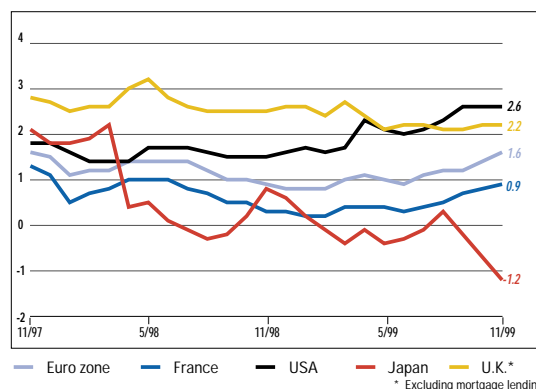
A liquid instrument: on top of the high volume issued by France Trésor, the liquidity of TEC 10 OATs is further enhanced by their characteristics which have been designed to facilitate the hedging by market makers. This also contributes to the liquidity of long term fixed rate OATs.

Nearly four years after their launch, TEC 10 OATs can no longer be considered as exotic instruments. They are now an integral part of France Trésor's issuing policy. TEC 10 OATs have initiated a very active derivative market which, in turn, generates the launch of other issues bearing the same reference, either plain vanilla or structured. This illustrates how France Trésor has achieved its goal of diversification, innovation and creation of new issues which have benchmark status in the euro zone.

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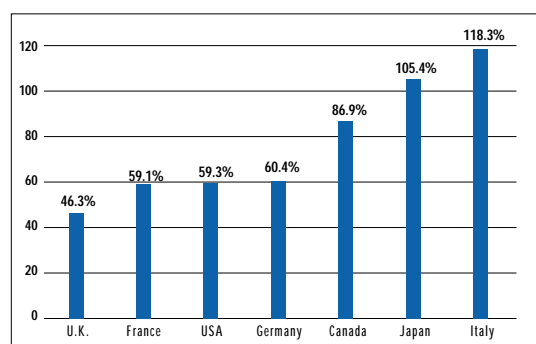
Consumer prices

year on year % change



General government debt in 1999

as a % of GDP



Source: OECD estimates, December 1999; Maastricht definition for European countries (former ESA 79)

Timetable for the release of French economic indicators and for auctions

January 2000	
3 BTF auction	21 Foreign trade in November
5 Households confidence survey: December survey	21 Industrial output in November
6 OAT auction	24 BTF auction
7 Gross foreign exchange reserves in December	25 Households consumption of manufactured goods in December
10 BTF auction	25 Consumer prices: final index for December
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14 Balance of payments in October	31 Industrial sales prices: December index
17 BTF auction	31 Net foreign exchange reserves in December
20 BTAN auction	
February 2000	
1 New building strats in December	18 Foreign trade in December
2 Households confidence survey: January survey	21 BTF auction
3 OAT auction	22 Industrial output in December
4 Industrial trends : Quarterly survey in January	24 Consumer prices: final index for January
6 Gross foreign exchange reserves in January	24 Q4-1999 accounts : first results
7 BTF auction	25 Households consumption of manufactured goods in January
11 Balance of payments in November	25 Industrial trends: February survey
14 BTF auction	28 BTF auction
17 Wage earners: provisional results Q4-99	29 Job seekers in January
17 Wages: provisional statistics Q4-99	29 Sales of new dwelling units: Q4-99 statistics
17 Industrial investment: January survey	29 New building starts in January
17 BTAN auction	29 Net foreign exchange reserves in January

Macro-economic forecast

Real growth rate, n-1 prices

	1998	1999	2000*
GDP growth in France	3.2	2.3	2.6-3.0
GDP growth in the euro zone	2.8	2.0	2.7
Household consumption	3.4	2.4	2.7
Investment	5.7	6.1	4.1
of which: business investment	6.7	6.0	5.0
of which: household housing investment	3.2	7.7	3.4
Exports	6.2	0.7	4.7
Imports	8.7	2.1	4.9
Consumer prices	0.9	0.6	1.0
Public deficit (as a % of GDP)	-2.7	-2.2	-1.8
Public debt (as a % of GDP)	60.3	60.5	59.9

Source: National Economic Commission, October 1999

* median scenario

Recent economic indicators

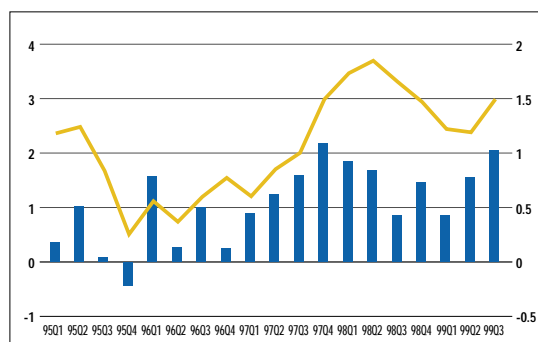
Industrial output, year-on-year	3.2%	10/1999
Household consumption*, year-on-year	3.5%	11/1999
Unemployment rate (ILO), in %	10.8%	11/1999
Inflation, year-on-year	0.9%	11/1999
Inflation, excl. tobacco, year-on-year	0.8%	11/1999
<i>Seasonally-adj. FOB/FOB data (EUR bn)</i>		
Trade balance, 1998	22.0 (+ 1.70 % of GDP)	10/1999
Trade balance, cumulative, 1999	16.5	10/1999
Current account balance, 1998	36.4 (+ 2.78% of GDP)	9/1999
Current account balance, cumulative, 1999	26.0	9/1999
10-year interest rate (OAT)	5.470%	at 31/12/1999
3-month interest rate (Euribor)	3.339%	at 31/12/1999
EUR/\$	1.0046	at 31/12/1999
EUR/Yen	102.73	at 31/12/1999

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

* manufactured goods

Gross Domestic Product

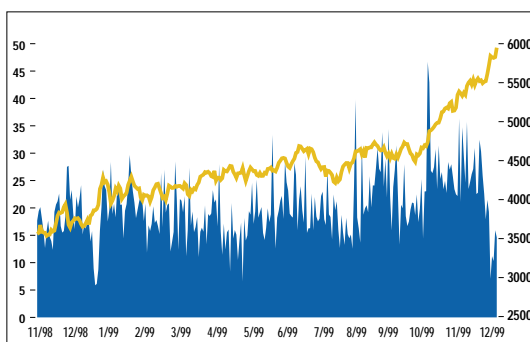
in %



— Year-on-year basis (left-hand scale) ■ Quarterly growth rate (right-hand scale)

Source: INSEE, Quarterly National Accounts (95 prices)

The French financial market: change in the CAC 40 index



— Index/Index value (right-hand scale) ■ Traded volume (millions of securities traded per day) (left-hand scale)

Source: Bloomberg

Government budget monthly position

FRF billion

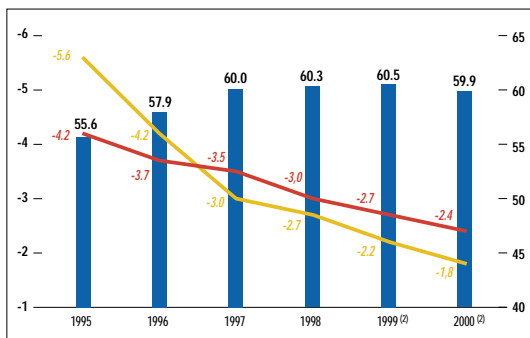
			end-of-November level		
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1999
General budget					
balance	- 269.2	- 252.3	- 286.1	- 240.9	- 193.6
- expenditure	1 654.4	1 672.9	1 480.8	1 499.8	1 539.3
- revenue	1 385.2	1 420.6	1 194.7	1 258.9	1 345.7
Balance of special					
Treasury accounts	1.5	4.8	- 39.2	- 38.8	- 32.5
General budget					
outturn	- 267.7	- 247.5	- 325.3	- 279.7	- 226.1

Source: Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry, Budget Directorate

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Public finance

as a % of GDP



— General government deficit (1) (left-hand scale) — Central government deficit (1) (left-hand scale) ■ General government debt (right-hand scale)

Source: (1) INSEE, 1998 National Accounts (ESA 95); (2) For 1999 and 2000, government forecast.

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French Government Negotiable debt outstanding

OAT au 31 décembre 1999 / OAT at December 31, 1999

CODE ISIN SICOVAM	Libellé de l'emprunt/Bond	FSR	Encours hors FSR	CODE ISIN SICOVAM	Libellé de l'emprunt/Bond	FSR	Encours hors FSR
	Echéance / Maturity 2000		14 190 946 959 EUR		Echéance / Maturity 2007		37 098 826 908 EUR
FR000057005 3	OAT 8,5% 28 mars 2000		7 672 923 528	FR000057057 4	OAT 5,50% 25 avril 2007	50 000 000	21 771 775 424
FR000057006 1	OAT 9,5% 25 avril 2000	50 000 000	531 519 500		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(282 820 000)</i>
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(63 400 000)</i>	FR000057059 0	OAT 5,50% 25 octobre 2007		15 327 051 484
FR000057009 5	OAT 10% 27 mai 2000		2 823 257 285		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(360 170 000)</i>
FR000057010 3	OAT 6,57% 17 juillet 1984		403 841 960		Echéance / Maturity 2008		41 537 093 494 EUR
FR000057011 1	V OAT TRA 13 septembre 2000		2 759 404 686	FR000057063 2	OAT 5,25% 25 avril 2008	50 000 000	25 291 932 367
	Echéance / Maturity 2001		16 402 795 857 EUR		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(10 880 000)</i>
FR000057013 7	V OAT TME 25 janvier 2001		3 758 478 028	FR000057066 5	OAT 8,5% 25 octobre 2008		16 245 161 127
FR000057014 5	OAT 9,5% 25 janvier 2001		9 800 947 246		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(3 335 480 000)</i>
FR000057015 2	OAT 10% 26 février 2001	50 000 000	158 673 000		Echéance / Maturity 2009		58 444 423 215 EUR
FR000057017 8	OAT 7,5% 25 juillet 2001		2 684 697 583	FR000057067 3	V OAT TEC 10 25 janvier 2009		7 824 044 498
	Echéance / Maturity 2002		17 428 861 326 EUR	FR000057143 2	OAT 4% 25 avril 2009		22 522 258 390
FR000057019 4	OAT 8,5% 15 mars 2002	50 000 000	742 606 500		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(5 000 000)</i>
FR000057022 8	OAT 6,75% 26 avril 2002	50 000 000	875 928 000	FR000057142 4	V OAT 7% 25 juillet 2009	152 449 017	7 049 243 520
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(47 910 000)</i>	FR000022161 6	V OAT 7% 25 juillet 2009 particuliers août 1999		4 129 359
FR000057024 4	OAT 8,5% 25 novembre 2002		15 810 326 826	FR000022163 2	V OAT 7% 25 juillet 2009 particuliers septembre 1999		23 884 243
	Echéance / Maturity 2003		31 111 797 652 EUR	FR000022164 0	V OAT 7% 25 juillet 2009 particuliers octobre 1999		5 725 731
FR000057027 7	OAT 8,5% 25 avril 2003		15 505 026 287	FR000022166 5	V OAT 7% 25 juillet 2009 particuliers novembre 1999		7 504 543
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(1 347 600 000)</i>	FR000022168 1	V OAT 7% 25 juillet 2009 particuliers décembre 1999		6 342 337
FR000057028 5	OAT 8% 25 avril 2003	50 000 000	498 616 500	FR000018619 9	OAT 4% 25 octobre 2009		20 821 149 510
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(158 630 000)</i>		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(60 000 000)</i>
FR000057030 1	OAT 6,75% 25 octobre 2003		15 108 154 865	FR000022167 3	OAT 4% 25 octobre 2009 particuliers novembre 1999		107 700 915
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(450 350 000)</i>	FR000022169 9	OAT 4% 25 octobre 2009 particuliers décembre 1999		72 440 169
	Echéance / Maturity 2004		37 591 606 841 EUR	FR000057073 1	Echéance / Maturity 2011		10 601 367 920 EUR
FR000057032 7	OAT 8,25% 27 février 2004		9 033 671 358		OAT 6,5% 25 avril 2011		10 601 367 920
FR000057036 8	OAT 5,5% 25 avril 2004		15 415 796 930		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(329 970 000)</i>
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(110 170 000)</i>	FR000057078 0	Echéance / Maturity 2012		5 485 697 339 EUR
FR000057034 3	OAT 6% 25 avril 2004	50 000 000	1 953 143 000		OAT 8,5% 26 décembre 2012		5 485 697 339
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(286 300 000)</i>	FR000057092 1	Echéance / Maturity 2019		9 551 095 284,06 EUR
FR000057040 0	OAT 6,75% 25 octobre 2004		11 188 995 553		OAT 8,5% 25 octobre 2019		9 349 392 893
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(1 037 180 000)</i>		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(5 386 810 000)</i>
	Echéance / Maturity 2005		34 321 246 330 EUR	FR000057095 4	OAT 9,82% 31 décembre 2019		201 702 391
FR000057043 4	OAT 7,5% 25 avril 2005	50 000 000	18 619 406 569		Echéance / Maturity 2022		1 500 000 000 EUR
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(2 122 080 000)</i>	FR000057104 4	OAT 8,25% 25 avril 2022	50 000 000	1 500 000 000
FR000057046 7	OAT 7,75% 25 octobre 2005		15 701 839 761		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(836 700 000)</i>
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(2 326 430 000)</i>		Echéance / Maturity 2023		13 408 195 903 EUR
	Echéance / Maturity 2006		45 639 093 816 EUR	FR000057108 5	OAT 8,5% 25 avril 2023		13 408 195 903
FR000057049 1	OAT 7,25% 25 avril 2006		17 558 039 415		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(10 341 870 000)</i>
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(799 180 000)</i>	FR000057115 0	Echéance / Maturity 2025		9 416 928 118 EUR
FR000057050 9	OAT 7% 25 avril 2006	50 000 000	1 091 244 000		OAT 6% 25 octobre 2025		9 416 928 118
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(365 650 000)</i>		<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(2 875 110 000)</i>
FR000057053 3	OAT 6,50% 25 octobre 2006		15 102 140 991		Echéance / Maturity 2028		46 232 603 EUR
	<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(499 510 000)</i>	FR000057122 6	OAT zéro coupon 28 mars 2028		46 232 603
FR000057054 1	V OAT TEC 10 25 octobre 2006		11 887 669 410		<i>(non offerte à la souscription)</i>		
				FR000057121 8	Echéance / Maturity 2029		11 307 880 762 EUR
					OAT 5,50% 25 avril 2029		8 507 880 762
					<i>(encours démembrés/stripped bonds)</i>		<i>(978 190 000)</i>
				FR000018641 3	V OATI 3,40% 25 juillet 2029		2 800 000 000

Durée de vie moyenne des obligations :
8 ans et 160 jours

Average maturity of OATs:
8 years and 160 days

Total général

395 084 090 327 EUROS

réserve FSR

702 449 017 EUROS

encours démembrés/stripped bonds

34 417 390 000 EUROS

en % des lignes démembrables

11,32 %

as a % of strippable bonds

OAT i : OAT indexée sur l'inflation.
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.

OAT i : inflation-indexed OAT.
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.

1 euro = 6,55957 FRF

Source : ministère de l'économie, des finances et de l'industrie

BTAN au 31 décembre 1999 Treasury notes at December 31, 1999

CODE ISIN	Libellé de l'emprunt/Bond	FSR	Encours hors FSR	
	Echéance / Maturity 2000		42 963 559 643	EUR
FR0100059510	BTAN 4% 12 janvier 2000		10 798 159 084	
FR0100059528	BTAN 7,75% 12 avril 2000		9 382 646 821	
FR0100059536	BTAN 4% 12 juillet 2000		14 319 089 253	
FR0100059544	BTAN 7% 12 octobre 2000		8 463 664 485	
	Echéance / Maturity 2001		36 560 119 105	EUR
FR0100059551	BTAN 5,75% 12 mars 2001		10 549 167 038	
FR0100059569	BTAN 6% 16 mars 2001	50 000 000	731 023 000	
FR0100877812	BTAN 3% 12 juillet 2001		13 152 000 000	
FR0100059577	BTAN 5,50% 12 octobre 2001		12 127 929 067	
	Echéance / Maturity 2002		35 456 815 874	EUR
FR0101465831	BTAN 4% 12 janvier 2002		5 239 000 000	
FR0100059585	BTAN 4,75% 12 mars 2002		11 380 471 532	
FR0100059593	BTAN 4,50% 12 juillet 2002	50 000 000	18 837 344 342	
	Echéance / Maturity 2003		21 314 156 556	EUR
FR0100059601	BTAN 4,50% 12 juillet 2003	50 000 000	21 314 156 556	
	Echéance / Maturity 2004		17 975 000 000	EUR
FR0100802273	BTAN 3,50% 12 juillet 2004		17 975 000 000	

Durée de vie moyenne des BTAN : 2 ans et 10 jours
Average maturity of BTANs: 2 years and 10 days

TOTAL GÉNÉRAL

150 000 000

154 269 651 178 EUR

BTF au 31 décembre 1999 Treasury bills at December 31, 1999

	Echéance/Maturity	EUROS
BTF	6/1/00	1 002 000 000
BTF	13/1/00	1 108 000 000
BTF	20/1/00	1 008 000 000
BTF	27/1/00	1 030 000 000
BTF	3/2/00	936 000 000
BTF	10/2/00	953 000 000
BTF	17/2/00	5 759 000 000
BTF	24/2/00	1 066 000 000
BTF	2/3/00	1 003 000 000
BTF	9/3/00	1 005 000 000
BTF	16/3/00	1 002 000 000
BTF	23/3/00	840 000 000
BTF	30/3/00	2 842 000 000
BTF	27/4/00	3 582 000 000
BTF	18/5/00	1 859 000 000
BTF	29/6/00	1 322 000 000
BTF	13/7/00	3 092 000 000
BTF	21/9/00	2 432 000 000
BTF	16/11/00	1 847 000 000

Durée de vie moyenne des BTF : 112 jours
Average maturity of BTFs: 112 days

TOTAL

33 688 000 000 EUR

**Durée de vie moyenne totale de la dette
au 31/12/1999 : 6 ans et 99 jours**
Average maturity of debt at 12/31/99:
6 years and 99 days

Total général hors FSR

583 041 741 505 EUROS

Total général avec FSR

583 894 190 522 EUROS

indicative calendar

OAT 8.5 % 11-2002 OAT 7.5 % 04-2005 OAT 3% 07-2009 OAT 5.25% 04-2008 OAT TEC 10 01-2009 OAT 6.5 % 04-2011 OAT 8.5 % 04-2023 OAT 5.5 % 04-2029 BTAN 7.75 % 04-2000 OAT 4% 04-2009 BTAN 4.5 % 07-2003 BTF 25/11/99 BTF 02/09/99 OAT 8.5 % 11-2002 OAT 7.5 % 04-2005 OAT 3% 07-2009 OAT 5.25% 04-2008 OAT TEC 10 01-2009 OAT 6.5 % 04-2011 OAT 8.5 % 04-2023

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Auction and settlement dates

1st Quarter 2000

Bills issued on	BTF			BTAN		OAT
	13 w.	semestrial	annual	2 years 4,00% 01/2002	5 years 07/2005	
Monday 03/01 Thursday 06/01						
Monday 10/01 Thursday 13/01						
Monday 17/01 Thursday 20/01						
Monday 24/01 Thursday 27/01						
Monday 31/01 Thursday 03/02						
Monday 07/02 Tuesday 08/02 Thursday 10/02						
Monday 14/02 Thursday 17/02						
Monday 21/02 Tuesday 22/02 Thursday 24/02						
Monday 28/02 Thursday 02/03						
Monday 06/03 Tuesday 07/03 Thursday 09/03						
Monday 13/03 Thursday 16/03						
Monday 20/03 Tuesday 21/03 Thursday 23/03						
Monday 27/03 Thursday 30/03						

		Auction	Settlement
B T F	13 weeks	Each Monday *	Following Thursday *
	semester	Generally 1 or 2 Mondays per month *	Following Thursday *
	1 year	Generally 1 or 2 Mondays per month *	Following Thursday *
B T A N	01/2002	3 rd working Thursday of the month *	Following Tuesday (1) *
	07/2005	3 rd working Thursday of the month *	Following Tuesday (1) *
O A T		1 st working Thursday of the month *	Following Tuesday (1) *

* or the previous or following working day.
(1) From February 2000

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2000 auction calendar

OAT AUCTION CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR	OAT 1 st Thursday of the month	A fixed-rate 10-year line, from February the April 25, 2010 OAT or another OAT line to be opened; if market conditions permit, other fixed-rate or floating-rate lines, either existing or to be opened, or inflation-indexed.
BTAN SEMESTERLY AUCTION CALENDAR	BTAN 3 rd Thursday of the month	Lines auctioned during the first half-year of 2000 • BTAN 4.00% January 2002 • BTAN July 2005.
BTF QUARTERLY AUCTION 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 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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INDEX TRESOR	MENU : TRESORMENU					
SVT	BTF	BTAN	OAT	OAT <i>i</i>	STRIPS	PENSIONS
ABN-AMRO FIXED INCOME FRANCE	AAFIBTF	AAOAT	AAOAT01/02	AAABILB	AAFISTRIP	AAFIREPO
BANQUE LEHMAN BROTHERS S.A.	LBBTF1	LBBTAN2	LBOAT1	LBOAT2	-	LBWE
BANQUE PARIBAS	PBBTF	PBBTAN	PBOAT01/02-PBTEC	PBOAT02	PBSTRIP01-02-03	PBAMLEUR
BARCLAYS CAPITAL FRANCE S.A.	BARCAPPL	BARCAPPL	BARCAPOAT1/2	BARCAPIND	BARCAPSTRIPS1-2	BZWPL
BNP FINANCE	BNPSVT01	BNPSVT02	BNPSVT02/05	BNPSVT05	BNPSTRIP01	OBNO
CDC MARCHES	CDCBILLS	CDCBTAN	CDCOAT1/2	CDCOAT3	CDCSTRIP1-2	CDCBILLS
CREDIT AGRICOLE INDOSUEZ	CAIEUCT01	CAIBTAN01	CAIOAT01/02/CAIVAR01	CAIVAR01	CAISTRIP01	CAIREPO
CREDIT COMMERCIAL DE FRANCE	CCFBTF	CCFBTAN	CCFOAT-CCFTEC	CCFTEC	CCFSTRIP	CCFREPO
CREDIT LYONNAIS	CLBTF	CLBTAN	CLOAT01-04	CLOAT03	CLSTRIP01	CLREPO
DEUTSCHE BANK FRANCE S.A.	DBBTF	DBBTAN1	DBOAT1-2/DBILB	DBILB	DBSTRIP-DEBP	DBPL
DRESNER KLEINWORT BENSON	DRBBTF	DRBBTAN	DRBOAT1-2/DRBTEC10	DRBTEC10	DRBSTRIP1-2	DRBREPO1
GOLDMAN SACHS PARIS INC. & Cie	GSPK	GSPC	GSPD-F	GSPG	GSPH-J	GSPFREPO
HSBC MARKETS	HSBCBTF	HSBCBTAN	HSBCOAT01-02/HSBCVAR	HSBCVAR	-	HSBCBTF
J.P. MORGAN & Cie S.A.	MGPK	JPMFR01	JPMFR01-02	MGTEC	JPMSTRIPFR	MMOJ
MERRILL LYNCH FINANCE S.A.	MLFRONT	MLFBTAN	MLFOAT1-2/MLFTEC	MLFOAT1	MLFSTRIP	MLFRONT
MORGAN STANLEY S.A.	MSFRD	MSFRB/D	MSFRB-C	MSFRC	MSFRE	MSFRR
SOCIETE GENERALE	SGREPO01	SGOAT01	SGOAT01-02	SGOATVAR01	SGSTRIP01	SGREPO01
UNION EUROPEENNE DE CIC	CICBTF	CICBTAN	CICOAT1-2/CICTEC	CICOAT1	CICSTRIP	CICREPO

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INDEX TRESOR	MENU : 20010 - 20078				
SVT	BTF	BTAN	OAT	STRIPS	
BANQUE PARIBAS	20 106/107	20 106	20 105	-	
CDC MARCHES	2 521	2 520	-	-	
CREDIT AGRICOLE INDOSUEZ	2 528	2 532	2533/34/35	2 511	
CREDIT COMMERCIAL DE FRANCE	20 082	20 081/82	20 080	20 086	
CREDIT LYONNAIS	21 891	21 888	21 885/86/87	21913/15	
DRESNER KLEINWORT BENSON	47 401	47 402	47 403/4	-	
J.P. MORGAN & Cie	-	21 482	21 483/5	21 486	
SOCIETE GENERALE	42 161	42 162	42 163/4	-	
UNION EUROPEENNE DE CIC	20 121	-	20 124/25/26	-	

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French government indicative financing program for 2000

*Christian Sautter, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry,
has now finalized the French government indicative financing program for 2000*

- 1 Following repurchases on the secondary market (EUR 4.04 billion of securities with 2000 maturity), the medium- and long-term borrowing program for 1999 came to EUR 80.70 billion (100.87%) in gross repurchase values (of which EUR 43.68 billion Obligations Assimilables du Trésor [OATs] and EUR 37.02 billion Bons du Trésor à Intérêts Annuels [BTANs]) and EUR 76.65 billion (95.81%) in net repurchase values (of which EUR 42.45 billion OATs and EUR 34.20 billion BTANs).

The general decrease in interest rates at the start of 1999 made it possible to obtain historically low borrowing terms: the average borrowing rate came to 3.55% for BTANs (against 4.02% in 1998) and 4.53% for 10-year OATs (against 4.73% in 1998). The average maturity of French Treasury negotiable debt stood at 6 years and 99 days on 31 December 1999, compared to 6 years and 93 days on 31 December 1998; the objective to stabilize the average maturity of negotiable debt between 6 years and 6 and a half years was thus attained and will be maintained in 2000.

- 2 In 2000, the volume of medium- and long-term issues necessary to cover the government borrowing requirement **will total approximately EUR 90 billion**, distributed between about EUR 50 billion worth of OAT issues and EUR 40 billion worth of BTAN issues. In an environment marked by the pursuit of a reduction in budget deficit, this increase in the financing program for 2000 can be attributed to a strong increase in medium- and long-term debt redemption.

For each type of security, these targets correspond to cash revenue net of the value of securities, if any, exchanged for new issues or repurchased during the same year.

Borrowing requirement	1999		2000	
	EUR	FRF	EUR	FRF
Budget deficit (1)	34.5	226	33	215
Redemption of debts taken over by the government	1.5	10	1	8
Redemption of long-term debt (2)	12	79	14	93
Redemption of medium-term debt (2)	30	195	43	283
Total	78	510	91	599
Funding sources				
OATs	43	282	50	328
BTANs	34	224	40	262
Medium- and long-term borrowing	77	506	90	590
Net change in BTFs	- 15	- 98	13	85
Variation of deposits			- 12	- 76
Change in Treasury account (3)	16	102		
Total	78	510	91	599

(1) 1999 Supplementary Budget Act forecasts; initial Budget Act for 2000

(2) Taking into account the impact of repurchases of securities on the secondary market

(3) A plus sign indicates a decrease in the Treasury liabilities at the Banque de France

3 The French government issuing policy for 2000 forms part of the continuation of efforts in 1999 and hinges on three main principles:

1. Liquidity

This involves reinforcing the status of the French sovereign debt as the most liquid within the euro zone.

The Treasury will issue liquid securities to remain positioned on the entire euro yield curve. The April 2010 OAT will be auctioned for the first time on 3 February 2000, and the April 2029 OAT will be auctioned during the year in order to increase the outstanding amount of French debt long securities. A new 5-year BTAN – maturing in July of 2005 - will be issued on 20 January 2000, and then auctioned regularly throughout 2000. In addition, France Trésor reserves the option of auctioning other securities to meet market demand.

In addition, France Trésor will carry on its active debt management policy, through repurchases, exchange offers and reverse auctions, in order to optimize the liquidity and the transparency of euro-denominated French government securities. Over-the-counter repurchases will be possible throughout 2000.

Finally, debt liquidity will be accrued due to the launch of MTS France, an electronic trading platform for French debt, combining SVTs or primary dealers in government securities, the SBF [Société des Bourses Françaises], the MTS SpA company and France Trésor. This platform should be operational during the first quarter of 2000.

2. Transparency

Some years ago, a policy was set favouring transparency in auction and issue operations by the Treasury. This consideration appears to be all the more necessary in the euro zone environment. In order to enhance transparency still further, France Trésor is applying a number of refinements to its issuing policy. Thus, details of OAT and BTAN auctions (volume auctioned, lines issued), which take place on Thursdays, will be announced the Friday before the auction (instead of the preceding Tuesday, i.e. two days before the auction), and similarly, the auction time - which is already the shortest amongst the major sovereign issuers - should also be reduced by 5 minutes.

3. Responsiveness to market needs

France Trésor is convinced that listening to those directly engaged in the markets, through close relationships with SVTs as well as with the investor community, is a key factor for an effective issuing policy. France Trésor is thus implementing new tools, including an updated version of its web site, and is pursuing a policy of innovation in order to respond to the needs expressed by the market;

- the creation of France Trésor was accompanied by the creation of two committees to advise the government on the design of its cash and debt management policy. The Market Committee, which includes top bond executives from primary dealers, met for the first time on 6 December 1999, under the chairmanship of Jean Lemierre, Head of the Treasury. The Strategic Committee will meet for the first time in the first quarter of 2000. Chaired by M. de Larosière, this committee is made up of 7 major French and international recognized personalities with varied geographical and professional backgrounds, and advises France Trésor on the key principles of the French government issuing policy.
- finally, France Trésor will continue to offer investors a broad range of products and will in particular carry on its policy of issuing inflation-indexed OATs (OAT_i). Issues of OAT_i in 2009 and 2029 should account for approximately 5% of the issuing program for 2000.

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In addition, the SVT selection committee will meet in the coming weeks to examine French and foreign candidatures submitted to France Trésor in recent months. An overall re-selection will take place at the start of 2001.

OAT: Treasury bond

BTAN: fixed-rate Treasury note

BTF: fixed-rate Treasury bill