

ABI MONTHLY REPORT¹ – March 2025 (Main evidence)

Since October 2023, market rates have gradually declined following the ECB's cuts, a trend that continued into the early months of 2025. In the first days of March, an adjustment process was observed: short-term rates remained stable or slightly decreased, while long-term rates recorded an increase.

MARKET RATES

In the first 13 days of March 2025:

1. **The 3-month Euribor rate** averaged **2.52%**, the same value as in February 2025.
2. **The gross six-month BOT rate** was on average **2.32%** decreasing by 9 basis points compared to February (**2.41%**).
3. **The 10-year IRS rate** (widely used in mortgages) averaged **2.64%** increasing by 25 basis point compared to February (**2.39%**).
4. **The gross BTP rate** was on average **3.84%** up by 32 basis points compared to February (**3.52%**).

LENDING INTEREST RATES

5. In February 2025:

- **the average rate on new business loans decreased to 3.98%** from 4.15% in the previous month and 5.45% in December 2023;
- **the average rate on new loans for house purchasing was 3.17%** (3.12% in the previous month and 4.42% in December 2023);

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- **the average rate on total loans** (i.e., those agreed upon over the years) **decreased to 4.27%** from 4.32% in the previous month (cf. Table 1).

INTEREST RATES ON BANKING FUNDING

6. The **interest rate on new deposits with agreed maturity** (i.e. certificates of deposit and time deposits) in February 2025 **was 2.49%**. In January this interest rate was higher than the euro area average (2.66% in Italy; 2.55% in euro area). **Compared to June 2022**, when the interest rate was 0.29% (the last month before the start of the official interest rate hikes) **the increase is 220 basis points**.
7. **The yield on new fixed-rate bond issues in February 2025 was 3.16%** with an increase of 185 basis points compared to 1.31% in June 2022.
8. In February 2025, **the interest rate on total amounts of deposits** (current accounts, savings deposits and certificates of deposit), **was 0.82%** (0.85% in the previous month; 0.32% in June 2022).
9. **The interest rate on current account deposits was 0.39%** (0.41% in the previous month; 0.02% in June 2022), taking into account that the current account allows the use of a multitude of services and does not have the function of investment (cf. Table 2).

SPREAD BETWEEN THE LENDING RATE

10. The **spread on new business** (calculated as the difference between the rates on new loans and new funding) with household and non-financial corporations **in Italy**, in February 2025 was **180 basis points**.

STOCK OF CUSTOMER FUNDING

11. **Indirect funding**, i.e. investments in securities held by banks (both under management and held directly by customers) **increased of almost 147 billion between January 2024 and January 2025** (45.2 billion attributable to households, 18.1 to non-financial corporations and the remaining to other sectors, financial companies, insurance companies, public administration).

12. In February 2025 **medium- and long-term funding**, i.e. through bonds, increased by **5.1% yoy** (+6.0% in the previous month).
13. **Deposits**, in their various forms, **increased by 2.1% yoy** in February 2025 (+2.2% in the previous month).
14. In February 2025, **total funding** (deposits from resident customers and bonds) **increased by 2.5% yoy** continuing the positive trend observed since the beginning of 2024 (+2.6% in January 2024; cf. *Table 3*).

BANK LENDING

15. The decline in credit volumes is consistent with the slowdown in economic growth which contributes to depressing the demand for loans: in February 2025, compared to a year earlier, **loans to households and non-financial corporations were down by 0.6%**, marking a slight easing from the -0.7% recorded in the previous month; **in January 2025 loans to non-financial corporations were down by 1.9% yoy while those to households increased by 0.4%** (cf. *Table 4*).

CREDIT QUALITY

16. **In January 2025, net non-performing loans** (i.e., the total of bad loans, unlikely-to-pay exposures, and past due and/or overdrawn exposures, calculated net of write-downs and provisions already made by the banks) decreased to **30.5 billion euros** from 32.1 billion in September 2024 (30.5 billion in December 2023). Compared to their peak level of 196.3 billion reached in 2015, they have decreased by about 166 billion.
17. **In January 2025, net non-performing loans represented 1.47% of total loans**. In September 2024, this ratio was 1.54% (1.41% in December 2023; 9.8% in 2015; cf. *Table 5*).

Table 1**Italy: bank interest rates on lending and benchmark yields (Monthly average - % figures)**

	Bank interest rates on loans in euro to households and non-financial corporations in Italy			ECB interest rates ²		Interbank rates for the Eurozone		3-Month interbank rates		
	Total ¹ (amounts)			deposit facility rate	interest rates on the main refinancing operations	3-Month Euribor	10-year IRS	USA	Japan	UK
	Of which: to non-financial corporations (new business)	Of which: to households for the purchase of houses (new business)								
Feb-20	2,48	1,25	1,40	-0,50	0,00	-0,41	-0,06	1,68	0,02	0,79
Feb-21	2,25	1,14	1,29	-0,50	0,00	-0,54	-0,06	0,19	-0,06	0,10
Feb-22	2,14	1,09	1,49	-0,50	0,00	-0,53	0,76	0,43	-0,05	0,72
Feb-23	3,65	3,55	3,76	2,50	3,00	2,64	2,97	4,89	-0,01	4,18
Feb-24	4,80	5,34	3,89	4,00	4,50	3,92	2,73	5,36	0,03	5,29
Mar-24	4,80	5,26	3,79	4,00	4,50	3,92	2,64	5,32	0,08	5,29
Apr-24	4,81	5,30	3,67	4,00	4,50	3,89	2,76	5,34	0,11	5,23
May-24	4,80	5,38	3,61	4,00	4,50	3,81	2,80	5,23	0,12	5,26
Jun-24	4,77	5,26	3,55	3,75	4,25	3,73	2,79	5,16	0,13	5,23
Jul-24	4,74	5,28	3,44	3,75	4,25	3,69	2,74	5,17	0,15	5,16
Aug-24	4,72	5,13	3,59	3,75	4,25	3,55	2,50	5,24	0,25	5,01
Sep-24	4,70	4,90	3,31	3,50	3,65	3,43	2,42	5,19	0,26	4,94
Oct-24	4,62	4,70	3,27	3,25	3,40	3,17	2,42	5,11	0,26	4,85
Nov-24	4,55	4,53	3,23	3,25	3,40	3,01	2,32	4,93	0,30	4,84
Dec-24	4,44	4,40	3,11	3,00	3,15	2,82	2,23	4,73	0,38	4,83
Jan-25	4,32	4,15	3,12	2,75	3,15	2,71	2,49	4,38	0,39	4,69
Feb-25	4,27	4,53	3,17	2,75	2,90	2,53	2,38	4,25	0,39	4,54

Notes: for bank rates, latest month of SI-ABI estimates.

(1) Weighted average rate

(2) End of period data

Source: Data processed by the Ufficio Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI

Table 2

Italy: interest rates on funding (Monthly average - % figures)													
	Bank interest rates: households and non-financial corporations							Gross yield of Government bonds in the secondary market			Yield at issue of postal funding		
	(ESCB harmonised statistics)							BOT	CCT	BTP	Deposits in euro	Average annual yield on 1 st year	Average annual yield on 5 th year
	Deposits in euro	Deposits in CA in euro	Bonds	Funding (deposits, repos and bonds) ¹	Deposits with agreed maturity	Bonds	Funding ²						
	(outstanding amounts)				new business								
Feb-20	0,36	0,04	2,08	0,57	1,09	1,35	0,78	-0,33	0,27	1,06	-	0,05	0,05
Feb-21	0,33	0,03	1,87	0,48	0,82	0,95	0,41	-0,45	-0,15	0,68	-	0,05	0,10
Feb-22	0,31	0,02	1,73	0,45	0,57	0,58	0,38	-0,47	-0,14	1,52	-	0,05	0,10
Feb-23	0,54	0,22	2,23	0,71	2,50	4,01	3,01	2,94	2,70	3,77	-	0,50	0,85
Feb-24	1,02	0,55	2,78	1,23	3,65	4,28	3,76	3,64	4,94	3,63	0,00	0,50	1,00
Mar-24	1,04	0,57	2,93	1,27	3,67	4,10	3,73	3,67	4,86	3,48	0,00	0,50	1,00
Apr-24	1,04	0,57	2,86	1,26	3,59	3,72	3,59	3,64	4,70	3,59	0,00	0,50	1,00
May-24	1,04	0,58	2,86	1,27	3,50	3,88	3,55	3,62	4,62	3,60	0,00	0,50	1,00
Jun-24	1,03	0,57	2,92	1,26	3,49	3,56	3,46	3,56	4,73	3,70	0,00	0,50	1,00
Jul-24	1,01	0,53	2,88	1,24	3,47	2,90	3,26	3,46	4,68	3,60	0,00	0,50	1,00
Aug-24	1,00	0,54	2,88	1,23	3,30	3,20	3,22	3,20	4,72	3,42	0,00	0,50	1,00
Sep-24	0,99	0,52	2,95	1,23	3,35	2,98	3,20	3,07	4,68	3,31	0,00	0,50	0,70
Oct-24	0,96	0,49	2,87	1,19	3,31	3,82	3,31	2,85	4,16	3,26	0,00	0,50	0,62
Nov-24	0,93	0,48	2,89	1,16	3,14	2,27	2,62	2,69	3,97	3,30	0,00	0,50	0,60
Dec-24	0,89	0,46	2,84	1,12	2,89	2,41	2,68	2,46	3,83	3,10	0,00	0,50	0,85
Jan-25	0,85	0,41	2,85	1,09	2,66	3,44	2,70	2,45	3,83	3,37	0,00	0,75	1,05
Feb-25	0,82	0,39	2,83	1,06	2,49	3,16	2,53	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0,00	0,75	1,05

Note: for banking rates latest available month for SI-ABI estimates.

(1) Weighted average rate (2) are included: deposits in CA, Deposits with agreed maturity, Deposits redeemable at notice, Repos, bonds

Source: Data processed by the Ufficio Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI

Table 3

Deposits and bonds from bank customers in Italy						
	Funding (deposits and bonds)		Resident customers' deposits¹		Bonds²	
	Billion €	yoy	Billion €	yoy	Billion €	yoy
Feb-20	1.820,3	5,1	1.584,1	6,2	236,2	-1,5
Feb-21	1.967,3	8,1	1.752,4	10,6	214,9	-9,0
Feb-22	2.030,6	3,2	1.827,2	4,3	203,4	-5,4
Feb-23	2.000,9	-1,5	1.787,4	-2,2	213,5	5,0
Feb-24	2.019,3	0,9	1.768,1	-1,1	251,2	17,6
Mar-24	2.040,4	2,1	1.782,3	0,1	258,1	18,5
Apr-24	2.039,8	1,1	1.777,0	-1,4	262,9	21,7
May-24	2.045,2	2,1	1.780,8	0,0	264,4	18,4
Jun-24	2.065,3	3,6	1.799,3	2,1	266,0	14,9
Jul-24	2.036,8	2,7	1.774,0	1,3	262,9	13,3
Aug-24	2.049,6	3,3	1.788,0	2,1	261,6	12,0
Sep-24	2.045,9	1,6	1.785,2	0,5	260,7	9,6
Oct-24	2.051,6	3,4	1.790,7	2,6	260,9	8,9
Nov-24	2.081,8	4,8	1.817,4	4,5	264,4	7,2
Dec-24	2.095,6	2,7	1.830,5	2,0	265,1	7,2
Jan-25	2.069,0	2,6	1.803,5	2,2	265,5	6,0
Feb-25	2.069,5	2,5	1.805,5	2,1	264,0	5,1

Notes: latest month of SI-ABI estimates.

(1) Deposits from ordinary private resident customers, excluding MFI and Central Public Authorities. It includes current accounts, preestablished term deposits, notice refundable deposits and repurchase agreements. The data are netted against operations with central counterparties, deposits with agreed maturity connected with receivables assignment transactions.

(2) Recorded at nominal value and expressed in euro, they include subordinated liabilities and do not include bonds purchased from banks. They refer to resident and non-resident customers.

Source: Data processed by the Ufficio Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI.

Table 4

Lending of the banks in Italy (except interbank) *						
	Total lending		Private sector *		of which: to households and non-financial corporation	
	Private sector and PA *					
	Billion €	yoy ⁽¹⁾	Billion €	yoy ⁽¹⁾	Billion €	yoy ⁽¹⁾
Feb-20	1.665,0	0,0	1.405,5	0,4	1.266,4	0,5
Feb-21	1.710,7	4,2	1.447,0	4,6	1.310,3	5,2
Feb-22	1.733,6	1,8	1.469,0	2,0	1.327,9	2,4
Feb-23	1.712,7	0,3	1.460,4	1,2	1.322,9	1,1
Feb-24	1.652,5	-3,0	1.414,7	-2,5	1.281,2	-2,6
Mar-24	1.655,8	-2,9	1.417,9	-2,4	1.280,2	-2,6
Apr-24	1.647,1	-2,5	1.411,1	-2,2	1.277,5	-2,3
May-24	1.643,9	-2,8	1.409,9	-2,0	1.277,1	-2,1
Jun-24	1.651,8	-2,1	1.417,8	-1,6	1.274,3	-2,2
Jul-24	1.647,0	-2,0	1.412,4	-1,6	1.271,7	-2,2
Aug-24	1.632,2	-1,9	1.398,2	-1,5	1.261,0	-2,0
Sep-24	1.638,0	-1,4	1.404,9	-0,9	1.264,1	-1,4
Oct-24	1.633,2	-1,3	1.399,3	-1,0	1.261,9	-1,6
Nov-24	1.637,4	-1,5	1.405,2	-1,1	1.265,0	-1,8
Dec-24	1.648,9	-1,1	1.416,6	-0,3	1.266,9	-1,0
Jan-25	1.639,8	-0,7	1.406,9	-0,2	1.265,4	-0,7
Feb-25	1.638,8	-0,3	1.406,0	0,0	1.265,0	-0,6

Notes: latest month of SI-ABI estimates.

* Including gross bad loans and reverse repurchase agreements. Private sector: non-financial corporations, consumer and producer households, non-profit entities, other financial institutions, insurance companies and pension funds. The data are netted against central counterparties' operations.

(1) Variations calculated to include loans not recognised in the bank balance sheets in that they were securitised and are net of variations not related to the transactions (e.g. variations resulting from exchange rate fluctuations, value adjustments or reclassifications).

Source: Data processed by the Ufficio Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI.

Table 5

Net non-performing loans*		
	Amounts	As % of total loans
	(Billion €)	(% figures)
2020	50,5	2,20
2021	40,1	1,67
2022	33,1	1,46
2023	30,5	1,41
Mar-24	30,6	1,45
Jun-24	31,9	1,51
Sep-24	32,1	1,54
Jan-25	30,5	1,47

** include bad loans, unlikely-to-pay exposures, and past due and/or overdrawn exposures*

Source: Data processed by the Ufficio Analisi Economiche ABI on Bank of Italy quarterly data up to September 2024 and ABI estimates for January 25