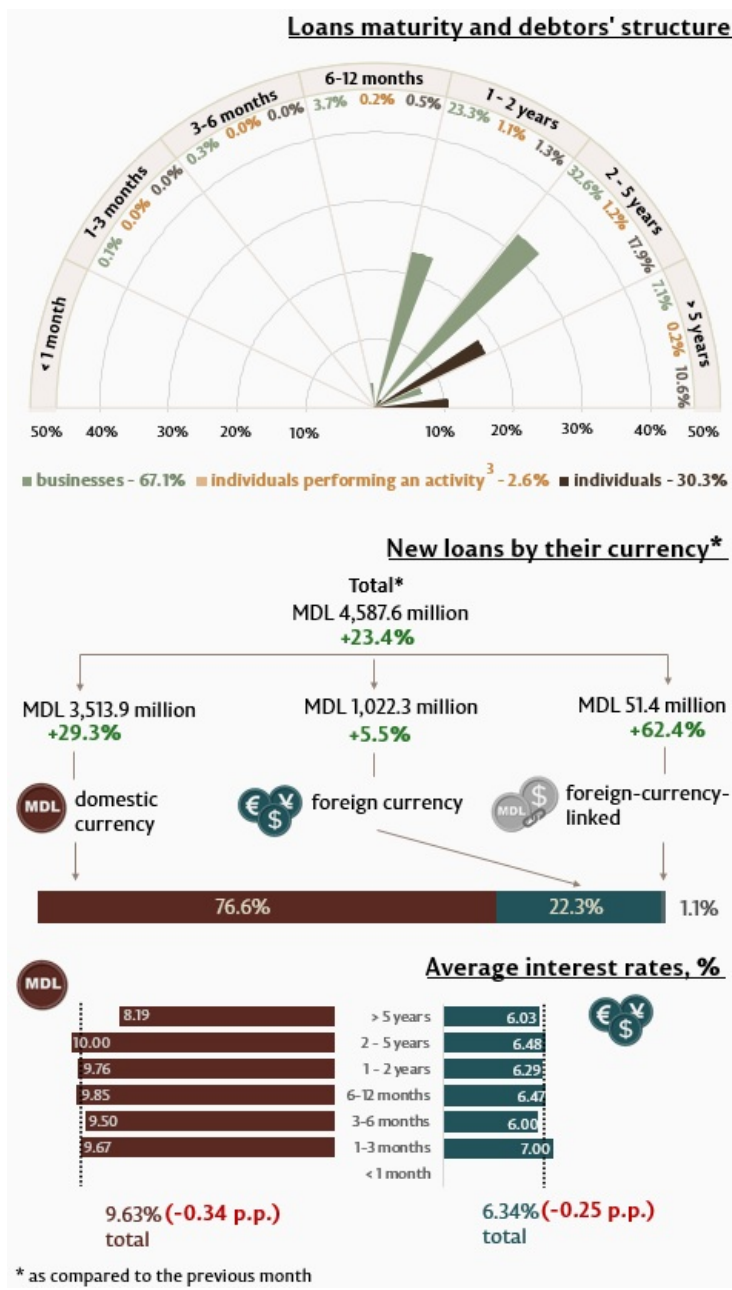


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Developments in LOANS market in February 2024

In February 2024, new loans extended¹ (Infographic 1) totalled MDL 4,587.6 million, increasing by 23.4% compared to January 2024. The largest share (76.6%) belongs to domestic currency loans, which totalled MDL 3,513.9 million, increasing by 29.3% as compared to the previous month.

Infographic 1. **Development in new extended loans²**



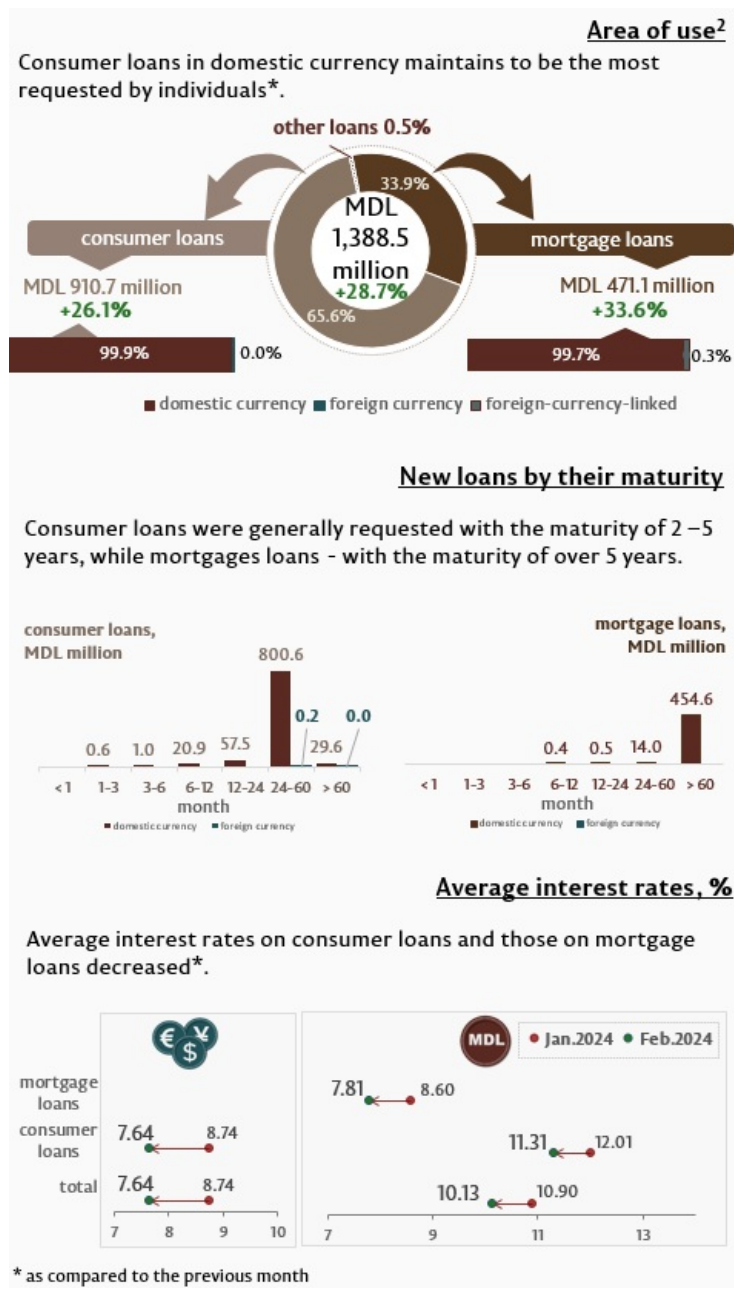
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In terms of maturity, loans with maturity ranging from 2 to 5 years recorded the highest demand, having a share of 51.7% in the total amount of extended loans. The share of these loans extended to businesses represented 32.6% of the total amount of extended loans.

The average nominal interest rate on new domestic currency loans as compared to the previous month decreased by 0.34 percentage points to the value of 9.63%, while the average interest rate on foreign currency loans decreased by 0.25 percentage points to the value of 6.34%.

In February 2024, individuals contracted new loans in total amount of MDL 1,388.5 million, increasing by 28.7% as compared to the previous month, the largest share (65.6%) representing consumer loans (Infographic 2). The largest part of these loans (MDL 800.6 million) was extended in domestic currency with a maturity ranging from 2 to 5 years.

Infographic 2. New loans extended to individuals³



A share of 33.9% of total loans extended to individuals represent mortgage loans, which were mainly extended in domestic currency (99.7% of all mortgage loans).

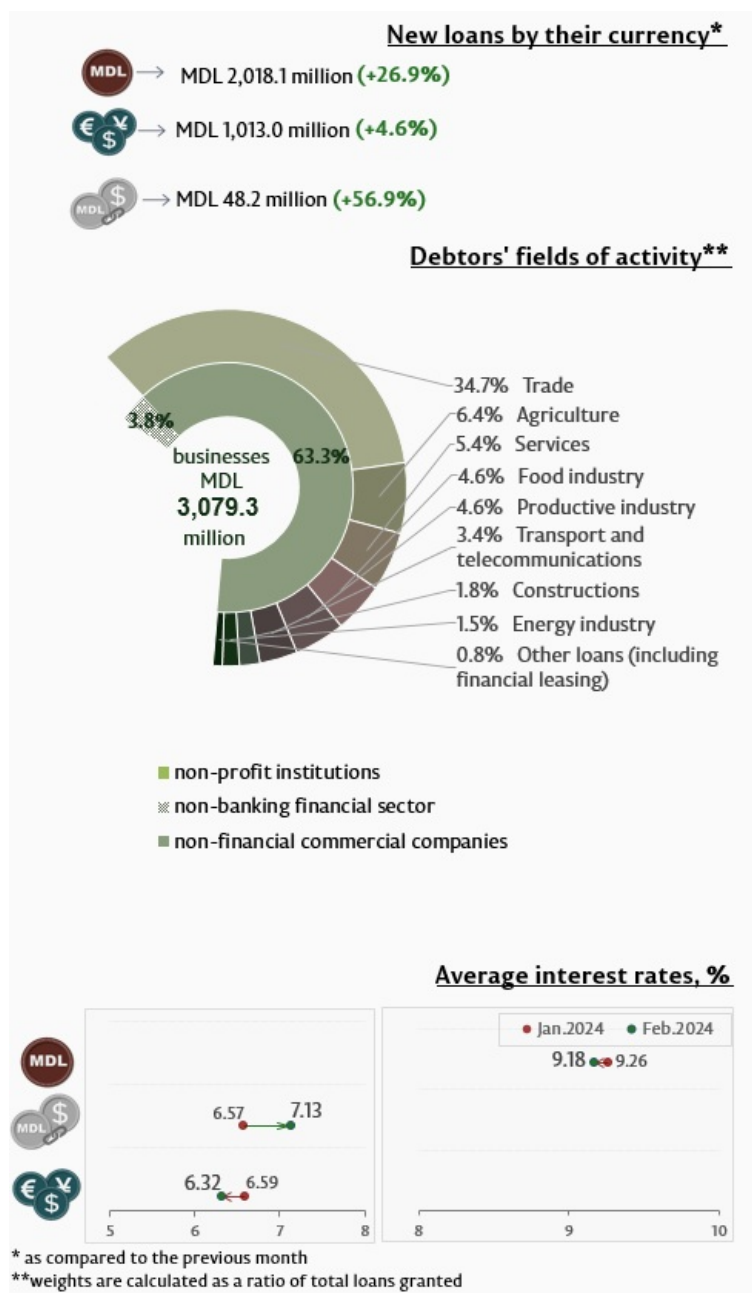
The average interest rate on consumer loans extended in domestic currency decreased by 0.70 percentage points to the value of 11.31%, while the average interest rate on domestic currency mortgage loans decreased by 0.79 percentage points to the value of 7.81%.

Compared to the previous month (Infographic 3), in the reporting month businesses requested more loans in domestic currency (+26.9%), as well as foreign currency (+4.6%) and foreign-currency-linked loans⁴ (+56.9%).

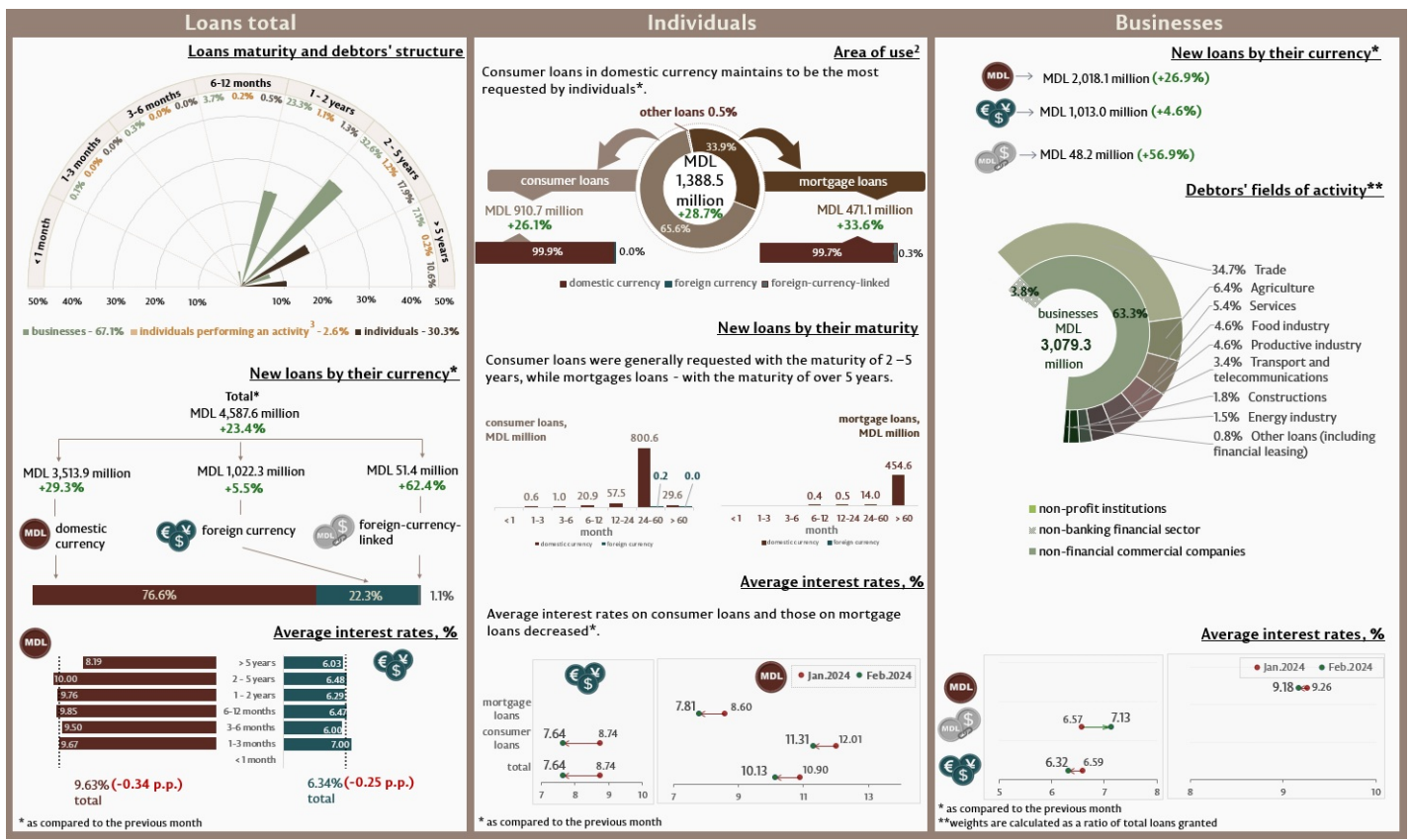
Non-financial commercial companies contracted the largest share (63.3%) of new extended loans.

The average interest rate on domestic currency loans extended to businesses decreased by 0.08 percentage points, reaching 9.18%. At the same time, the average interest rate on foreign currency loans decreased by 0.27 percentage points to the value of 6.32%.

Infographic 3. **New loans extended to businesses**



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