
Bank funding costs: latest developments from a monetary policy perspective

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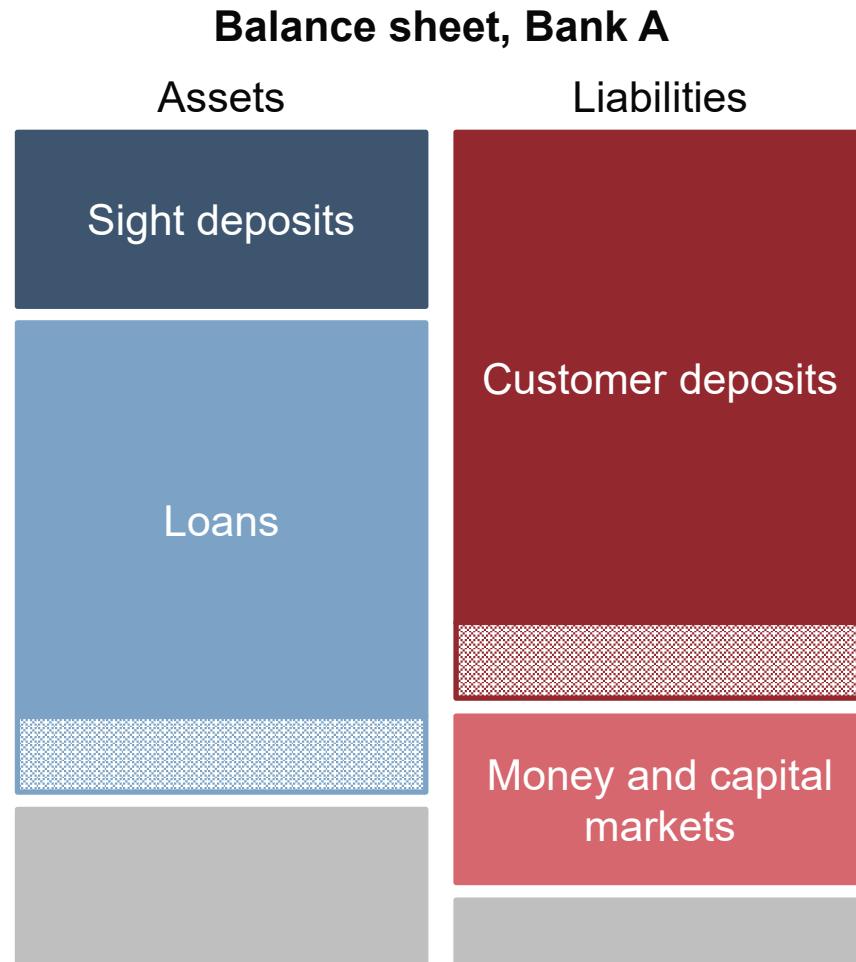
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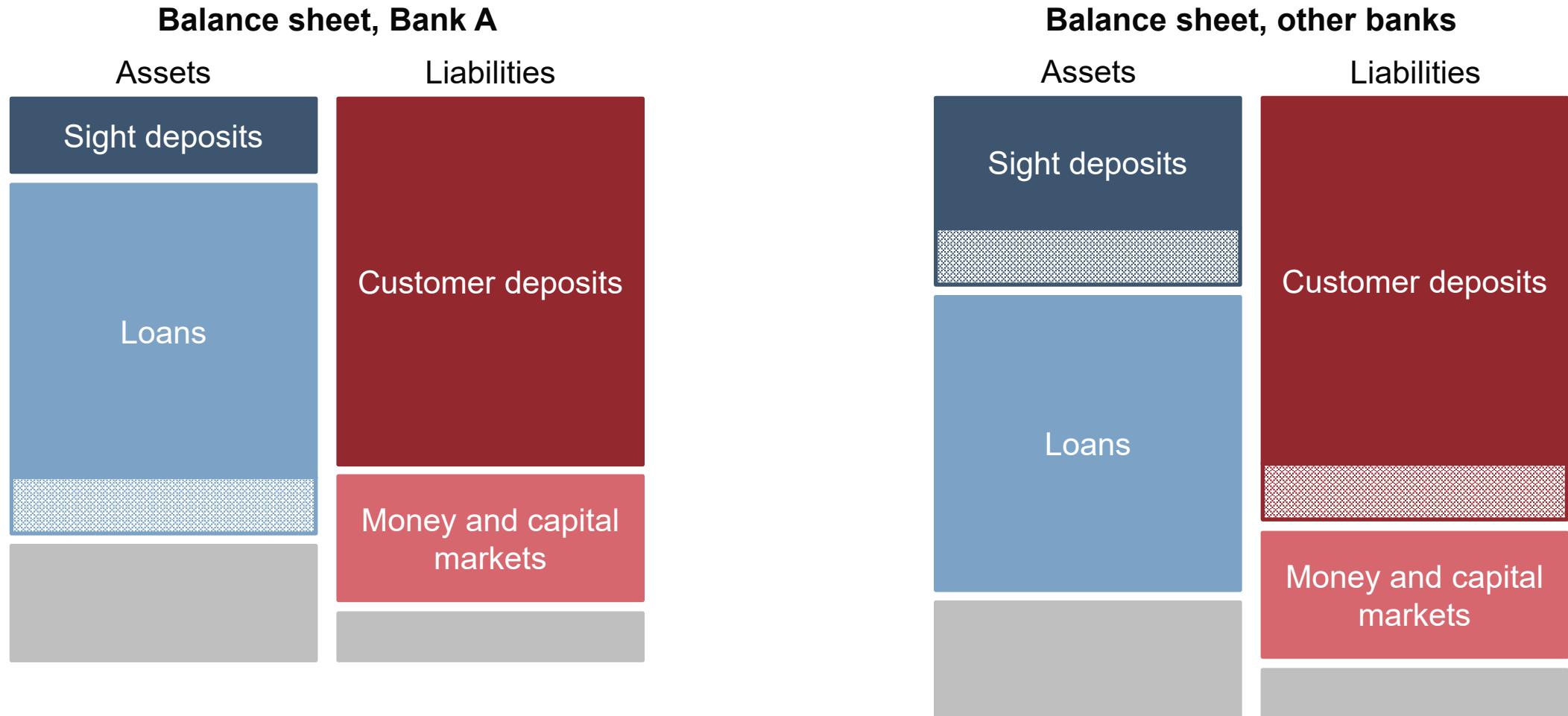
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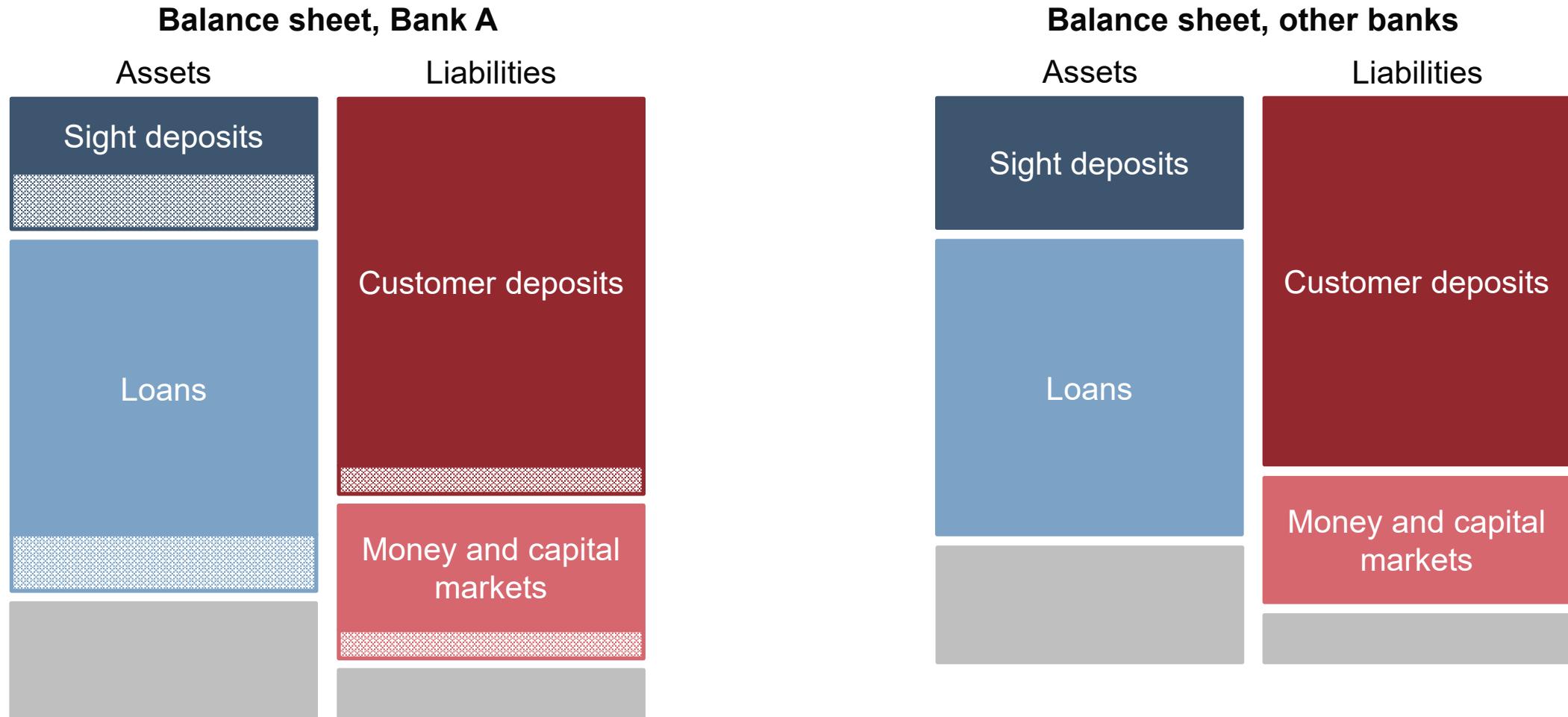
Funding in the financial market: lending creates customer deposits



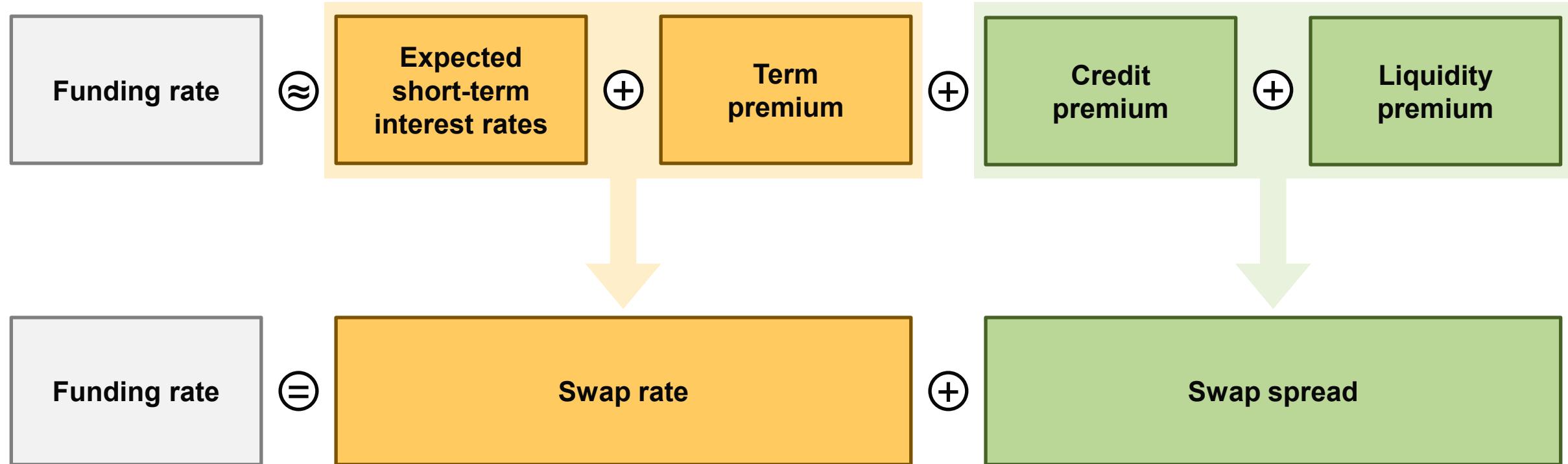
Funding in the financial market: loan use leads to liquidity outflow



Funding in the financial market: supports a balanced funding profile



The swap spread as a measure of funding costs



Yields on bank bonds and Pfandbriefe fell less sharply than swap rates between mid-2023 and end-2024

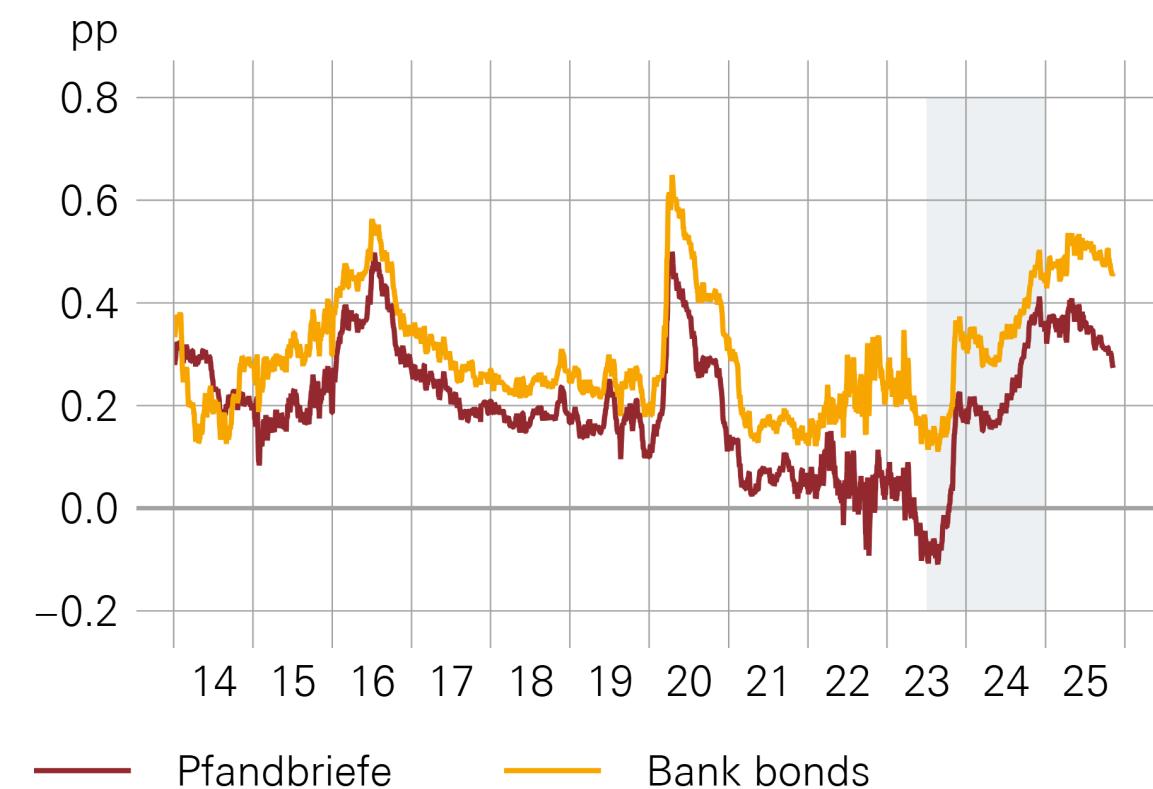
CAPITAL MARKET INTEREST RATES IN CHF

10-year terms



CAPITAL MARKET SPREADS IN CHF

Bond yield minus swap rate (10-year terms)



Source(s): Bloomberg, SNB

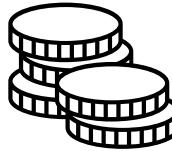
Three explanations for the increase in funding costs



Rise in government bond yields relative to swap rate



Structural change in Swiss banking centre



More challenging liquidity management

The rise in government bond yields relative to the swap rate has passed through to the Swiss franc capital market

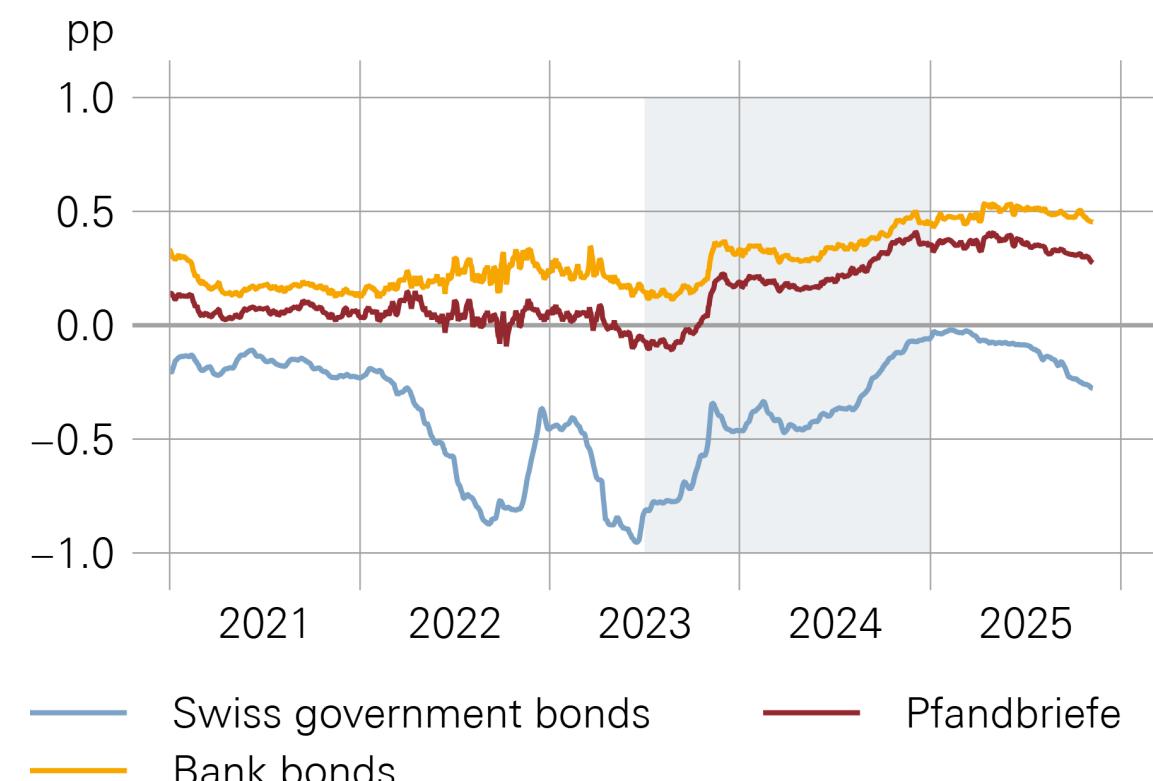
GOVERNMENT BOND SPREADS

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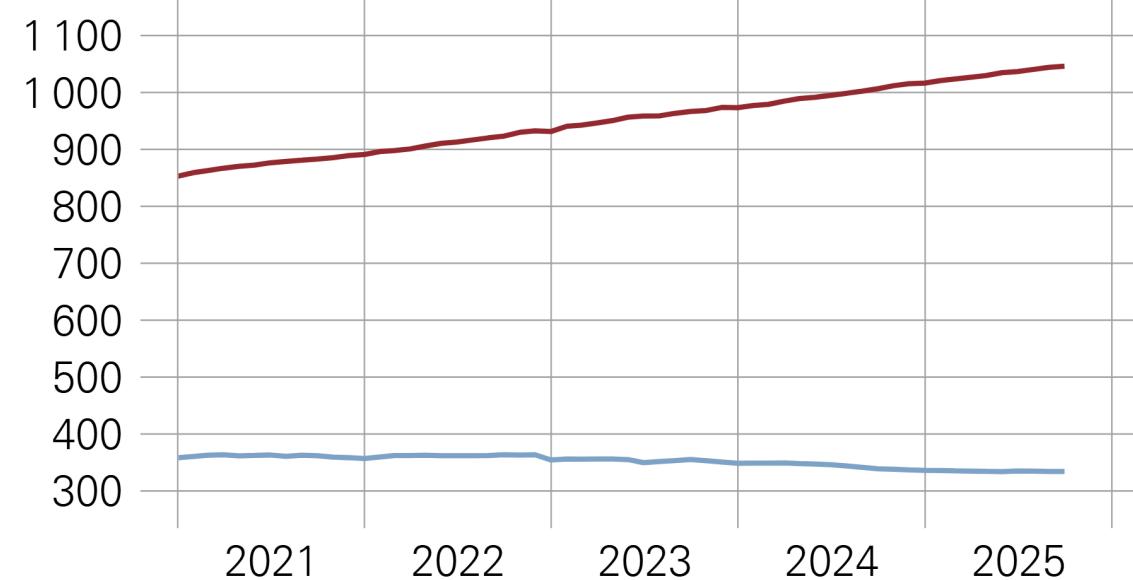
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Funding needs in the Swiss capital market have increased as a result of the Credit Suisse acquisition

CREDIT VOLUME

All currencies

In CHF billions



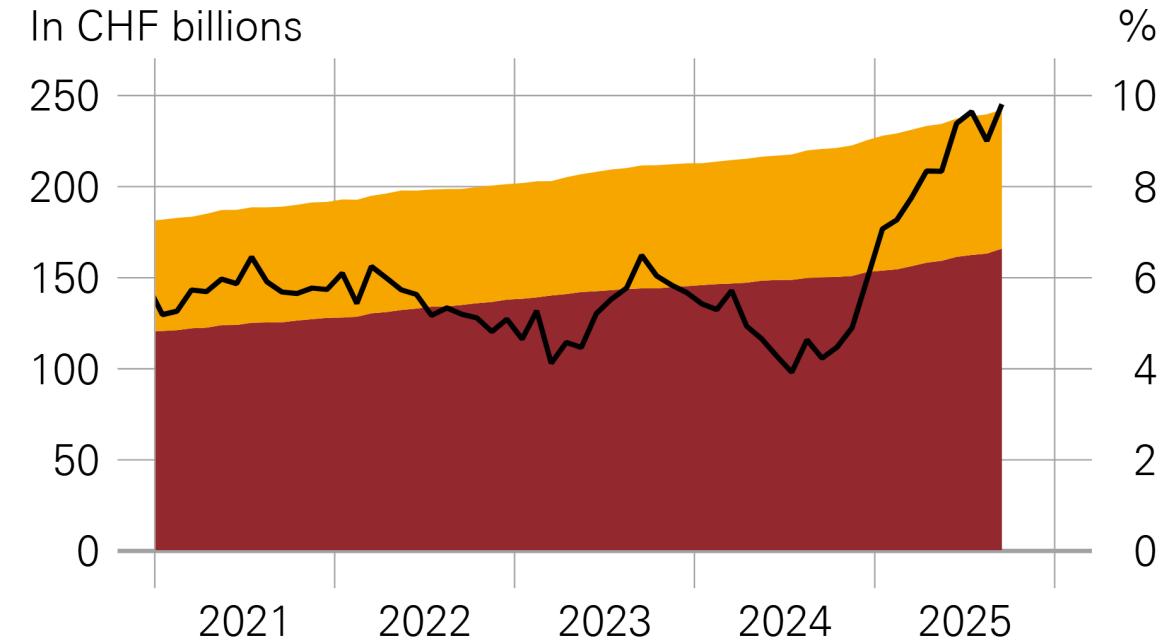
— UBS, CS (until May 2023)

— Domestically focused banks

FUNDING IN SWISS CAPITAL MARKET

Domestically focused banks, all currencies

In CHF billions



■ Pfandbriefe

— Total annual growth (rhs)

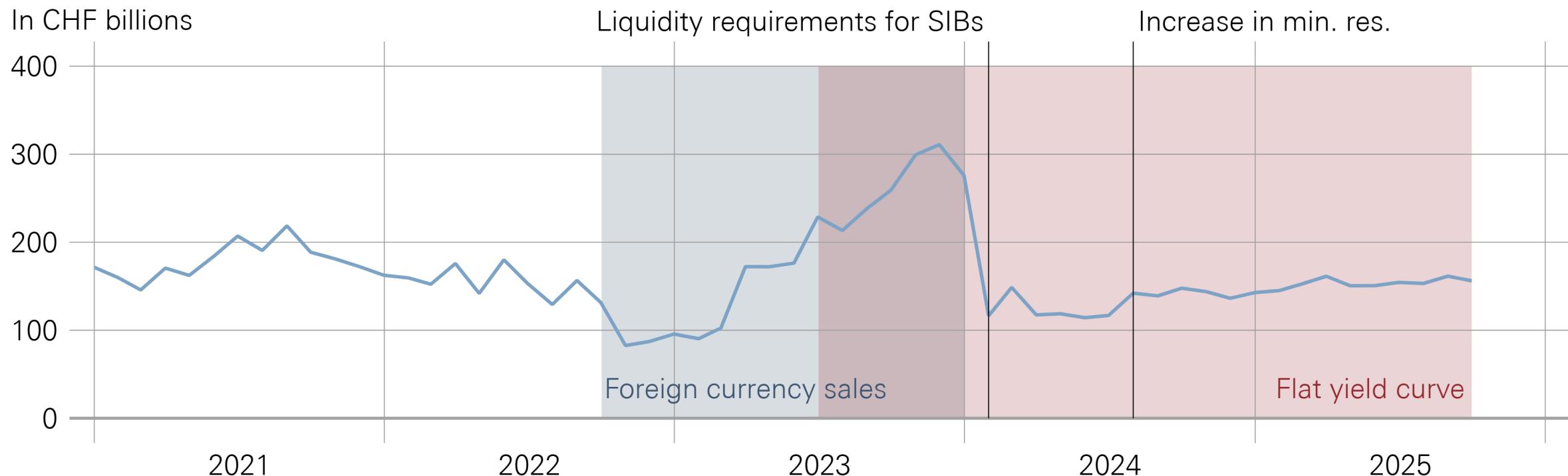
■ Bank bonds

Source(s): SNB, UBS (public data), CS (public data)

The banks have preserved their liquidity buffers in a more challenging liquidity environment

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Switzerland, LCR-based, all currencies



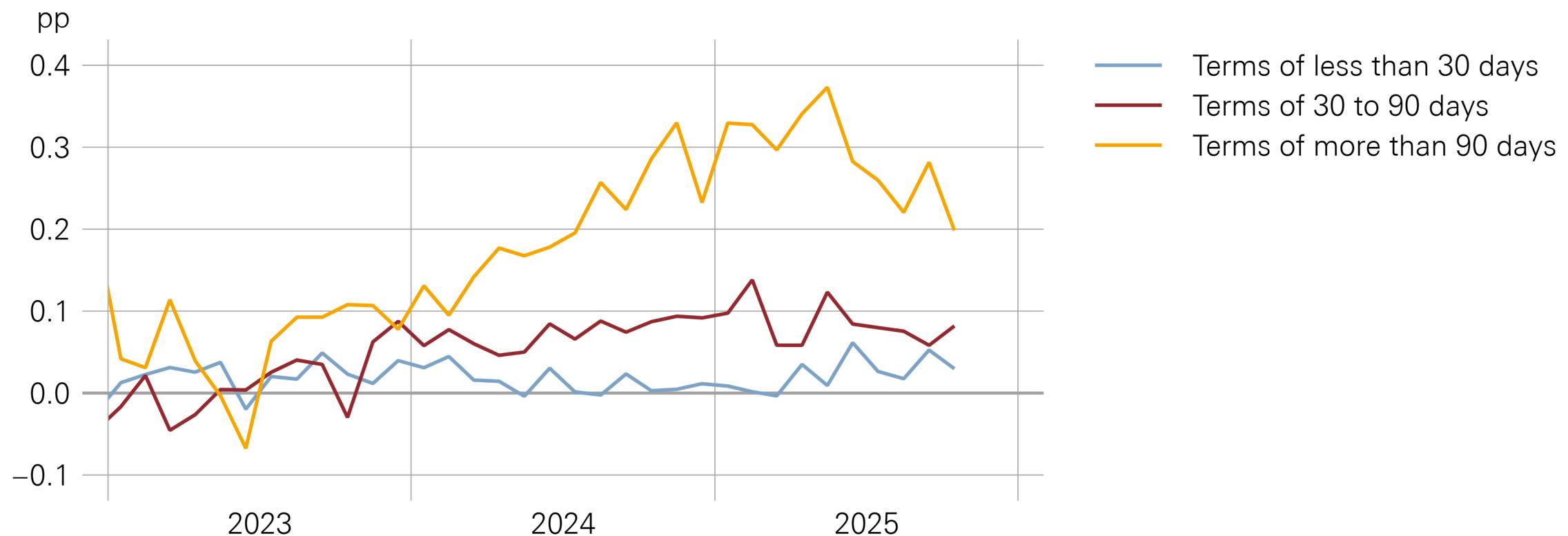
Takes into account assumptions for internal liquidity buffers above the regulatory minimum requirements.

Source(s): SNB

The increased demand for long-term funding has led to a rise in swap spreads in the unsecured money market

UNSECURED SWISS FRANC MONEY MARKET SPREADS

Interest rate minus swap rate, monthly average



Source(s): Bloomberg, Gottex Brokers, Instimatch, SNB

The banks are reacting to the developments; however the necessary adjustment processes are demanding and take time



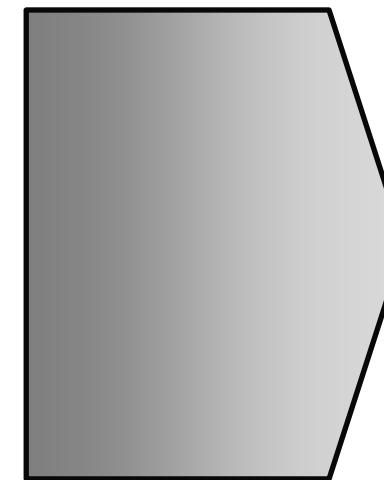
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relative to swap rate



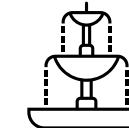
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More challenging liquidity
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Opportunities for new
market participants

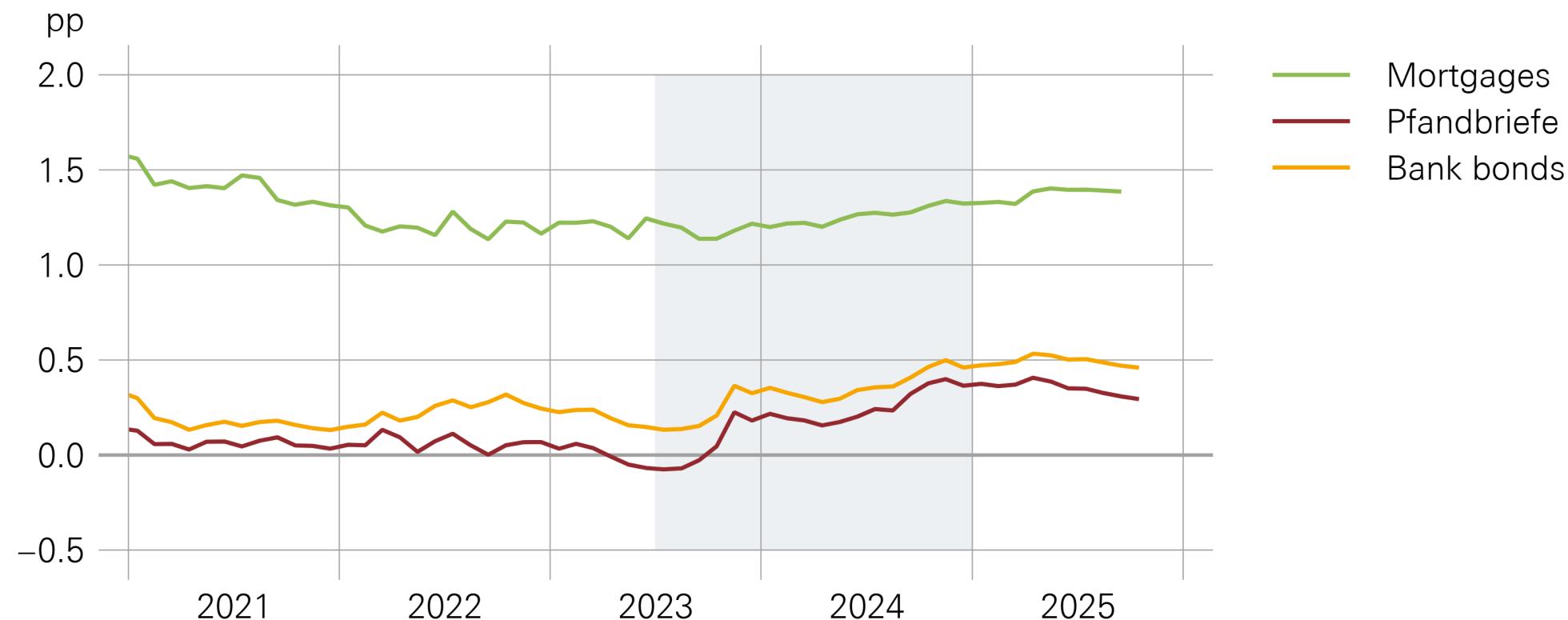


Accessing new
sources of funding

Mortgage rates have also risen relative to the swap rate

MORTGAGE AND CAPITAL MARKET SPREADS

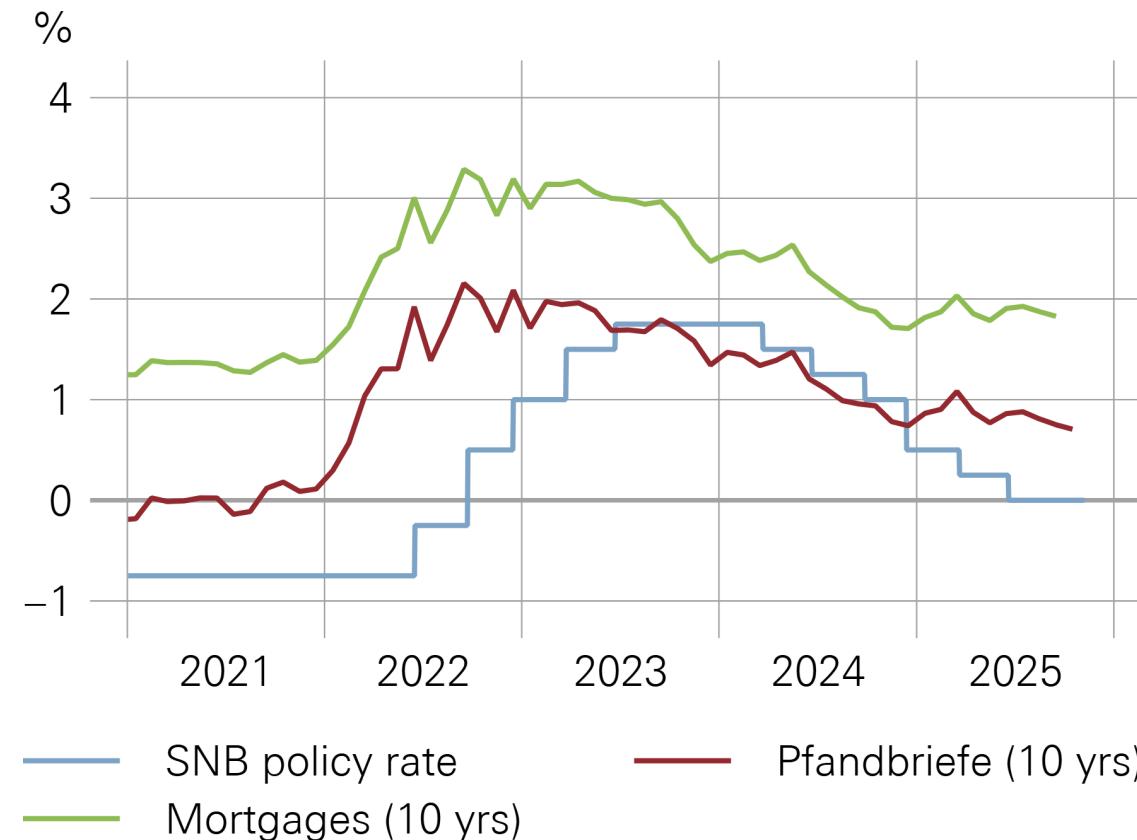
Interest rate minus swap rate (10-year terms)



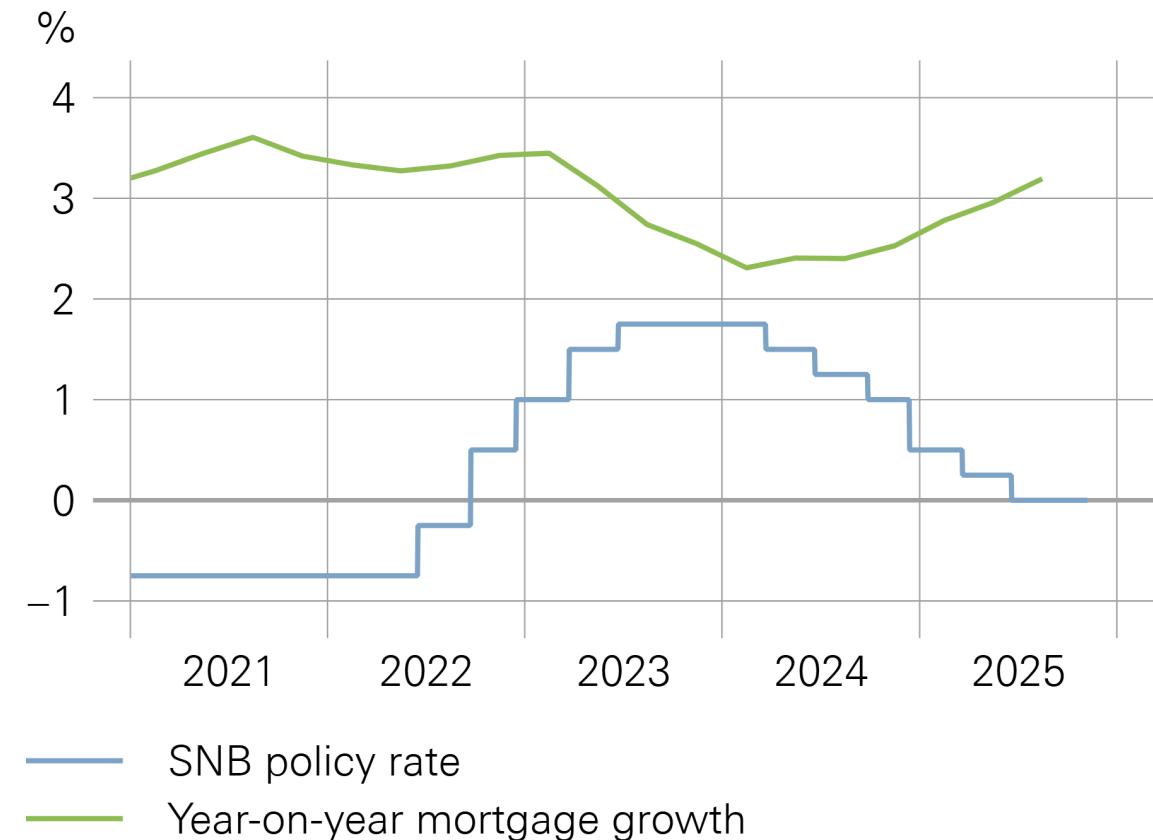
Source(s): Bloomberg, SNB

Monetary policy transmission via the credit markets is working

TRANSMISSION TO INTEREST RATES



MORTGAGE GROWTH AND SNB POLICY RATE



Source(s): Bloomberg, SNB

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