



Summary:

In May 2017, the majority of real sector indicators improved in relation to the previous month. Imports and exports of goods also increased resulting in a broader trade deficit. The overall balance of payments was negative and the gross foreign currency reserves retreated a little. The growth in banks' loans and deposits remained favorable.

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I- REAL SECTOR**In May 2017,**

The total value of checks cleared in the domestic and foreign currencies increased to USD 5,673 million from USD 5,337 million in the previous month and USD 5,609 million in May 2016. Yet, cleared checks o/w 68.7 percent denominated in FC slightly decreased in the first five months of 2017 by 0.1 percent when compared to the first five months of 2016.

The total value of returned checks in the domestic and foreign currencies retreated to USD 122 million from USD 151 million one month back and USD 125 million in May 2016. Returned checks increased a little, however, in the first five months of 2017 by 0.3 percent with reference to the identical period of the past year.

Collected real estate fees slightly diminished to LBP 77.2 billion against LBP 79.0 billion in the preceding month (LBP 60.1 billion twelve months back). Still, collected fees multiplied in the first five months of 2017 by 20.2 percent with regard to the first five months of 2016.

Construction permits rose to 1,293 thousand square meters compared to 973 thousand square meters in the previous month and 997 thousand square meters in May 2016. In the first five months of 2017, construction permits increased by 2.0 percent in respect of the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The total number of passengers arriving to and departing from Beirut International Airport fell to 308,696 and 291,868 respectively to total 600,564 persons. In the first five months of 2017, arrivals and departures increased, however, by 5.1 percent and 5.8 percent respectively in comparison with those recorded in the alike time interval of 2016.

Agricultural exports advanced to USD 13 million from USD 11 million one month back but were in the first five months of 2017 below those reported in the matching months of the preceding year by USD 4 million (-5.7 percent).

In April 2017,

Cement deliveries improved to 442 thousand tons from 418 thousand tons a month earlier (497 thousand tons in April 2016). Cement deliveries declined, however, by 4.1 percent in the first four months of 2017 in comparison with the same time frame of 2016.

In March 2017,

Industrial exports (excluding gold ingots) increased to USD 224 million from USD 197 million in the previous month and USD 212 million in March 2016. Yet, industrial exports contracted in the first quarter 2017 by 6.0 percent with regard to the first quarter 2016.

Imports of Industrial Equipment rose to USD 20.2 million from USD 10.7 million one month earlier (USD 25.1 million in March 2016). Imports of industrial equipment deteriorated, however, by 23.4 percent in the first three months of 2017 when compared to the correspondent time frame of the previous year.

Real Sector Indicators

	May-16	Apr-17	May-17
Checks cleared (total)			
Number (000)	1,049	957	1,086
Value (USD million)	5,609	5,337	5,673
Checks cleared in LBP			
Number (000)	363	351	414
Value (LBP billion)	2,398	2,478	2,667
Checks cleared in FX			
Number (000)	686	606	672
Value (USD million)	4,018	3,693	3,904
Returned checks			
Number (000)	20.2	18.3	20.7
Value (USD million)	125	151	122
Construction permits (000 square meters)	997	973	1,293
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	487	442	n.a.
Collected property taxes (LBP billion)	60.1	79.0	77.2
Passengers arrivals (000)	324	352	309
Passengers departures (000)	295	368	292
Agricultural exports (USD million)	17	11	13
Industrial exports (USD million)	211	n.a.	n.a.
Imports of industrial machinery (USD million)	20.5	n.a.	n.a.

Source: BDL, OEA, BIA, CLR, ministry of Industry, Lebanese Customs



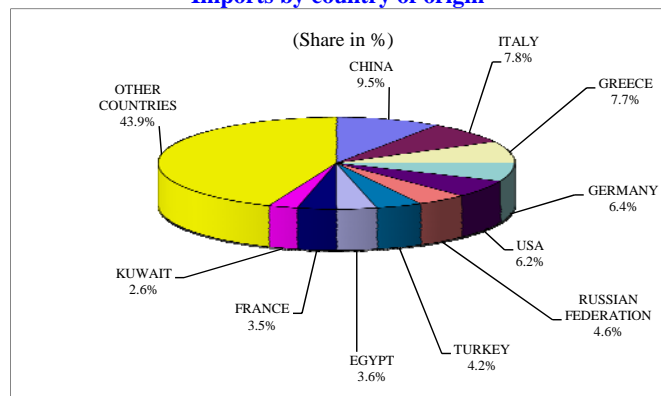
II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

In May 2017,

Imports of goods went up to USD 1,559 million from USD 1,414 million in the previous month (USD 1,629 million in May 2016). Imports improved in the first five months of 2017 by 0.8 percent with reference to the first five months of the previous year.

In the first five months of 2017, mineral products lead imported goods with a 20.5 percent share of total imports. They were followed by products of the chemical and machinery and mechanical appliances which accounted for 11.0 percent and 9.9 percent respectively. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 9.5 percent share of total. Italy came next with a share of 7.8 percent followed by Greece (7.7 percent) and Germany (6.4 percent).

Imports by country of origin

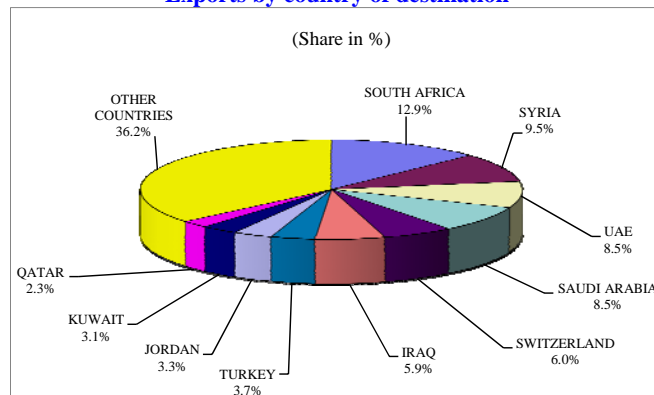


Source: Lebanese Customs

Exports of goods increased to USD 240 million compared to USD 235 million one month back and USD 237 million in May 2016. Exports climbed in the first five months of 2017 by 8.9 percent in respect of the same period of the preceding year.

In the first five months of 2017, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 23.2 percent of total exports, followed by prepared foodstuffs (16.8 percent), and base metals (11.1 percent). South Africa outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 12.9 percent share of the total, trailed by Syria (9.5 percent) followed by UAE and Saudi Arabia (8.5 percent for each) and Switzerland (6.0 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit broadened to USD 1,319 million from USD 1,179 million a month earlier (USD 1,392 million in May 2016). Nevertheless, the trade deficit narrowed in the first five months of 2017 by 0.5 percent vis-à-vis the corresponding time interval of 2016.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	May-16	Apr-17	May-17
Imports	1,629	1,414	1,559
Exports	237	235	240
Trade deficit	-1,392	-1,179	-1,319
Balance of payments	-862	-321	-592
Gross foreign currency reserves	32,026	33,525	32,750

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL.

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 592 million following a deficit of USD 321 million in April 2017 (USD 862 million deficit in May 2016). Subsequently, a cumulative USD 358 million negative balance was recorded in the first five months of 2017 and represented a decrease in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD -2,112 million) partly offset by an increase in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD +1,754 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank diminished to USD 32,750 million compared to USD 33,525 million at the end of the previous month (USD 32,026 million end May 2016). The U.S. dollar average rate remained stable at LBP 1,507.5 with the Central bank maintaining its foreign exchange intervention rates at LBP 1,501 per one USD for bid and LBP 1,514 per one USD for ask.



III-FINANCIAL SECTOR

1. Commercial Banks

Total consolidated assets of commercial banks operating in Lebanon amounted to LBP 311,883 billion (USD 206.9 billion) at the end of May 2017, thus increasing by 1.3 percent from end December 2016 (1.4 percent increase in the first five months of 2016).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits grew by 2.4 percent in the first five months of 2017 and constituted 82.4 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 256,889 billion (around USD 170.4 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	May-16	Apr-17	May-17
Total Assets	284,356	310,739	311,883
Total deposits	237,590	255,765	256,889
Resident private sector	183,706	197,378	198,694
Non-resident private sector	48,279	52,090	51,765
Public sector deposits	5,605	6,297	6,430
Capital accounts	25,948	28,255	28,159
Total claims on the private sector	83,699	86,810	87,244
Resident private sector	73,969	77,687	78,478
Non-resident private sector	9,731	9,123	8,767
Total claims on public sector	56,622	56,372	56,432
Bills & Bonds in LBP	28,913	31,450	31,582
Bonds in FC	27,555	24,729	24,654
Claims on non resident banks	15,698	20,929	21,139
Other foreign assets	9,360	8,528	8,629
Deposits at the central bank	110,018	128,747	128,828

Source: BDL.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP stood almost unchanged from end December 2016, but those denominated in foreign currencies increased by 3.4 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate rose to 66.6 percent at end May 2017 (65.8 percent end December 2016). The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in public sector deposits (+8.0 percent), in resident private sector deposits (+2.5 percent) and in non-resident private sector deposits (+1.1 percent) in the first five months of 2017.

Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 77.3 percent of total deposits at end May 2017 (20.2 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.5 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 28,159 billion (USD 18,679 million) at the end of May 2017 and represented around 9.0 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 2.4 percent from end December 2016.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident private sector increased by 1.2 percent in the first five months of the year 2017, reaching LBP 87,244 billion at the end of May 2017. The dollarization rate of these loans was 71.2 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total loans to total deposits attained 34.8 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 56,432 billion at the end of May 2017, thus increasing by 7.8 percent from end December 2016. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 31,582 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (44.7 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,354 million of Eurobonds (nearly 59.6 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank decreased in the first five months of 2017 by 4.3 percent to total LBP 128,828 billion at the end of May 2017, meanwhile claims on non-resident banks rose by 24.8 percent to LBP 21,139 billion (USD 14.0 billion) to represent 12.7 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies.

2. Investment Banks

Total consolidated assets of investment banks operating in Lebanon (including medium and long term credit banks) amounted to LBP 7,378 billion (around USD 4.9 billion) at the end of May 2017, thus increasing by 4.0 percent from end December 2016 (1.3 percent decrease in the first five months of 2016).

In the first five months of 2017, capital accounts rose by 12.3 percent and private sector deposits (resident & non-resident) by 1.2 percent. Cash and banks decreased by 0.6 percent while claims on public sector increased by 18.7 percent and claims on the private sector by 1.4 percent.



3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange jumped to 18,565 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 157.3 million in May 2017 compared to 5,417 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 35.8 million in the previous month and 4,412 thousand shares with a value of USD 32.6 million in May 2016.

During May 2017, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 96.4 percent for Banking, 3.3 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 0.3 percent for Industrial.

Capital Markets

	May-16	Apr-17	May-17
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	4,412	5,417	18,565
Traded value (USD million)	32.6	35.8	157.3
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,056	11,767	11,725
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	62,930	69,605	69,498
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	26,577	27,190	27,194
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	850	850

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares decreased to USD 11,725 million at the end of May 2017, compared to USD 11,767 million at the end of the previous month (USD 11,056 million at the end of May 2016). Banking had a 84.8 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 12.6 percent.

The face value of the outstanding treasury bills portfolio denominated in the domestic currency and the value of the outstanding sovereign bonds portfolio denominated in foreign currencies (Eurobonds) amounted to LBP 69,498 billion and USD 27,194 million respectively at the end of May 2017.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, Euro-CDs, and subordinated debt stood almost unchanged at USD 850 million at the end of May 2017. The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL in the domestic currency slightly decreased to LBP 32,389 billion while the value of those issued in foreign currencies increased a little to USD 21.8 billion.

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 205,187 billion at the end of May 2017, of which 59.8 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increasing by 2.5 percent from end December 2016 (1.6 percent increase in the first five months 2016).

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	May-16	Apr-17	May-17
M3		189,424	203,869	205,187
Net foreign assets		45,918	51,931	51,268
Net claims on public sector		73,801	76,290	76,601
Valuation Adjustment		-8,527	-9,353	-9,442
Claims on private sector		77,212	80,996	81,789
Other items-net		1,019	4,004	4,970
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		95.62	99.77	99.72

Source: BDL, CRI.

The LBP 4,994 billion increase in M3 in the first five months of 2017 resulted from an increase in each of net other items (+LBP 3,748 billion), claims on the private sector (+LBP 1,601 billion) and net foreign assets (+LBP 1,556 billion) against a drop in valuation adjustment (-LBP 1,735 billion) and net claims on public sector (-LBP 177 billion).

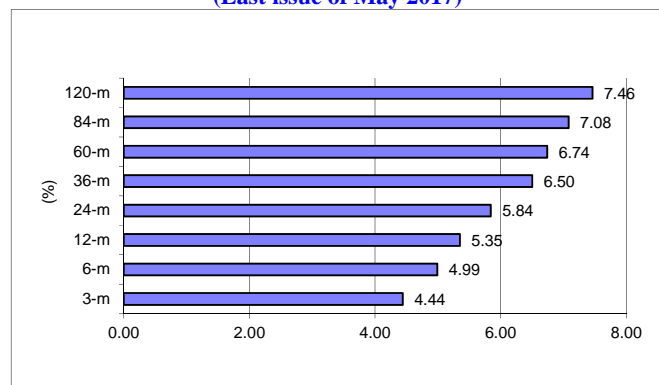
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 1.08 percent in May 2017 compared to the previous month but increased by 1.5 percent from December 2016.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics, stood almost unchanged in the month of May 2017 but increased by 0.8 percent from December 2016.

The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments were stable at the end of May 2017 on 45 and 60- day certificates of deposits issued by BDL reading 3.57 percent and 3.85 percent respectively. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills also remained steady and read at the end of the stated month: 4.44 percent for three-month bills, 4.99 percent for six-month bills, 5.35 percent for one-year bills, 5.84 percent for two-year bills, 6.50 percent for three-year bills, 6.74 percent for five-year bills, 7.08 percent for seven-year bills and 7.46 percent for ten-year bills.



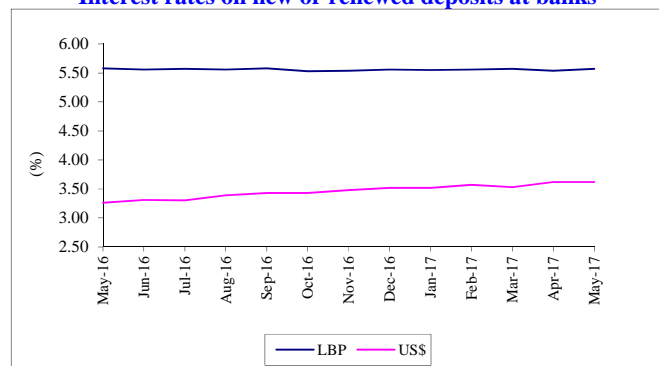
**Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP
(Last issue of May 2017)**



Source: BDL

In May 2017, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP deposits at commercial banks increased to 5.57 percent (5.54 percent a month ago) while the average interest rate on new or renewed USD deposits stood almost unchanged at 3.62 percent. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 1.19 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In May 2017, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP and USD increased to 8.48 percent (8.33 percent a month ago) and 7.36 percent (7.22 percent in April 2017) respectively.

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,215 billion in December 2016 to sum LBP 14,959 billion in the year 2016 (LBP 14,435 billion in 2015). The LBP 14,959 billion revenues comprised LBP 13,989 billion budget revenues and LBP 970 billion treasury receipts.

Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 2,029 billion in December 2016 to total LBP 22,412 billion in 2016 (LBP 20,393 billion in 2015). The LBP 22,412 billion expenditures included LBP 7,484 billion debt service and LBP 14,928 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,397 billion to EDL and LBP 1,765 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years.

Fiscal Situation

LBP billion	Dec-15	Nov-16	Dec-16
Government revenues	1,055	993	1,215
Tax revenues	656	615	683
Non-tax revenues	306	315	417
Treasury receipts	93	63	115
Government expenditures	2,127	2,618	2,029
Debt service	562	1,003	606
Others	1,565	1,615	1,423
Overall balance	-1,072	-1,625	-814
Primary balance	-510	-622	-208

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Total Deficit increased as such to LBP 7,453 billion in 2016 from LBP 5,958 billion in 2015, while the primary balance surplus decreased to LBP 31 billion compared to LBP 1,092 billion respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 115,652 billion (the equivalent of USD 76.7 billion) at the end of May 2017, thus increasing by 2.4 percent when compared to end December 2016 (1.6 percent growth in the first five months of 2016).

Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at commercial banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 100,288 billion at the end of May 2017, increasing by 1.7 percent from end of December 2016 (1.9 percent growth in the first five months of 2016).

Public Debt

LBP billion	May-16	Apr-17	May-17
Public Debt (Gross)	107,776	115,976	115,652
Debt in LBP	64,041	70,923	70,919
Debt in FC	43,735	45,053	44,733
Public Debt (Net)	94,551	100,022	100,288
Public sector deposits	13,225	15,954	15,364
Commercial Banks	5,605	6,297	6,430
BDL	7,620	9,657	8,934

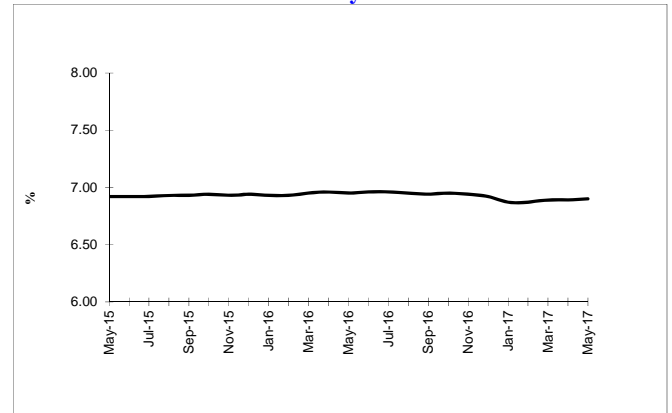
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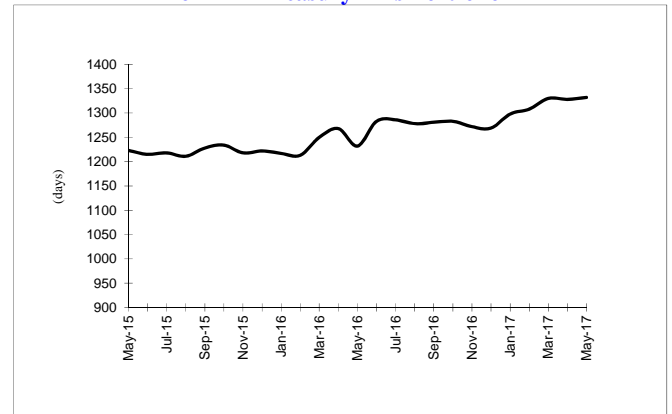
The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 61.3 percent and 38.7 percent respectively at the end of May 2017. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 45.7 percent for banks (45.4 percent end of April 2017), 39.2 percent for the Central bank (39.4 percent in the previous month) and 15.1 percent for the non-banking sector (15.2 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (92.5 percent), Multilateral (4.2 percent), Bilateral (3.0 percent), Paris II loans (0.1 percent) and others (0.2 percent).

The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency was estimated at 1,332 days (3.66 years) as at end May 2017 with a weighted interest of 6.90 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies was around 7.02 years with a weighted interest of 6.38 percent.

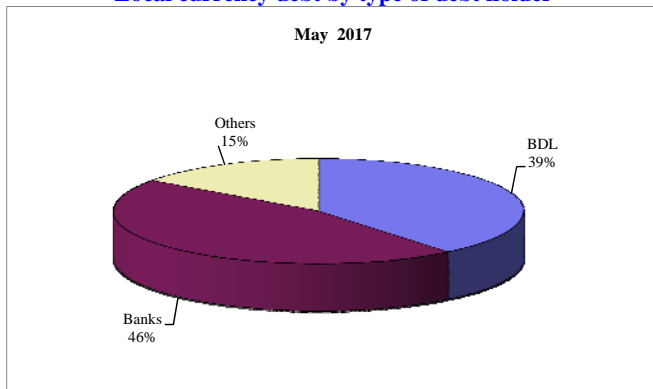
Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio

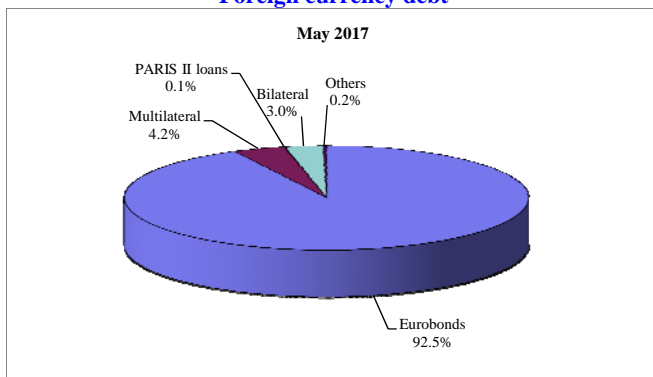


Local currency debt by type of debt holder



Source: BDL.

Foreign currency debt



Source: BDL.



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2016	Jan - May 2016	Jan - May 2017	May-16	Apr-17	May-17
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	235,513	111,012	n.a.	20,542	n.a.	n.a.
Building Permits (000's m2)	12,234	5,331	5,435	997	973	1,293
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	5,247	2,062	n.a.	487	442	n.a.
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	29,986	12,276	13,270	2,398	2,478	2,667
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	48,160	20,013	19,315	4,018	3,693	3,904
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	1,035,992	396,733	404,598	88,465	79,825	88,603
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,700,609	3,259,640	3,195,273	685,595	600,202	651,987
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	3,780	1,330	1,398	324	352	309
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	3,822	1,364	1,442	295	368	292
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,977	1,107	1,205	237	235	240
Total imports of goods (million USD)	18,705	7,861	7,923	1,629	1,414	1,559
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-15,728	-6,754	-6,718	-1,392	-1,179	-1,319
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	1,238	-1,761	-358	-862	-321	-592
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	34,028	-	-	32,026	33,525	32,750
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	98.93	-	-	95.62	99.77	99.72

Sources: BDL, Lebanese Customs, Consultation & Research Institute, Order of engineers, Beirut International Airport, Port of Beirut, Ministry of Industry.



TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS BY PRODUCT
(Million US Dollars)

Goods	Imports			Exports		
	2016	Jan - May 2016	Jan - May 2017	2016	Jan - May 2016	Jan - May 2017
1- Live animals, animal products	837	309	339	14	6	5
2- Vegetable products	869	384	442	189	64	60
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	158	72	71	39	18	16
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,408	549	604	446	194	203
5- Mineral products	3,745	1,921	1,621	19	8	33
6- Products of the chemical	2,030	867	870	304	122	126
7- Plastics & articles thereof	730	303	302	133	54	55
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	74	29	26	12	6	5
9- Wood & articles of wood	229	92	85	13	5	5
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	317	131	117	133	52	56
11- Textiles & textile articles	791	332	316	85	35	30
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	153	69	63	12	5	5
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	467	186	192	22	10	9
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	1,255	380	472	828	209	280
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,174	466	531	253	111	134
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,879	755	785	334	150	133
17-Transport equipment	1,773	687	752	18	7	7
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	331	135	144	19	7	7
19- Arms & ammunition	16	8	6	1	0	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	450	181	181	93	43	33
21- Works of art	19	7	6	8	2	3
Total	18,705	7,861	7,923	2,977	1,107	1,205

Source: Lebanese Customs.

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - May 2016	Share %	Jan - May 2017	Share %
CHINA	840	10.7	755	9.5
ITALY	599	7.6	617	7.8
GREECE	358	4.6	610	7.7
GERMANY	456	5.8	507	6.4
USA	584	7.4	491	6.2
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	315	4.0	362	4.6
TURKEY	279	3.5	330	4.2
EGYPT	199	2.5	288	3.6
FRANCE	301	3.8	280	3.5
KUWAIT	398	5.1	208	2.6
OTHER COUNTRIES	3,532	44.9	3,475	43.9
TOTAL IMPORTS	7,861	100.0	7,923	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - May 2016	Share %	Jan - May 2017	Share %
SOUTH AFRICA	139	12.6	156	12.9
SYRIA	71	6.4	114	9.5
UAE	105	9.5	103	8.5
SAUDI ARABIA	124	11.2	103	8.5
SWITZERLAND	22	2.0	72	6.0
IRAQ	68	6.1	71	5.9
TURKEY	29	2.6	45	3.7
JORDAN	43	3.9	40	3.3
KUWAIT	26	2.3	37	3.1
QATAR	30	2.7	28	2.3
OTHER COUNTRIES	450	40.7	436	36.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	1,107	100.0	1,205	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL BANKS OPERATING IN LEBANON
(End of Period - Billion LBP)

	2016		2017		
	May	Dec	Mar	Apr	May
ASSETS					
Reserves	110,787	135,305	130,178	129,510	129,632
-Cash	769	693	740	763	804
-Deposits at the Central Bank	110,018	134,612	129,438	128,747	128,828
Claims on the Private Sector	73,969	76,943	77,180	77,687	78,478
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	21,300	23,607	24,393	24,713	25,142
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	52,669	53,335	52,787	52,974	53,336
Claims on the Public Sector	56,622	52,344	56,902	56,372	56,432
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	28,913	28,936	31,727	31,450	31,582
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	27,555	23,191	24,981	24,729	24,654
Foreign Assets	34,788	34,824	37,352	38,580	38,535
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	9,731	9,256	9,021	9,123	8,767
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	15,698	16,945	19,697	20,929	21,139
-Other Foreign Assets	9,360	8,623	8,634	8,528	8,629
Fixed Assets	7,410	7,857	7,770	7,798	7,831
Unclassified Assets	782	726	793	792	975
TOTAL ASSETS	284,356	307,999	310,176	310,739	311,883
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Private Sector	183,706	193,765	196,188	197,378	198,694
-Demand Deposits in Lebanese Pound	4,942	5,437	5,286	5,445	5,587
-Other Deposits in Lebanese Pound	70,057	71,467	71,916	71,728	71,526
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	108,708	116,861	118,986	120,206	121,580
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,605	5,956	6,412	6,297	6,430
Deposits of Non-Residents	48,279	51,196	51,572	52,090	51,765
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,680	6,827	6,706	6,710	6,589
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	41,598	44,369	44,866	45,380	45,175
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	9,293	9,467	9,674	9,610	9,804
Bonds	417	408	443	437	454
Capital Base	25,948	27,497	27,829	28,255	28,159
-Core Capital	24,119	25,660	26,003	26,429	26,332
-Supplementary Capital	1,829	1,838	1,825	1,826	1,826
Unclassified Liabilities	11,109	19,708	18,058	16,672	16,578
TOTAL LIABILITIES	284,356	307,999	310,176	310,739	311,883

Source: BDL.



MONEY SUPPLY AND COUNTERPARTS
(End of Period - Billion LBP)

	2016		2017		
	May	Dec	Mar	Apr	May
<u>Money Supply</u>					
Currency in circulation	4,034	4,592	4,273	4,370	4,376
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,022	5,567	5,379	5,530	5,655
= M1	9,056	10,159	9,652	9,900	10,031
+ Other Deposits in LBP	70,814	72,269	72,884	72,700	72,478
= M2	79,871	82,428	82,536	82,599	82,509
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	109,278	117,499	119,603	120,992	122,393
+ Bonds	275	266	279	277	284
= M3	189,424	200,192	202,418	203,869	205,187
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	10,864	10,797	10,964	10,756	10,732
= M4	200,288	210,989	213,382	214,625	215,919
<u>Counterparts of the Money Supply</u>					
Net Foreign Assets	45,918	49,712	52,033	51,931	51,268
o/w Gold	16,838	16,138	17,284	17,616	17,581
Net Claims on the Public Sector	73,801	76,778	76,390	76,290	76,601
Valuation Adjustment	-8,527	-7,707	-8,929	-9,353	-9,442
Claims on the Private Sector	77,212	80,188	80,461	80,996	81,789
Claims in LBP	22,435	24,918	25,736	26,081	26,511
Claims in FC	54,777	55,270	54,725	54,915	55,278
Other Items (Net)	1,019	1,222	2,464	4,004	4,970
TOTAL	189,424	200,192	202,418	203,869	205,187

Source: BDL.



OUTSTANDING PUBLIC DEBT BY TYPE OF HOLDER
(End of Period - Billion LBP)
(Actual Value*)

Year And Month	Total Debt	Local Currency Debt				Foreign Currency Debt					
		Central				Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II		Total
		Bank	Banks	Others ⁽¹⁾	loans				Others ⁽²⁾		
2015	Dec	106,031	24,308	29,878	11,009	65,195	1,515	1,585	83	37,653	40,836
2016	May	107,776	24,432	28,745	10,864	64,041	1,601	1,513	67	40,554	43,735
	Jun	109,893	28,560	26,749	10,967	66,276	1,603	1,514	67	40,433	43,617
	Jul	110,631	30,023	25,831	11,040	66,894	1,590	1,508	67	40,572	43,737
	Aug	111,632	30,442	26,154	11,175	67,771	1,595	1,519	50	40,697	43,861
	Sep	112,663	30,183	27,724	10,885	68,792	1,596	1,519	51	40,705	43,871
	Oct	112,338	30,215	27,540	10,831	68,586	1,590	1,472	50	40,640	43,752
	Nov	112,379	30,436	28,591	10,863	69,890	1,577	1,386	48	39,478	42,489
	Dec	112,910	30,150	29,581	10,797	70,528	1,577	1,395	48	39,362	42,382
2017	Jan	114,846	30,038	31,704	10,590	72,332	1,571	1,412	49	39,482	42,514
	Feb	114,799	28,915	32,202	10,919	72,036	1,750	1,408	32	39,573	42,763
	Mar	116,356	27,942	32,393	10,964	71,299	1,774	1,412	32	41,839	45,057
	Apr	115,976	27,984	32,183	10,756	70,923	1,820	1,397	33	41,803	45,053
	May	115,652	27,767	32,420	10,732	70,919	1,863	1,353	33	41,484	44,733

Source :BDL.

* The figures are equal to the principal paid plus the interests due.

** IDI : International Development Institutions.

+ FG : Foreign Governments.

(1) Include: public TB's, public entities TB's and financial institutions TB's.

(2) Include: Eurobonds holders (banks, non banks, residents and non residents), foreign private sector loans and special TB's in FC (expropriation bonds).

TREASURY BILLS PORTFOLIO IN LBP
(Face value, Billion LBP)

Year And Month	In Circulation End of period	Issue	Reimbursement	Weighted	Weighted	
				Average	Average	
				Life	Interest	
				(days)	(%)	
2015	Dec	64,112	905	958	1,222	6.94
2016	May	62,930	2,172	4,504	1,232	6.95
	Jun	65,280	3,403	1,053	1,283	6.96
	Jul	65,765	1,748	1,263	1,286	6.96
	Aug	66,535	1,652	885	1,278	6.95
	Sep	67,627	2,630	1,538	1,281	6.94
	Oct	67,346	1,092	1,373	1,283	6.95
	Nov	68,498	1,732	580	1,272	6.94
	Dec	69,347	1,900	1,051	1,269	6.92
2017	Jan	71,034	3,109	1,422	1,298	6.87
	Feb	70,716	1,670	1,988	1,308	6.87
	Mar	70,067	1,964	2,613	1,330	6.89
	Apr	69,605	916	1,378	1,328	6.89
	May	69,498	1,318	1,425	1,332	6.90

Source:BDL.



AVERAGE INTEREST RATES

Year And Month	Average Lending **		Average Deposit		Inter Bank Rate *	3m Libor \$	Interest rates on TBs (last issue)									
	Rate on Funds in		Rate on Funds in				3-m	6-m	12-m	24-m	36-m	60-m	84-m	96-m	120-m	144-m
	LBP	US\$	LBP	US\$												
2015	Dec	7.45	7.06	5.56	3.17	3.03	0.54	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63			7.33
2016	May	8.53	7.29	5.58	3.26	3.01	0.65	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Jun	8.31	7.20	5.56	3.31	3.80	0.65	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Jul	8.32	7.25	5.57	3.30	3.04	0.70	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Aug	8.29	7.28	5.56	3.39	3.02	0.81	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Sep	8.44	7.20	5.58	3.43	3.00	0.85	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Oct	8.35	7.06	5.53	3.43	3.03	0.88	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Nov	8.26	7.16	5.54	3.48	3.00	0.91	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Dec	8.23	7.35	5.56	3.52	3.00	0.98	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	4.94	6.96		7.33
2017	Jan	8.47	7.26	5.55	3.52	3.03	1.03	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	4.94	6.96		7.33
	Feb	8.37	7.14	5.56	3.57	3.00	1.05	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Mar	8.43	7.32	5.57	3.53	3.00	1.14	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	Apr	8.33	7.22	5.54	3.62	3.13	1.16	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	May	8.48	7.36	5.57	3.62	3.00	1.19	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33

Sources: BDL, Société Financière du Liban s.a.l.

* On Funds in LBP, weighted by daily volume.

** Starting January 2016, lending rates are calculated according to intermediary circular No 389.

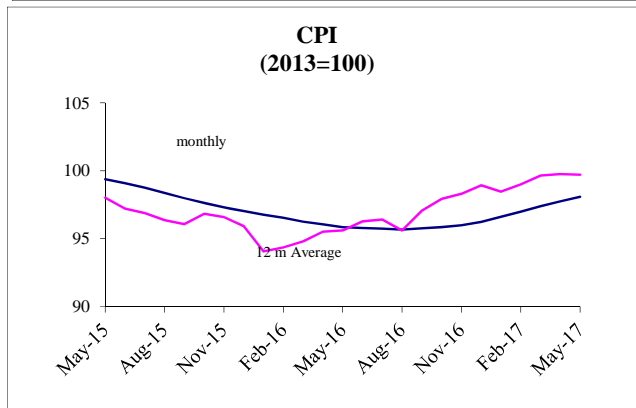
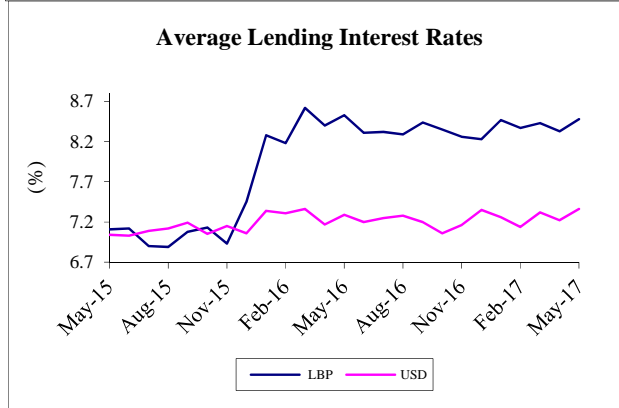
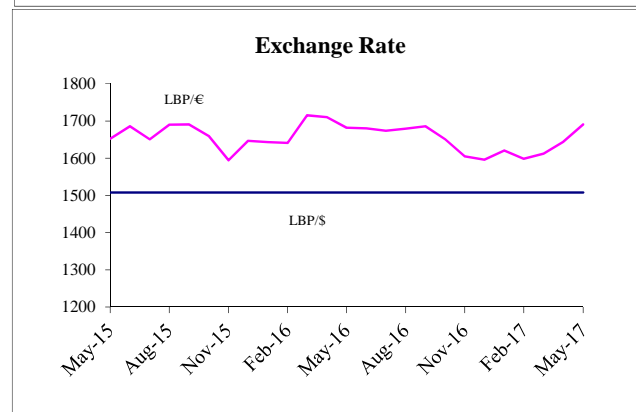
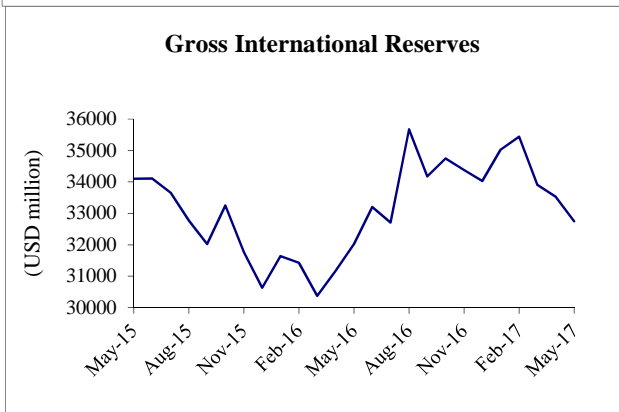
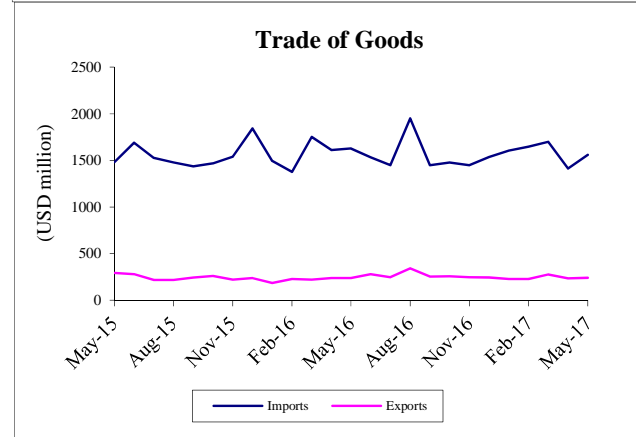
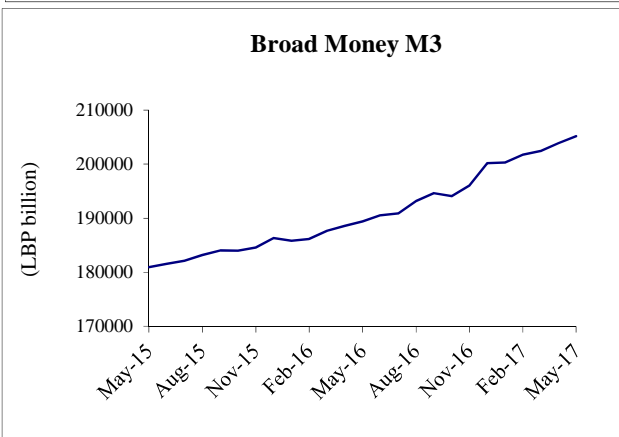
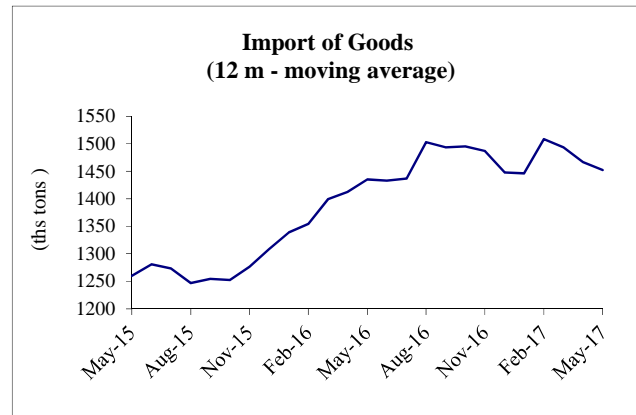
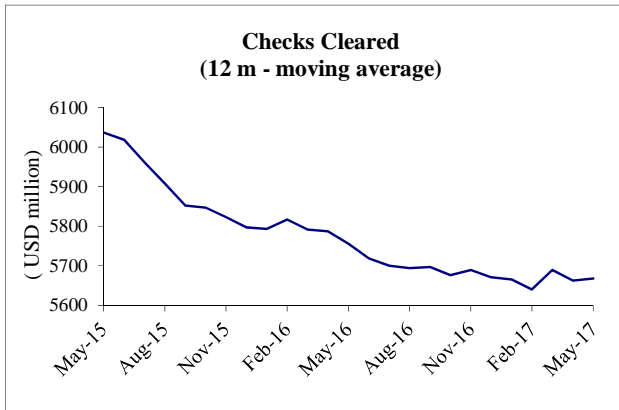
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2015	Dec	1,507.50	1,520.88	2,232.46	12.51	1,646.64
2016	May	1,507.50	1,522.57	2,202.91	13.57	1,681.31
	Jun	1,507.50	1,544.89	2,033.47	14.66	1,680.11
	Jul	1,507.50	1,542.20	1,983.87	14.53	1,673.48
	Aug	1,507.50	1,531.70	1,980.55	14.60	1,679.66
	Sep	1,507.50	1,556.37	1,954.93	14.92	1,685.84
	Oct	1,507.50	1,524.58	1,834.63	14.35	1,650.86
	Nov	1,507.50	1,485.81	1,877.74	13.31	1,605.19
	Dec	1,507.50	1,485.81	1,856.03	12.90	1,596.29
2017	Jan	1,507.50	1,518.43	1,878.80	13.28	1,620.41
	Feb	1,507.50	1,500.75	1,875.33	13.43	1,598.55
	Mar	1,507.50	1,507.20	1,878.50	13.48	1,612.12
	Apr	1,507.50	1,518.13	1,949.80	13.55	1,643.78
	May	1,507.50	1,552.36	1,935.33	13.60	1,690.51

Source: BDL.



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