



**Summary:**

*In October 2016, key real sector indicators progressed with reference to the previous month except passengers' activity at Beirut International Airport probably due to seasonal factors. Both imports and exports of goods improved a bit and the trade deficit slightly broadened. The overall balance of payments was negative following three consecutive months of surpluses and gross foreign currency reserves increased further. Deposits and loans of banks grew favorably and average lending interest rates retreated a little.*

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**I- REAL SECTOR****In October 2016,**

**The total value of checks cleared** in the domestic and foreign currencies increased to USD 5,996 million from USD 5,776 million in the previous month (USD 6,252 million in October 2015). Yet, cleared checks o/w 71.2 percent denominated in foreign currencies retreated in the first ten months of 2016 by 2.5 percent when compared to the identical period of 2015.

**The total value of returned checks** in the domestic and foreign currencies rose to USD 152 million compared to USD 111 million one month back and USD 145 million in October 2015. Returned checks dropped, however, in the first ten months of 2016 by 4.2 percent with reference to the first ten months of the past year.

**Collected real estate fees** diminished to LBP 65.3 billion against LBP 72.2 billion in the preceding month and LBP 72.3 billion twelve months back. Nonetheless, collected fees augmented in the first ten months of 2016 by 2.4 percent with regard to the corresponding 2015 time frame.

**Construction permits** progressed to 1,020 thousand square meters compared to 934 thousand square meters in the previous month and 917 thousand square meters in October 2015. Yet, construction permits shrank in the first ten months of 2016 by 2.8 percent in respect of the same preceding year's period.

**Cement deliveries** augmented to 549 thousand tons from 479 thousand tons a month earlier and 494 thousand tons in October 2015. Cement deliveries increased by 7.5 percent in the first ten months of 2016 in comparison with the similar time interval of 2015.

**The total number of passengers** arriving to and departing from Beirut International Airport fell to 257,989 and 295,592 respectively to total 553,581 persons. In the first ten months of 2016, arrivals and departures surpassed, however, by 7.3 percent and 4.3 percent consecutively those recorded in the corresponding previous year's duration.

**Agricultural exports** went up to USD 22 million from USD 20 million one month back but were in the first ten months of 2016 below those reported in the matching months of 2015 by USD 11 million (-6.4 percent).

**In September 2016,**

**Industrial exports** (excluding gold ingots) decreased to USD 184 million from USD 233 million in the previous month and USD 243 million in September 2015. Industrial exports contracted in the first nine months of 2016 by 15.7 percent with regard to the first nine months of 2015.

**Imports of Industrial Equipment** recoiled to USD 16.2 million from USD 19.0 million one month earlier (USD 13.8 million in September 2015). In the first nine months of 2016, industrial equipment imports declined by 3.3 percent in comparison with the alike 2015 time phase.

**Real Sector Indicators**

	Oct-15	Sep-16	Oct-16
Checks cleared (total)			
Number (000)	1,128	1,033	1,069
Value (USD million)	6,252	5,776	5,996
Checks cleared in LBP			
Number (000)	374	364	377
Value (LBP billion)	2,563	2,596	2,683
Checks cleared in FX			
Number (000)	754	669	692
Value (USD million)	4,552	4,054	4,216
Returned checks			
Number (000)	21.5	18.7	19.4
Value (USD million)	145	111	152
Construction permits (000 square meters)	917	935	1,023
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	494	479	549
Collected property taxes (LBP billion)	72.3	72.2	65.3
Passengers arrivals (000)	265	372	258
Passengers departures (000)	304	448	296
Agricultural exports (USD million)	24	20	22
Industrial exports (USD million)	255	184	n.a.
Imports of industrial machinery (USD million)	16.5	16.2	n.a.

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



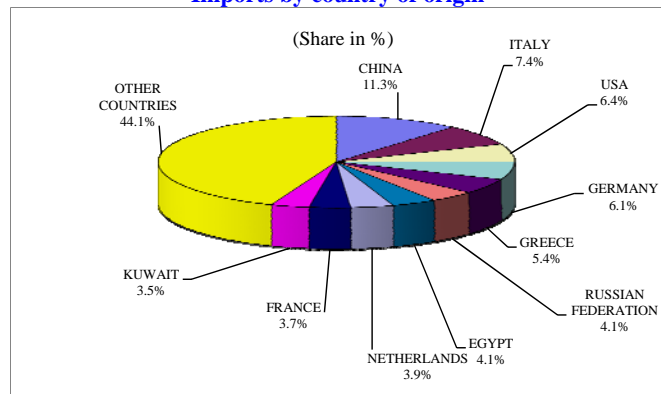
**II- EXTERNAL SECTOR**

**In October 2016,**

**Imports of goods** slightly improved to USD 1,479 million from USD 1,448 million in the previous month and USD 1,467 million in October 2015. Yet, imports advanced in the first ten months of 2016 by 7.0 percent with reference to the first ten months of the previous year.

In the first ten months of 2016, mineral products lead imported goods with a 21.1 percent share of total imports. They were followed by products of the chemical and machinery and mechanical appliances which accounted for 10.8 percent and 9.8 percent respectively. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 11.3 percent share of total. Italy came next with a share of 7.4 percent followed by USA (6.4 percent) and Germany (6.1 percent).

**Imports by country of origin**

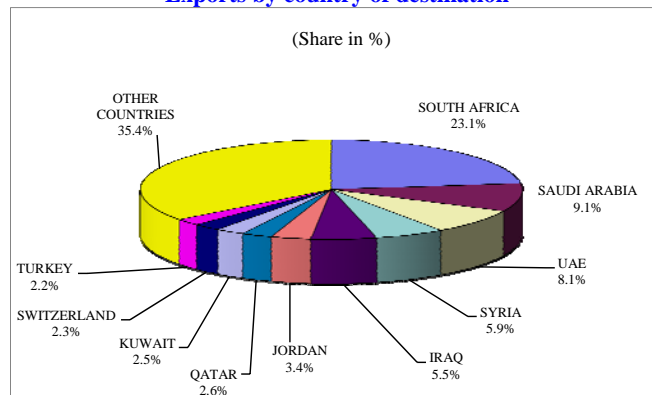


Source: Lebanese Customs

**Exports of goods** increased a little to USD 257 million from USD 254 million in the previous month (USD 261 million in October 2015). Exports slightly fell back in the first ten months of 2016 by 0.3 percent in respect of the same ten months of the preceding year's period.

In the first ten months of 2016, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 29.2 percent of total exports, followed by prepared foodstuffs (14.7 percent), and machinery and mechanical appliances (10.9 percent). South Africa outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 23.1 percent share of the total, trailed by Saudi Arabia (9.1 percent), UAE (8.1 percent) and Syria (5.9 percent).

**Exports by country of destination**



Source: Lebanese Customs

**The trade deficit** broadened to USD 1,222 million from USD 1,194 million a month earlier and USD 1,206 million in October 2015. The trade deficit widened in the first ten months of 2016 by 8.5 percent vis-à-vis the corresponding time interval of 2015.

**External Sector Indicators**

	USD million	Oct-15	Sep-16	Oct-16
Imports		1,467	1,448	1,479
Exports		261	254	257
Trade deficit		-1,206	-1,194	-1,222
Balance of payments		-396	189	-680
Gross foreign currency reserves		33,252	34,170	34,743

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL

**The overall balance of payments** reported a deficit of USD 680 million following a surplus of USD 189 million in the previous month (USD 396 million deficit in October 2015). Thus, a USD 125 million negative balance accumulated in the first ten months of 2016 and represented an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +3,994 million) against a drop in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -4,119 million).

**Gross foreign currency reserves** of the Central bank increased to USD 34,743 million compared to USD 34,170 million at the end of the previous month and USD 33,252 million at end October 2015. 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 301,006 billion (USD 199.7 billion) at the end of October 2016, thus increasing by 7.4 percent from end December 2015 (3.7 percent increase in the first ten months of 2015).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits increased by 4.2 percent in the first ten months of 2016 and constituted 80.8 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 243,307 billion (around USD 161.4 billion) at the end of October 2016.

#### Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Oct-15	Sep-16	Oct-16
Total Assets	274,771	298,592	301,006
Total deposits	230,179	243,656	243,307
Resident private sector	178,463	188,621	188,072
Non-resident private sector	46,691	49,784	49,593
Public sector deposits	5,026	5,250	5,641
Capital accounts	24,547	26,332	26,688
Total claims on the private sector	79,885	85,405	85,453
Resident private sector	71,139	75,666	76,058
Non-resident private sector	8,746	9,739	9,395
Total claims on public sector	56,478	53,247	52,360
Bills & Bonds in LBP	30,808	27,298	27,010
Bonds in FC	25,538	25,756	25,148
Claims on non resident banks	15,993	13,718	13,384
Other foreign assets	9,175	9,141	8,913
Deposits at the central bank	104,755	128,165	131,563

Source: BDL.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP increased by 3.3 percent from end December 2015 and those denominated in foreign currencies by 4.4 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate slightly increased to 65.1 percent at the end of October 2016 (64.9 percent end December 2015). The itemization of total deposits reveals also an increase in public sector deposits (+11.2 percent), in resident private sector deposits (+4.2) and in non-resident private sector deposits (+3.3 percent) in the first ten months of 2016.

Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 77.3 percent of total deposits at end October 2016 (20.4 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.3 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts increased to LBP 26,688 billion (USD 17,703 million) at the end of October 2016 and represented around 8.9 percent of total assets. Capital accounts rose by 6.2 percent when compared to end December 2015 (+3.5 percent in the first ten months of 2015).

Total claims on the resident and non-resident private sector expanded by 4.5 percent in the first ten months of 2016, reaching LBP 85,453 billion at the end of October. The dollarization rate of these loans was 73.1 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total loans to total deposits attained 36.0 percent.

Total claims on the public sector amounted to LBP 52,360 billion at the end of October 2016, thus decreasing by 8.1 percent from end December 2015. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 27,010 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (39.5 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,682 million of Eurobonds (nearly 62.1 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank multiplied in the first ten months of 2016 by 23.7 percent to total LBP 131,563 billion at the end of the period, while claims on non-resident banks recoiled by 23.2 percent to LBP 13,384 billion (USD 8.9 billion) to represent 8.7 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 6,824 billion (around USD 4.5 billion) at the end of October 2016, thus decreasing by 0.6 percent when compared to end December 2015 (5.9 percent increase in the first ten months of 2015).

In the first ten months of 2016, capital accounts increased by 8.4 percent while private sector deposits (resident & non -resident) retreated by 6.6 percent. Claims on public sector increased by 27.0 percent and claims on private sector by 1.1 percent, while “cash and banks” decreased by 8.8 percent.



### 3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange advanced to 22,971 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 169.8 million in October 2016 compared to 17,494 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 132.5 million in the previous month and 3,522 thousand shares with a value of USD 28.4 million in October 2015).

During October 2016, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 81.8 percent for Banking, 18.1 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 0.1 percent for Industrial.

#### Capital Markets

	Oct-15	Sep-16	Oct-16
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	3,522	17,494	22,971
Traded value (USD million)	28.4	132.5	169.8
Market capitalization (USD million)	10,886	11,114	11,866
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	63,654	67,627	67,346
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	23,492	26,395	26,385
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	850	850

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares increased to USD 11,866 million at the end of October 2016, compared to USD 11,114 million at the end of the previous month and USD 10,886 million at the end of October 2015. Banking had a 79.7 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 17.2 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 67,346 billion and USD 26,385 million respectively at the end of October 2016.

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 October 2016. The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL in the domestic currency increased to LBP 37,647 billion and the value of those issued in foreign currencies climbed to USD 18.6 billion.

### IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 194,079 billion at the end of October 2016, of which 58.2 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increased by 4.1 percent from end December 2015 (3.7 percent increase in the first ten months of 2015).

#### Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Oct-15	Sep-16	Oct-16
M3		183,983	194,642	194,079
Net foreign assets		49,524	51,169	49,337
Net claims on public sector		68,673	75,168	75,024
Valuation Adjustment		-7,308	-10,173	-9,351
Claims on private sector		74,098	78,986	79,421
Other items-net		-1,004	-509	-353
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		96.84	97.06	97.94

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 7,719 billion increase in M3 in the first ten months of 2016 resulted from an increase in each of net claims on public sector (+LBP 4,336 billion), claims on the private sector (+LBP 3,727 billion) and net foreign assets (+LBP 2,729 billion) against a decrease in valuation adjustment (-LBP 2,950 billion) and in net other items (-LBP 123 billion).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 0.26 percent in October 2016 compared to the previous month but increased by 1.76 percent from December 2015.

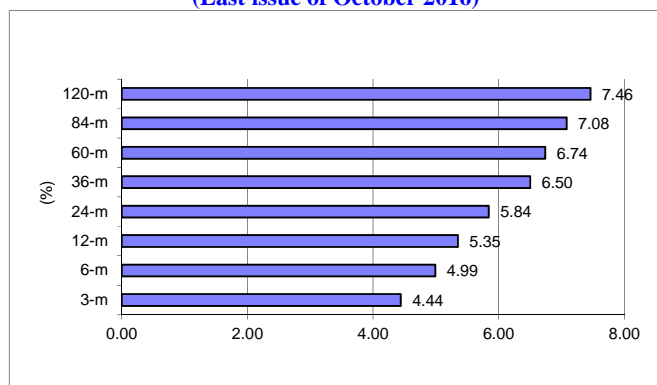
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics, increased by 0.91 percent in the month of October 2016 and by 2.11 percent from December 2015.

The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments were stable at the end of October 2016 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.





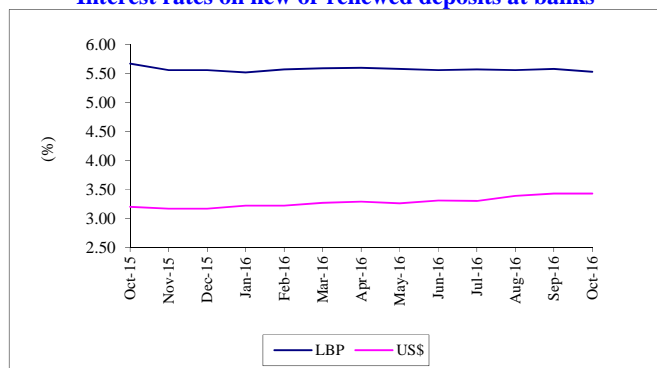
**Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP**  
(Last issue of October 2016)



Source: BDL

In October 2016, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP deposits at commercial banks decreased a little to 5.53 percent (5.58 percent a month ago) while the average interest rate on new or renewed USD deposits stood almost unchanged at 3.43 percent (3.43 percent in September 2016). The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 0.88 percent.

**Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks**



In October 2016, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP and USD decreased to 8.35 percent (8.44 percent a month ago) and 7.06 percent (7.20 percent in September 2016) respectively.

## V- PUBLIC FINANCES

**Government revenues**, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 886 billion in August 2016 to sum LBP 10,366 billion in the first eight months of 2016 (LBP 9,955 billion in the first eight months of 2015). The LBP 10,366 billion revenues comprised LBP 9,673 billion budget revenues and LBP 693 billion treasury receipts.

**Government expenditures**, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,703 billion in August 2016 to total LBP 14,177 billion in the first eight months of 2016 (LBP 12,952 billion in the first eight months of 2015). The LBP 14,177 billion expenditures included LBP 4,422 billion debt service and LBP 9,755 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 786 billion to EDL and LBP 1,348 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years.

### Fiscal Situation

	LBP billion	Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-16
Government revenues		1,098	1,436	886
Tax revenues		644	1,110	594
Non-tax revenues		406	218	241
Treasury receipts		48	108	50
Government expenditures		1,296	1,510	1,703
Debt service		378	334	422
Others		918	1,176	1,281
Overall balance		-198	-74	-817
Primary balance		181	260	-395

Source: Ministry of Finance.

**Total Deficit** increased as such to LBP 3,811 billion in the first eight months of 2016 from LBP 2,998 billion in the first eight months of 2015, while the primary balance surplus decreased to LBP 611 billion compared to LBP 1,197 billion respectively.

**Gross public debt** amounted to LBP 112,317 billion (the equivalent of USD 74.5 billion) at the end of October 2016, thus increasing by 5.9 percent when compared to end December 2015 (3.7 percent growth in the first ten months of 2015).

**Net public debt**, which subtracts public sector deposits at commercial banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 97,068 billion at the end of October 2016, thus rising by 4.6 percent from end December 2015 (5.4 percent growth in the first ten months of 2015).



**Public Debt**

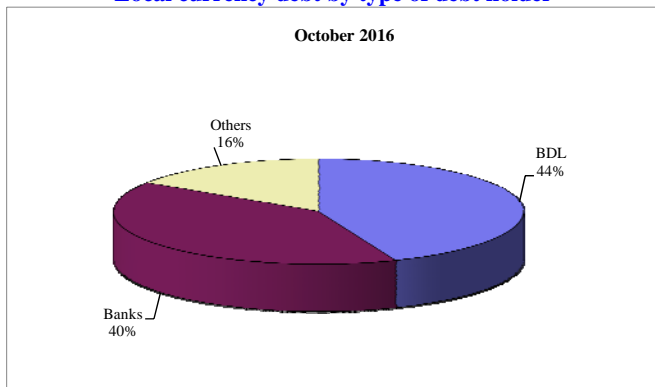
LBP billion	Oct-15	Sep-16	Oct-16
Public Debt (Gross)	104,086	112,655	112,317
Debt in LBP	64,720	68,792	68,586
Debt in FC	39,366	43,863	43,731
Public Debt (Net)	91,070	96,894	97,068
Public sector deposits	13,016	15,761	15,249
Commercial Banks	5,026	5,250	5,641
BDL	7,990	10,511	9,608

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 61.1 percent and 38.9 percent respectively at the end of October 2016. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 40.2 percent for banks (40.3 percent end of September 2016), 44.0 percent for the Central bank (43.9 percent in the previous month) and 15.8 percent for the non-banking sector (15.8 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (92.7 percent), Multilateral (3.6 percent), Bilateral (3.3 percent), Paris II loans (0.1 percent) and others (0.3 percent).

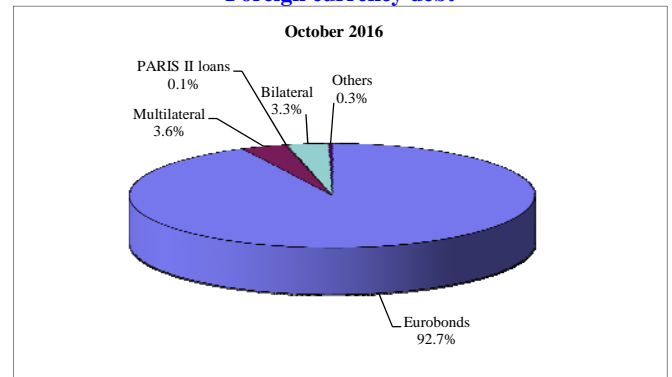
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency was estimated at 1,283 days (3.52 years) as at end October 2016 with a weighted interest of 6.95 percent, and the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies was around 6.20 years with a weighted interest of 6.42 percent.

**Local currency debt by type of debt holder**



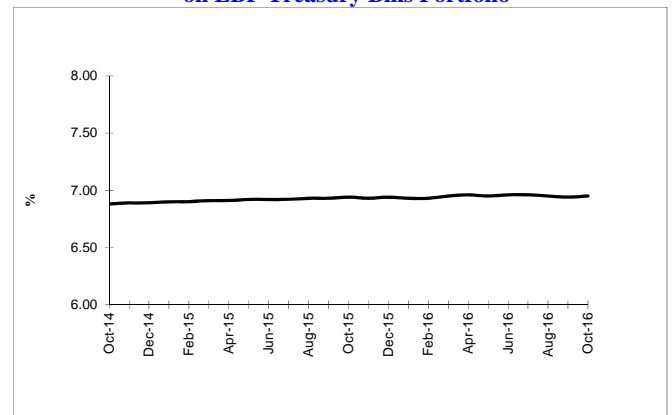
Source: BDL.

**Foreign currency debt**

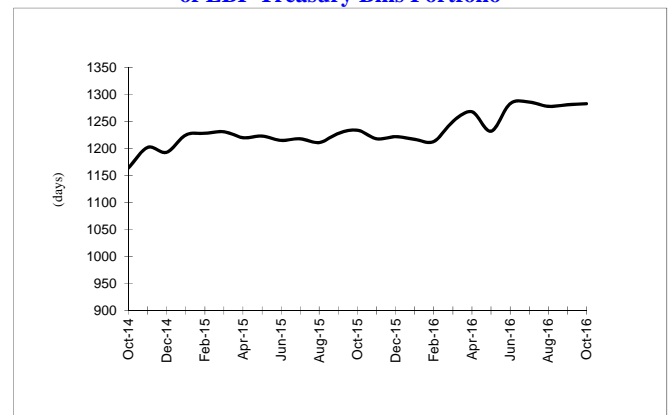


Source: BDL.

**Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio**



**Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio**



## GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2015	Jan - Oct 2015	Jan - Oct 2016	Oct-15	Sep-16	Oct-16
<b>Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)</b>	243,446	205,871	n.a.	16,549	16,241	n.a
<b>Building Permits (000's m2)</b>	12,339	10,279	9,994	917	935	1,023
<b>Cement Delivery (000s' tons)</b>	5,043	4,114	4,424	494	479	549
<b>Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)</b>	28,211	23,363	24,614	2,563	2,596	2,683
<b>Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)</b>	50,845	42,593	40,312	4,552	4,054	4,216
<b>Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port</b>	1,082,466	905,666	859,970	110,826	95,988	107,107
<b>Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port</b>	7,134,250	5,896,799	6,483,191	595,286	572,094	635,711
<b>Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA</b>	3,517	2,975	3,193	265	372	258
<b>Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA</b>	3,688	3,122	3,256	304	448	296
<b>Total exports of goods (million USD)</b>	2,952	2,494	2,485	261	254	257
<b>Total imports of goods (million USD)</b>	18,069	14,688	15,719	1,467	1,448	1,479
<b>Balance of Trade (million USD)</b>	-15,117	-12,194	-13,234	-1,206	-1,194	-1,222
<b>Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)</b>	-3,354	-2,166	-125	-396	189	-680
<b>Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)</b>	30,638	-	-	33,252	34,170	34,743
<b>Consumer Price Index (End of period)</b>	95.92	-	-	96.84	97.06	97.94

Sources: BDL , Lebanese Customs, Central Administration of Statistics, Order of engineers, Beirut International Airport, Port of Beirut, Ministry of Industry.





**TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS BY PRODUCT**  
(Million US Dollars)

Goods	Imports			Exports		
	2015	Jan - Oct 2015	Jan - Oct 2016	2015	Jan - Oct 2015	Jan - Oct 2016
1- Live animals, animal products	908	737	695	32	22	12
2- Vegetable products	910	739	686	184	152	150
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	164	134	133	34	28	31
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,359	1,127	1,160	483	403	365
5- Mineral products	3,439	2,511	3,324	31	28	16
6- Products of the chemical	1,945	1,624	1,700	411	350	257
7- Plastics & articles thereof	758	630	613	129	110	112
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	81	68	63	16	13	10
9- Wood & articles of wood	238	195	186	13	11	11
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	319	276	278	158	135	108
11- Textiles & textile articles	819	699	673	106	89	70
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	160	140	133	17	14	10
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	427	356	387	27	23	19
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	822	674	1,037	434	379	725
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,159	994	994	314	267	198
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,993	1,680	1,541	414	343	272
17-Transport equipment	1,758	1,428	1,441	23	20	14
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	331	275	270	17	13	16
19- Arms & ammunition	24	19	12	0	0	1
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	430	356	376	104	89	79
21- Works of art	28	25	17	7	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,069</b>	<b>14,688</b>	<b>15,719</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>2,485</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.

**IMPORTS BY ORIGIN**  
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Oct 2015	Share %	Jan - Oct 2016	Share %
CHINA	1,769	12.0	1,773	11.3
ITALY	1,088	7.4	1,163	7.4
USA	843	5.7	1,009	6.4
GERMANY	994	6.8	965	6.1
GREECE	650	4.4	853	5.4
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	731	5.0	645	4.1
EGYPT	389	2.6	638	4.1
NETHERLANDS	166	1.1	611	3.9
FRANCE	895	6.1	587	3.7
KUWAIT	21	0.1	545	3.5
OTHER COUNTRIES	<b>7,142</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>6,930</b>	<b>44.1</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>14,688</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,719</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.

**EXPORTS BY DESTINATION**  
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Oct 2015	Share %	Jan - Oct 2016	Share %
SOUTH AFRICA	170	6.8	574	23.1
SAUDI ARABIA	301	12.1	226	9.1
UAE	264	10.6	202	8.1
SYRIA	177	7.1	146	5.9
IRAQ	188	7.5	137	5.5
JORDAN	94	3.8	84	3.4
QATAR	68	2.7	64	2.6
KUWAIT	56	2.2	61	2.5
SWITZERLAND	58	2.3	58	2.3
TURKEY	63	2.5	54	2.2
OTHER COUNTRIES	<b>1,055</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>35.4</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2015		2016		
	Oct	Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Reserves	105,435	107,021	127,181	128,895	132,310
-Cash	680	693	763	730	747
-Deposits at the Central Bank	104,755	106,329	126,419	128,165	131,563
Claims on the Private Sector	71,139	72,427	75,307	75,666	76,058
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	20,360	20,573	22,207	22,542	23,009
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	50,779	51,854	53,101	53,124	53,049
Claims on the Public Sector	56,478	56,984	52,344	53,247	52,360
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	30,808	30,243	25,882	27,298	27,010
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	25,538	26,600	26,299	25,756	25,148
Foreign Assets	33,915	35,870	31,894	32,598	31,692
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	8,746	9,316	9,678	9,739	9,395
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	15,993	17,422	12,790	13,718	13,384
-Other Foreign Assets	9,175	9,132	9,426	9,141	8,913
Fixed Assets	7,069	7,361	7,442	7,363	7,657
Unclassified Assets	735	716	960	823	930
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>274,771</b>	<b>280,379</b>	<b>295,129</b>	<b>298,592</b>	<b>301,006</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Liabilities to the Private Sector	178,463	180,489	187,198	188,621	188,072
-Demand Deposits in Lebanese Pound	4,641	4,907	5,471	5,350	5,253
-Other Deposits in Lebanese Pound	68,550	68,678	70,805	71,170	70,780
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	105,271	106,904	110,922	112,102	112,039
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,026	5,074	5,011	5,250	5,641
Deposits of Non-Residents	46,691	48,026	49,619	49,784	49,593
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,582	6,680	7,190	6,974	6,908
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	40,109	41,346	42,430	42,810	42,685
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	9,308	9,864	9,921	9,954	10,270
Bonds	356	412	466	422	418
Capital Base	24,547	25,131	26,272	26,332	26,688
-Core Capital	22,779	23,300	24,447	24,506	24,851
-Supplementary Capital	1,767	1,831	1,825	1,826	1,837
Unclassified Liabilities	10,381	11,383	16,641	18,228	20,323
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>274,771</b>	<b>280,379</b>	<b>295,129</b>	<b>298,592</b>	<b>301,006</b>

Source: BDL.



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

	2015		2016		
	Oct	Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b><u>Money Supply</u></b>					
Currency in circulation	3,651	4,014	4,230	4,231	4,219
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	4,765	5,029	5,582	5,465	5,401
= M1	<b>8,416</b>	<b>9,042</b>	<b>9,811</b>	<b>9,697</b>	<b>9,620</b>
+ Other Deposits in LBP	69,426	69,578	71,586	71,967	71,536
= M2	<b>77,842</b>	<b>78,620</b>	<b>81,398</b>	<b>81,664</b>	<b>81,156</b>
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	105,865	107,475	111,512	112,707	112,655
+ Bonds	275	265	270	270	268
= M3	<b>183,983</b>	<b>186,360</b>	<b>193,180</b>	<b>194,642</b>	<b>194,079</b>
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	10,860	11,009	11,175	10,885	10,831
= M4	<b>194,843</b>	<b>197,369</b>	<b>204,355</b>	<b>205,527</b>	<b>204,910</b>
<b><u>Counterparts of the Money Supply</u></b>					
Net Foreign Assets	<b>49,524</b>	<b>46,608</b>	<b>50,695</b>	<b>51,169</b>	<b>49,337</b>
o/w Gold	15,970	14,846	18,274	18,439	17,694
Net Claims on the Public Sector	<b>68,673</b>	<b>70,688</b>	<b>75,343</b>	<b>75,168</b>	<b>75,024</b>
Valuation Adjustment	<b>-7,308</b>	<b>-6,401</b>	<b>-9,982</b>	<b>-10,173</b>	<b>-9,351</b>
Claims on the Private Sector	<b>74,098</b>	<b>75,695</b>	<b>78,629</b>	<b>78,986</b>	<b>79,421</b>
Claims in LBP	21,489	21,733	23,422	23,756	24,262
Claims in FC	52,610	53,961	55,207	55,230	55,159
Other Items (Net)	<b>-1,004</b>	<b>-229</b>	<b>-1,506</b>	<b>-509</b>	<b>-353</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183,983</b>	<b>186,360</b>	<b>193,180</b>	<b>194,642</b>	<b>194,079</b>

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		Others <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II		Total	
		Bank	Banks					loans	Others <sup>(2)</sup>		
2014	Dec	100,356	19,855	31,468	10,429	61,752	1,619	1,839	128	35,018	38,604
2015	Oct	104,086	23,363	30,497	10,860	64,720	1,465	1,640	83	36,178	39,366
	Nov	106,181	23,898	30,455	10,946	65,299	1,491	1,538	80	37,773	40,882
	Dec	106,015	24,308	29,878	11,009	65,195	1,513	1,571	83	37,653	40,820
2016	Jan	106,481	25,380	29,139	11,029	65,548	1,509	1,570	83	37,771	40,933
	Feb	107,363	25,763	29,455	11,106	66,324	1,517	1,578	66	37,878	41,039
	Mar	107,107	26,215	29,036	10,761	66,012	1,527	1,608	69	37,891	41,095
	Apr	108,059	26,752	28,883	10,718	66,353	1,606	1,593	68	38,439	41,706
	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	112,655	30,183	27,724	10,885	68,792	1,590	1,517	51	40,705	43,863
	Oct	112,317	30,215	27,540	10,831	68,586	1,578	1,463	50	40,640	43,731

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 Life (days)	Average Interest (%)	
2014	Dec	60,644	1,339	1,232	1,193	6.89
2015	Oct	63,654	1,789	1,156	1,234	6.94
	Nov	64,165	1,032	521	1,218	6.93
	Dec	64,112	905	958	1,222	6.94
2016	Jan	64,368	1,689	1,433	1,217	6.93
	Feb	65,071	1,229	526	1,213	6.93
	Mar	64,940	2,004	2,135	1,250	6.95
	Apr	65,262	1,464	1,142	1,268	6.96
	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

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	180-m
	LBP	US\$	LBP	US\$													
<b>2014</b>	Dec	7.49	6.97	5.56	3.07	2.75	0.24	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63				
<b>2015</b>	Oct	7.13	7.05	5.67	3.20	3.03	0.32	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.33
	Nov	6.93	7.15	5.56	3.17	3.03	0.37	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			
	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
<b>2016</b>	Jan	8.28	7.34	5.52	3.22	3.00	0.62	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			
	Feb	8.18	7.31	5.57	3.22	3.05	0.62	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63				7.33
	Mar	8.62	7.36	5.59	3.27	3.06	0.63	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.75
	Apr	8.40	7.17	5.60	3.29	3.07	0.63	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96			7.33
	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

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.

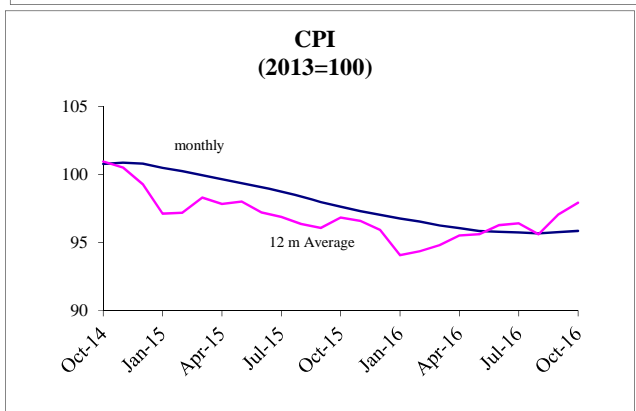
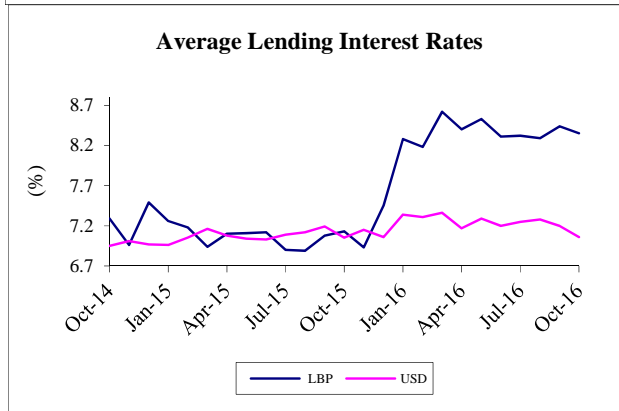
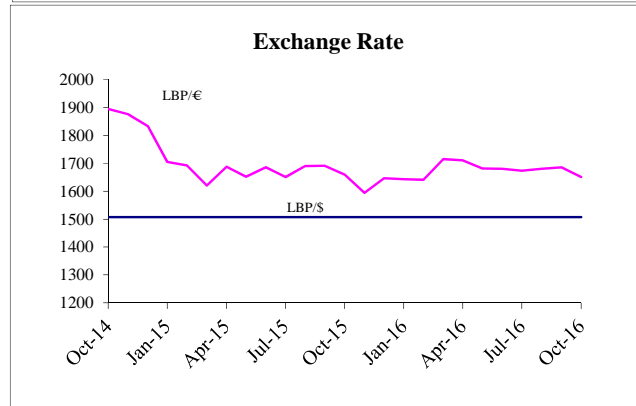
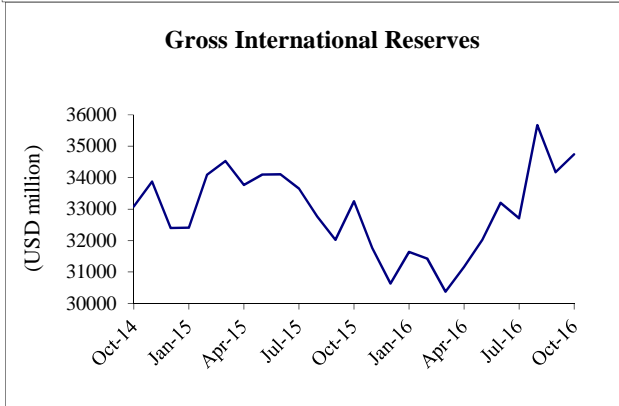
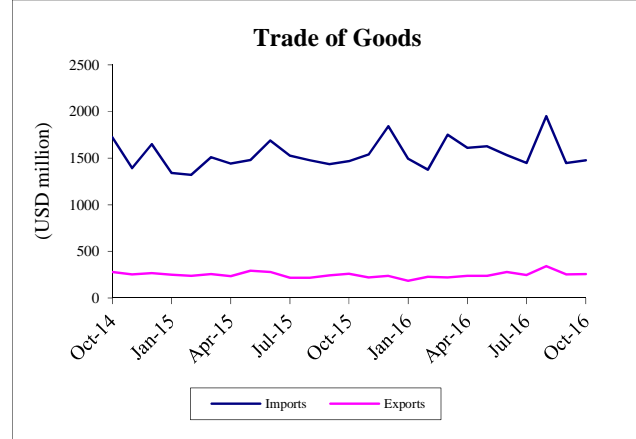
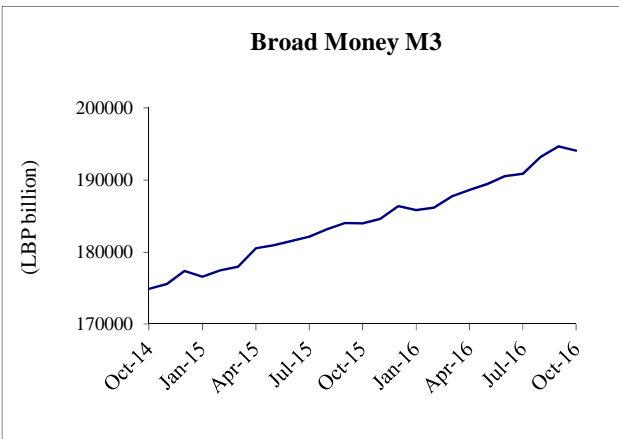
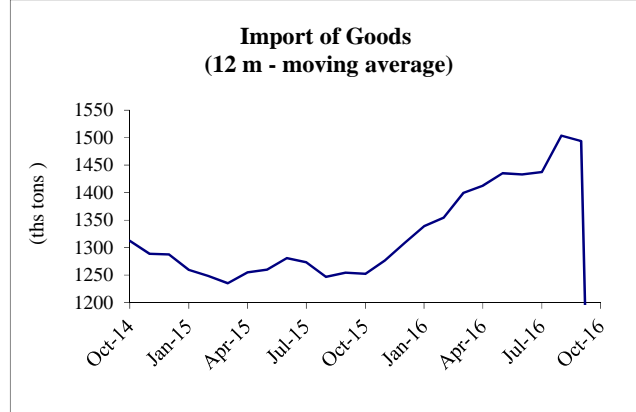
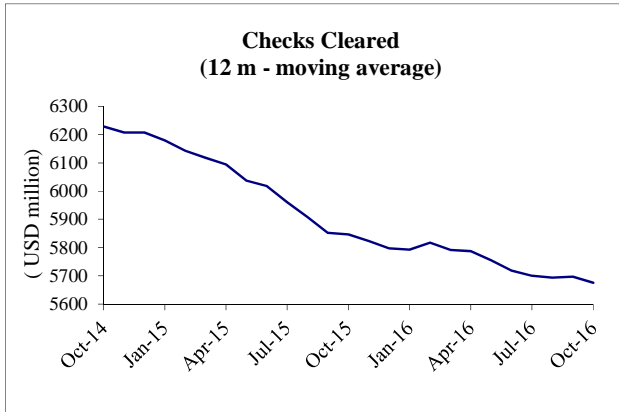
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES  
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
<b>2014</b>	Dec	1,507.50	1,524.27	2,341.75	12.62	1,833.87
<b>2015</b>	Oct	1,507.50	1,527.05	2,312.66	12.51	1,659.31
	Nov	1,507.50	1,462.31	2,261.85	12.25	1,594.18
	Dec	1,507.50	1,520.88	2,232.46	12.51	1,646.64
<b>2016</b>	Jan	1,507.50	1,478.67	2,162.36	12.47	1,643.48
	Feb	1,507.50	1,504.64	2,088.49	13.34	1,640.91
	Mar	1,507.50	1,566.56	2,171.40	13.42	1,715.23
	Apr	1,507.50	1,558.95	2,194.02	13.95	1,710.41
	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

Source: BDL.



Indicative Charts





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