



Summary:

In the first half of 2019, most real sector indicators retreated in relation to the corresponding period of the previous year, except tourism. The trade deficit widened with rising imports much above the increase in exports and the overall balance of payments reported a substantial deficit with diminishing net financial inflows. Banks' deposits and loans retreated and interest rates increased. The growth in public debt decelerated and foreign currency reserves remained large and adequate.

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I- REAL SECTOR**1-Construction and Real Estate**

Construction and real estate indicators deteriorated in June 2019 when compared to the preceding month and June 2018.

	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Change % Jun 2019/Jun 2018
Construction permits				
Area (s.m)	416,881	652,694	614,017	-32.1
Number (permits)	863	1,112	1,057	-18.4
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	280	315	384	-27.1
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	30.5	42.7	57.1	-46.6
Real estate sales operations (number)	2,933	3,298	4,765	-38.4
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	435	567	976	-55.4
Real estate transactions (number)	9,313	10,065	12,913	-27.9

Sources: BDL, Orders of Engineers of Beirut & Tripoli, General Directorate of Land Registry & Cadastre.

2-Tourism

Indicators of tourism activity improved in June 2019 in respect of the past month and June 2018.

	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Change % Jun 2019/Jun 2018
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	462,465	310,967	441,646	4.7
Number of departing passengers at BIA	373,122	258,563	320,050	16.6
Number of arriving tourists	231,116	132,915	196,643	17.5
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,362	2,672	3,312	1.5
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,367	2,673	3,307	1.8

Sources: Beirut International Airport, Ministry of Tourism.

3-Trade and Services

Trade and services indicators were mixed in June 2019 vis-à-vis the previous month but retreated in relation to June 2018.

	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Change % Jun 2019/Jun 2018
Checks Cleared				
Value (USD million)	4,083	4,154	5,151	-20.7
Number (000 checks)	798	786	923	-13.5
Checks Returned				
Value (USD million)	94	121	120	-21.7
Number (checks)	19,627	22,099	20,080	-2.3
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)	146	152	161	-9.3
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)	566,311	467,107	508,738	11.3
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)	64,371	62,893	70,862	-9.2
Discharged containers at POB (number)	21,479	19,879	23,153	-7.2
Revenues of POB (USD million)	16.2	20.6	19.5	-16.9
Merchandise at BIA				
Imports (tons)	3,583	4,485	4,643	-22.8
Exports (tons)	3,334	4,825	4,346	-23.3

Sources: BDL, Port of Beirut, Beirut International Airport.

4-Industry and Agriculture

Agriculture imports and exports weakened in June 2019 with regard to the alike month of 2018 and the past month.

	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Change % Jun 2019/Jun 2018
Electricity production (MKWH)	1,201	1,133	1,254	-4.2
Imports of gas oil				
Value (million USD)	83.5	175.1	112.9	-26.0
Volume (tons)	135,711	289,311	164,125	-17.3
Agriculture imports (USD million)	147.9	176.4	198.9	-25.6
Agriculture exports (USD million)	12.6	17.1	13.4	-6.0

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

In June 2019,

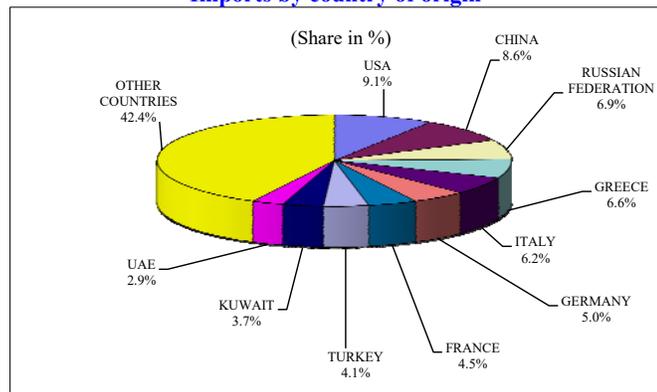
Imports of goods decreased to USD 1,377 million from USD 2,456 million in May 2019 and USD 1,616 million in June 2018. Imports increased, however, in the first half 2019 by 5.8 percent with reference to the same period of the previous year.

In the first half 2019, mineral products lead imported goods with a 33.2 percent share of total imports, they were followed by products of the Chemical



and machinery & electrical instruments which accounted for 10.2 percent and 9.0 percent respectively. USA topped the list of imports by country of origin with an 9.1 percent share of total. China came next with a share of 8.6 percent followed by Russia (6.9 percent) and Greece (6.6 percent).

Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

LBP billion	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Change %
				Jun 2019/Jun 2018
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	700.8	892.1	873.5	-19.8
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	660.8	801.3	717.9	-8.0
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	85.4	155.2	103.9	-17.8
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	437.3	391.7	295.9	47.8
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	195.6	412.7	317.1	-38.3
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	170.3	153.5	156.2	9.0

Source: BDL

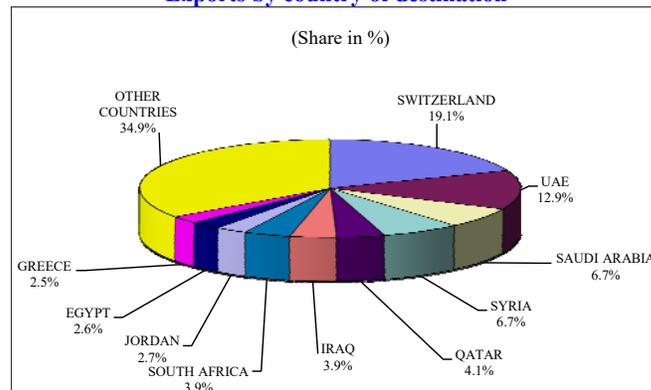
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Exports of goods decreased to USD 285 million compared to USD 319 million one month back (USD 215 million in June 2018). Nonetheless, exports rose in the first half 2019 by 12.1 percent in respect of the first half of the preceding year.

On a cumulative basis, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 33.0 percent of total exports, followed by prepared foodstuffs (11.6 percent), and machinery and mechanical appliances (10.8 percent). Switzerland outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 19.1 percent share of the total, trailed by UAE with a share of 12.9 percent, followed by Syria and

Saudi Arabia (6.7 percent for each) and Qatar (4.1 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit narrowed as such to USD 1,092 million from USD 2,137 million in May 2019 and USD 1,401 million in June 2018. It widened, however, in the first half 2019 by 4.6 percent vis-à-vis the first half 2018.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-19
Imports	1,616	2,456	1,377
Exports	215	319	285
Trade deficit	-1,401	-2,137	-1,092
Balance of payments	-639	-1,882	-204
Gross foreign currency reserves	33,142	29,716	29,750

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 204 million in June 2019 following a larger deficit of USD 1,882 million in May 2019 (USD 639 million deficit in June 2018). The USD 5,391 million negative balance recorded in the first half 2019 represented a decrease in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD -3,279 million) and in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -2,112 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank slightly increased to USD 29,750 million at the end of June 2019 compared to USD 29,716 million at the end of May 2019 (USD 33,142 million at end June 2018). BDL foreign assets securities decreased to USD 6,651 million in June 2019 from USD 6,887 million at the end of the previous month and USD 11,027 million at the end of June 2018. 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 385,891 billion (USD 256.0 billion) at the end of June 2019, thus increasing by 2.6 percent from end December 2018 (6.7 percent increase in the first half 2018).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits decreased by 0.9 percent in the first half 2019 and constituted 69.1 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 266,753 billion (around USD 177.0 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-19
Total Assets	353,665	382,347	385,891
Total deposits	267,361	264,839	266,753
Resident customers' deposits	204,063	200,950	201,707
Non-resident customers' deposits	55,395	54,750	55,658
Resident financial sector liabilities	1,819	1,863	2,120
Public sector deposits	6,085	7,276	7,268
Non deposit liabilities	55,610	85,725	87,646
Capital accounts	30,694	31,783	31,491
Total claims on customers	89,009	84,261	83,798
Resident customers	79,300	74,259	73,812
Non-resident customers	9,710	10,002	9,986
Total claims on public sector	50,053	49,198	48,890
in LBP	25,805	25,862	25,675
in FC	24,248	23,336	23,214
Claims on non resident Financial sector	16,172	14,020	14,768
Non-resident securities portfolio	1,608	1,643	1,508
Other foreign assets*	17,376	17,496	17,595
Deposits at the central bank	176,526	212,449	215,900

Source: BDL.

*Including currency and deposits with other central banks-NR.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP decreased by 4.2 percent in the first half 2019 while those denominated in foreign currencies stood almost unchanged, thus deposit dollarization rate increased to 71.5 percent at end June 2019 from 70.6 percent at the end of 2018. The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in public sector deposits (+12.8 percent) but a decrease in non -resident private sector deposits (-2.1 percent) and in resident private sector deposits (-1.0 percent) in the first half 2019. Subsequently, resident private

sector deposits accounted for 76.4 percent of total deposits at end June 2019 (20.9 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.7 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 31,491 billion (USD 20,890 million) at the end of June 2019 and represented around 8.2 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 3.6 percent from end December 2018.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers declined by 5.6 percent in the first half 2019, reaching LBP 83,798 billion at the end of June 2019. The dollarization rate of these loans was 70.0 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total claims on resident and non- resident customers to total deposits attained 32.3 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 48,890 billion at the end of June 2019, thus decreasing by 3.5 percent from end December 2018. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 25,395 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (32.1 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 15,399 million of Eurobonds (nearly 51.0 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) increased in the first half 2019 by 10.0 percent to total LBP 215,900 billion at the end of June 2019, whereas claims on non- resident financial sector (excluding deposits with other central banks-NR), decreased by 18.3 percent to LBP 14,768 billion (USD 9.8 billion) to represent 8.0 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies. Non-resident securities portfolio decreased by 6.0 percent in the first half 2019 to reach LBP 1,508 billion (USD 1.0 billion) at the end of the period.

2. Investment Banks

Total consolidated assets of investment banks operating in Lebanon (including medium and long term credit banks) amounted to LBP 8,230 billion (around USD 5.5 billion) at the end of June 2019, thus increasing by 2.9 percent from end December 2018. Deposits, including those of resident and non –resident customers and resident financial sector decreased by 2.4 percent in the first half 2019 to reach LBP 3,016 billion at the end of the period.



3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange decreased to 1,693 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 7.8 million in June 2019 compared to 2,118 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 11.6 million in the previous month and 5,779 thousand shares with a value of USD 39.1 million in June 2018.

During June 2019, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 67.7 percent for Development and Reconstruction, 31.6 percent for Banking and 0.7 percent for industrial.

Capital Markets

	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-19
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	5,779	2,118	1,693
Traded value (USD million)	39.1	11.6	7.8
Market capitalization (USD million)	10,433	8,514	8,575
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	70,881	78,705	79,228
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	32,508	29,814	29,814
Outstanding private sector securities (USD million)	650	950	950

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares slightly increased to USD 8,575 million at the end of June 2019, compared to USD 8,514 million at the end of the previous month (USD 10,433 million at the end of June 2018). Banking had 83.3 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 12.9 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 79,228 billion and USD 29,814 million respectively at the end of June 2019 (LBP 78,705 billion and USD 29,814 million at the end of May 2019). In June 2019, Credit default swaps (CDS) on 5-years Lebanese Government Eurobonds in USD ranged between 885 bps and 942 bps and averaged 909 bps.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, notes and bonds amounted to USD 950 million at the end of June 2019. **The outstanding**

value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL in the domestic currency and those in USD stood almost unchanged at LBP 48,040 billion and USD 22.7 billion respectively.

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 210,938 billion at the end of June 2019, of which 64.9 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus decreasing by 1.0 percent from end December 2018.

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-19
M3		213,000	210,042	210,938
Net foreign assets		49,909	35,787	37,153
Net claims on public sector		75,792	84,817	84,382
Valuation Adjustment		-9,090	-9,758	-11,426
Claims on private sector		84,332	79,150	78,698
Other items-net		12,057	20,045	22,131
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		107.19	109.92	109.00

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 2,055 billion decrease in M3 in the first half 2019 resulted from a drop in each of net foreign assets (-LBP 6,155 billion), claims on the private sector (-LBP 4,401 billion) and valuation adjustment (-LBP 1,962 billion) against an increase in net items other than foreign assets and claims on private and public sectors (+LBP 8,520 billion) and net claims on public sector (+LBP 1,942 billion).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, increased by 0.38 percent in the month of June 2019 compared to the previous month and by 1.55 percent from December 2018.

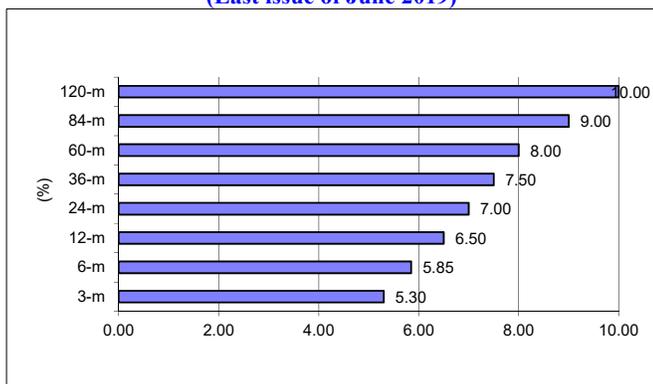
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics decreased by 0.84 percent in June 2019 compared to May 2019 but increased by 0.91 percent from December 2018.

The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments on 45 and 60- day certificates of deposits issued by BDL were 4.90 percent and 5.08 percent respectively at the end of June 2019. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills in LBP read at the end of the stated



month: 5.30 percent for three-month bills, 5.85 percent for six-month bills, 6.50 percent for one-year bills, 7.0 percent for two-year bills, 7.50 percent for three-year bills, 8.0 percent for five-year bills, 9.0 percent for seven-year bills and 10.0 percent for ten-year bills.

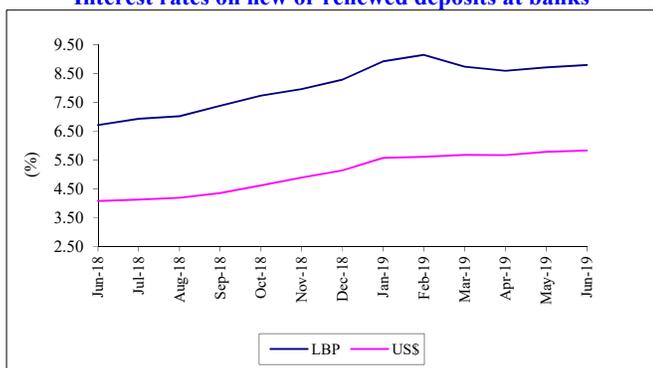
Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of June 2019)



Source: BDL

In June 2019, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks increased to 8.80 percent (8.72 percent a month ago) and 5.84 percent (5.79 percent in May 2019) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 2.40 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In June 2019, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP increased to 10.94 percent (10.75 percent a month ago) while the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in USD decreased to 9.49 percent (9.54 percent in May 2019).

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,943 billion in June 2019 to sum LBP 8,673 billion in the first half 2019 (LBP 8,956 billion in the first half 2018). The LBP 8,673 billion revenues comprised LBP 6,975 billion tax revenues, LBP 1,353 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 344 billion treasury receipts.

Fiscal Situation

	LBP billion	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-19
Government revenues		1,727	1,513	1,943
Tax revenues		1,561	1,248	1,618
Non-tax revenues		119	213	283
Treasury receipts		47	52	42
Government expenditures		1,900	3,029	1,992
Debt service		473	1,426	571
Others		1,427	1,603	1,421
Overall balance		-173	-1,517	-49
Primary balance		300	-91	522

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,992 billion in June 2019 to sum LBP 12,319 billion in the first half 2019 (LBP 13,533 billion in the first half 2018). The LBP 12,319 billion expenditures included LBP 4,112 billion debt service and LBP 8,207 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,723 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years and LBP 1,081 billion to EDL.

Total Deficit decreased as such to LBP 3,646 billion in the first half 2019 from LBP 4,577 billion in the first half 2018, and the primary balance reported an LBP 466 billion surplus compared to an LBP 234 billion deficit respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 129,241 billion (the equivalent of USD 85.7 billion) at the end of June 2019, thus increasing by 0.7 percent when compared to end December 2018 (4.3 percent growth in the first half 2018).

Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 115,288 billion at the end of June 2019, therefore increasing by 1.0 percent from end of December 2018 (4.5 percent growth in the first half 2018).



Public Debt

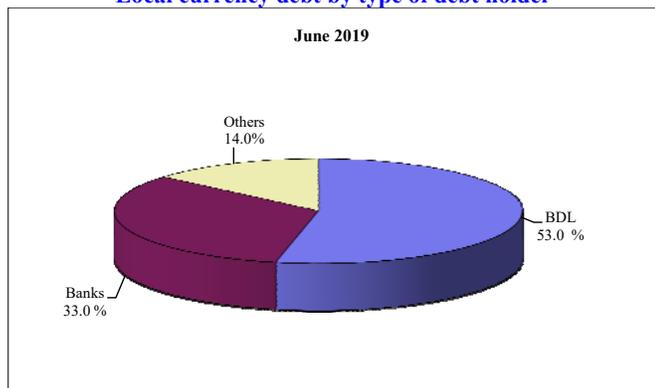
LBP billion	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-19
Public Debt (Gross)	125,054	128,708	129,241
Debt in LBP	72,122	80,235	80,586
Debt in FC	52,932	48,473	48,655
Public Debt (Net)	108,918	115,596	115,288
Public sector deposits	16,136	13,112	13,953
Banks	6,608	7,421	7,411
BDL	9,528	5,691	6,542

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 62.4 percent and 37.6 percent respectively at the end of June 2019. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 33.0 percent for banks (33.4 percent end of May 2019), 53.3 percent for the Central bank (52.6 percent in the previous month) and 13.7 percent for the non-banking sector (14.0 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (93.5 percent), Multilateral (4.2 percent), Bilateral (2.1 percent) and others (0.2 percent).

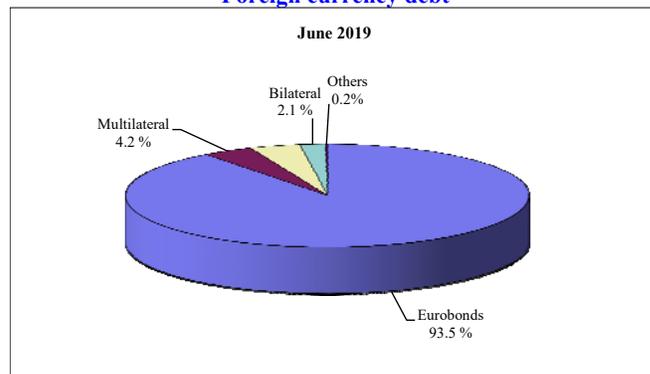
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,629 days (4.48 years) as at end June 2019 with a weighted interest of 6.38 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.62 years with a weighted interest of 6.84 percent.

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



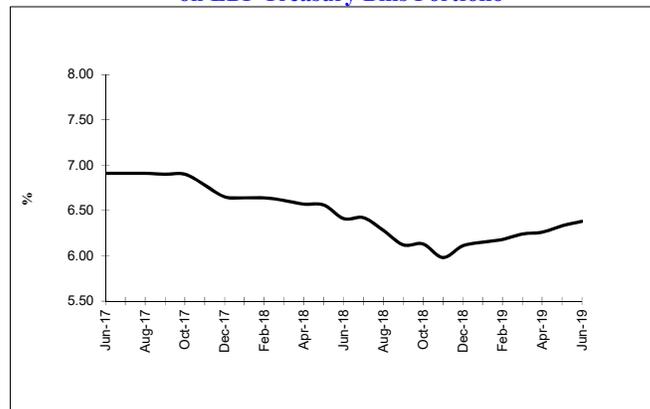
Source: BDL.

Foreign currency debt

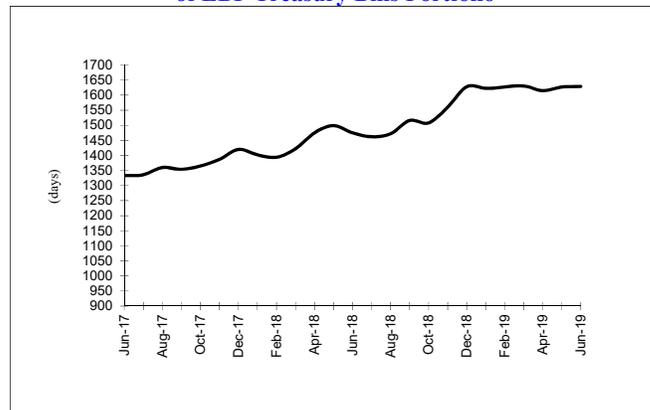


Source: BDL.

Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan - Jun 2018	Jan - Jun 2019	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-19
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	266,359	150,938	n.a	23,693	n.a.	n.a
Building Permits (000's m2)	9,020	5,024	3,478	614	653	417
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	4,702	2,307	n.a.	384	315	n.a.
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	33,366	16,026	15,547	2,532	2,447	2,384
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	44,436	22,213	17,184	3,471	2,531	2,502
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	929,859	457,288	395,392	70,862	62,893	64,371
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,054,693	3,459,051	3,115,261	508,738	467,107	566,311
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	4,437	1,966	2,012	442	311	462
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	4,401	1,852	1,939	320	259	373
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,952	1,539	1,725	215	319	285
Total imports of goods (million USD)	19,980	9,580	10,138	1,616	2,456	1,377
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-17,028	-8,041	-8,413	-1,401	-2,137	-1,092
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	-4,823	-208	-5,391	-639	-1,882	-204
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	32,514	-	-	33,142	29,716	29,750
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	108.02	-	-	107.19	109.92	109.00

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		
		Jan-Jun	Jan - Jun		Jan-Jun	Jan - Jun
	2018	2018	2019	2018	2018	2019
1- Live animals, animal products	1,039	527	436	24	12	14
2- Vegetable products	965	521	557	183	76	73
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	156	79	75	55	24	32
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,335	686	641	383	208	200
5- Mineral products	4,169	1,642	3,370	31	13	45
6- Products of the chemical	2,213	1,137	1,030	362	176	179
7- Plastics & articles thereof	773	368	348	180	84	84
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	67	33	29	11	6	7
9- Wood & articles of wood	225	112	98	8	4	6
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	345	171	149	140	65	65
11- Textiles & textile articles	757	380	320	52	27	24
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	140	75	64	9	5	5
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	445	227	162	24	11	8
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	1,252	651	440	648	395	569
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,269	627	467	380	215	165
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	2,321	1,070	911	322	151	186
17-Transport equipment	1,659	841	658	23	11	14
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	366	188	183	17	10	6
19- Arms & ammunition	17	7	5	0	0	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	439	224	187	86	42	40
21- Works of art	26	11	9	16	3	3
Total	19,980	9,580	10,138	2,952	1,539	1,725

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jun	Share	Jan - Jun	Share
	2018	%	2019	%
USA	562	5.9	920	9.1
CHINA	1,032	10.8	872	8.6
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	277	2.9	702	6.9
GREECE	773	8.1	671	6.6
ITALY	817	8.5	633	6.2
GERMANY	589	6.1	505	5.0
FRANCE	352	3.7	452	4.5
TURKEY	338	3.5	414	4.1
KUWAIT	41	0.4	374	3.7
UAE	261	2.7	293	2.9
OTHER COUNTRIES	4,538	47.4	4,302	42.4
TOTAL IMPORTS	9,580	100.0	10,138	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jun	Share	Jan - Jun	Share
	2018	%	2019	%
SWITZERLAND	103	6.7	329	19.1
UAE	205	13.3	223	12.9
SAUDI ARABIA	103	6.7	116	6.7
SYRIA	84	5.5	115	6.7
QATAR	70	4.5	70	4.1
IRAQ	66	4.3	68	3.9
SOUTH AFRICA	146	9.5	68	3.9
JORDAN	45	2.9	46	2.7
EGYPT	33	2.1	45	2.6
GREECE	24	1.6	43	2.5
OTHER COUNTRIES	660	42.9	602	34.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	1,539	100.0	1,725	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2018		2019		
	Jun	Dec	Apr	May	Jun
ASSETS					
Reserves	177,363	197,138	210,182	213,353	216,809
-Cash	837	850	893	904	909
-Deposits at the Central Bank	176,526	196,288	209,289	212,449	215,900
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	80,074	78,796	75,422	74,902	74,439
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	26,717	24,850	23,266	23,074	22,649
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	53,357	53,946	52,156	51,828	51,789
Claims on the Public Sector	50,053	50,651	49,985	49,198	48,890
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	25,530	26,198	25,664	25,563	25,395
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	24,248	24,178	24,025	23,336	23,214
Foreign Assets	35,157	37,991	35,048	33,158	33,871
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	9,710	10,728	10,464	10,002	9,986
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	16,172	18,074	15,495	14,020	14,768
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,744	1,487	1,297	1,388	1,481
-Other Foreign Assets	5,923	6,097	6,113	6,105	6,128
-Non Resident securities portfolio	1,608	1,604	1,679	1,643	1,508
Tangible and intangible assets	7,246	7,636	7,853	7,878	7,940
Resident Private securities portfolio	3,101	2,671	2,479	2,474	2,438
Unclassified Assets	671	1,214	1,403	1,383	1,504
TOTAL ASSETS	353,665	376,097	382,374	382,347	385,891
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	205,882	205,859	204,260	202,813	203,827
-Deposits in Lebanese Pound	75,521	70,696	69,283	68,002	67,828
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	130,360	135,163	134,976	134,810	135,999
Liabilities to the Public Sector	6,085	6,445	6,997	7,276	7,268
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	55,395	56,870	56,099	54,750	55,658
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,996	6,501	6,412	6,125	6,145
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	48,399	50,369	49,687	48,625	49,513
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	12,406	13,961	14,197	14,342	14,110
Bonds	471	324	384	458	472
Capital Base	30,694	30,383	31,987	31,783	31,491
-Core Capital	28,513	28,235	29,871	29,672	29,396
-Supplementary Capital	2,180	2,148	2,117	2,111	2,095
Unclassified Liabilities	42,733	62,256	68,450	70,926	73,064
TOTAL LIABILITIES	353,665	376,097	382,374	382,347	385,891

Source: BDL.



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

	2018		2019		
	Jun	Dec	Apr	May	Jun
Money Supply					
Currency in circulation	4,964	5,008	4,864	5,011	5,049
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	6,525	6,653	5,871	5,814	5,738
= M1	11,489	11,661	10,735	10,825	10,788
+ Other Deposits in LBP	69,881	65,167	64,561	63,387	63,252
= M2	81,369	76,828	75,296	74,213	74,039
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	131,170	135,892	135,722	135,511	136,591
+ Bonds	461	272	301	318	307
= M3	213,000	212,993	211,318	210,042	210,938
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	11,139	11,444	11,456	11,230	11,025
= M4	224,139	224,437	222,774	221,272	221,963
Counterparts of the Money Supply					
Net Foreign Assets	49,909	43,308	38,442	35,787	37,153
o/w Gold	17,391	17,743	17,865	18,005	19,674
Net Claims on the Public Sector	75,792	82,439	84,875	84,817	84,382
Valuation Adjustment	-9,090	-9,464	-9,633	-9,758	-11,426
Claims on the Private Sector	84,332	83,099	79,687	79,150	78,698
Claims in LBP	28,922	27,079	25,470	25,273	24,833
Claims in FC	55,410	56,020	54,217	53,877	53,865
Other Items (Net)	12,057	13,610	17,947	20,045	22,131
TOTAL	213,000	212,993	211,318	210,042	210,938

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 ⁽¹⁾	Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II		Total	
		Bank	Banks					loans	Others ⁽²⁾		
2017	Dec	119,892	35,580	27,756	10,741	74,077	2,022	1,319	18	42,456	45,815
2018	Jun	125,054	34,620	26,363	11,139	72,122	2,043	1,202	0	49,687	52,932
	Jul	124,977	34,127	26,480	11,226	71,833	2,022	1,205	0	49,917	53,144
	Aug	126,171	35,241	26,546	11,070	72,857	2,028	1,205	0	50,081	53,314
	Sep	126,404	36,590	25,622	10,795	73,007	2,062	1,199	0	50,136	53,397
	Oct	126,693	36,638	25,461	11,217	73,316	2,058	1,165	0	50,154	53,377
	Nov	126,113	38,956	25,380	11,478	75,814	2,055	1,108	0	47,136	50,299
	Dec	128,347	39,006	27,402	11,444	77,852	2,068	1,113	0	47,314	50,495
2019	Jan	128,619	39,184	27,238	11,479	77,901	2,068	1,120	0	47,530	50,718
	Feb	128,518	39,318	27,086	11,230	77,634	2,071	1,126	0	47,687	50,884
	Mar	129,982	40,736	26,922	11,407	79,065	2,070	1,113	0	47,734	50,917
	Apr	129,416	40,936	26,853	11,456	79,245	2,071	1,087	0	47,013	50,171
	May	128,708	42,222	26,783	11,230	80,235	2,065	1,019	0	45,389	48,473
	Jun	129,241	42,984	26,576	11,026	80,586	2,065	1,033	0	45,557	48,655

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 (%)	
2017	Dec	72,812	3,247	2,818	1,420	6.65
2018	Jun	70,881	2,413	791	1,475	6.41
	Jul	70,605	661	937	1,462	6.42
	Aug	71,662	2,659	1,602	1,472	6.28
	Sep	71,762	2,458	2,358	1,516	6.12
	Oct	72,052	1,236	946	1,508	6.13
	Nov	74,497	3,295	850	1,560	5.98
	Dec	76,575	2,606	529	1,628	6.11
2019	Jan	76,681	1,166	1,060	1,623	6.15
	Feb	76,370	1,068	1,379	1,627	6.18
	Mar	77,686	2,279	963	1,631	6.24
	Apr	77,822	607	471	1,615	6.26
	May	78,705	1,686	803	1,627	6.33
	Jun	79,228	1,525	1,002	1,629	6.38

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	120-m	180-m
	LBP	US\$	LBP	US\$											
2017	Dec	8.09	7.67	6.41	3.89	35.93	1.60	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
2018	Jun	8.82	7.93	6.72	4.09	5.00	2.33	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Jul	8.66	7.96	6.94	4.14	5.00	2.34	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Aug	8.81	8.12	7.03	4.20	6.27	2.32	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Sep	9.31	8.11	7.39	4.36	5.04	2.35	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Oct	9.60	8.30	7.74	4.63	14.57	2.46	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Nov	10.15	8.57	7.97	4.90	17.07	2.65	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Dec	9.97	8.57	8.30	5.15	40.11	2.79	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	9.76
2019	Jan	10.41	8.89	8.93	5.58	29.75	2.77	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76
	Feb	10.55	8.91	9.16	5.62	17.50	2.68	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76
	Mar	10.58	9.31	8.75	5.69	4.89	2.61	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76
	Apr	10.74	9.34	8.60	5.68	5.24	2.59	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76
	May	10.75	9.54	8.72	5.79	18.72	2.53	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76
	Jun	10.94	9.49	8.80	5.84	9.29	2.40	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76

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.

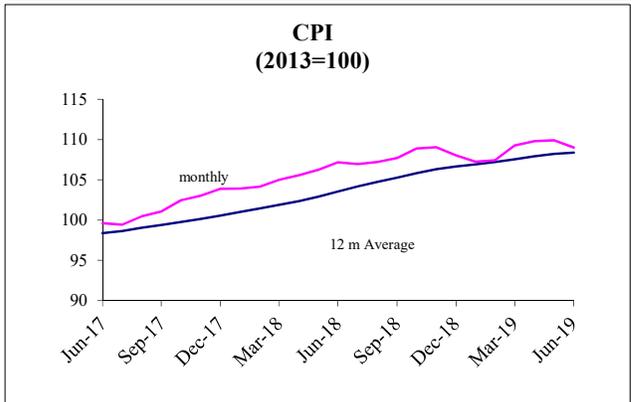
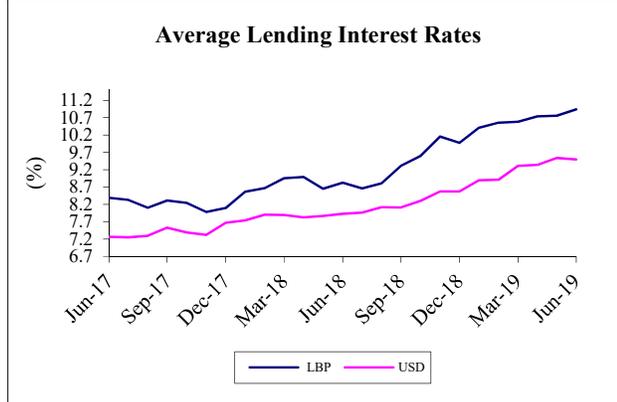
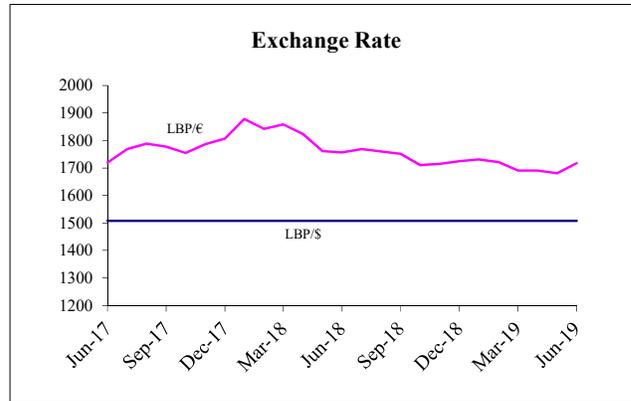
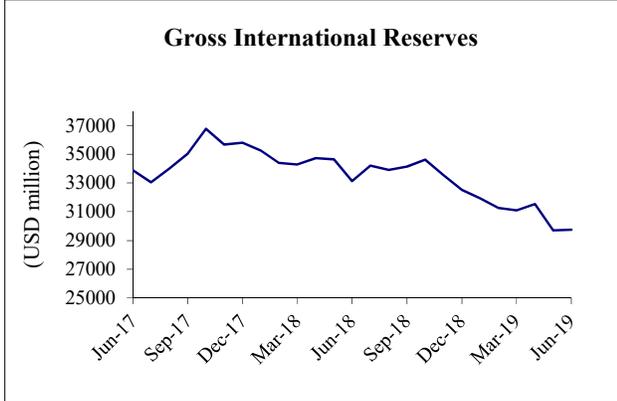
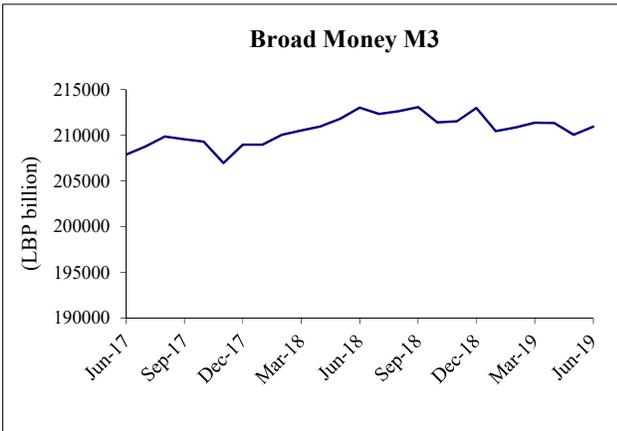
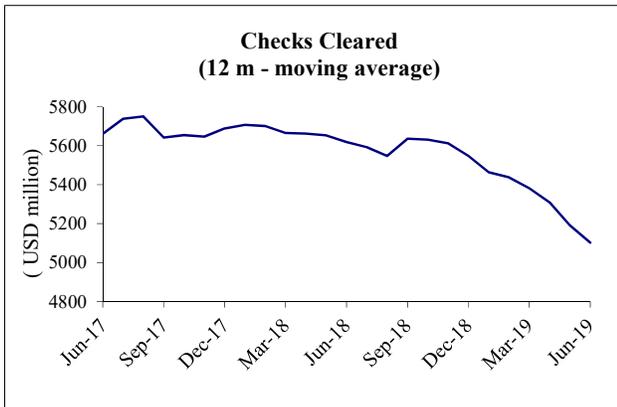
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2017	Dec	1,507.50	1,545.04	2,035.58	13.39	1,806.59
2018	Jun	1,507.50	1,518.28	1,985.08	13.61	1,756.09
	Jul	1,507.50	1,525.66	1,984.17	13.51	1,768.75
	Aug	1,507.50	1,557.33	1,961.56	13.61	1,759.55
	Sep	1,507.50	1,542.52	1,970.30	13.28	1,750.81
	Oct	1,507.50	1,499.70	1,925.53	13.33	1,710.41
	Nov	1,507.50	1,513.55	1,924.32	13.28	1,714.33
	Dec	1,507.50	1,529.68	1,905.78	13.66	1,724.73
2019	Jan	1,507.50	1,517.97	1,979.35	13.88	1,731.51
	Feb	1,507.50	1,517.67	2,005.58	13.61	1,720.96
	Mar	1,507.50	1,513.10	1,963.37	13.61	1,690.21
	Apr	1,507.50	1,478.96	1,961.26	13.54	1,690.21
	May	1,507.50	1,499.55	1,901.71	13.86	1,680.56
	Jun	1,507.50	1,547.74	1,912.26	14.00	1,717.19

Source: BDL.



Indicative Charts



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