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In the first half of 2023, real sector indicators were mixed in relation to the alike period of the preceding year. The trade deficit narrowed and foreign currency reserves retreated. Deposits and loans at banks diminished further. Prices kept increasing.

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I- REAL SECTOR**1- Tourism**

Indicators of tourism activity progressed in June 2023 in respect of the preceding month and June 2022.

	Jun-23	May-23	Jun-22	Change % Jun 2023/Jun 2022
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	427,957	277,709	340,317	25.8
Number of departing passengers at BIA	278,782	274,004	237,659	17.3
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,749	2,278	2,278	20.7
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,744	2,278	2,281	20.3

Source: Beirut International Airport.

2-Trade and Services

Trade and services indicators were mixed in June 2023 vis-à-vis the previous month and June 2022.

	Jun-23	May-23	Jun-22	Change % Jun 2023/Jun 2022
Checks Cleared				
In LBP				
Value (LBP billion)	6,847	4,704	2,818	143.0
Number (000 checks)	26	32	74	-64.9
In USD				
Value (USD million)	230	255	935	-75.4
Number (000 checks)	7	9	61	-88.5
Checks Returned				
In LBP				
Value (LBP billion)	34	89	22	54.5
Number (checks)	118	222	357	-66.9
In USD				
Value (USD million)	30	54	7	328.6
Number (checks)	154	190	461	-66.6
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)	116	110	78	48.7
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)	371,519	382,575	327,255	13.5
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)	68,955	75,353	59,668	15.6
Discharged containers at POB (number)	13,574	15,076	15,731	-13.7
Merchandise at BIA				
Imports (tons)	2,646	2,822	2,366	11.8
Exports (tons)	2,663	2,229	3,306	-19.4

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

3- Construction and Real Estate

	Jun-23	May-23	Jun-22	Change % Jun 2023/Jun 2022
Construction permits				
Area (s.m)	343,341	441,696	565,904	-39.3
Number (permits)	885	1,010	1,464	-39.5
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	n.a	226	227	-
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	n.a	n.a	46.9	-
Real estate sales operations (number)	n.a	n.a	n.a	-
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	n.a	n.a	n.a	-
Real estate transactions (number)	n.a	n.a	n.a	-

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

4-Industry and Agriculture

	Jan-23	Dec-22	Jan-22	Change % Jan 2023/Jan 2022
Electricity production (MKWH)	98	185	363	-73.0
Imports of gas oil				
Value (million USD)	197.4	204.4	323.3	-38.9
Volume (tons)	250,822	259,613	232,680	7.8
Agriculture imports (USD million)	108.0	156.5	116.4	-7.2
Agriculture exports (USD million)	13.0	13.9	23.4	-44.4

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

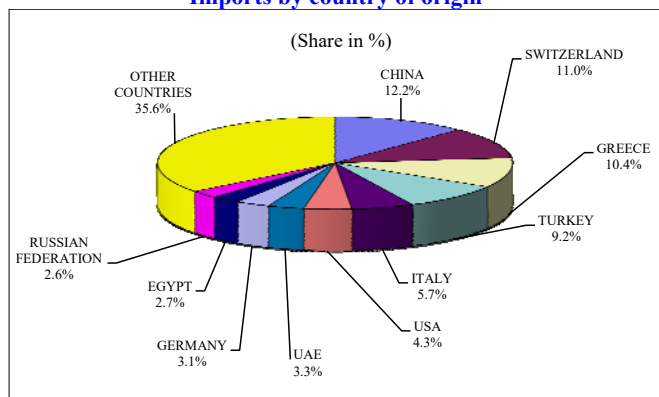
In June 2023,

Imports of goods decreased to USD 1,339 million compared to USD 1,581 million in the previous month and USD 1,760 million in June 2022. Imports decreased by 7.3 percent in the first half 2023 compared to the alike period of the year 2022.

On a cumulative basis, mineral products lead imported goods with a 25.6 percent share of total imports, they were followed by pearls, precious and semi - precious stones (15.4 percent) then machinery and electrical instruments which accounted for 10.1 percent. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 12.2 percent share of total. Switzerland came next with a share of 11.0 percent followed by Greece (10.4 percent) and Turkey (9.2 percent).



Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

On a cumulative basis, pearls, precious and semi-precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 22.8 percent of total exports, followed by base metals & articles of base metals (15.9 percent) and prepared foodstuffs (13.6 percent). UAE outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 19.8 percent share of the total, trailed by Turkey with a share of 6.8 percent, followed by Egypt (5.4 percent) and Switzerland (5.1 percent).

The trade deficit amounted to USD 1,142 million compared to USD 1,316 million in May 2023 (USD 1,502 million in June 2022). It decreased by 2.0 percent in the first half of 2023 in respect of the same period of the preceding year.

External Sector Indicators

LBP billion	Change %			
	May-23	Apr-23	May-22	May 2023/May 2022
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	229.4	215.2	61.6	272.4
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	214.6	264.6	27.4	683.2
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	309.8	189.3	29.7	943.1
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	77.9	24.6	2.2	3440.9
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	49.1	21.8	5.5	792.7
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	100.6	67.9	10.2	886.3

Source: BDL

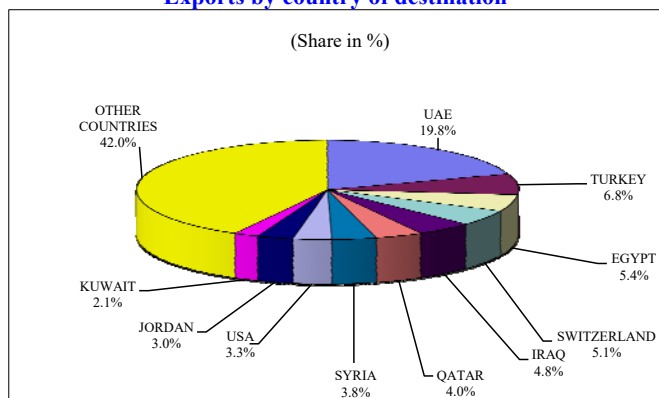
	Jun-23	May-23	Jun-22
Imports			
Value (million USD)	1,339	1,581	1,760
Volume (tons)	925,019	987,201	889,090
Exports			
Value (million USD)	197	265	258
Volume (tons)	99,765	138,861	118,132

Source: Lebanese Customs

In June 2023,

Exports of goods decreased to USD 197 million compared to USD 265 million in the previous month and USD 258 million in June 2022. Exports decreased in the first six months of 2023 by 27.2 percent in relation to the same period of 2022.

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

USD million	Jun-23	May-23	Jun-22
Balance of payments	-88	-6	-474
Gross foreign currency reserves	9,291	9,724	11,224

Source: BDL.

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 88 million in June 2023 following a deficit of USD 6 million in May 2023 (USD 474 million deficit in June 2022).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank decreased to USD 9,291 million at the end of June 2023 compared to USD 9,724 million at the end of previous month and USD 11,224 million at end June 2022. BDL foreign assets securities increased to USD 5,025 million in June 2023 compared to USD 4,746 million at the end of May 2023 and USD 4,125 million at the end of June 2022.



III-FINANCIAL SECTOR

1. Commercial Banks

Total consolidated assets of commercial banks operating in Lebanon amounted to LBP 1,746,483 billion at the end of June 2023, thus increasing by 1.1 percent in one month when evaluated in LBP. Noting that the increase since February 2023 is due to the adoption of the official exchange rate of 15,000 LBP per dollar which augmented the value of FC balance sheet items when evaluated in the domestic currency.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Jun-22	May-23	Jun-23
Total Assets	257,671	1,728,218	1,746,483
Total deposits	196,854	1,478,267	1,480,476
Resident customers' deposits	153,813	1,121,384	1,122,369
Non-resident customers' deposits	35,939	321,845	322,360
Resident financial sector liabilities	1,959	16,379	16,223
Public sector deposits	5,143	18,659	19,524
Non deposit liabilities	35,266	171,527	163,683
Capital accounts	25,552	78,425	102,325
Total claims on customers	35,878	141,155	137,836
Resident customers	32,045	124,603	121,194
Non-resident customers	3,833	16,552	16,642
Total claims on public sector	21,539	53,912	53,997
in LBP	15,520	12,414	12,201
in FC	6,018	41,498	41,796
Claims on non resident Financial sector	5,837	63,363	65,585
Non-resident securities portfolio	752	6,675	6,693
Other foreign assets*	9,958	64,413	64,039
Deposits at the central bank	165,873	1,270,251	1,278,632

Source: BDL.

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

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits amounted to LBP 1,480,476 billion at end June 2023 and constituted 84.8 percent of total assets.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP increased by 48.9 percent in the first half 2023, while those denominated in foreign currencies decreased by 2.9 percent.

Resident private sector deposits accounted for 76.9 percent of total deposits at end June 2023 (21.8 percent for non-resident private sector and 1.3 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 102,325 billion at the end of June 2023, thus increasing by 30.5 percent compared to the previous month and representing around 5.9 percent of total assets.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers amounted to LBP 137,836 billion at end June 2023. The ratio of total claims on resident and non-resident customers to total deposits attained 9.4 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 53,997 billion at the end of June 2023. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 11,624 billion in Lebanese Treasury bills and USD 2,786 million of Eurobonds net of provisions.

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) amounted to LBP 1,278,632 billion at the end of June 2023, whereas claims on non-resident financial sector amounted to USD 4.4 billion to represent 4.7 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies at the end of the stated month.

2. Investment Banks

Total consolidated assets of investment banks operating in Lebanon (including medium and long term credit banks) amounted to LBP 18,666 billion at the end of June 2023, thus slightly increasing by 0.5 percent compared to the previous month. Deposits, including those of resident and non-resident customers and resident financial sector amounted to LBP 7,868 billion at the end of the stated month.

3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange amounted to 1,157 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 64.0 million in June 2023 compared to 818 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 29.1 million in the previous month (1,556 thousand shares with a value of USD 57.1 million in June 2022).

During June 2023, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 99.1 percent for Development and Reconstruction, 0.8 percent for Banking and 0.1 percent for Industrial.



Capital Markets

	Jun-22	May-23	Jun-23
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	1,556	818	1,157
Traded value (USD million)	57.1	29.1	64.0
Market capitalization (USD million)	14,346	18,931	17,680
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	91,695	88,385	87,848
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	31,314	31,314	31,314
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	950	350	350

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares decreased to USD 17,680 million at the end of June 2023, from USD 18,931 million at the end of May 2023 (USD 14,346 million at the end of June 2022). Banking had 21.5 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 71.4 percent.

The face value of the outstanding treasury bills portfolio denominated in the domestic currency amounted to LBP 87,848 billion at the end of June 2023 (LBP 88,385 billion at the end of May 2023) and the value of the outstanding sovereign bonds portfolio denominated in foreign currencies (Eurobonds) amounted to USD 31,314 million (as at end February 2020).

The outstanding value of notes and bonds issued by banks amounted to USD 350 million at the end of June 2023. The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL in the domestic currency decreased to LBP 36,187 billion at end June 2023 (LBP 37,592 billion end May 2023) and those in FC decreased to USD 17.8 billion at the end of June 2023 (USD 18.6 billion at the end of May 2023).

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 1,216,473 billion at the end of June 2023, of which 89.2 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus slightly increasing by 0.4 percent when compared to the previous month.

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Jun-22	May-23	Jun-23
M3		191,722	1,211,419	1,216,473
Net foreign assets		19,255	220,839	214,717
Net claims on public sector		62,090	241,526	237,539
Valuation Adjustment		-18,419	615,526	633,796
Claims on private sector		35,546	137,055	133,592
Other items-net		93,250	-3,527	-3,172
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		1,286.76	4,243.30	4,549.38

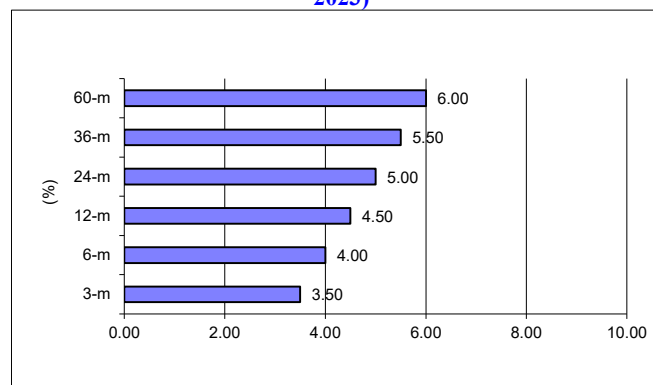
Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 5,054 billion increase in June 2023 is due to the increase in valuation adjustment (+LBP 18,270 billion) and net other items (+LBP 355 billion) against a decrease in each of net foreign assets (-LBP 6,121 billion), claims on public sector (-LBP 3,987 billion) and claims on private sector (-LBP 3,463 billion).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics increased by 7.2 percent in June 2023 compared to the previous month and by 122.4 percent from December 2022.

The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments on 45 and 60- day certificates of deposits issued by BDL were 2.90 percent and 3.08 percent respectively at the end of June 2023. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills in LBP read at the end of the stated month: 3.50 percent for three-month bills, 4.00 percent for six-month bills, 4.50 percent for one-year bills, 5.00 percent for two-year bills, 5.50 percent for three-year bills and 6.00 percent for five-year bills.

Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of June 2023)

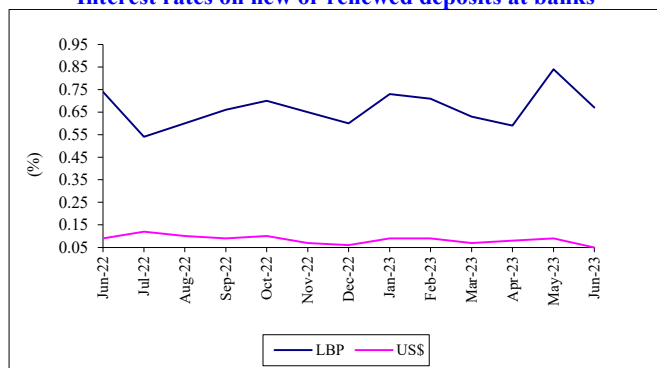


Source: BDL



In June 2023, the average interest rate on new or renewed deposits at commercial banks decreased on LBP and FC deposits to 0.67 percent (0.84 percent a month ago) and 0.05 percent (0.09 percent a month ago) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 5.53 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In June 2023, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP increased to 4.24 percent (3.53 percent a month ago) while the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in USD decreased to 2.02 percent (2.30 percent in the previous month).

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 2,298 billion in December 2021 to sum to LBP 20,263 billion in the year 2021 (LBP 15,342 billion in 2020). The LBP 20,263 billion revenues comprised LBP 15,237 billion tax revenues, LBP 3,565 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 1,461 billion treasury receipts.

Fiscal Situation

LBP billion	Dec-20	Nov-21	Dec-21
Government revenues	1,826	1,826	2,298
Tax revenues	1,105	1,252	1,740
Non-tax revenues	541	446	379
Treasury receipts	180	128	179
Government expenditures	1,871	1,658	1,687
Debt service	443	172	318
Others	1,428	1,486	1,369
Overall balance	-45	168	611
Primary balance	398	340	929

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,687 billion in December 2021 to sum LBP 18,066 billion in the year 2021 (LBP 19,425 billion in 2020). The LBP 18,066 billion expenditures included LBP 2,813 billion debt service and LBP 15,253 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,565 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years and LBP 810 billion to EDL.

Total public balance registered as such a LBP 2,197 billion surplus in 2021 compared to a LBP 4,083 billion deficit in 2020, and the primary balance reported an LBP 5,009 billion surplus compared to an LBP 977 billion deficit respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 154,467 billion (the equivalent of USD 102.5 billion at the official exchange rate) at the end of January 2023, thus increasing by 0.6 percent when compared to end December 2022 (1.1 percent decrease in the month of January 2022).

Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 125,760 billion at the end of January 2023, therefore decreasing by 1.0 percent from end of December 2022 (0.2 percent decrease in January 2022).

Public Debt

LBP billion	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23
Public Debt (Gross)	149,699	153,484	154,467
Debt in LBP	91,278	91,169	91,795
Debt in FC	58,421	62,315	62,672
Public Debt (Net)	131,755	127,039	125,760
Public sector deposits	17,944	26,445	28,707
Banks	7,500	7,104	7,521
BDL	10,444	19,341	21,186

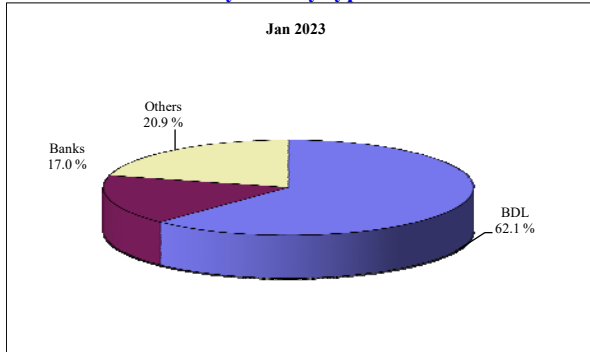
Source: BDL.

The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 17.0 percent for banks (17.1 percent end of December 2022), 62.1 percent for the Central bank (63.0 percent in the previous month) and 20.9 percent for the non-banking sector (19.9 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (95.0 percent), Multilateral (3.8 percent), Bilateral (1.1 percent) and others (0.1 percent).



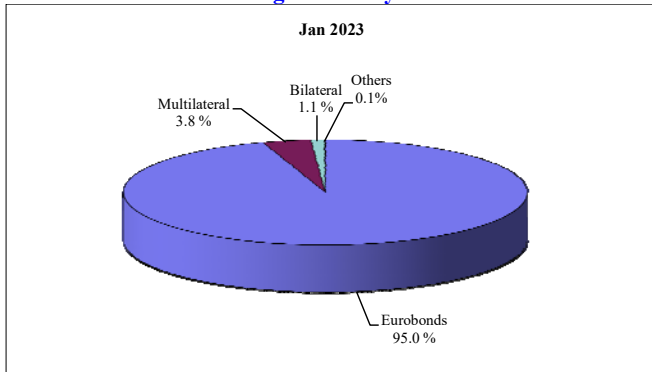
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,150 days (3.16 years) as at end June 2023 with a weighted interest of 6.31 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.84 years with a weighted interest of 7.38 percent as at end February 2020 (latest available).

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



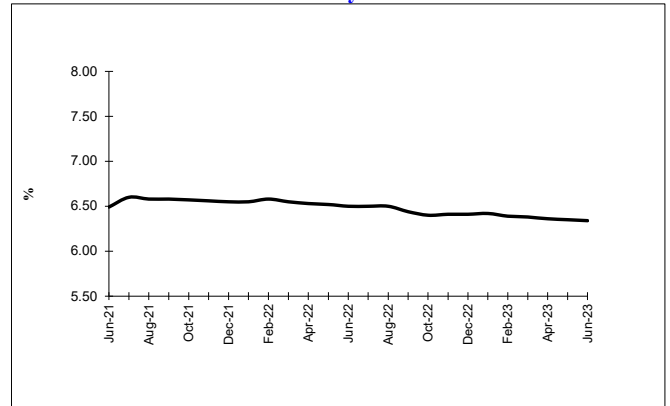
Source: BDL.

Foreign currency debt

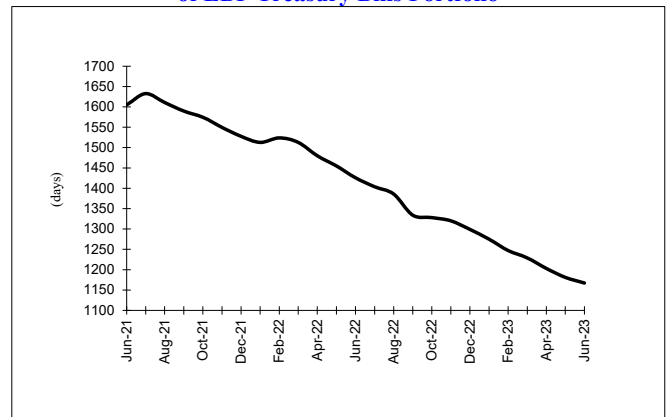


Source: BDL.

Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	Jan - Jun 2022	Jan - Jun 2023	Jun-22	May-23	Jun-23
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Building Permits (000's m2)	6,302	2,316	566	442	343
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	933	n.a.	227	226	n.a.
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	16,585	29,514	2,818	4,704	6,847
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	5,878	2,173	935	255	230
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	420,903	n.a.	59,668	75,353	n.a.
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	2,032,871	n.a.	327,255	382,575	n.a.
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	1,305	1,631	340	278	428
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	1,251	1,530	238	274	279
Total exports of goods (million USD)	1,901	n.a.	258	n.a.	n.a.
Total imports of goods (million USD)	9,008	n.a.	1,760	n.a.	n.a.
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-7,107	n.a.	-1,502	n.a.	n.a.
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	-2,579	1,143	-474	-6	-88
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	-	-	11,224	9,724	9,291
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	-	-	1286.76	4243.30	4549.38

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



TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS BY PRODUCT
(Million US Dollars)

Goods	Imports			Exports		
	Jan-Dec 2022	Jan - Jun 2022	Jan - Jun 2023	Jan-Dec 2022	Jan - Jun 2022	Jan - Jun 2023
1- Live animals, animal products	550	287	285	11	6	9
2- Vegetable products	990	514	486	316	127	97
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	248	103	120	28	10	16
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,018	471	512	390	206	188
5- Mineral products	5,580	2,682	2,142	17	8	7
6- Products of the chemical	1,165	562	602	369	183	123
7- Plastics & articles thereof	629	330	265	388	329	54
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	34	15	19	11	6	5
9- Wood & articles of wood	198	92	72	14	6	8
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	300	144	138	112	62	39
11- Textiles & textile articles	485	215	262	47	22	20
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	94	43	57	8	4	4
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	308	145	140	33	16	12
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	1,682	776	1,287	753	363	316
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	824	388	391	490	302	220
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	2,456	1,077	846	343	174	187
17-Transport equipment	2,000	943	490	45	23	22
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	207	96	107	16	7	8
19- Arms & ammunition	9	2	7	2	1	1
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	242	108	116	92	44	45
21- Works of art	35	14	8	8	4	3
Total	19,053	9,008	8,351	3,492	1,901	1,384

Source: Lebanese Customs.

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan-Jun 2022	Share %	Jan-Jun 2023	Share %
CHINA	1,182	13.1	1,022	12.2
SWITZERLAND	253	2.8	917	11.0
GREECE	974	10.8	868	10.4
TURKEY	1,203	13.4	768	9.2
ITALY	422	4.7	473	5.7
USA	404	4.5	362	4.3
UAE	339	3.8	274	3.3
GERMANY	317	3.5	258	3.1
EGYPT	262	2.9	222	2.7
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	186	2.1	218	2.6
OTHER COUNTRIES	3,466	38.5	2,969	35.6
TOTAL IMPORTS	9,008	100.0	8,351	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan-Jun 2022	Share %	Jan-Jun 2023	Share %
UAE	323	17.0	274	19.8
TURKEY	81	4.3	94	6.8
EGYPT	85	4.5	75	5.4
SWITZERLAND	98	5.2	71	5.1
IRAQ	78	4.1	66	4.8
QATAR	71	3.7	55	4.0
SYRIA	311	16.4	52	3.8
USA	50	2.6	45	3.3
JORDAN	52	2.7	42	3.0
KUWAIT	35	1.8	29	2.1
OTHER COUNTRIES	717	37.7	581	42.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	1,901	100.0	1,384	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2022		2023		
	Jun	Dec	Apr	May	Jun
ASSETS					
Reserves	170,188	165,536	1,283,894	1,289,334	1,293,786
-Cash	4,316	6,552	12,998	19,083	15,153
-Deposits at the Central Bank	165,873	158,984	1,270,896	1,270,251	1,278,632
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	32,301	27,150	128,469	126,331	122,909
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	14,970	13,778	12,697	14,250	13,782
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	17,331	13,372	115,772	112,081	109,127
Claims on the Public Sector	21,539	17,383	54,831	53,912	53,997
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	15,279	12,707	12,104	11,820	11,624
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	6,018	4,423	42,137	41,498	41,796
Foreign Assets	16,546	15,184	135,689	134,450	136,316
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	3,833	3,078	18,806	16,552	16,642
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	5,837	6,333	63,074	63,363	65,585
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,815	1,213	12,325	13,431	13,083
-Other Foreign Assets	4,309	3,757	34,748	34,429	34,314
-Non Resident securities portfolio	752	804	6,736	6,675	6,693
Tangible and intangible assets	8,100	20,690	50,613	51,265	52,839
Resident Private securities portfolio	4,076	4,210	52,814	51,527	66,185
Unclassified Assets	4,920	4,699	29,675	21,399	20,450
TOTAL ASSETS	257,671	254,853	1,735,984	1,728,218	1,746,483
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	155,772	154,248	1,142,707	1,137,764	1,138,593
-Deposits in Lebanese Pound	39,905	42,336	52,748	58,546	64,443
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	115,867	111,912	1,089,959	1,079,218	1,074,149
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,143	7,055	16,823	18,659	19,524
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	35,939	35,270	323,009	321,845	322,360
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	3,039	3,038	4,052	3,139	3,135
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	32,900	32,233	318,957	318,706	319,225
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	6,680	6,501	49,314	48,916	49,278
Bonds	520	417	4,392	4,440	4,467
Capital Base	25,552	27,569	74,900	78,425	102,325
-Core Capital	24,445	20,925	65,974	65,329	88,250
-Supplementary Capital	1,106	6,644	8,925	13,095	14,075
Unclassified Liabilities	28,066	23,793	124,839	118,171	109,937
TOTAL LIABILITIES	257,671	254,853	1,735,984	1,728,218	1,746,483

Source: BDL.

N.B. Starting December 2019, and according to the offsetting criteria in IAS 32 "Financial Instruments: Presentation" and the disclosure on offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities in IFRS 7, banks have offset their loans taken from BDL in Lebanese pound with their corresponding placements at Banque du Liban in Lebanese pound carrying same maturities.



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

	2022		2023		
	Jun	Dec	Apr	May	Jun
Money Supply					
Currency in circulation	34,551	73,514	54,274	61,709	65,990
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	21,664	25,266	36,642	43,385	49,883
= M1	56,215	98,780	90,916	105,094	115,873
+ Other Deposits in LBP	18,620	17,802	17,220	16,476	16,054
= M2	74,835	116,583	108,137	121,569	131,927
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	116,494	112,620	1,096,089	1,085,816	1,080,508
+ Bonds	393	369	3,968	4,034	4,038
= M3	191,722	229,572	1,208,194	1,211,419	1,216,473
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	15,137	18,189	19,594	19,544	19,785
= M4	206,859	247,761	1,227,788	1,230,962	1,236,258
Counterparts of the Money Supply					
Net Foreign Assets	19,255	18,197	224,310	220,839	214,717
o/w Gold	25,219	25,102	274,382	270,943	266,191
Net Claims on the Public Sector	62,090	50,842	258,768	241,526	237,539
Valuation Adjustment	-18,419	-19,131	526,873	615,526	633,796
Claims on the Private Sector	35,546	30,038	139,332	137,055	133,592
Claims in LBP	16,866	15,449	14,314	15,641	15,140
Claims in FC	18,680	14,589	125,018	121,414	118,451
Other Items (Net)	93,250	149,625	58,911	-3,527	-3,172
TOTAL	191,722	229,572	1,208,194	1,211,419	1,216,473

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 loans		Total
		Bank	Banks	Others ⁽¹⁾	Others ⁽²⁾						
2021	Dec	151,309	58,002	21,200	14,045	93,247	2,215	743	0	55,104	58,062
2022	Jan	149,699	58,255	19,155	13,868	91,278	2,242	742	0	55,437	58,421
	Feb	150,719	58,507	19,037	14,207	91,751	2,459	745	0	55,764	58,968
	Mar	151,726	58,951	18,925	14,520	92,396	2,447	742	0	56,141	59,330
	Apr	152,336	59,435	18,533	14,742	92,710	2,423	728	0	56,475	59,626
	May	153,400	59,772	18,501	15,175	93,448	2,421	736	0	56,795	59,952
	Jun	153,348	59,673	18,264	15,137	93,074	2,414	727	0	57,133	60,274
	Jul	153,224	59,423	18,166	15,023	92,612	2,412	722	0	57,478	60,612
	Aug	156,250	59,341	18,205	17,775	95,321	2,401	704	0	57,824	60,929
	Sep	154,830	58,355	16,994	18,253	93,602	2,365	697	0	58,166	61,228
	Oct	153,683	58,137	16,186	17,824	92,147	2,361	669	0	58,506	61,536
	Nov	153,680	57,708	15,732	18,327	91,767	2,379	681	0	58,853	61,913
	Dec	153,484	57,403	15,575	18,191	91,169	2,421	687	0	59,207	62,315
2023	Jan	154,467	57,022	15,559	19,214	91,795	2,421	687	0	59,564	62,672

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 (%)
2021	Dec	91,616	1,200	1,354	6.55
2022	Jun	91,695	716	757	6.50
	Jul	90,999	492	1,188	6.50
	Aug	93,672	3,223	550	6.44
	Sep	91,985	820	2,507	6.40
	Oct	90,487	142	1,640	6.41
	Nov	90,136	579	930	6.41
	Dec	89,724	367	779	6.42
	2023	Jan	90,230	1,532	1,026
Feb		89,527	518	1,221	6.38
Mar		89,543	976	960	6.36
Apr		89,100	561	1,004	6.35
May		88,385	1,081	1,796	6.34
Jun		87,848	1,341	1,878	6.31

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	
	LBP	US\$	LBP	US\$											
2021	Dec	7.14	6.01	1.09	0.19	-	0.21	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	6.40	no issues
2022	Jun	5.36	5.28	0.74	0.09	3.00	2.01	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	no issues	6.88
	Jul	5.09	4.74	0.54	0.12	3.00	2.61	3.47	3.92	4.31	no issues	5.43	5.91	no issues	no issues
	Aug	4.85	5.51	0.60	0.10	3.00	2.95	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	no issues	no issues
	Sep	5.09	4.61	0.66	0.09	3.00	3.45	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	no issues	no issues
	Oct	5.00	5.11	0.70	0.10	3.00	4.14	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	no issues	no issues
	Nov	5.30	4.35	0.65	0.07	3.00	4.65	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	no issues	no issues	no issues
	Dec	4.56	4.16	0.60	0.06	8.52	4.74	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	no issues	no issues
2023	Jan	5.61	5.38	0.73	0.09	14.85	4.81	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	no issues	6.88
	Feb	4.75	5.17	0.71	0.09	42.40	4.89	3.47	3.92	4.31	no issues	5.43	5.91	no issues	no issues
	Mar	5.61	4.04	0.63	0.07	18.89	5.05	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	6.40	no issues
	Apr	3.07	2.46	0.59	0.08	13.20	5.26	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	6.40	no issues
	May	3.53	2.30	0.84	0.09	18.43	5.38	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	6.40	no issues
	Jun	4.24	2.02	0.67	0.05	48.28	5.53	3.47	3.92	4.31	4.94	5.43	5.91	no issues	no issues

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

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

** On Funds in LBP, weighted by daily volume.

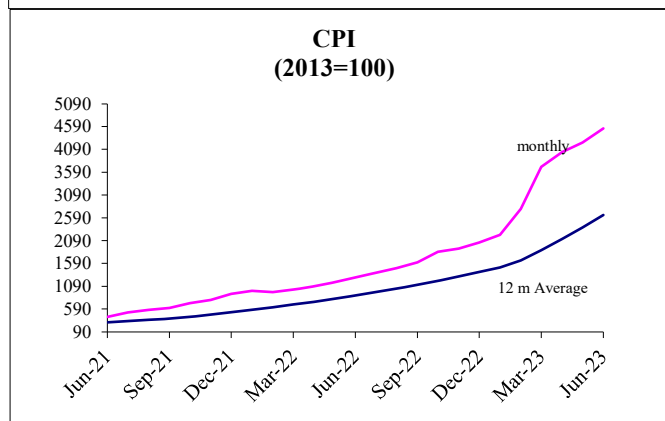
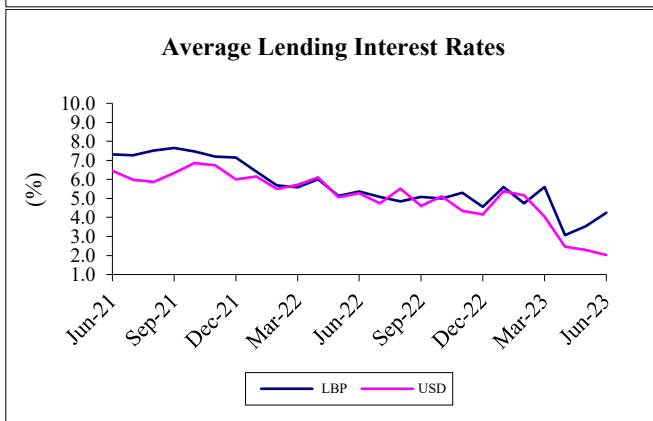
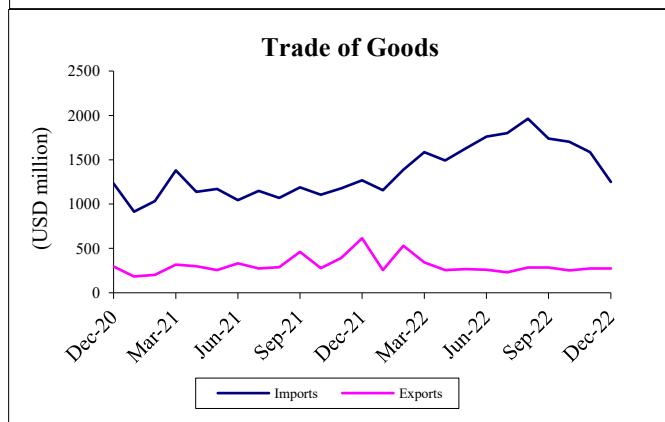
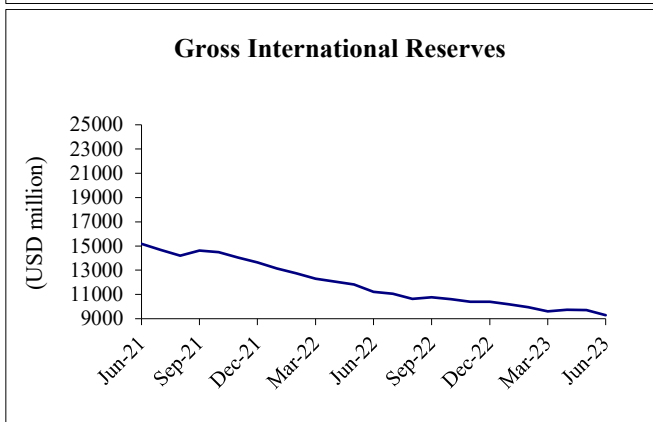
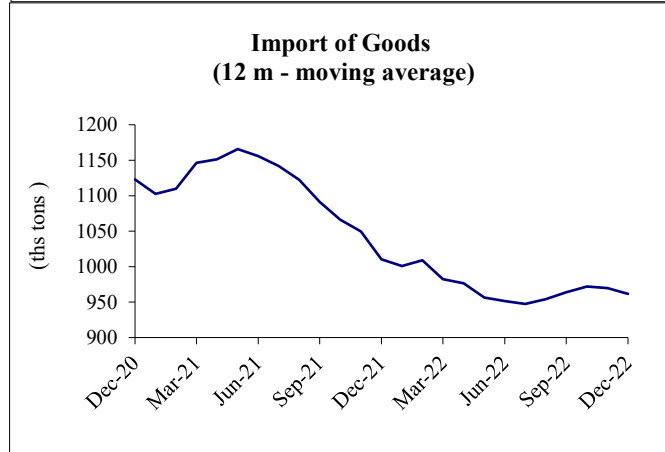
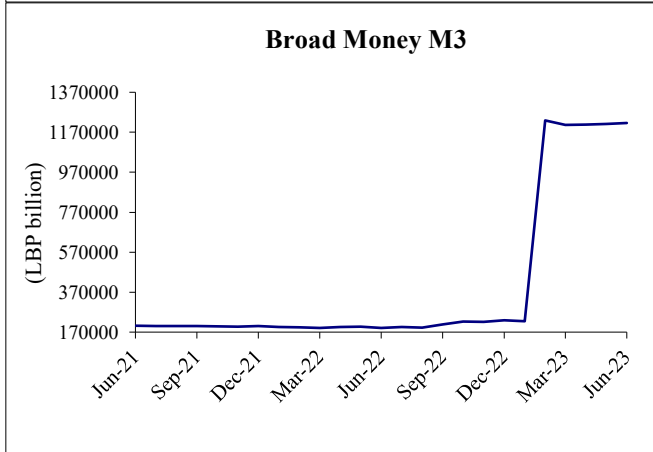
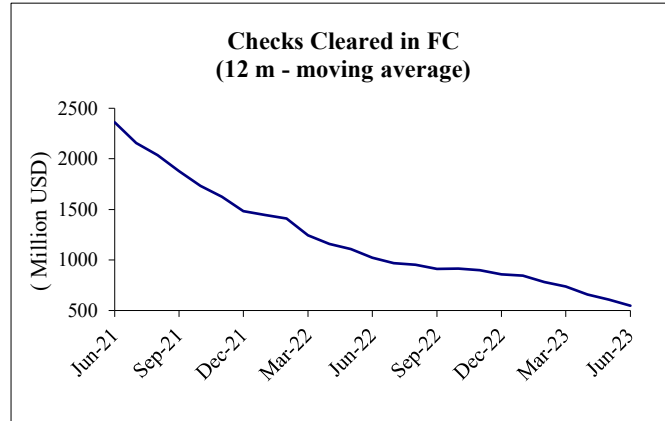
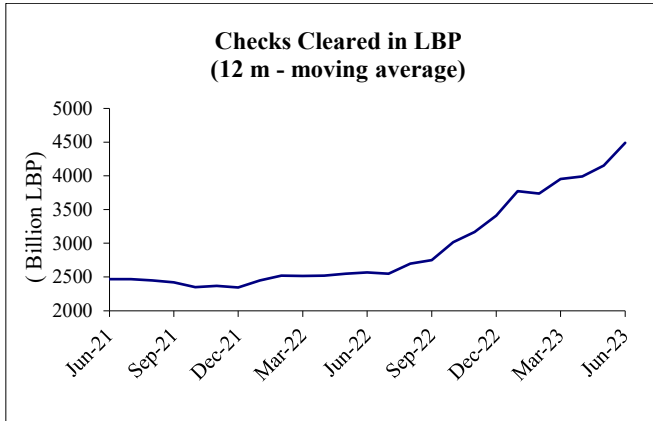
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2021	Dec	1,507.50	1,639.48	2,022.91	13.11	1,701.52
2022	Jun	1,507.50	1,575.07	1,829.20	11.06	1,572.17
	Jul	1,507.50	1,582.51	1,834.02	11.33	1,540.36
	Aug	1,507.50	1,541.10	1,753.52	10.86	1,505.54
	Sep	1,507.50	1,543.94	1,691.11	10.45	1,482.93
	Oct	1,507.50	1,506.75	1,741.61	10.14	1,497.70
	Nov	1,507.50	1,586.84	1,810.66	10.85	1,562.67
	Dec	1,507.50	1,622.36	1,815.48	11.26	1,604.28
2023	Jan	1,507.50	1,624.64	1,856.64	11.56	1,631.72
	Feb	15,000.00	15,982.95	18,121.50	109.72	15,916.50
	Mar	15,000.00	16,373.76	18,547.50	112.43	16,327.50
	Apr	15,000.00	16,748.55	18,681.00	110.57	16,485.00
	May	15,000.00	16,469.04	18,538.50	107.23	16,006.50
	Jun	15,000.00	16,752.29	19,080.00	104.29	16,395.00

Source: BDL.



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