



***Summary:***

*In October 2018, most real sector indicators improved in respect of the preceding month. Imports and exports of goods increased as well and the trade deficit broadened contributing in part to a considerable negative overall balance of payments. Total assets of banks grew favorably and the gross foreign currency reserves at the Central Bank expanded further. Interest rates augmented.*

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

Construction and real estate indicators improved in October 2018 when compared to the preceding month but retreated in relation to October 2017.

	Oct-18	Sep-18	Oct-17	Change % October 2018/October 2017
<b>Construction permits</b>				
Area (s.m)	772,566	620,437	1,021,543	-24.4
Number (permits)	1,349	1,079	1,386	-2.7
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	457	434	488	-6.4
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	70.5	60.3	108.2	-34.8
Real estate sales operations (number)	6,389	5,161	8,283	-22.9
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	1,157	1,047	1,709	-32.3
Real estate transactions (number)	18,003	13,593	20,449	-12.0

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

**2-Tourism**

Indicators of tourism activity regressed in October 2018 in respect of the past month but advanced when compared to October 2017.

	Oct-18	Sep-18	Oct-17	Change % October 2018/October 2017
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	327,219	379,789	297,776	9.9
Number of departing passengers at BIA	357,054	469,068	318,784	12.0
Number of arriving tourists	166,146	166,526	142,784	16.4
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,956	3,408	2,754	7.3
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,952	3,404	2,756	7.1

Sources: Beirut International Airport, Ministry of Tourism.

**3-Trade and Services**

Trade and services indicators progressed in October 2018 vis-à-vis the previous month but recoiled with reference to October 2017.

	Oct-18	Sep-18	Oct-17	Change % October 2018/October 2017
<b>Checks Cleared</b>				
Value (USD million)	6,081	5,540	6,140	-1.0
Number (000 checks)	1,061	975	1,074	-1.2
<b>Checks Returned</b>				
Value (USD million)	166	144	117	41.9
Number (checks)	27,657	24,002	20,691	33.7
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)	167	167	170	-1.8
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)	595,265	538,334	592,662	0.4
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)	92,456	84,492	113,686	-18.7
Discharged containers at POB (number)	23,248	20,813	25,390	-8.4
Revenues of POB (USD million)	20.7	16.6	23.2	-10.8
<b>Merchandise at BIA</b>				
Imports (tons)	4,709	4,439	5,083	-7.4
Exports (tons)	3,640	3,292	3,766	-3.3

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

**4-Industry and Agriculture**

Agriculture imports and exports advanced in October 2018 in respect of the past month and were mixed in relation to October 2017.

	Oct-18	Sep-18	Oct-17	Change % October 2018/October 2017
Electricity production (MKWH)	1,267	1,362	1,282	-1.2
<b>Imports of gas oil</b>				
Value (million USD)	175.25	119.2	141.7	23.7
Volume (tons)	273,228	170,135	265,792	2.8
Agriculture imports (USD million)	173.6	138.5	152.6	13.8
Agriculture exports (USD million)	21.4	18.0	25.7	-16.7

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

**II- EXTERNAL SECTOR**

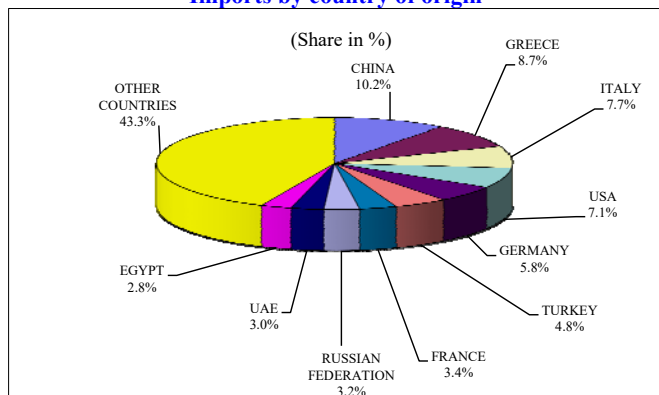
*In October 2018,*

**Imports of goods** increased to USD 1,718 million from USD 1,438 million in the previous month (USD 1,769 million reported in October 2017). Imports increased in the first ten months of 2018 by 4.0 percent with reference to the first ten months of the previous year.



In the first ten months of 2018, mineral products lead imported goods with a 21.1 percent share of total imports. They were followed by machinery and mechanical appliances and products of the chemical which accounted for 11.6 percent and 10.9 percent respectively. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 10.2 percent share of total. Greece came next with a share of 8.7 percent followed by Italy (7.7 percent) and USA (7.1 percent).

Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

LBP billion	Oct-18	Sep-18	Oct-17	Change % October 2018/October 2017
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	983.8	801.4	670.9	46.6
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	849.3	878.6	510.6	66.3
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	144	145.4	146.3	-1.6
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	391.8	754.5	391.8	0.0
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	307.7	421.1	378.7	-18.7
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	169	205.5	137.4	23.0

Source: BDL

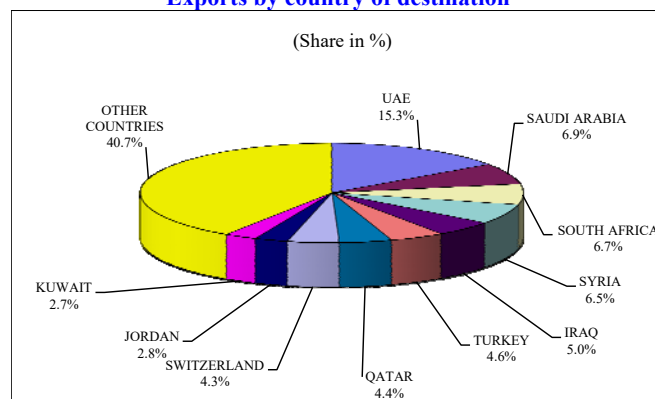
In October 2018,

**Exports of goods** augmented to USD 265 million compared to USD 214 million one month back and USD 251 million in October 2017. Exports rose in the first ten months of 2018 by 4.2 percent in respect of the first ten months of the preceding year.

In the first ten months of 2018, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 22.4 percent of total exports, followed by base metals (13.3 percent), prepared foodstuffs (13.1 percent) and products of the chemical (12.2 percent). UAE outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 15.3 percent share of the

total, trailed by Saudi Arabia with a share of 6.9 percent, followed by South Africa (6.7 percent) and Syria (6.5 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

**The trade deficit** increased as such to USD 1,453 million from USD 1,224 million in September 2018 (USD 1,518 million in October 2017). It widened in the first ten months of 2018 by 4.0 percent vis-à-vis the first ten months of 2017.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	Oct-17	Sep-18	Oct-18
Imports	1,769	1,438	1,718
Exports	251	214	265
Trade deficit	-1,518	-1,224	-1,453
Balance of payments	-888	-146	-1,810
Gross foreign currency reserves	36,769	34,150	34,619

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL

**The overall balance of payments** reported a deficit of USD 1,810 million following a deficit of USD 146 million in September 2018 (USD 888 million deficit in October 2017). The USD 3,122 million negative balance recorded in the first ten months of 2018 represented a decrease in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -4,315 million) partly offset by an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +1,193 million).

**Gross foreign currency reserves** of the Central bank increased to USD 34,619 million at the end of October 2018 compared to USD 34,150 million at the end of the previous month (USD 36,769 million at end October 2017), meanwhile BDL foreign assets securities decreased to USD 8,538 million from USD 9,381 million at the end of September 2018 (USD 6,159



million at the end of October 2017). 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 365,740 billion (USD 242.6 billion) at the end of October 2018, thus increasing by 10.4 percent from end December 2017 (5.6 percent increase in the first ten months of 2017).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits grew by 2.7 percent in the first ten months of 2018 and constituted 73.2 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 267,702 billion (around USD 177.6 billion) at the end of the period.

#### Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Oct-17	Sep-18	Oct-18
Total Assets	325,303	363,483	365,740
Total deposits	261,572	268,637	267,702
Resident customers' deposits	201,358	204,633	202,939
Non-resident customers' deposits	53,514	55,820	56,516
Resident financial sector liabilities	500	1,755	1,713
Public sector deposits	6,201	6,429	6,534
Non deposit liabilities	35,614	64,565	67,844
Capital accounts	28,117	30,281	30,193
Total claims on customers	88,013	88,847	88,450
Resident customers	79,196	78,656	78,133
Non-resident customers	8,817	10,192	10,317
Total claims on public sector	50,280	50,068	50,281
in LBP	28,163	24,983	24,870
in FC	22,117	25,085	25,411
Claims on non resident Financial sector	15,417	15,578	14,530
Non-resident securities portfolio	1,305	1,592	1,602
Other foreign assets*	16,592	18,010	18,006
Deposits at the central bank	151,781	186,834	190,342

Source: BDL.

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

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP remained almost unchanged from end December 2017, but those denominated in foreign currencies increased by 3.9 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate increased to 69.5 percent at end October 2018 (68.7 percent end December 2017). The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in non -resident private sector deposits (+6.6 percent), in resident private sector deposits (+1.7 percent) and in public sector deposits (+0.8 percent) in the first ten months of 2018. Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 76.5 percent of total deposits at end October 2018 (21.1 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.4 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 30,193 billion (USD 20,029 million) at the end of October 2018 and represented around 8.3 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 4.7 percent from end December 2017.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers declined by 1.4 percent in the first ten months of 2018, reaching LBP 88,450 billion at the end of October 2018. The dollarization rate of these loans was 68.0 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total claims on resident and non- resident customers to total deposits attained 33.9 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 50,281 billion at the end of October 2018, thus increasing by 4.4 percent from end December 2017. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 24,598 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (34.1 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,856 million of Eurobonds (nearly 50.8 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) increased in the first ten months of 2018 by 22.1 percent to total LBP 190,342 billion at the end of October 2018, meanwhile claims on non- resident financial sector, decreased by 14.7 percent to LBP 14,530 billion (USD 9.6 billion) to represent 8.0 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies. Non-resident securities portfolio rose by 13.8 percent in the first ten months of 2018 to reach LBP 1,602 billion (USD 1.1 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 7,975 billion (around USD 5.3 billion) at the end of October 2018, thus increasing by 3.1 percent from end December 2017. Deposits, including those of resident and non – resident customers and resident financial sector decreased by 6.0 percent in the first ten months of 2018 to reach LBP 3,128 billion at the end of the period.

## 3. Financial Markets

**The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange** increased to 4,899 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 34.4 million in October 2018 compared to 3,154 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 25.1 million in the previous month (8,915 thousand shares with a value of USD 78.7 million in October 2017).

During October 2018, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 50.2 percent for Banking, 49.3 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 0.5 percent for Industrial.

### Capital Markets

	Oct-17	Sep-18	Oct-18
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	8,915	3,154	4,899
Traded value (USD million)	78.7	25.1	34.4
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,273	9,685	9,748
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	73,223	71,762	72,052
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	26,195	32,506	32,494
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	950	950

Source: BDL, BSE

**The market capitalization of listed shares** increased to USD 9,748 million at the end of October 2018, compared to USD 9,685 million at the end of the previous month (USD 11,273 million at the end of October 2017). Banking had a 84.6 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 11.4 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 72,052 billion and USD 32,494 million respectively at the end of October 2018 (LBP 71,762 billion and USD 32,506 million at the end of September 2018). In October 2018, Credit default swaps (CDS) on 5–years Lebanese Government Eurobonds in USD ranged between 673 bps and 738 bps and averaged 703 bps.

**The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits and subordinated debt** amounted to USD 950 million at the end of October 2018. **The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL** in the domestic currency decreased a little to LBP 47,756 billion from LBP 47,801 billion a month earlier while those issued in foreign currencies stood almost unchanged at USD 23.1 billion.

## IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

**The stock of money and quasi money (M3)** attained LBP 211,404 billion at the end of October 2018, of which 62.9 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increasing by 1.2 percent from end December 2017.

### Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Oct-17	Sep-18	Oct-18
M3		209,272	213,088	211,404
Net foreign assets		49,460	47,311	45,095
Net claims on public sector		77,498	78,359	78,983
Valuation Adjustment		-9,364	-8,163	-8,654
Claims on private sector		85,230	83,652	83,108
Other items-net		6,449	11,928	12,872
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		102.46	107.68	108.89

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 2,440 billion increase in M3 in the first ten months of 2018 resulted from an increase in each of net items other than foreign assets and claims on private and public sectors (+LBP 7,478 billion), net claims on public sector (+LBP 2,753 billion) and valuation adjustment (+LBP 1,072 billion) against a drop in net foreign assets (-LBP 5,948 billion) and claims on the private sector (-LBP 2,915 billion).

**The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs**, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 0.7 percent in the month of October 2018 compared to the previous month but increased by 3.47 percent from December 2017.

**The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon**, published by the Central Administration of Statistics

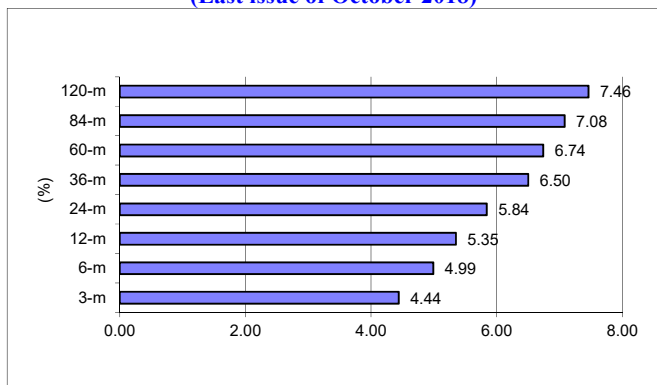




increased by 1.13 percent in October 2018 and by 4.8 percent from December 2017.

**The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments** were on 45 and 60- day certificates of deposits issued by BDL 4.90 percent and 5.08 percent respectively at the end of October 2018. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills in LBP 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.

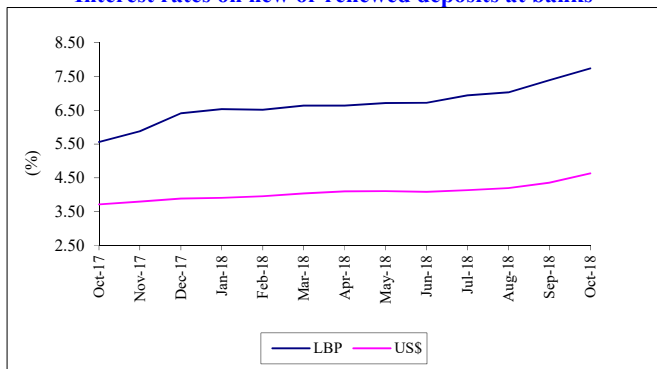
**Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of October 2018)**



Source: BDL

In October 2018, **the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks** increased to 7.74 percent (7.39 percent a month ago) and 4.63 percent (4.36 percent in September 2018) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 2.46 percent.

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



In October 2018, **the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in**

**LBP and USD** increased to 9.60 percent (9.31 percent a month ago) and 8.30 percent (8.11 percent in September 2018) respectively.

**V- PUBLIC FINANCES**

**Government revenues**, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 914 billion in September 2018 to sum LBP 13,072 billion in the first three quarters 2018 (LBP 12,671 billion in the first three quarters 2017). The LBP 13,072 billion revenues comprised LBP 9,868 billion tax revenues, LBP 2,225 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 979 billion treasury receipts.

**Fiscal Situation**

	LBP billion	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
Government revenues		822	1,233	914
Tax revenues		547	826	754
Non-tax revenues		150	353	115
Treasury receipts		125	54	45
Government expenditures		1,750	1,692	2,610
Debt service		762	469	694
Others		988	1,223	1,916
Overall balance		-928	-459	-1,696
Primary balance		-166	10	-1002

Source: Ministry of Finance.

**Government expenditures**, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 2,610 billion in September 2018 to total LBP 19,867 billion in the first three quarters 2018 (LBP 15,691 billion in the first three quarters 2017). The LBP 19,867 billion expenditures included LBP 5,905 billion debt service and LBP 13,962 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,861 billion to EDL, LBP 1,531 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years and LBP 788 billion transfers to municipalities.

**Total Deficit** increased as such to LBP 6,795 billion in the first three quarters 2018 from LBP 3,020 billion in the first three quarters 2017, and the primary balance reported an LBP 891 billion deficit compared to an LBP 2,456 billion surplus respectively.

**Gross public debt** amounted to LBP 126,664 billion (the equivalent of USD 84.0 billion) at the end of October 2018, thus increasing by 5.6 percent when compared to end December 2017 (4.8 percent growth in the first ten months of 2017).



**Net public debt**, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 111,770 billion at the end of October 2018, therefore increasing by 7.2 percent from end of December 2017 (4.5 percent growth in the first ten months of 2017).

**Public Debt**

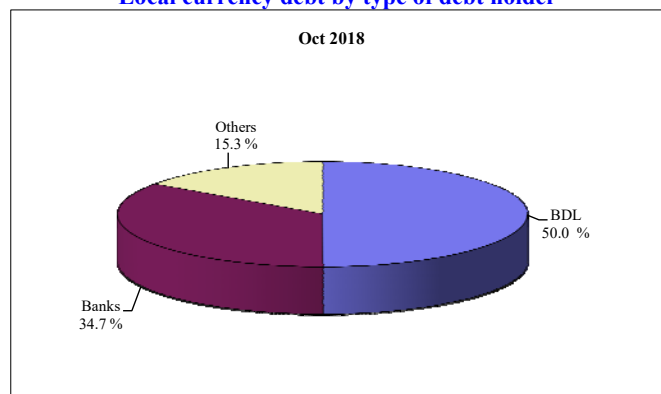
LBP billion	Oct-17	Sep-18	Oct-18
Public Debt (Gross)	118,306	126,400	126,664
Debt in LBP	74,594	73,007	73,316
Debt in FC	43,712	53,393	53,348
Public Debt (Net)	102,708	111,003	111,770
Public sector deposits	15,598	15,397	14,894
Banks	6,201	6,586	6,696
BDL	9,397	8,811	8,198

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 57.9 percent and 42.1 percent respectively at the end of October 2018. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 34.7 percent for banks (35.1 percent end of September 2018), 50.0 percent for the Central bank (50.1 percent in the previous month) and 15.3 percent for the non-banking sector (14.8 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (93.8 percent), Multilateral (3.8 percent), Bilateral (2.2 percent) and others (0.2 percent).

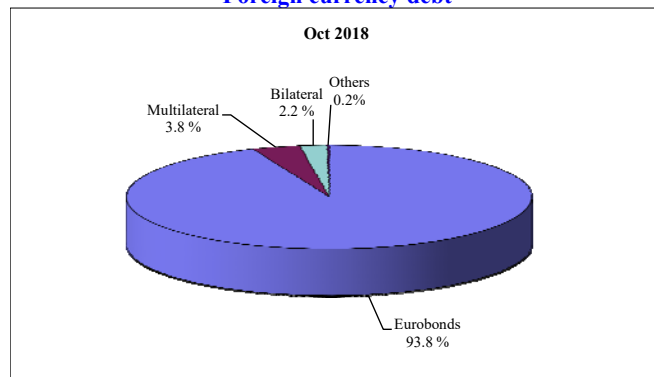
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,508 days (4.14 years) as at end October 2018 with a weighted interest of 6.13 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.62 years with a weighted interest of 6.73 percent.

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



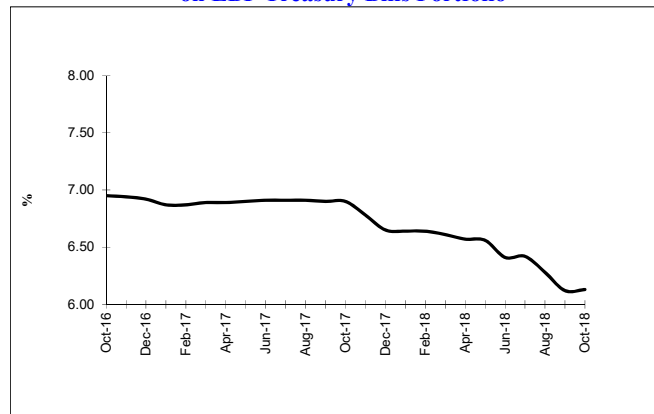
Source: BDL.

**Foreign currency debt**

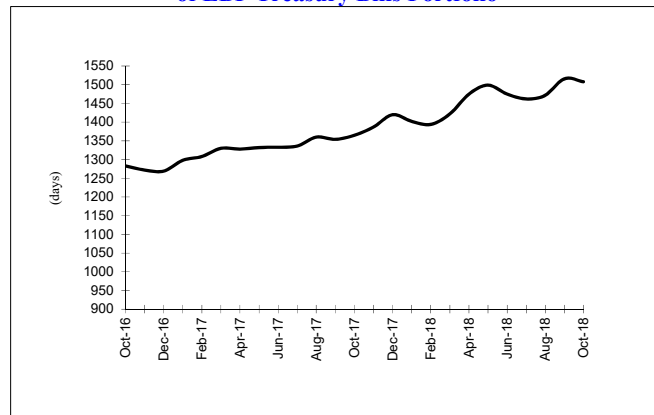


Source: BDL.

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



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



## GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2017	Jan - Oct 2017	Jan - Oct 2018	Oct-17	Sep-18	Oct-18
<b>Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)</b>	257,402	216,570	n.a.	22,429	13,489	n.a
<b>Building Permits (000's m2)</b>	11,730	10,114	7,778	1,022	622	775
<b>Cement Delivery (000s' tons)</b>	5,149	4,276	4,088	488	434	457
<b>Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)</b>	32,678	26,631	27,489	3,005	2,842	3,111
<b>Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)</b>	46,578	38,764	37,500	4,147	3,655	4,017
<b>Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port</b>	1,080,146	892,137	793,599	113,686	84,492	92,456
<b>Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port</b>	7,549,157	6,215,102	5,839,287	592,662	538,334	595,265
<b>Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA</b>	4,103	3,484	3,763	298	380	327
<b>Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA</b>	4,128	3,528	3,770	319	469	357
<b>Total exports of goods (million USD)</b>	2,844	2,364	2,464	251	214	265
<b>Total imports of goods (million USD)</b>	19,582	16,223	16,874	1,769	1,438	1,718
<b>Balance of Trade (million USD)</b>	-16,738	-13,859	-14,410	-1,518	-1,224	-1,453
<b>Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)</b>	-156	-1,078	-3,122	-888	-146	-1,810
<b>Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)</b>	35,806	-	-	36,769	34,150	34,619
<b>Consumer Price Index (End of period)</b>	103.89	-	-	102.46	107.68	108.89

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		
	2017*	Jan - Oct 2017*	Jan - Oct 2018	2017	Jan - Oct 2017	Jan - Oct 2018
1- Live animals, animal products	885	736	856	19	16	20
2- Vegetable products	980	774	778	179	147	143
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	164	138	130	36	28	41
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,375	1,153	1,124	458	380	324
5- Mineral products	4,301	3,595	3,553	48	44	25
6- Products of the chemical	2,135	1,750	1,838	320	269	301
7- Plastics & articles thereof	773	642	638	150	123	147
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	72	60	58	11	9	9
9- Wood & articles of wood	222	180	191	11	9	7
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	300	251	300	142	121	120
11- Textiles & textile articles	787	663	650	67	56	43
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	146	127	122	10	8	8
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	486	410	376	21	17	18
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	996	801	1,109	586	489	552
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,277	1,053	1,068	340	276	327
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,934	1,609	1,965	317	265	269
17- Transport equipment	1,883	1,559	1,407	22	17	19
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	352	292	305	18	15	14
19- Arms & ammunition	16	14	14	1	1	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	478	398	369	80	65	71
21- Works of art	21	18	22	8	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,582</b>	<b>16,223</b>	<b>16,874</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>2,464</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.

\* Corrected figures

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

	Jan - Oct 2017*	Share %	Jan - Oct 2018	Share %
CHINA	1,576	9.7	1,719	10.2
GREECE	1,138	7.0	1,475	8.7
ITALY	1,419	8.7	1,302	7.7
USA	1,252	7.7	1,194	7.1
GERMANY	1,017	6.3	980	5.8
TURKEY	653	4.0	818	4.8
FRANCE	604	3.7	569	3.4
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	623	3.8	542	3.2
UAE	286	1.8	500	3.0
EGYPT	504	3.1	467	2.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	7,151	44.1	7,308	43.3
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>16,223</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,874</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.

\* Corrected figures

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

	Jan - Oct 2017	Share %	Jan - Oct 2018	Share %
UAE	200	8.5	376	15.3
SAUDI ARABIA	196	8.3	169	6.9
SOUTH AFRICA	275	11.6	165	6.7
SYRIA	210	8.9	161	6.5
IRAQ	147	6.2	124	5.0
TURKEY	98	4.1	113	4.6
QATAR	77	3.3	109	4.4
SWITZERLAND	117	4.9	107	4.3
JORDAN	74	3.1	69	2.8
KUWAIT	79	3.3	67	2.7
OTHER COUNTRIES	891	37.7	1,004	40.7
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2017		2018		
	Oct	Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Reserves	152,625	156,667	183,189	187,717	191,194
-Cash	844	774	968	883	852
-Deposits at the Central Bank	151,781	155,893	182,222	186,834	190,342
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	79,509	80,824	79,535	79,388	78,855
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	26,637	26,400	26,740	26,324	25,841
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	52,872	54,424	52,795	53,064	53,014
Claims on the Public Sector	50,280	48,163	50,869	50,068	50,281
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	27,947	26,556	25,668	24,711	24,598
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	22,117	21,373	24,935	25,085	25,411
Foreign Assets	33,314	35,579	35,048	35,181	34,138
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	8,817	9,152	10,018	10,192	10,317
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	15,417	17,035	15,508	15,578	14,530
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,494	1,575	1,679	1,650	1,552
-Other Foreign Assets	6,281	6,409	6,176	6,168	6,137
-Non Resident securities portfolio	1,305	1,408	1,667	1,592	1,602
Tangible and intangible assets	6,598	7,131	7,276	7,356	7,408
Resident Private securities portfolio	2,148	2,355	2,836	2,755	2,808
Unclassified Assets	829	713	719	1,019	1,055
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>325,303</b>	<b>331,433</b>	<b>359,473</b>	<b>363,483</b>	<b>365,740</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	201,858	201,263	205,848	206,388	204,652
-Deposits in Lebanese Pound	77,167	73,100	74,442	73,770	72,774
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	124,691	128,164	131,406	132,618	131,878
Liabilities to the Public Sector	6,201	6,484	6,488	6,429	6,534
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	53,514	52,998	55,286	55,820	56,516
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,419	6,440	7,036	7,159	6,848
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	47,095	46,558	48,249	48,661	49,668
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	11,236	11,278	12,896	12,753	13,191
Bonds	416	416	294	278	286
Capital Base	28,117	28,831	30,246	30,281	30,193
-Core Capital	26,292	26,955	28,090	28,132	28,066
-Supplementary Capital	1,825	1,876	2,156	2,149	2,128
Unclassified Liabilities	23,961	30,163	48,415	51,534	54,367
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>325,303</b>	<b>331,433</b>	<b>359,473</b>	<b>363,483</b>	<b>365,740</b>

Source: BDL.



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

	2017		2018		
	Oct	Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>Money Supply</b>					
Currency in circulation	4,566	4,887	4,815	4,757	4,682
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,666	5,738	6,427	6,538	6,340
= M1	<b>10,232</b>	<b>10,624</b>	<b>11,242</b>	<b>11,296</b>	<b>11,022</b>
+ Other Deposits in LBP	72,648	68,542	68,974	68,157	67,451
= M2	<b>82,880</b>	<b>79,166</b>	<b>80,216</b>	<b>79,453</b>	<b>78,473</b>
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	126,067	129,477	132,128	133,366	132,650
+ Bonds	325	322	266	269	281
= M3	<b>209,272</b>	<b>208,965</b>	<b>212,611</b>	<b>213,088</b>	<b>211,404</b>
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	11,047	10,741	11,070	10,795	11,217
= M4	<b>220,319</b>	<b>219,706</b>	<b>223,681</b>	<b>223,883</b>	<b>222,621</b>
<b>Counterparts of the Money Supply</b>					
Net Foreign Assets	<b>49,460</b>	<b>51,043</b>	<b>47,833</b>	<b>47,311</b>	<b>45,095</b>
o/w Gold	17,706	18,033	16,772	16,452	16,942
Net Claims on the Public Sector	<b>77,498</b>	<b>76,231</b>	<b>77,085</b>	<b>78,359</b>	<b>78,983</b>
Valuation Adjustment	<b>-9,364</b>	<b>-9,726</b>	<b>-8,470</b>	<b>-8,163</b>	<b>-8,654</b>
Claims on the Private Sector	<b>85,230</b>	<b>86,023</b>	<b>83,767</b>	<b>83,652</b>	<b>83,108</b>
Claims in LBP	28,766	28,657	28,929	28,546	28,045
Claims in FC	56,463	57,366	54,838	55,106	55,063
Other Items (Net)	<b>6,449</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>12,396</b>	<b>11,928</b>	<b>12,872</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>209,272</b>	<b>208,965</b>	<b>212,611</b>	<b>213,088</b>	<b>211,404</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	Paris II					
		Bank	Banks			loans	Others <sup>(2)</sup>	IDI**	FG+	Total	
2016	Dec	112,910	30,150	29,581	10,797	70,528	1,577	1,395	48	39,362	42,382
2017	Oct	118,306	34,945	28,602	11,047	74,594	2,004	1,356	17	40,335	43,712
	Nov	119,656	34,077	28,587	11,100	73,764	2,010	1,316	18	42,548	45,892
	Dec	119,898	35,580	27,756	10,741	74,077	2,028	1,319	18	42,456	45,821
2018	Jan	121,198	37,822	26,413	10,869	75,104	2,049	1,348	19	42,678	46,094
	Feb	122,912	39,510	26,438	10,833	76,781	2,045	1,339	0	42,747	46,131
	Mar	123,423	40,547	25,908	10,845	77,300	2,053	1,342	0	42,728	46,123
	Apr	123,229	40,030	26,040	11,099	77,169	2,041	1,325	0	42,694	46,060
	May	124,383	32,701	26,538	11,336	70,575	2,026	1,209	0	50,573	53,808
	Jun	125,054	34,620	26,363	11,139	72,122	2,043	1,202	0	49,687	52,932
	Jul	124,975	34,127	26,480	11,226	71,833	2,020	1,205	0	49,917	53,142
	Aug	126,168	35,241	26,546	11,070	72,857	2,025	1,205	0	50,081	53,311
	Sep	126,400	36,590	25,622	10,795	73,007	2,058	1,199	0	50,136	53,393
	Oct	126,664	36,638	25,461	11,217	73,316	2,041	1,153	0	50,154	53,348

Source :BDL.

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

\*\* IDI : International Development Institutions.

+ FG : Foreign Governments.

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

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

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

Year And Month	In Circulation End of period	Issue	Reimbursement	Weighted	Weighted	
				Average	Average	
				Life	Interest	
				(days)	(%)	
2016	Dec	69,347	1,900	1,051	1,269	6.92
2017	Oct	73,223	3,025	1,421	1,365	6.90
	Nov	72,383	3,599	4,438	1,387	6.78
	Dec	72,812	3,247	2,818	1,420	6.65
2018	Jan	73,897	1,850	765	1,402	6.64
	Feb	75,445	2,395	847	1,394	6.64
	Mar	75,982	3,524	2,987	1,422	6.61
	Apr	75,805	3,225	3,402	1,475	6.57
	May	69,259	2,228	8,774	1,499	6.56
	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

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\$											
2016	Dec	8.23	7.35	5.56	3.52	3.00	0.98	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	4.94	6.96	7.33
2017	Oct	8.24	7.39	5.56	3.72	4.29	1.36	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Nov	7.98	7.32	5.88	3.80	69.06	1.43	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	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	Jan	8.56	7.74	6.53	3.91	4.00	1.73	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Feb	8.67	7.90	6.51	3.96	4.20	1.88	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Mar	8.95	7.89	6.64	4.04	4.30	2.17	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Apr	8.99	7.82	6.64	4.10	4.35	2.35	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	May	8.65	7.87	6.71	4.11	5.00	2.34	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	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

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.

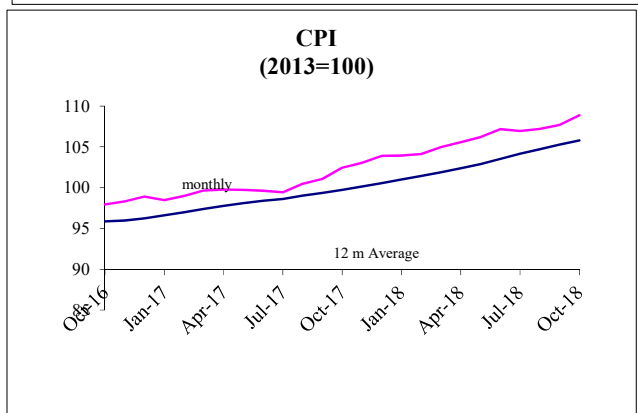
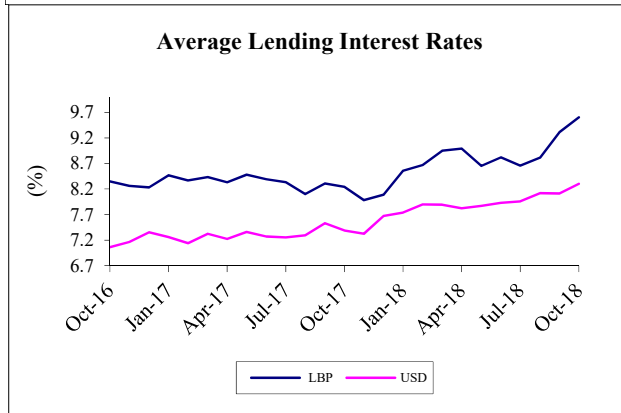
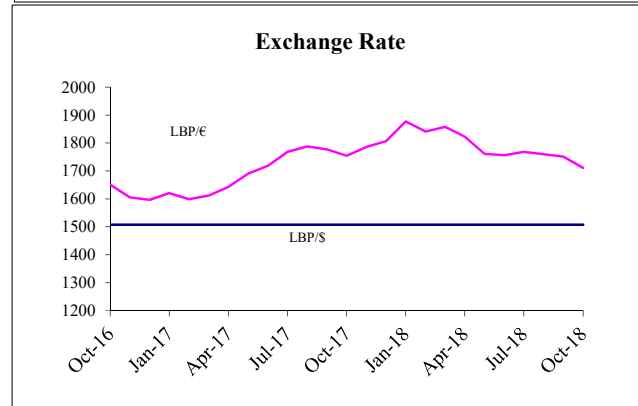
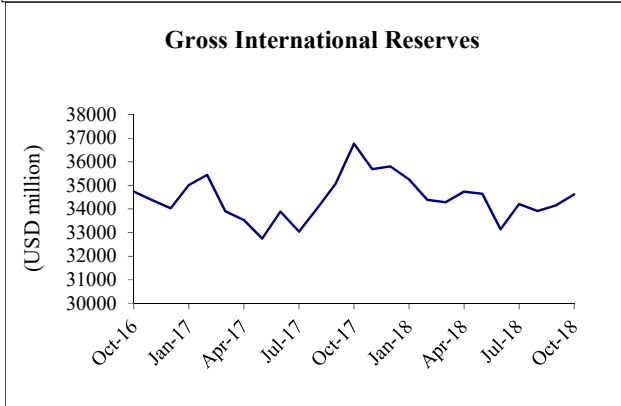
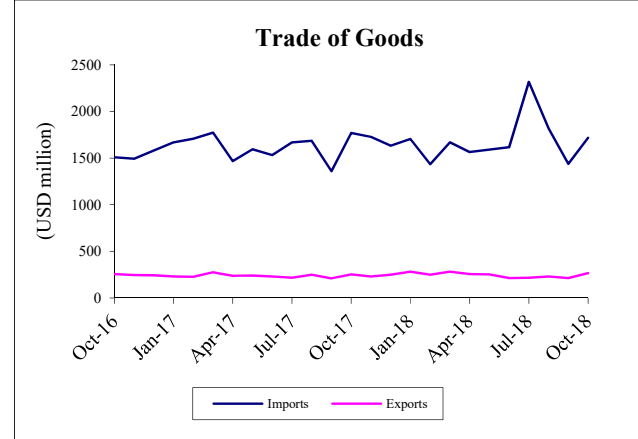
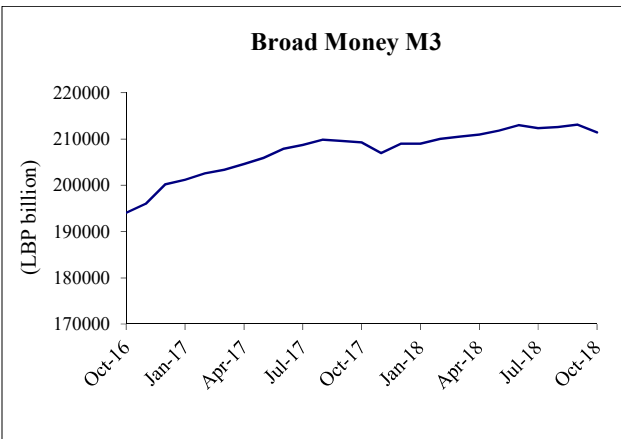
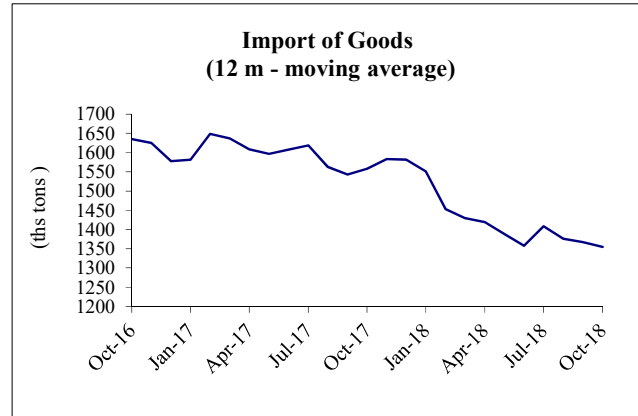
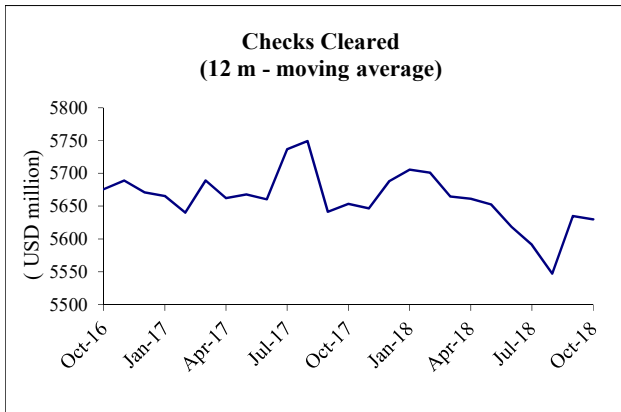
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES  
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2016	Dec	1,507.50	1,485.81	1,856.03	12.90	1,596.29
2017	Oct	1,507.50	1,510.22	1,992.92	13.30	1,754.58
	Nov	1,507.50	1,531.39	2,020.80	13.51	1,785.48
	Dec	1,507.50	1,545.04	2,035.58	13.39	1,806.59
2018	Jan	1,507.50	1,615.93	2,135.68	13.86	1,877.89
	Feb	1,507.50	1,598.28	2,086.83	14.07	1,841.86
	Mar	1,507.50	1,576.06	2,119.70	14.15	1,857.84
	Apr	1,507.50	1,523.03	2,069.04	13.80	1,823.17
	May	1,507.50	1,528.44	2,009.05	13.84	1,760.46
	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

Source: BDL.



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