



Summary:

In the first three quarters of 2018, most real sector indicators retreated in relation to the alike period of the preceding year. Both imports and exports of goods increased resulting in a larger trade deficit and the overall balance of payments had a cumulative negative balance. Banks' assets grew rapidly unlike deposits and official foreign currency reserves improved. The expansion in gross public debt accelerated and interest rates on deposits moved significantly upward.

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

Construction and real estate indicators improved in general in September 2018 when compared to the preceding month and September 2017.

	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17	Change % September 2018/September 2017
Construction permits				
Area (s.m)	618,416	674,438	716,026	-13.6
Number (permits)	1,081	1,005	1,092	-1.0
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	434	418	433	0.2
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	60.3	50.2	54.2	11.3
Real estate sales operations (number)	5,161	4,903	4,270	20.9
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	1,047	889	816	28.3
Real estate transactions (number)	13,593	12,183	10,665	27.5

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

2-Tourism

Indicators of tourism activity retreated in September 2018 in respect of the past month and the alike month of the previous year.

	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17	Change % September 2018/September 2017
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	379,789	525,155	379,965	0.0
Number of departing passengers at BIA	469,068	634,223	481,669	-2.6
Number of arriving tourists	166,526	223,353	162,135	2.7
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,408	4,295	3,477	-2.0
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,404	4,304	3,482	-2.2

Sources: Beirut International Airport, Ministry of Tourism.

3-Trade and Services

Trade and services indicators were mixed in September 2018 when compared to the previous month and September 2017.

	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17	Change % September 2018/September 2017
Checks Cleared				
Value (USD million)	5,540	5,439	4,485	23.5
Number (000 checks)	975	982	842	15.8
Checks Returned				
Value (USD million)	144	131	86	67.4
Number (checks)	24,002	24,073	16,603	44.6
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)	167	155	148	12.8
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)	538,334	624,495	559,068	-3.7
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)	84,492	74,372	94,216	-10.3
Discharged containers at POB (number)	20,813	23,762	22,674	-8.2
Revenues of POB (USD million)	16.6	19.0	15.5	7.1
Merchandise at BIA				
Imports (tons)	4,439	4,538	4,124	7.6
Exports (tons)	3,292	3,805	3,328	-1.1

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

4-Industry and Agriculture

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

	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17	Change % September 2018/September 2017
Electricity production (MKWH)	1,362	1,494	1,331	2.3
Imports of gas oil				
Value (million USD)	119.2	135.6	127.2	-6.3
Volume (tons)	170,135	201,006	244,184	-30.3
Agriculture imports (USD million)	138.5	140.9	122.7	12.9
Agriculture exports (USD million)	18.0	18.3	17.6	2.3

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

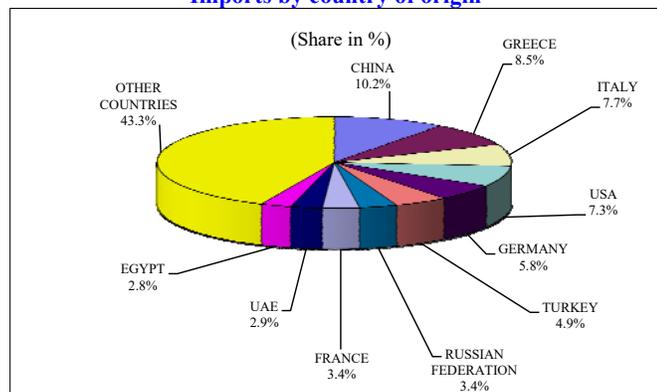
II- EXTERNAL SECTOR***In September 2018,***

Imports of goods decreased to USD 1,438 million from USD 1,820 million in the previous month but exceeded the USD 1,359 million reported in September 2017. Yet, imports increased in the first nine months of 2018 by 4.9 percent with reference to the first nine months of the previous year.



In the first three quarters 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 11.7 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 8.5 percent followed by Italy (7.7 percent) and USA (7.3 percent).

Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

LBP billion	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-17	Change % August 2018/August 2017
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	862.7	973.7	642.0	34.4
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	768.1	798.3	569.9	34.8
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	109.4	142.3	146.5	-25.3
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	340.1	438.8	305.0	11.5
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	362.1	225.5	361.5	0.2
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	145.9	164.0	171.1	-14.7

Source: BDL

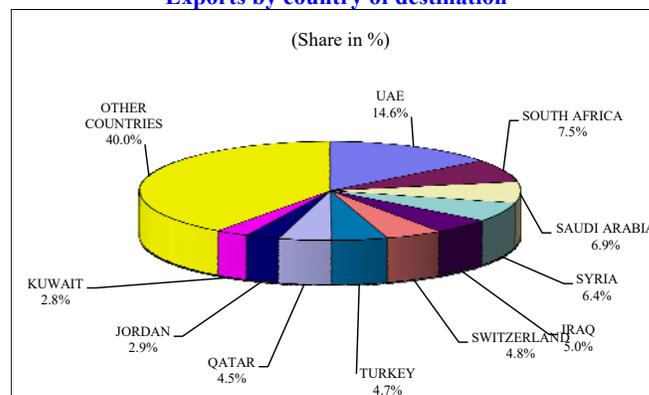
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Exports of goods retreated to USD 214 million compared to USD 229 million one month back (USD 210 million in September 2017). Nevertheless, exports rose in the first nine months of 2018 by 4.1 percent in respect of the first nine months of the preceding year.

In the first three quarters of 2018, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 23.0 percent of total exports, followed by base metals and prepared foodstuffs (13.4 percent for each) and products of the chemical (12.1 percent). UAE outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 14.6 percent share of the total,

trailed by South Africa with a share of 7.5 percent followed by Saudi Arabia (6.9 percent) and Syria (6.4 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit decreased as such to USD 1,224 million from USD 1,591 million in August 2018 (USD 1,149 million in September 2017). It widened, however, in the first nine months of 2018 by 5.0 percent vis-à-vis the first nine months of 2017.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
Imports	1,359	1,820	1,438
Exports	210	229	214
Trade deficit	-1,149	-1,591	-1,224
Balance of payments	457	-408	-146
Gross foreign currency reserves	35,058	33,919	34,150

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 146 million following a deficit of USD 408 million in August 2018 (USD 457 million surplus in September 2017). The USD 1,311 million negative balance recorded in the first nine months of 2018 represented a decrease in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -2,878 million) partly offset by an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +1,567 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank increased to USD 34,150 million at the end of September 2018 compared to USD 33,919 million at the end of the previous month (USD 35,058 million at end September 2017), meanwhile BDL foreign assets securities decreased to USD 9,381 million from USD 9,639 million at the end of August 2018 (USD 8,418



million at the end of September 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 363,483 billion (USD 241.1 billion) at the end of September 2018, thus increasing by 9.7 percent from end December 2017 (4.5 percent increase in the first nine months of 2017).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits grew by 3.0 percent in the first nine months of 2018 and constituted 73.9 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 268,637 billion (around USD 178.2 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
Total Assets	321,737	359,473	363,483
Total deposits	260,901	267,621	268,637
Resident customers' deposits	201,814	204,101	204,633
Non-resident customers' deposits	52,621	55,286	55,820
Resident financial sector liabilities	470	1,747	1,755
Public sector deposits	5,996	6,488	6,429
Non deposit liabilities	32,720	61,605	64,565
Capital accounts	28,116	30,246	30,281
Total claims on customers	87,784	88,748	88,847
Resident customers	79,022	78,730	78,656
Non-resident customers	8,763	10,018	10,192
Total claims on public sector	49,922	50,869	50,068
in LBP	26,758	25,934	24,983
in FC	23,163	24,935	25,085
Claims on non resident Financial sector	14,543	15,508	15,578
Non-resident securities portfolio	1,505	1,667	1,592
Other foreign assets*	16,527	17,872	18,010
Deposits at the central bank	149,605	182,222	186,834

Source: BDL.

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

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP increased by 1.7

percent from end December 2017, and those denominated in foreign currencies by 3.8 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate increased to 69.1 percent at end September 2018 (68.7 percent end December 2017). The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in non -resident private sector deposits (+5.3

percent) and in resident private sector deposits (+2.5 percent) but a decrease in public sector deposits (-0.8 percent) in the first nine months of 2018. Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 76.8 percent of total deposits at end September 2018 (20.8 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.4 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 30,281 billion (USD 20,087 million) at the end of September 2018 and represented around 8.3 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 5.0 percent from end December 2017.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers declined by 1.0 percent in the first nine months of 2018, reaching LBP 88,847 billion at the end of September 2018. The dollarization rate of these loans was 67.7 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 50,068 billion at the end of September 2018, thus increasing by 4.0 percent from end December 2017. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 24,711 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (34.4 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,640 million of Eurobonds (nearly 50.1 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) increased in the first nine months of 2018 by 19.8 percent to total LBP 186,834 billion at the end of September 2018, meanwhile claims on non- resident financial sector, decreased by 8.6 percent to LBP 15,578 billion (USD 10.3 billion) to represent 8.6 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies. Non-resident securities portfolio rose by 13.1 percent in the first nine months of 2018 to reach LBP 1,592 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 7,803 billion (around USD 5.2 billion) at the end of September 2018, thus increasing by 0.9 percent from end December

2017. Deposits, including those of resident and non – resident customers and resident financial sector decreased by 8.7 percent in the first nine months of 2018 to reach LBP 3,037 billion at the end of the period.

3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange increased to 3,154 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 25.1 million in September 2018 compared to 1,547 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 12.7 million in the previous month (7,527 thousand shares with a value of USD 49.8 million in September 2017).

During September 2018, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 80.1 percent for Banking, 19.3 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 0.3 percent for each of Industrial and Trade.

Capital Markets			
	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	7,527	1,547	3,154
Traded value (USD million)	49.8	12.7	25.1
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,356	9,960	9,685
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	71,619	71,662	71,762
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	26,977	32,509	32,506
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	950	950

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares decreased to USD 9,685 million at the end of September 2018, compared to USD 9,960 million at the end of the previous month and USD 11,356 million at the end of September 2017. Banking had a 86.0 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 10.1 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 71,762 billion and USD 32,506 million respectively at the end of September 2018 (LBP 71,662 billion and USD 32,509 million at the end of August 2018). In September 2018, Credit default swaps (CDS) on 5–years Lebanese Government Eurobonds in USD ranged between 661 bps and 828 bps and averaged 714 bps.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits and subordinated debt amounted to USD 950 million at the end of September 2018. **The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL** in the domestic currency decreased a little to LBP 47,801 billion from LBP 47,906 billion a month earlier while those issued in foreign currencies slightly increased to USD 23.1 billion.

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 213,088 billion at the end of September 2018, of which 62.7 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increasing by 2.0 percent from end December 2017.

Money Supply & Counterparts				
	LBP billion	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
M3		209,549	212,611	213,088
Net foreign assets		51,082	47,833	47,311
Net claims on public sector		77,005	77,085	78,359
Valuation Adjustment		-9,557	-8,470	-8,163
Claims on private sector		84,920	83,767	83,652
Other items-net		6,099	12,396	11,928
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		101.08	107.20	107.68

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 4,123 billion increase in M3 in the first nine months of 2018 resulted from an increase in each of net items other than foreign assets and claims on private and public sectors (+LBP 6,534 billion), net claims on public sector (+LBP 2,128 billion) and valuation adjustment (+LBP 1,563 billion) against a drop in net foreign assets (-LBP 3,732 billion) and claims on the private sector (-LBP 2,371 billion).

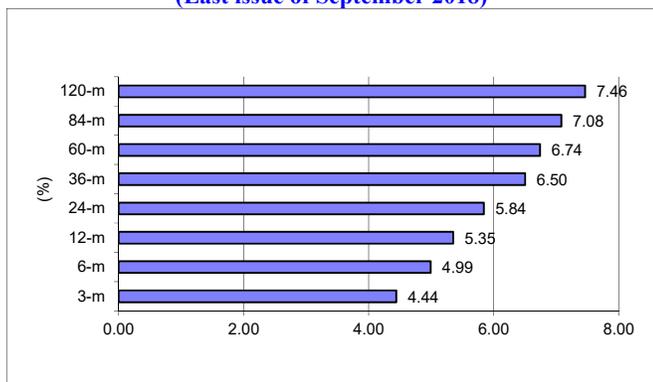
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 1.01 percent in the month of September 2018 compared to the previous month but increased by 4.2 percent from December 2017.



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics increased in September 2018 (by +0.44 percent) from August 2018 and by 3.65 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 September 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.

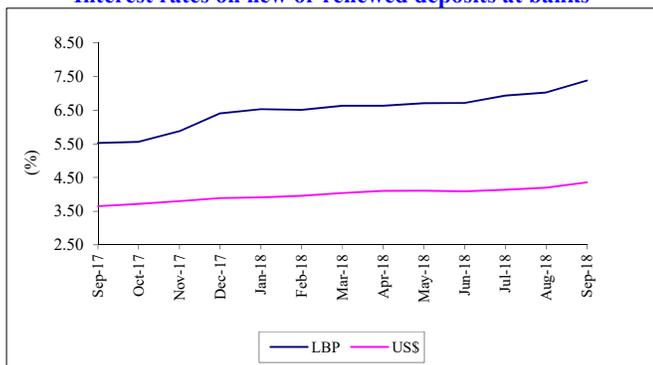
Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of September 2018)



Source: BDL

In September 2018, **the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks** increased to 7.39 percent (7.03 percent a month ago) and 4.36 percent (4.20 percent in August 2018) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 2.35 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In September 2018, **the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP** increased to 9.31 percent (8.81 percent a month ago) while **the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in USD** stood almost unchanged at 8.11 percent (8.12 percent in August 2018).

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,727 billion in June 2018 to sum LBP 8,956 billion in the first half 2018 (LBP 9,136 billion in the first half 2017). The LBP 8,956 billion revenues comprised LBP 6,888 billion tax revenues, LBP 1,297 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 771 billion treasury receipts.

Fiscal Situation

	LBP billion	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18
Government revenues		822	1,483	1,727
Tax revenues		675	1,077	1,561
Non-tax revenues		101	216	119
Treasury receipts		47	189	47
Government expenditures		1,780	3,002	1,900
Debt service		641	1,536	473
Others		1,139	1,466	1,427
Overall balance		-957	-1,519	-173
Primary balance		-316	17	300

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,900 billion in June 2018 to total LBP 13,533 billion in the first half 2018 (LBP 10,504 billion in the first half 2017). The LBP 13,533 billion expenditures included LBP 4,343 billion debt service and LBP 9,190 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,527 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years, LBP 1,113 billion to EDL and LBP 668 billion transfers to municipalities.

Total Deficit increased as such to LBP 4,577 billion in the first half 2018 from LBP 1,368 billion in the first half 2017, and the primary balance reported an LBP 234 billion deficit compared to an LBP 2,457 billion surplus respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 126,387 billion (the equivalent of USD 83.8 billion) at the end of September 2018, thus increasing by 5.4 percent when compared to end December 2017 (4.3 percent growth in the first nine months of 2017).



Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 110,990 billion at the end of September 2018, therefore increasing by 6.5 percent from end of December 2017 (4.3 percent growth in the first nine months of 2017).

Public Debt

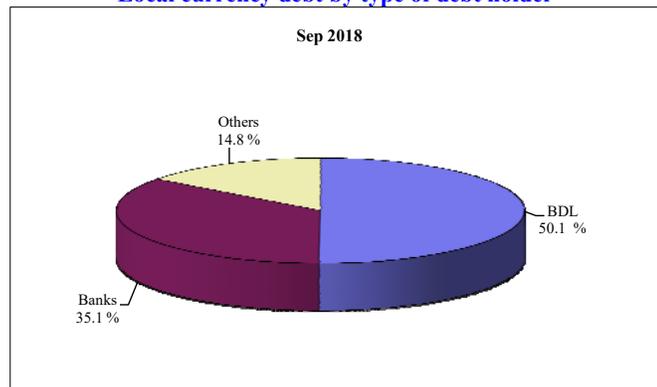
LBP billion	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
Public Debt (Gross)	117,820	126,166	126,387
Debt in LBP	72,856	72,857	73,007
Debt in FC	44,964	53,309	53,380
Public Debt (Net)	102,509	109,835	110,990
Public sector deposits	15,311	16,331	15,397
Banks	5,996	6,674	6,586
BDL	9,315	9,657	8,811

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 57.8 percent and 42.2 percent respectively at the end of September 2018. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 35.1 percent for banks (36.4 percent end of August 2018), 50.1 percent for the Central bank (48.4 percent in the previous month) and 14.8 percent for the non-banking sector (15.2 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (93.7 percent), Multilateral (3.8 percent), Bilateral (2.2 percent) and others (0.3 percent).

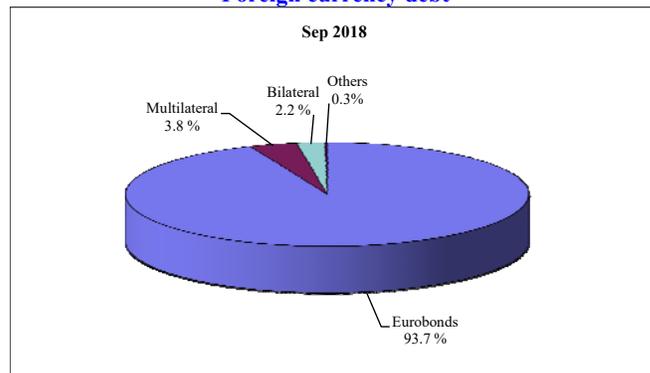
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,516 days (4.16 years) as at end September 2018 with a weighted interest of 6.12 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.70 years with a weighted interest of 6.73 percent.

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



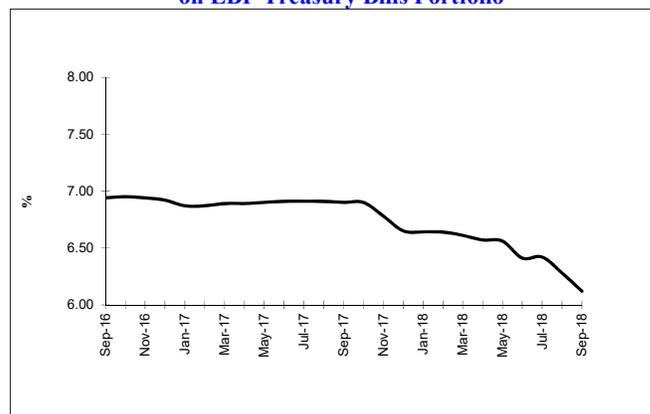
Source: BDL.

Foreign currency debt

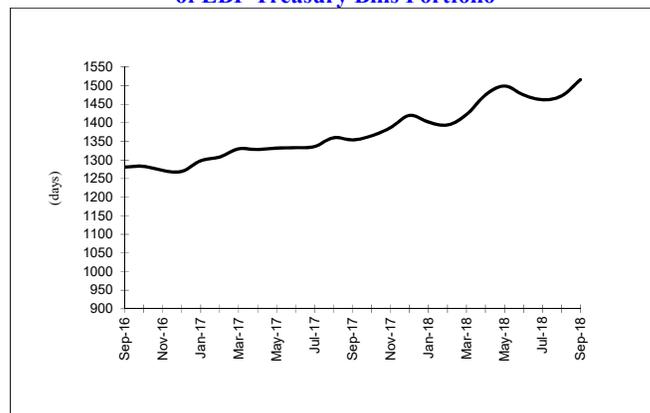


Source: BDL.

Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2017	Jan - Sep 2017	Jan - Sep 2018	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	257,402	194,141	n.a.	30,116	27,581	n.a
Building Permits (000's m2)	11,730	9,092	6,999	716	675	620
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	5,149	3,788	3,631	433	418	434
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	32,678	23,626	24,378	2,224	2,679	2,842
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	46,578	34,617	33,483	3,010	3,662	3,655
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	1,080,146	778,451	701,143	94,216	74,372	84,492
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,549,157	5,622,440	5,244,022	559,068	624,495	538,334
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	4,103	3,186	3,435	380	525	380
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	4,128	3,209	3,413	482	634	469
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,844	2,112	2,199	210	229	214
Total imports of goods (million USD)	19,582	14,454	15,156	1,359	1,820	1,438
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-16,738	-12,342	-12,957	-1,149	-1,591	-1,224
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	-156	-190	-1,311	457	-408	-146
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	35,806	-	-	35,058	33,919	34,150
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	103.89	-	-	101.08	107.20	107.68

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 - Sep	Jan - Sep		Jan - Sep	Jan - Sep
	2017*	2017*	2018	2017	2017	2018
1- Live animals, animal products	885	650	753	19	14	18
2- Vegetable products	980	707	708	179	123	124
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	164	120	111	36	25	36
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,375	1,019	999	458	334	294
5- Mineral products	4,301	3,232	3,204	48	41	21
6- Products of the chemical	2,135	1,561	1,654	320	240	267
7- Plastics & articles thereof	773	558	564	150	107	130
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	72	53	52	11	8	8
9- Wood & articles of wood	222	162	167	11	8	6
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	300	223	270	142	110	109
11- Textiles & textile articles	787	573	574	67	50	39
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	146	111	109	10	8	7
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	486	361	338	21	15	17
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	996	737	1,010	586	461	505
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,277	936	964	340	244	295
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,934	1,434	1,772	317	235	226
17- Transport equipment	1,883	1,381	1,269	22	13	17
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	352	257	274	18	13	13
19- Arms & ammunition	16	12	12	1	1	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	478	349	332	80	57	64
21- Works of art	21	16	19	8	5	4
Total	19,582	14,454	15,156	2,844	2,112	2,199

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Sep	Share	Jan - Sep	Share
	2017*	%	2018	%
CHINA	1,388	9.6	1,542	10.2
GREECE	1,030	7.1	1,285	8.5
ITALY	1,270	8.8	1,160	7.7
USA	1,106	7.7	1,113	7.3
GERMANY	893	6.2	873	5.8
TURKEY	577	4.0	739	4.9
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	588	4.1	522	3.4
FRANCE	536	3.7	508	3.4
UAE	252	1.7	435	2.9
EGYPT	448	3.1	421	2.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	6,366	44.0	6,558	43.3
TOTAL IMPORTS	14,454	100.0	15,156	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Sep	Share	Jan - Sep	Share
	2017	%	2018	%
UAE	180	8.5	320	14.6
SOUTH AFRICA	257	12.2	165	7.5
SAUDI ARABIA	176	8.3	152	6.9
SYRIA	187	8.9	140	6.4
IRAQ	133	6.3	110	5.0
SWITZERLAND	112	5.3	106	4.8
TURKEY	88	4.2	104	4.7
QATAR	66	3.1	98	4.5
JORDAN	65	3.1	63	2.9
KUWAIT	69	3.3	61	2.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	779	36.9	880	40.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	2,112	100.0	2,199	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2017		2018		
	Sep	Dec	Jul	Aug	Sep
ASSETS					
Reserves	150,475	156,667	181,826	183,189	187,717
-Cash	871	774	880	968	883
-Deposits at the Central Bank	149,605	155,893	180,946	182,222	186,834
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	79,356	80,824	79,461	79,535	79,388
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	26,238	26,400	26,731	26,740	26,324
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	53,117	54,424	52,729	52,795	53,064
Claims on the Public Sector	49,922	48,163	50,178	50,869	50,068
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	26,549	26,556	25,579	25,668	24,711
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	23,163	21,373	24,317	24,935	25,085
Foreign Assets	32,575	35,579	34,011	35,048	35,181
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	8,763	9,152	9,808	10,018	10,192
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	14,543	17,035	14,728	15,508	15,578
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,469	1,575	1,658	1,679	1,650
-Other Foreign Assets	6,296	6,409	6,177	6,176	6,168
-Non Resident securities portfolio	1,505	1,408	1,641	1,667	1,592
Tangible and intangible assets	6,572	7,131	7,271	7,276	7,356
Resident Private securities portfolio	2,049	2,355	2,856	2,836	2,755
Unclassified Assets	789	713	642	719	1,019
TOTAL ASSETS	321,737	331,433	356,244	359,473	363,483
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	202,284	201,263	205,614	205,848	206,388
-Deposits in Lebanese Pound	77,815	73,100	75,009	74,442	73,770
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	124,469	128,164	130,605	131,406	132,618
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,996	6,484	6,343	6,488	6,429
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	52,621	52,998	55,203	55,286	55,820
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,558	6,440	7,114	7,036	7,159
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	46,063	46,558	48,089	48,249	48,661
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	10,749	11,278	12,647	12,896	12,753
Bonds	422	416	256	294	278
Capital Base	28,116	28,831	30,317	30,246	30,281
-Core Capital	26,292	26,955	28,150	28,090	28,132
-Supplementary Capital	1,824	1,876	2,167	2,156	2,149
Unclassified Liabilities	21,549	30,163	45,865	48,415	51,534
TOTAL LIABILITIES	321,737	331,433	356,244	359,473	363,483

Source: BDL.



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

	2017		2018		
	Sep	Dec	Jul	Aug	Sep
<u>Money Supply</u>					
Currency in circulation	4,492	4,887	4,857	4,815	4,757
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,947	5,738	6,598	6,427	6,538
= M1	10,439	10,624	11,455	11,242	11,296
+ Other Deposits in LBP	73,003	68,542	69,313	68,974	68,157
= M2	83,442	79,166	80,768	80,216	79,453
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	125,781	129,477	131,316	132,128	133,366
+ Bonds	327	322	251	266	269
= M3	209,549	208,965	212,335	212,611	213,088
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	11,292	10,741	11,226	11,069	10,795
= M4	220,841	219,706	223,561	223,680	223,883
<u>Counterparts of the Money Supply</u>					
Net Foreign Assets	51,082	51,043	48,638	47,833	47,311
o/w Gold	17,902	18,033	16,942	16,772	16,452
Net Claims on the Public Sector	77,005	76,231	75,915	77,085	78,359
Valuation Adjustment	-9,557	-9,726	-8,660	-8,470	-8,163
Claims on the Private Sector	84,920	86,023	83,704	83,767	83,652
Claims in LBP	28,312	28,657	28,929	28,929	28,546
Claims in FC	56,608	57,366	54,776	54,838	55,106
Other Items (Net)	6,099	5,394	12,737	12,396	11,928
TOTAL	209,549	208,965	212,335	212,611	213,088

Source: BDL.



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

Year And Month	Total Debt	Local Currency Debt				Foreign Currency Debt					
		Central				Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II		Total
		Bank	Banks	Others ⁽¹⁾	loans				Others ⁽²⁾		
2016	Dec	112,910	30,150	29,581	10,797	70,528	1,577	1,395	48	39,362	42,382
2017	Sep	117,820	34,432	27,132	11,292	72,856	1,999	1,390	18	41,557	44,964
	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	126,166	35,241	26,546	11,070	72,857	2,023	1,205	0	50,081	53,309
	Sep	126,387	36,590	25,622	10,795	73,007	2,047	1,197	0	50,136	53,380

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	Sep	71,619	2,360	1,095	1,354	6.90
	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

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	Sep	8.31	7.53	5.53	3.65	4.00	1.32	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	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

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.

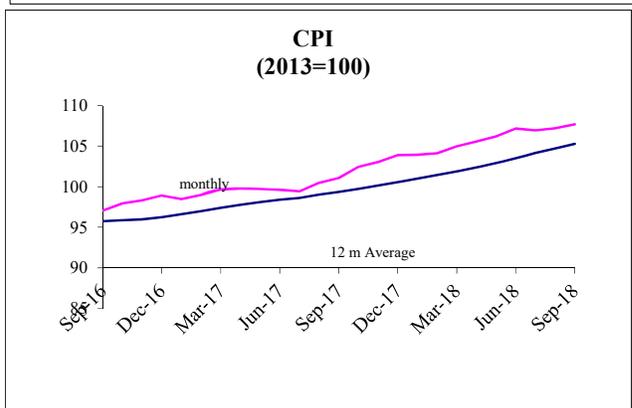
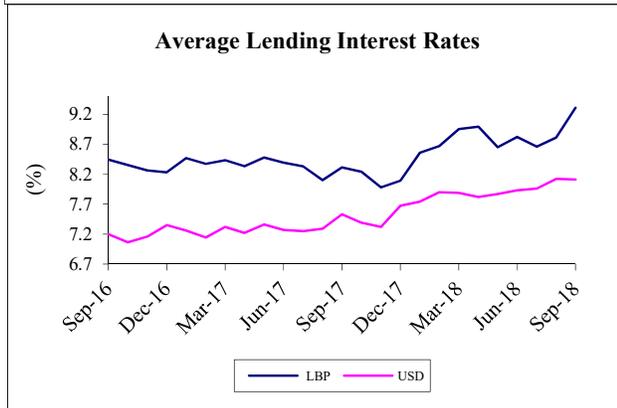
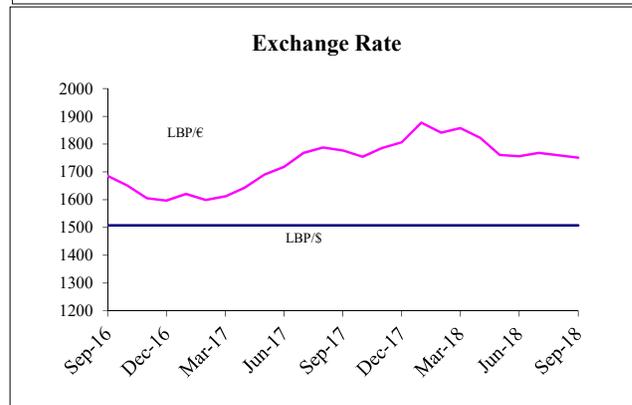
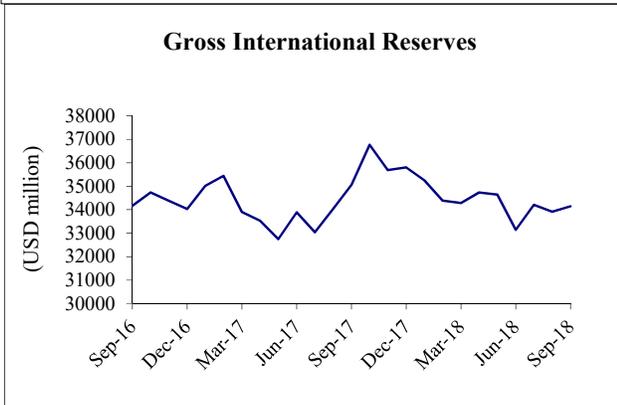
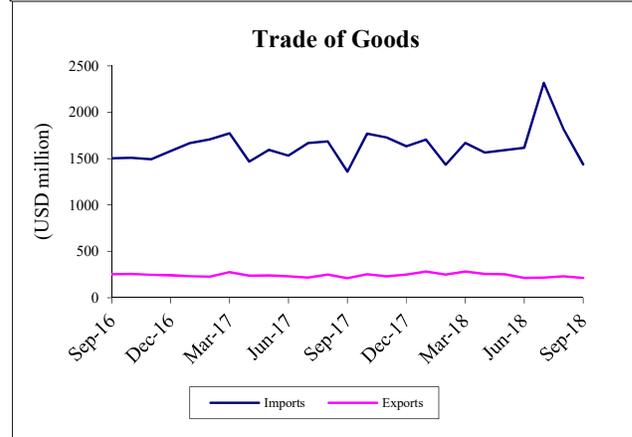
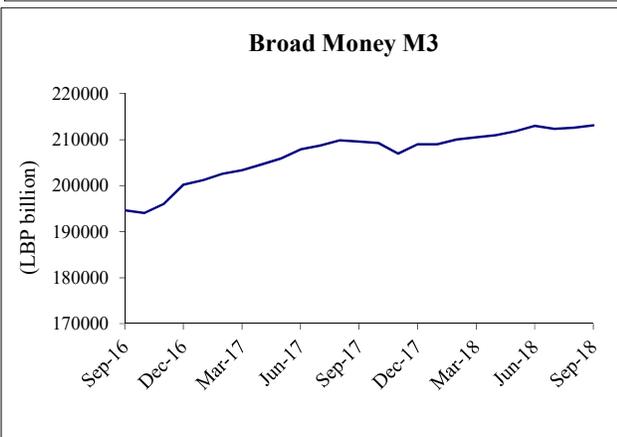
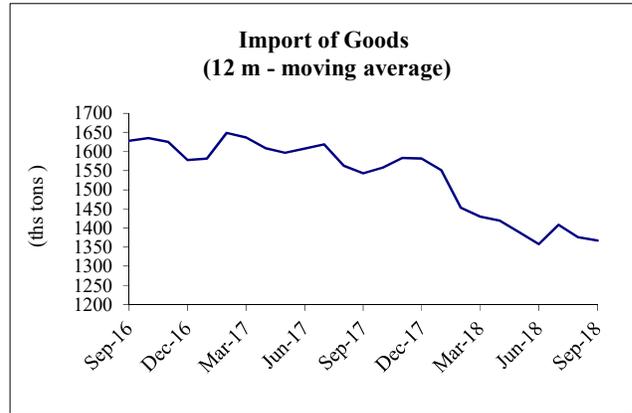
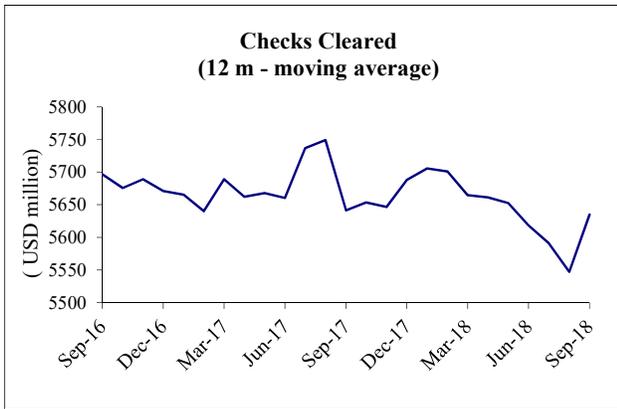
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

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	Sep	1,507.50	1,552.52	2,015.98	13.40	1,777.49
	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

Source: BDL.



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