

Key Indicators



Issue: September – October 2019

LBP= Lebanese Pound; USD= US Dollar; FC= Foreign Currency; () indicates a negative number; CD= Certificate of Deposit; BDL= Banque du Liban.

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Banque Du Liban (BDL), Association des Banques du Liban (ABL), Lebanese Customs Administration, CAS.

Indicators of Economic Activity (million USD unless otherwise mentioned)

| | 2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1- Building permits (000 m²) | 9,020 | 628 | 484 | 477 |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | | | 5,072 |
| 2- Cement Deliveries (000 tons) | 4,702 | 368 | 315 | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | | | |
| 3- Imports of Goods | 19,980 | 2,196 | 1,504 | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | | | |
| 4- Exports of Goods | 2,952 | 365 | 375 | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | | | |
| 5- Balance of Trade in Goods = (4) - (3) | (17,028) | (1,831) | (1,129) | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | | | |
| 6- Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the Financial Sector ¹ | (4,823) | 72 | 922 | (59) |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | | | (4,455) |
| 7- Total Checks Cleared (billion LBP) | 100,353 | 7,644 | 7,294 | 7,540 |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | | | 63,930 |
| 8- BDL Coincident Indicator (Average 93=100) -Index² | 300.7 | 304.3 | 291.6 | n.a. |
| 9- CAS Consumer Price Index (Dec 2013=100)- Index² | 108.02 | 108.50 | 108.51 | 108.85 |
| 10- BDL FC Gross Reserves (end of period) | 32,514 | 31,064 | 30,603 | 29,297 |
| 11- LBP / USD (period average) | 1507.50 | 1507.50 | 1507.50 | 1507.50 |

¹ The Financial sector includes BDL, Commercial Banks, Medium & Long Term Banks, and Financial institutions.

² The figures in the 2018 column are related to the month of December.

Consolidated Balance Sheet of Commercial Banks - Main Items (end of period - billion LBP)

| | Dec-2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Assets | | | | |
| 1- Deposits of Commercial Banks at BDL | 196,288 | 222,823 | 227,930 | 230,202 |
| 2- Claims on Resident Private Sector | 78,796 | 73,574 | 73,210 | 72,112 |
| - in LBP | 24,850 | 22,429 | 22,331 | 21,797 |
| - in FC | 53,946 | 51,145 | 50,879 | 50,316 |
| 3- Claims on Public Sector | 50,651 | 48,274 | 47,951 | 47,715 |
| - in LBP | 26,473 | 25,596 | 25,470 | 25,315 |
| - in FC | 24,178 | 22,678 | 22,481 | 22,400 |
| 4- Foreign Assets | 37,991 | 33,083 | 32,597 | 32,150 |
| - o/w Claims on Non Resident Financial Sector | 18,074 | 14,162 | 13,771 | 13,531 |
| Currency and Deposits with other Central Banks | 1,487 | 1,421 | 1,351 | 1,212 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| 5- Resident Private Sector Deposits | 205,859 | 204,233 | 204,293 | 201,518 |
| - in LBP | 70,696 | 67,452 | 66,926 | 63,936 |
| - in FC | 135,163 | 136,781 | 137,367 | 137,582 |
| 6- Public Sector Deposits | 6,445 | 6,906 | 7,135 | 7,119 |
| 7- Deposits of Non Resident Private Sector | 56,870 | 55,585 | 55,811 | 55,211 |
| - in LBP | 6,501 | 5,990 | 5,878 | 5,656 |
| - in FC | 50,369 | 49,595 | 49,933 | 49,556 |
| 8- Deposits of Non Resident Banks | 13,961 | 14,261 | 14,543 | 14,564 |
| 9- Capital Accounts | 30,383 | 31,253 | 31,234 | 31,100 |
| 10- Other Liabilities | 62,256 | 77,890 | 81,103 | 85,072 |
| 11- Total (Assets = Liabilities) | 376,097 | 390,720 | 394,807 | 395,260 |

Interest Rates on LBP Accounts

| | Dec-2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1- Simple Average Interest Rate on Deposits of Banks at BDL (%) | 4.22 | 4.22 | 4.22 | 4.22 |
| 2- Weighted Yield on TB's (%) | 7.08 | 7.36 | 7.40 | 7.46 |
| 3- Weighted Average Lending Rate (%) ¹ | 9.91 | 10.94 | 11.10 | 11.10 |
| 4- Weighted Average Rate on CDs issued by BDL(%) | 8.73 | 8.74 | 8.74 | 8.74 |
| 5- Weighted Return on Uses of Funds (%) ² | 8.60 | 9.44 | 9.53 | 9.64 |
| 6- Weighted Average Rate on Deposits (%) ³ | 8.00 | 8.78 | 8.85 | 8.96 |
| 7- Spread (%) ⁴ = (5) - (6) | 0.60 | 0.66 | 0.68 | 0.68 |

¹ Average of the last three months on new loans. Starting January 2016, lending rates are calculated according to intermediary circular No 389.

² Calculated.

³ Average of the last three months on new deposits.

⁴ Does not take into account the cost of Capital, nor the cost of other debt sources of funds such as Interbank borrowing or facilities from the Central Bank.

Resident Private Sector Deposits in LBP at Commercial Banks (billion LBP)

| Date | Demand Deposits | Time Deposits | Total | Weekly Change |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| 12/31/2018 | 6,653 | 65,167 | 71,820 | |
| 9/26/2019 | 5,996 | 59,359 | 65,355 | |
| 10/3/2019 | 6,153 | 58,203 | 64,356 | (999) |
| 10/10/2019 | 6,058 | 57,355 | 63,413 | (943) |
| 10/17/2019 | 6,093 | 56,527 | 62,620 | (793) |

Interest Rates on USD Accounts

| | Dec-2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1- Average Rate on USD Deposits at BDL (%) | 6.01 | 5.98 | 5.94 | 5.97 |
| 2- Average LIBOR 3-month on \$ Deposits (%) | 2.79 | 2.29 | 2.17 | 2.13 |
| 3- Weighted Average Interest Rate on Eurobonds(%)¹ | 6.91 | 6.96 | 6.96 | 6.96 |
| 4- Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)² | 8.48 | 9.64 | 9.81 | 10.06 |
| 5- Weighted Return on Uses of Funds (%)³ | 6.41 | 6.67 | 6.68 | 6.77 |
| 6- Weighted Average Rate on Deposits (%)⁴ | 4.89 | 5.88 | 6.02 | 6.26 |
| 7- Spread (%)⁵ = (5) - (6) | 1.51 | 0.79 | 0.67 | 0.51 |

¹ Does not take into account the contribution of Paris II by parties other than the domestic commercial banks.

² Average of the last three months on new loans. Starting January 2016, lending rates are calculated according to intermediary circular No 389.

³ Calculated.

⁴ Average of the last three months on new deposits.

⁵ Does not take into account the cost of capital.

Resident Private Sector Deposits in FC at Commercial Banks (million USD)

| Date | Total Deposits | Weekly Change |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 12/31/2018 | 90,325 | |
| 9/26/2019 | 91,682 | |
| 10/3/2019 | 91,916 | 234 |
| 10/10/2019 | 91,916 | 0 |
| 10/17/2019 | 92,074 | 159 |

Outstanding CDs (end of period)

| | Dec-2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| CDs issued by BDL in LBP (billion LBP) | 47,734 | 48,040 | 48,040 | 48,043 |
| CDs issued by BDL in USD (billion USD) | 23.1 | 22.7 | 22.7 | 22.7 |
| CDs Issued by Banks (million USD) | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |

Outstanding Eurobonds (end of period - million USD)

| | Dec-2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Eurobonds Issued by the Lebanese Government | 30,964 | 29,814 | 29,814 | 29,814 |
| Notes and Bonds Issued by Banks | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 |

Monetary Data* (end of period - billion LBP)

| | Dec-2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1- M1 | 11,661 | 10,800 | 11,255 | 11,692 |
| 2- M2 | 76,828 | 73,729 | 73,143 | 70,441 |
| 3- M3 | 212,993 | 211,565 | 211,648 | 209,290 |
| 4- M2 + TB's held by Individuals & Institutional Investors | 88,272 | 84,950 | 84,607 | 81,920 |
| 5- M3 - M2 | 136,165 | 137,836 | 138,506 | 138,849 |
| 6- (M3 - M2)/M3 (%) | 63.93 | 65.15 | 65.44 | 66.34 |

*Starting January 2017, the compilation of the monetary aggregates and their counterparts is based on the consolidated balance sheets of depository corporations.

Public Finance (billion LBP)

| | 2018 | Jul-2019 | Aug-2019 | Sep-2019 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 1- Total Receipts ¹ | 17,405 | 1,843 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | 10,516 | | |
| 2- Total Payments ¹ | 26,821 | 1,829 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | 14,147 | | |
| - o/w debt service | 8,457 | 390 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | 4,501 | | |
| 3- Overall Deficit / Surplus = (1) - (2) | (9,416) | 15 | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | (3,631) | | |
| 4- Overall Deficit in % of total Payments | -35.1% | 0.8% | n.a. | n.a. |
| <i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i> | | -25.7% | | |
| 5- Primary Balance ¹ (cumulative since the beginning of the year) | (958) | 870 | n.a. | n.a. |
| 6- Gross Public Debt ² | 128,347 | 129,654 | 130,085 | 130,815 |
| 6.1- Debt in LBP ² | 77,852 | 80,829 | 81,090 | 81,825 |
| 6.2- Debt in Foreign Currency ² | 50,495 | 48,825 | 48,995 | 48,990 |
| 7- Public Sector Deposits ^{2,3} | 14,186 | 13,461 | 13,132 | 13,085 |
| 8- Net Public Debt ² = (6) - (7) | 114,161 | 116,193 | 116,953 | 117,730 |

¹ Include treasury and budget transactions.

² Figures as at end of period.

³ Deposits at BDL, Commercial Banks and MLT Banks.

Outstanding Lebanese Treasury Bills in LBP (end of period - billion LBP)

| | Dec-2018 | | Jul-2019 | | Aug-2019 | | Sep-2019 | |
|--|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Portfolio: Amount and share | | | | | | | | |
| 3-month | 231 | 0.30 | 34 | 0.04 | 14 | 0.02 | 0 | 0.00 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 4.39 | | 5.23 | | 5.23 | | no issue | |
| 6-month | 323 | 0.42 | 92 | 0.12 | 91 | 0.11 | 85 | 0.11 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 4.87 | | 5.68 | | 5.68 | | 5.68 | |
| 12-month | 2,195 | 2.87 | 1,466 | 1.85 | 1,542 | 1.94 | 1,455 | 1.81 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 5.08 | | 6.10 | | 6.10 | | 6.10 | |
| 24-month | 6,966 | 9.10 | 5,858 | 7.38 | 5,494 | 6.90 | 5,193 | 6.47 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 5.76 | | 6.88 | | 6.88 | | 6.88 | |
| 36-month | 10,308 | 13.46 | 9,822 | 12.37 | 9,662 | 12.13 | 9,393 | 11.70 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 6.40 | | 7.36 | | 7.36 | | 7.36 | |
| 60-month | 17,778 | 23.22 | 18,652 | 23.49 | 18,689 | 23.46 | 18,834 | 23.45 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 6.63 | | 7.85 | | 7.85 | | 7.85 | |
| 84-month | 11,311 | 14.77 | 13,235 | 16.67 | 13,359 | 16.77 | 13,825 | 17.22 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 6.96 | | 8.81 | | 8.81 | | 8.81 | |
| 96-month | 1,832 | 2.39 | 1,832 | 2.31 | 1,832 | 2.30 | 1,832 | 2.28 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | no issue | | no issue | | no issue | | no issue | |
| 120-month | 21,138 | 27.60 | 23,929 | 30.13 | 24,499 | 30.75 | 25,196 | 31.37 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 9.76 | | 9.76 | | 9.76 | | 9.76 | |
| 144-month | 3,076 | 4.02 | 3,076 | 3.87 | 3,076 | 3.86 | 3,076 | 3.83 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | no issue | | no issue | | no issue | | no issue | |
| 180-month | 1,417 | 1.85 | 1,417 | 1.78 | 1,417 | 1.78 | 1,417 | 1.76 |
| <i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i> | 10.24 | | no issue | | no issue | | no issue | |
| Total | 76,575 | 100 | 79,413 | 100 | 79,675 | 100 | 80,306 | 100 |
| Banking System | 65,734 | 85.84 | 68,792 | 86.63 | 68,777 | 86.32 | 69,398 | 86.42 |
| Public Sector | 9,851 | 12.86 | 9,668 | 12.17 | 9,949 | 12.49 | 9,976 | 12.42 |
| Individuals and individual institutions | 990 | 1.29 | 953 | 1.20 | 949 | 1.19 | 932 | 1.16 |