

Key Indicators



ASSOCIATION OF BANKS IN LEBANON

Issue: January - February 2021

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)

	2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
1- Building permits (000 m ²)	6,081	587	904	64
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			5,478	
2- Cement Deliveries (000 tons)	3,203	163	204	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			1,958	
3- Imports of Goods	19,239	1,006	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
4- Exports of Goods	3,731	283	na.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
5- Balance of Trade in Goods = (4) - (3)	(15,508)	(723)	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
6- Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the Financial Sector ¹	(5,851)	(214)	(348)	(411)
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			(10,551)	
7- Total Checks Cleared (billion LBP)	85,902	5,918	7,152	3,392
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			81,144	
8- BDL Coincident Indicator (Average 93=100) -Index ²	265.9	164.5	n.a.	n.a.
9- CAS Consumer Price Index (Dec 2013=100)- Index ²	115.54	262.64	284.04	292.11
10- BDL FC Gross Reserves (end of period)	29,553	19,028	18,604	17,976
11- LBP / USD (period average-official rate)	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 2019 column are related to the month of December.

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

	Dec-2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
Assets				
1- Deposits of Commercial Banks at BDL	177,468	167,170	166,477	166,872
2- Claims on Resident Private Sector	66,627	49,593	48,288	47,696
- in LBP	20,883	19,821	19,674	19,539
- in FC	45,744	29,772	28,614	28,157
3- Claims on Public Sector	43,240	33,158	31,745	31,812
- in LBP	22,413	18,261	17,588	17,569
- in FC	20,827	14,897	14,157	14,243
4- Foreign Assets	26,534	20,363	21,140	21,262
- o/w Claims on Non Resident Financial Sector	10,202	6,942	7,110	7,269
Currency and Deposits with other Central Banks	887	937	871	960
Liabilities				
5- Resident Private Sector Deposits	190,566	170,041	168,519	168,175
- in LBP	52,687	38,281	37,779	38,112
- in FC	137,879	131,761	130,740	130,063
6- Public Sector Deposits	7,379	7,977	8,264	8,356
7- Deposits of Non Resident Private Sector	48,920	40,877	41,233	41,235
- in LBP	4,733	3,296	3,403	3,352
- in FC	44,187	37,581	37,830	37,883
8- Deposits of Non Resident Banks	13,310	10,781	9,924	9,738
9- Capital Accounts	31,240	28,515	30,045	25,661
10- Other Liabilities	34,766	27,869	24,675	30,070
11- Total (Assets = Liabilities)	326,797	286,892	283,474	283,918

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.

Interest Rates on LBP Accounts

	Dec-2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
1- Simple Average Interest Rate on Deposits of Banks at BDL (%)	4.22	2.22	2.22	2.22
2- Weighted Yield on TB's (%)	7.53	7.50	7.55	7.55
3- Weighted Average Lending Rate (%) ¹	9.99	7.81	7.77	8.07
4- Weighted Average Rate on CDs issued by BDL(%)	8.74	8.78	8.78	8.80
5- Weighted Return on Uses of Funds (%) ²	9.70	6.54	6.42	6.18
6- Weighted Average Rate on Deposits (%) ³	8.60	3.13	2.90	2.62
7- Spread (%) ⁴ = (5) - (6)	1.11	3.41	3.52	3.56

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
12/31/2020	10,914	27,354	38,268	
2/25/2021	12,034	26,559	38,593	
3/4/2021	12,277	26,347	38,624	31
3/11/2021	11,930	26,065	37,995	(629)
3/18/2021	11,743	25,913	37,656	(339)

Interest Rates on USD Accounts

	Dec-2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
1- Average Rate on USD Deposits at BDL (%)	6.00	3.91	3.93	3.91
2- Average LIBOR 3-month on \$ Deposits (%)	1.91	0.22	0.23	0.22
3- Weighted Average Interest Rate on Eurobonds(%) ¹	7.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
4- Weighted Average Lending Rate (%) ²	10.51	7.21	6.94	6.63
5- Weighted Return on Uses of Funds (%) ³	6.85	3.93	3.88	3.79
6- Weighted Average Rate on Deposits (%) ⁴	5.85	1.05	0.98	0.83
7- Spread (%) ⁵ = (5) - (6)	1.00	2.88	2.89	2.96

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, nor the facilities from the Central Bank.

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

Date	Total Deposits	Weekly Change
12/31/2019	87,922	
2/25/2021	86,733	
3/4/2021	86,666	(67)
3/11/2021	86,371	(295)
3/18/2021	86,375	4

Outstanding CDs (end of period)

	Dec-2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
CDs issued by BDL in LBP (billion LBP)	48,043	45,188	45,211	44,187
CDs issued by BDL in USD (billion USD)	22.7	22.5	22.5	22.5
CDs Issued by Banks (million USD)	300	300	300	300

Outstanding Eurobonds (end of period - million USD)

	Dec-2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
Eurobonds Issued by the Lebanese Government*	31,314	31,314	31,314	31,314
Notes and Bonds Issued by Banks	650	650	650	650

* On March 23, 2020, the Lebanese government decided to discontinue payments on all its outstanding USD denominated Eurobonds.

The Latest outstanding Eurobonds before default was USD 31,314 million.

Monetary Data* (end of period - billion LBP)

	Dec-2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
1- M1	16,620	37,372	40,156	42,425
2- M2	63,484	65,312	67,510	69,303
3- M3	202,831	198,875	200,052	201,040
4- M2 + TB's held by Individuals & Institutional Investors	74,730	76,904	79,036	80,827
5- M3 - M2	139,347	133,564	132,542	131,736
6- (M3 - M2)/M3 (%)	68.70	67.16	66.25	65.53

*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)

	2019	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021
1- Total Receipts ¹	16,680	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
2- Total Payments ¹	25,479	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
- o/w debt service	8,366	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
3- Overall Deficit / Surplus = (1) - (2)	(8,799)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
4- Overall Deficit (or surplus) in % of total Payments	-34.5%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
5- Primary Balance ¹ (cumulative since the beginning of the year)	(433)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
6- Gross Public Debt ²	138,150	143,976	144,108	144,625
6.1- Debt in LBP ²	87,279	89,954	89,762	89,987
6.2- Debt in Foreign Currency ²	50,871	54,022	54,346	54,638
7- Public Sector Deposits ^{2,3}	15,677	15,192	15,133	14,494
8- Net Public Debt ² = (6) - (7)	122,473	128,784	128,975	130,131

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-2019		Nov-2020		Dec-2020		Jan-2021	
Portfolio: Amount and share								
3-month	26	0.03	59	0.07	37	0.04	43	0.05
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	5.23		3.47		3.47		3.47	
6-month	72	0.08	130	0.15	137	0.16	121	0.14
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	5.68		3.92		3.92		3.92	
12-month	939	1.10	1,086	1.23	1,039	1.18	1,009	1.14
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	6.10		4.31		4.31		4.31	
24-month	3,299	3.85	1,805	2.05	1,910	2.17	1,900	2.15
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	6.88		4.94		4.94		4.94	
36-month	9,086	10.60	8,558	9.71	6,714	7.62	6,709	7.59
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	7.36		5.43		5.43		5.43	
60-month	20,086	23.44	20,180	22.89	21,631	24.54	21,425	24.25
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	7.85		5.91		5.91		5.91	
84-month	15,555	18.15	18,519	21.00	18,741	21.26	19,087	21.61
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	8.81		6.40		6.40		6.40	
96-month	1,832	2.14	67	0.08	67	0.08	67	0.08
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	no issue		no issue		no issue		no issue	
120-month	30,312	35.37	33,264	37.73	33,372	37.86	33,487	37.91
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	9.76		6.88		6.88		6.88	
144-month	3,076	3.59	3,076	3.49	3,076	3.49	3,076	3.48
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	no issue		no issue		no issue		no issue	
180-month	1,417	1.65	1,417	1.61	1,417	1.61	1,417	1.60
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	no issue		no issue		no issue		no issue	
Total	85,700	100	88,161	100	88,141	100	88,341	100
Banking System	75,074	87.60	77,184	87.55	77,234	87.63	77,386	87.60
Public Sector	9,820	11.46	10,286	11.67	10,243	11.62	10,278	11.63
Individuals and individual institutions	806	0.94	691	0.78	664	0.75	677	0.77