



Summary:

In July 2018, real sector indicators progressed in relation to the preceding month. Both imports and exports of goods increased and thus the trade deficit contributing to a negative overall balance of payments with declining financial inflows from abroad. Official foreign reserves improved under BDL's unconventional measures and banks' activity remained satisfactory. Deposit interest rates stepped up.

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

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

	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17	Change % July 2018/July 2017
Construction permits				
Area (s.m)	664,294	612,394	1,021,806	-35.0
Number (permits)	1,115	1,058	1,299	-14.2
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	472	384	466	1.3
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	63.4	57.1	77.8	-18.5
Real estate sales operations (number)	5,727	4,765	6,326	-9.5
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	1,032	976	1,332	-22.5
Real estate transactions (number)	15,561	12,913	20,997	-25.9

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

2-Tourism

Indicators of tourism activity advanced in July 2018 in respect of the past month and the alike month of the previous year.

	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17	Change % July 2018/July 2017
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	564,453	441,646	522,211	8.1
Number of departing passengers at BIA	457,465	320,050	452,361	1.1
Number of arriving tourists	262,779	196,643	247,597	6.1
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,898	3,312	3,707	5.2
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,903	3,307	3,711	5.2

Sources: Beirut International Airport, Ministry of Tourism.

3-Trade and Services

Trade and services indicators progressed on average in July 2018 against the previous month but regressed with reference to July 2017.

	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17	Change % July 2018/July 2017
Checks Cleared				
Value (USD million)	5,831	5,151	6,155	-5.3
Number (000 checks)	1,032	923	1,096	-5.8
Checks Returned				
Value (USD million)	136	120	122	11.5
Number (checks)	22,883	20,080	20,751	10.3
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)	171	161	162	5.6
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)	622,142	508,738	586,589	6.1
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)	84,991	70,862	89,849	-5.4
Discharged containers at POB (number)	24,065	23,153	23,670	1.7
Revenues of POB (USD million)	20.0	19.5	22.2	-9.9
Merchandise at BIA				
Imports (tons)	4,360	4,643	4,548	-4.1
Exports (tons)	3,214	4,346	4,467	-28.1

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

4-Industry and Agriculture

Indicators of industry and agriculture advanced in general in July 2018 in respect of the past month but were mixed in relation to July 2017.

	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17	Change % July 2018/July 2017
Electricity production (MKWH)	1,403	1,254	1,528	-8.2
Imports of gas oil				
Value (million USD)	762.4	112.9	123.0	519.8
Volume (tons)	1,056,229	164,125	270,089	291.1
Agriculture imports (USD million)	133.3	198.9	158.8	-16.1
Agriculture exports (USD million)	16.9	13.4	16.0	5.6

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

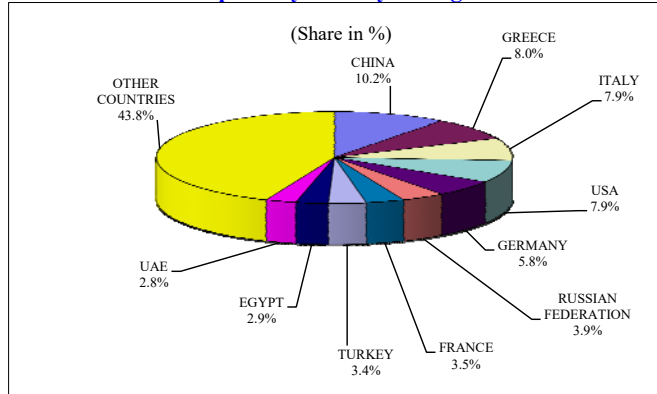
In July 2018,

Imports of goods rose to USD 2,318 million from USD 1,616 million in the previous month and USD 1,670 million in July 2017. Thus, imports increased in the first seven months of 2018 by 4.3 percent with reference to the first seven months of the previous year.



In the first seven months of 2018, mineral products lead imported goods with a 21.8 percent share of total imports. They were followed by products of the chemical and machinery and mechanical appliances which accounted for 11.2 percent and 10.5 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 8.0 percent followed by Italy and USA (7.9 percent for each) and Germany (5.8 percent).

Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

LBP billion				Change %
	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	June 2018/June 2017
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	873.5	959.5	791.6	10.3
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	717.9	774.7	597.5	20.2
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	103.9	151.7	111.5	-6.8
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	295.9	364.6	227.0	30.4
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	317.1	350.6	233.6	35.7
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	156.2	178.2	197.5	-20.9

Source: BDL

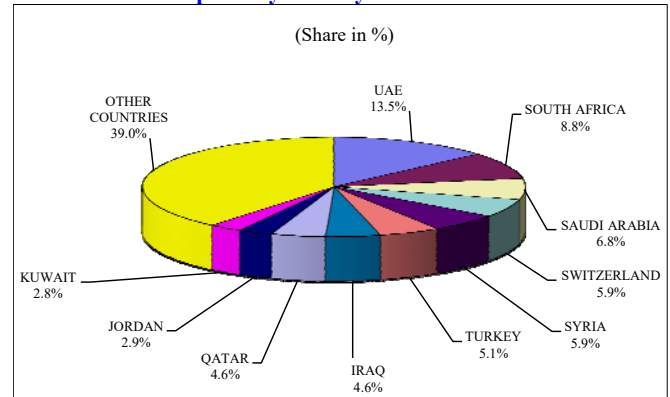
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Exports of goods increased to USD 218 million compared to USD 215 million one month back and USD 217 million in July 2017. Exports rose in the first seven months of 2018 by 6.4 percent in respect of the first seven months of the preceding year.

In the first seven months of 2018, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 24.4 percent of total exports, followed by base metals (14.2 percent) and prepared foodstuffs (13.6 percent). UAE outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 13.5 percent

share of the total, trailed by South Africa with a share of 8.8 percent followed by Saudi Arabia (6.8 percent) and Switzerland (5.9 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit increased to USD 2,100 million from USD 1,401 million in June 2018 and USD 1,453 million in July 2017. It widened in the first seven months of 2018 by 3.9 percent vis-à-vis the first seven months of 2017.

External Sector Indicators

	USD million	Jul-17	Jun-18	Jul-18
Imports		1,670	1,616	2,317
Exports		217	215	218
Trade deficit		-1,453	-1,401	-2,099
Balance of payments		100	-639	-549
Gross foreign currency reserves		33,043	33,142	34,211

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 549 million following a deficit of USD 639 million in June 2018 (USD 100 million surplus in July 2017). The USD 757 million negative balance recorded in the first seven months of 2018 represented a decrease in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -3,220 million) largely offset by an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +2,463 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank increased to USD 34,211 million at the end of July 2018 compared to USD 33,142 million at the end of the previous month and USD 33,043 million end July 2017, while BDL foreign assets securities decreased to USD 10,216 million from USD 11,027 million at the end of June 2018 (USD 8,561 million at the end of July 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 356,244 billion (USD 236.3 billion) at the end of July 2018, thus increasing by 7.5 percent from end December 2017 (2.0 percent increase in the first seven months of 2017).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits grew by 2.5 percent in the first seven months of 2018 and constituted 75.0 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 267,160 billion (around USD 177.2 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Jul-17	Jun-18	Jul-18
Total Assets	314,282	353,665	356,244
Total deposits	259,806	267,361	267,160
Resident customers' deposits	200,965	204,063	203,856
Non-resident customers' deposits	52,393	55,395	55,203
Resident financial sector liabilities	487	1,819	1,758
Public sector deposits	5,961	6,085	6,343
Non deposit liabilities	26,171	55,610	58,767
Capital accounts	28,305	30,694	30,317
Total claims on customers	87,347	89,009	88,474
Resident customers	78,833	79,300	78,667
Non-resident customers	8,514	9,710	9,808
Total claims on public sector	52,108	50,053	50,178
in LBP	26,802	25,805	25,861
in FC	25,306	24,248	24,317
Claims on non resident Financial sector	15,251	16,172	14,728
Non-resident securities portfolio	1,506	1,608	1,641
Other foreign assets*	16,362	17,376	17,643
Deposits at the central bank	139,729	176,526	180,946

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 3.2 percent from end December 2017, and those denominated in foreign currencies by 2.3 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate slightly decreased to 68.5 percent at end July 2018 (68.7 percent end December

2017). The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in non -resident private sector deposits (+4.2 percent) and in resident private sector deposits (+2.2 percent) but a decrease in public sector deposits (-2.2 percent) in the first seven months of 2018. Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 77.0 percent of total deposits at end July 2018 (20.7 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.3 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 30,317 billion (USD 20,111 million) at the end of July 2018 and represented around 8.5 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 5.2 percent from end December 2017.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers declined by 1.4 percent in the first seven months of 2018, reaching LBP 88,474 billion at the end of July 2018. The dollarization rate of these loans was 67.4 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 50,178 billion at the end of July 2018, thus increasing by 4.2 percent from end December 2017. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 25,579 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (36.2 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,131 million of Eurobonds (nearly 48.8 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) increased in the first seven months of 2018 by 16.1 percent to total LBP 180,946 billion at the end of July 2018, meanwhile claims on non- resident financial sector, decreased by 13.5 percent to LBP 14,728 billion (USD 9.8 billion) to represent 8.2 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies. Non-resident securities portfolio rose by 16.6 percent in the first seven months of 2018 to reach LBP 1,641 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 7,599 billion (around USD 5.0 billion) at the end of July 2018, thus decreasing by 1.7 percent from end December 2017. Deposits, including those of resident and non -resident customers and resident financial sector decreased by 8.5 percent in the first seven months of 2018 to reach LBP 3,045 billion at the end of the period.

3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange decreased to 2,162 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 22.9 million in July 2018 compared to 5,779 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 39.1 million in the previous month and 5,916 thousand shares with a value of USD 59.2 million in July 2017.

During July 2018, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 79.6 percent for Banking, 18.2 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 2.2 percent for Industrial.

Capital Markets

	Jul-17	Jun-18	Jul-18
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	5,916	5,779	2,162
Traded value (USD million)	59.2	39.1	22.9
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,387	10,433	10,346
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	69,937	70,881	70,605
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	27,009	32,508	32,511
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	650	950

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares decreased to USD 10,346 million at the end of July 2018, compared to USD 10,433 million at the end of the previous month and USD 11,387 million at the end of July 2017. Banking had a 84.7 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 11.6 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 70,605 billion and USD 32,511 million respectively at the end of July 2018 (LBP 70,881 billion and USD 32,508 million at the end of June 2018). In July 2018, Credit default swaps (CDS) on 5-years Lebanese Government Eurobonds in USD ranged between 592 bps and 735 bps and averaged 640 bps.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits and subordinated debt amounted to USD 950 million at the end of July 2018. **The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL** in the domestic currency slightly increased to LBP 47,926 billion from LBP 47,906 billion a month earlier while those issued in foreign currencies stood almost unchanged at USD 23.0 billion.

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 212,335 billion at the end of July 2018, of which 62.0 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increasing by 1.6 percent from end December 2017.

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Jul-17	Jun-18	Jul-18
M3		208,754	213,000	212,335
Net foreign assets		49,358	49,909	48,638
Net claims on public sector		77,618	75,792	75,915
Valuation Adjustment		-9,154	-9,090	-8,660
Claims on private sector		84,612	84,332	83,704
Other items-net		6,320	12,057	12,737
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		99.43	107.19	106.96

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 3,370 billion increase in M3 in the first seven months of 2018 resulted from an increase in each of net items other than foreign assets and claims on private and public sectors (+LBP 7,343 billion) and valuation adjustment (+LBP 1,066 billion) against a drop in net foreign assets (-LBP 2,405 billion), claims on the private sector (-LBP 2,319 billion), and net claims on public sector (-LBP 316 billion).

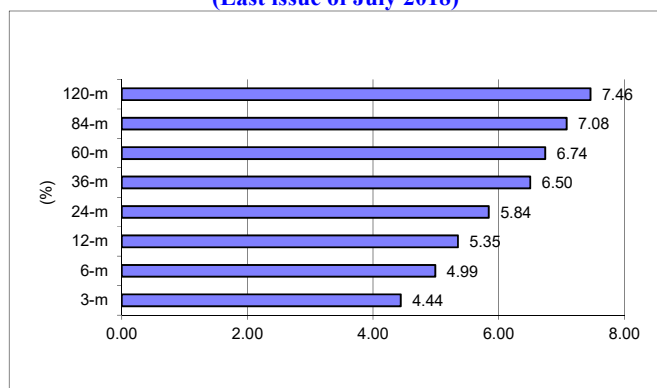


The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 1.2 percent in the month of July 2018 compared to the previous month but increased by 4.9 percent from December 2017.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics slightly decreased in July 2018 (-0.2 percent) from June 2018 but increased by 3.0 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 July 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.

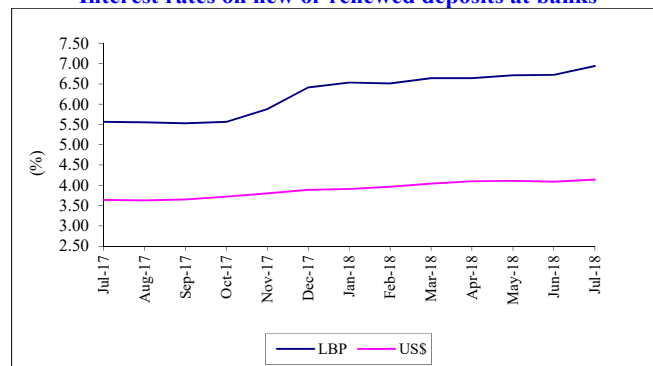
**Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP
(Last issue of July 2018)**



Source: BDL

In July 2018, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks increased to 6.94 percent (6.72 percent a month ago) and 4.14 percent (4.09 percent in June 2018) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 2.34 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In July 2018, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP decreased to 8.66 percent (8.82 percent a month ago) while the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in USD increased to 7.96 percent (7.93 percent in June 2018).

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,674 billion in April 2018 to sum LBP 5,746 billion in the first four months of 2018 (LBP 5,555 billion in the first four months of 2017). The LBP 5,746 billion revenues comprised LBP 4,249 billion tax revenues, LBP 962 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 535 billion treasury receipts.

Fiscal Situation

LBP billion	Apr-17	Mar-18	Apr-18
Government revenues	1,524	1,128	1,674
Tax revenues	1,204	879	1,251
Non-tax revenues	229	204	378
Treasury receipts	91	45	45
Government expenditures	1,718	2,570	1,813
Debt service	665	860	667
Others	1,053	1,710	1,146
Overall balance	-194	-1,442	-139
Primary balance	471	-582	528

Source: Ministry of Finance.



Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,813 billion in April 2018 to total LBP 8,631 billion in the first four months of 2018 (LBP 6,828 billion in the first four months of 2017). The LBP 8,631 billion expenditures included LBP 2,334 billion debt service and LBP 6,297 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,513 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years, LBP 787 billion to EDL and LBP 556 billion transfers to municipalities.

Total Deficit increased as such to LBP 2,885 billion in the first four months of 2018 from LBP 1,273 billion in the first four months of 2017, and the primary balance reported an LBP 551 billion deficit compared to an LBP 942 billion surplus respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 124,970 billion (the equivalent of USD 82.9 billion) at the end of July 2018, thus increasing by 4.2 percent when compared to end December 2017 (2.7 percent growth in the first seven months of 2017).

Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 109,249 billion at the end of July 2018, therefore increasing by 4.8 percent from end of December 2017 (2.1 percent growth in the first seven months of 2017).

Public Debt

LBP billion	Jul-17	Jun-18	Jul-18
Public Debt (Gross)	115,923	125,052	124,970
Debt in LBP	71,104	72,122	71,833
Debt in FC	44,819	52,930	53,137
Public Debt (Net)	100,382	108,916	109,249
Public sector deposits	15,541	16,136	15,721
Banks	5,961	6,284	6,538
BDL	9,580	9,852	9,183

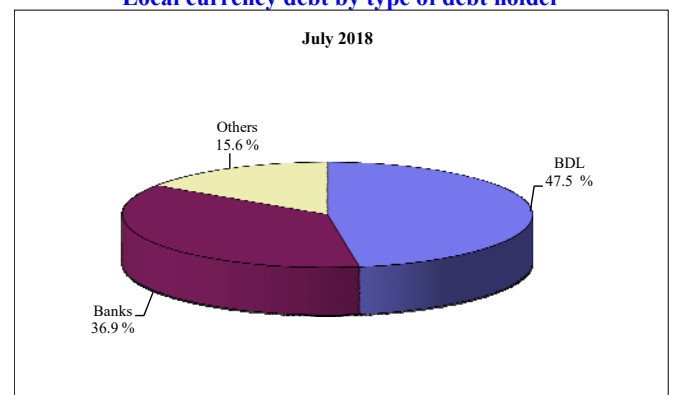
Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 57.5 percent and 42.5 percent respectively at the end of July 2018. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 36.9 percent for banks (36.6 percent end of June 2018), 47.5 percent for the Central bank (48.0 percent in the previous month) and 15.6 percent for the non-banking sector (15.4 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency

debt was as such: Eurobonds (93.8 percent), Multilateral (3.8 percent), Bilateral (2.3 percent) and others (0.1 percent).

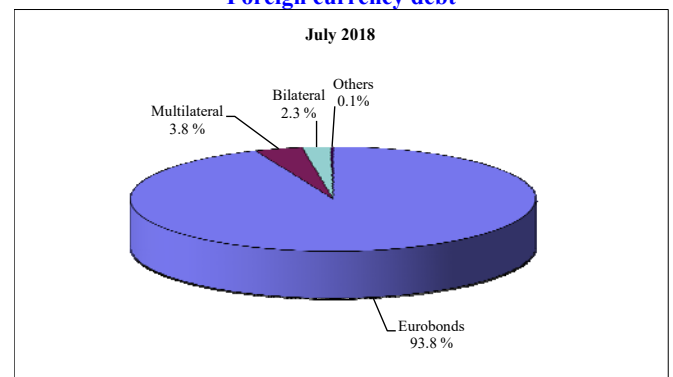
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,462 days (4.02 years) as at end July 2018 with a weighted interest of 6.42 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.87 years with a weighted interest of 6.73 percent.

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



Source: BDL.

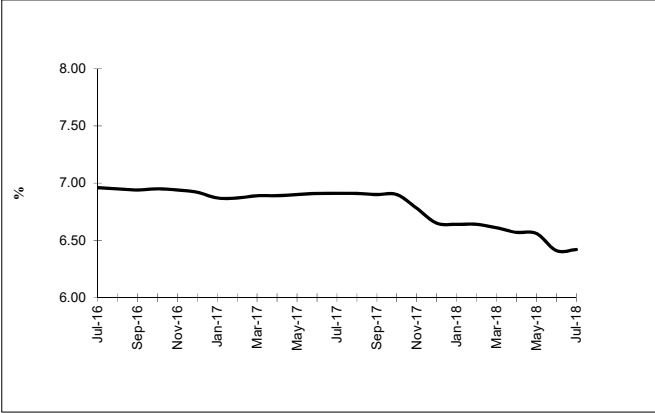
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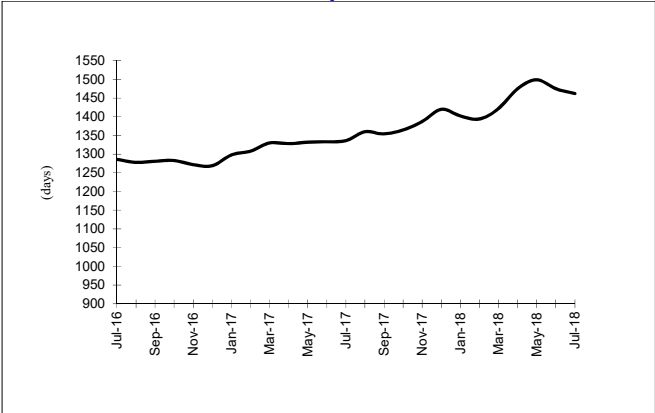
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**Weighted Average Interest Rate
on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio**



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



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2017	Jan - Jul 2017	Jan - Jul 2018	Jul-17	Jun-18	Jul-18
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	257,402	136,982	n.a.	21,827	23,693	n.a
Building Permits (000's m2)	11,730	7,130	5,699	1,022	614	666
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	5,149	2,856	2,779	466	384	472
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	32,678	18,585	18,857	2,781	2,532	2,831
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	46,578	27,507	26,166	4,310	3,471	3,953
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	1,080,146	572,586	542,279	89,849	70,862	84,991
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,549,157	4,355,789	4,081,193	586,589	508,738	622,142
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	4,103	2,314	2,530	522	442	564
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	4,128	2,154	2,310	452	320	457
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,844	1,652	1,757	217	215	218
Total imports of goods (million USD)	19,582	11,410	11,898	1,670	1,616	2,318
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-16,738	-9,758	-10,141	-1,453	-1,401	-2,100
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	-156	-1,015	-757	100	-639	-549
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	35,806	-	-	33,043	33,142	34,211
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	103.89	-	-	99.43	107.19	106.96

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 - Jul 2017*	Jan - Jul 2018	2017	Jan - Jul 2017	Jan - Jul 2018
1- Live animals, animal products	885	486	601	19	9	14
2- Vegetable products	980	587	581	179	90	92
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	164	101	90	36	20	28
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,375	819	802	458	272	240
5- Mineral products	4,301	2,572	2,588	48	37	16
6- Products of the chemical	2,135	1,226	1,330	320	184	201
7- Plastics & articles thereof	773	431	441	150	79	100
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	72	39	41	11	7	6
9- Wood & articles of wood	222	128	135	11	6	5
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	300	167	208	142	87	76
11- Textiles & textile articles	787	427	438	67	41	31
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	146	85	86	10	7	6
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	486	283	267	21	12	13
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	996	606	787	586	361	428
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,277	741	753	340	186	249
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,934	1,136	1,245	317	185	175
17-Transport equipment	1,883	1,085	1,000	22	9	13
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	352	203	221	18	9	10
19- Arms & ammunition	16	8	9	1	1	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	478	271	264	80	47	51
21- Works of art	21	10	14	8	4	3
Total	19,582	11,410	11,898	2,844	1,652	1,757

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jul 2017*	Share %	Jan - Jul 2018	Share %
CHINA	1,093	9.6	1,218	10.2
GREECE	822	7.2	948	8.0
ITALY	933	8.2	941	7.9
USA	883	7.7	936	7.9
GERMANY	706	6.2	686	5.8
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	523	4.6	468	3.9
FRANCE	404	3.5	414	3.5
TURKEY	458	4.0	404	3.4
EGYPT	365	3.2	349	2.9
UAE	197	1.7	328	2.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	5,026	44.0	5,206	43.8
TOTAL IMPORTS	11,410	100.0	11,898	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jul 2017	Share %	Jan - Jul 2018	Share %
UAE	143	8.7	237	13.5
SOUTH AFRICA	200	12.1	155	8.8
SAUDI ARABIA	142	8.6	120	6.8
SWITZERLAND	91	5.5	104	5.9
SYRIA	152	9.2	104	5.9
TURKEY	63	3.8	90	5.1
IRAQ	108	6.5	81	4.6
QATAR	45	2.7	80	4.6
JORDAN	53	3.2	51	2.9
KUWAIT	53	3.2	49	2.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	602	36.4	686	39.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	1,652	100.0	1,757	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2017		2018		
	Jul	Dec	May	Jun	Jul
ASSETS					
Reserves	140,514	156,667	173,941	177,363	181,826
-Cash	784	774	873	837	880
-Deposits at the Central Bank	139,729	155,893	173,068	176,526	180,946
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	79,144	80,824	79,964	80,074	79,461
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	25,748	26,400	26,618	26,717	26,731
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	53,396	54,424	53,346	53,357	52,729
Claims on the Public Sector	52,108	48,163	51,077	50,053	50,178
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	26,594	26,556	25,739	25,530	25,579
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	25,306	21,373	25,042	24,248	24,317
Foreign Assets	33,118	35,579	34,564	35,157	34,011
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	8,514	9,152	9,664	9,710	9,808
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	15,251	17,035	15,618	16,172	14,728
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,470	1,575	1,721	1,744	1,658
-Other Foreign Assets	6,378	6,409	5,955	5,923	6,177
-Non Resident securities portfolio	1,506	1,408	1,607	1,608	1,641
Tangible and intangible assets	6,574	7,131	7,226	7,246	7,271
Resident Private securities portfolio	1,995	2,355	2,786	3,101	2,856
Unclassified Assets	829	713	613	671	642
TOTAL ASSETS	314,282	331,433	350,172	353,665	356,244
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	201,451	201,263	204,744	205,882	205,614
-Demand Deposits in Lebanese Pound	77,431	73,100	75,293	75,521	75,009
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	124,020	128,164	129,451	130,360	130,605
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,961	6,484	5,976	6,085	6,343
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	52,393	52,998	55,124	55,395	55,203
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,625	6,440	6,967	6,996	7,114
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	45,768	46,558	48,157	48,399	48,089
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	10,059	11,278	12,802	12,406	12,647
Bonds	408	416	470	471	256
Capital Base	28,305	28,831	31,239	30,694	30,317
-Core Capital	26,483	26,955	29,051	28,513	28,150
-Supplementary Capital	1,822	1,876	2,188	2,180	2,167
Unclassified Liabilities	15,704	30,163	39,817	42,733	45,865
TOTAL LIABILITIES	314,282	331,433	350,172	353,665	356,244

Source: BDL.



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

	2017		2018		
	Jul	Dec	May	Jun	Jul
<u>Money Supply</u>					
Currency in circulation	4,542	4,887	4,833	4,964	4,857
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,570	5,738	6,215	6,525	6,598
= M1	10,112	10,624	11,048	11,489	11,455
+ Other Deposits in LBP	73,002	68,542	70,010	69,881	69,313
= M2	83,115	79,166	81,058	81,369	80,768
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	125,321	129,477	130,264	131,170	131,316
+ Bonds	319	322	465	461	251
= M3	208,754	208,965	211,788	213,000	212,335
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	11,027	10,741	11,336	11,139	11,227
= M4	219,781	219,706	223,124	224,139	223,562
<u>Counterparts of the Money Supply</u>					
Net Foreign Assets	49,358	51,043	51,622	49,909	48,638
o/w Gold	17,508	18,033	18,132	17,391	16,942
Net Claims on the Public Sector	77,618	76,231	75,560	75,792	75,915
Valuation Adjustment	-9,154	-9,726	-9,846	-9,090	-8,660
Claims on the Private Sector	84,612	86,023	84,195	84,332	83,704
Claims in LBP	27,727	28,657	28,823	28,922	28,929
Claims in FC	56,885	57,366	55,372	55,410	54,776
Other Items (Net)	6,320	5,394	10,257	12,057	12,737
TOTAL	208,754	208,965	211,788	213,000	212,335

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				Paris II					
		Bank	Banks	Others ⁽¹⁾	Total	IDI**	FG+	loans	Others ⁽²⁾	Total	
2016	Dec	112,910	30,150	29,581	10,797	70,528	1,577	1,395	48	39,362	42,382
2017	Jul	115,923	32,582	27,495	11,027	71,104	1,931	1,377	35	41,476	44,819
	Aug	116,518	34,132	26,489	10,933	71,554	1,958	1,398	18	41,590	44,964
	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	2,042	1,324	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	125,052	34,620	26,363	11,139	72,122	2,041	1,202	0	49,687	52,930
	Jul	124,970	34,127	26,480	11,226	71,833	2,020	1,200	0	49,917	53,137

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	6.92
2017	Jul	69,937	1,894	1,355	6.91
	Aug	70,354	2,803	2,386	6.91
	Sep	71,619	2,360	1,095	6.90
	Oct	73,223	3,025	1,421	6.90
	Nov	72,383	3,599	4,438	6.78
	Dec	72,812	3,247	2,818	6.65
2018	Jan	73,897	1,850	765	6.64
	Feb	75,445	2,395	847	6.64
	Mar	75,982	3,524	2,987	6.61
	Apr	75,805	3,225	3,402	6.57
	May	69,259	2,228	8,774	6.56
	Jun	70,881	2,413	791	6.41
	Jul	70,605	661	937	6.42

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	Jul	8.33	7.25	5.56	3.64	3.94	1.31	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Aug	8.10	7.29	5.55	3.63	4.24	1.31	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	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

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.

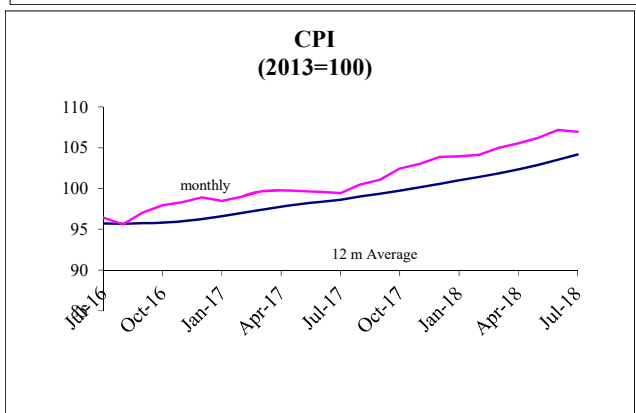
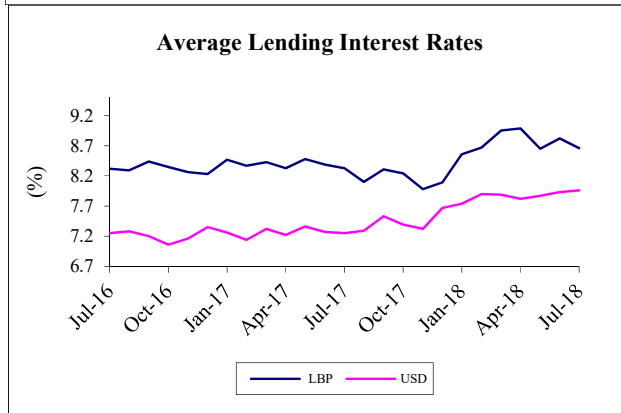
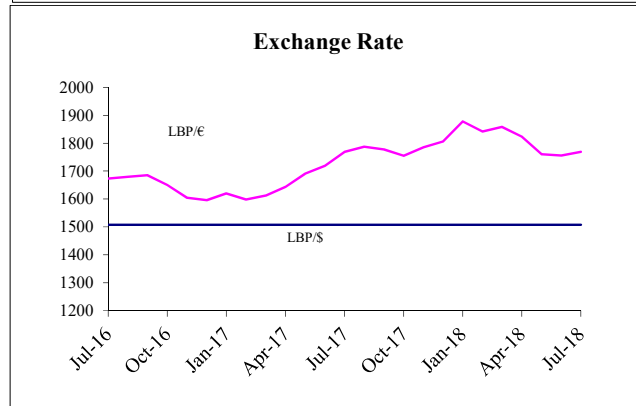
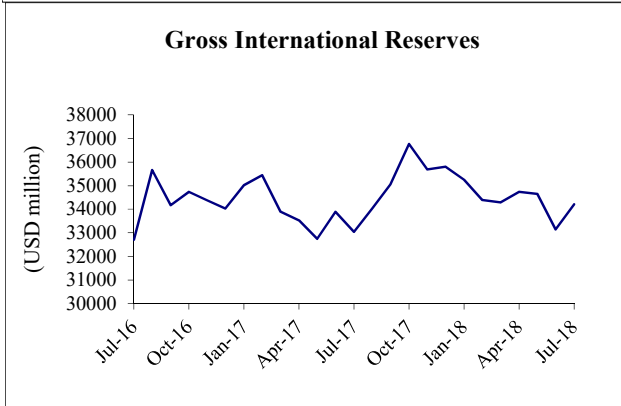
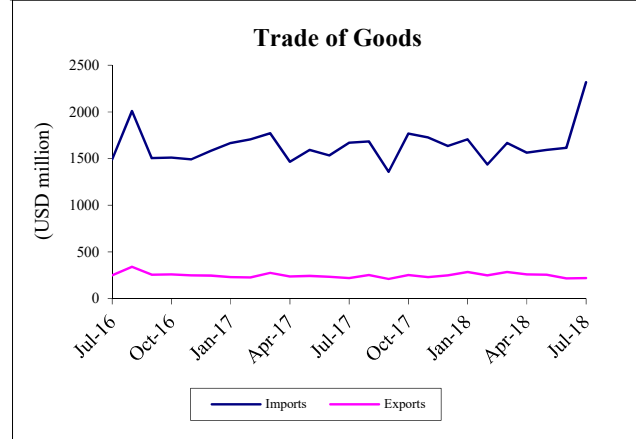
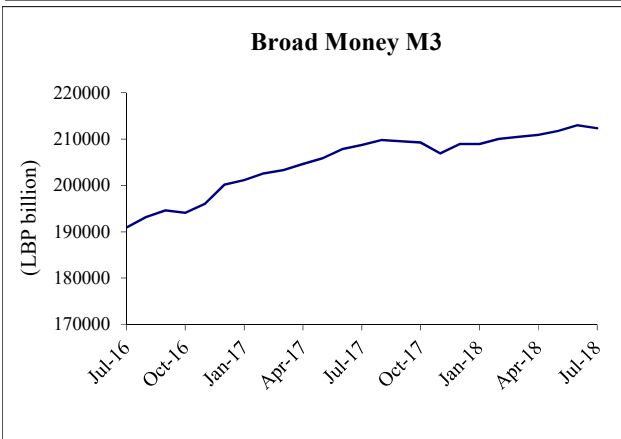
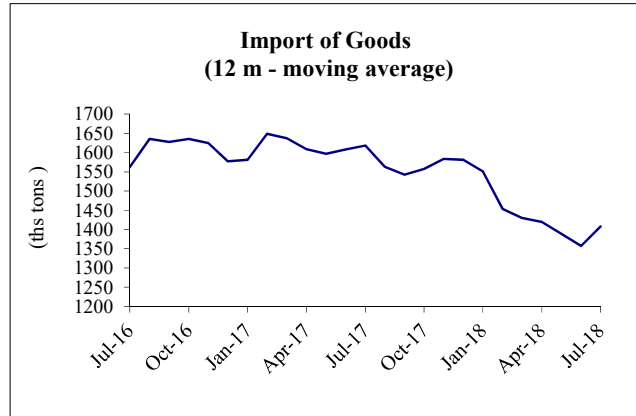
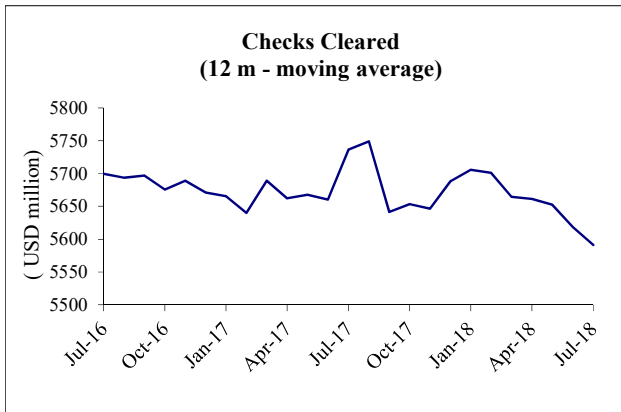
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

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	Jul	1,507.50	1,553.16	1,978.44	13.63	1,768.75
	Aug	1,507.50	1,562.01	1,941.51	13.63	1,787.90
	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

Source: BDL.



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