



Summary:

In the first half of 2018, exports and tourism indicators improved in respect of the corresponding period of the past year, while most other real sector indicators retreated. The trade deficit shrank and the negative overall balance of payments narrowed. Growth in banks' deposits decelerated and loans to the resident private sector regressed. Gross public debt expanded faster and official foreign assets reached new heights.

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

Construction and real estate indicators retreated on average in June 2018 when compared to both the preceding month and June 2017.

	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	Change % June 2018/June 2017
Construction permits				
Area (s.m)	610,652	846,269	834,094	-26.8
Number (permits)	1,058	1,210	1,259	-16.0
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	410	410	383	7.0
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	57.1	71.4	69.6	-18.0
Real estate sales operations (number)	4,765	5,056	4,816	-1.1
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	976	1,153	1,032	-5.4
Real estate transactions (number)	12,913	13,721	14,993	-13.9

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

2-Tourism

Indicators of tourism activity improved in June 2018 in respect of the past month and the alike month of the previous year.

	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	Change % June 2018/June 2017
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	441,646	309,211	393,568	12.2
Number of departing passengers at BIA	320,050	289,005	259,049	23.5
Number of arriving tourists	196,643	134,859	176,288	11.5
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,312	2,753	3,065	8.1
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	3,307	2,748	3,061	8.0

Sources: Beirut International Airport, Ministry of Tourism.

3-Trade and Services

Trade and services indicators were mixed in June 2018 against the previous month and with reference to June 2017.

	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	Change % June 2018/June 2017
Checks Cleared				
Value (USD million)	5,151	5,566	5,563	-7.4
Number (000 checks)	923	1,020	999	-7.6
Checks Returned				
Value (USD million)	120	137	117	2.6
Number (checks)	20,080	24,207	18,612	7.9
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)				
	161	141	141	14.2
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)				
	508,738	581,251	573,927	-11.4
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)				
	70,862	68,998	78,139	-9.3
Discharged containers at POB (number)				
	23,153	24,834	25,402	-8.9
Revenues of POB (USD million)				
	20.1	19.5	20.1	0.0
Merchandise at BIA				
Imports (tons)	4,982	4,643	4,157	19.8
Exports (tons)	4,638	4,346	4,857	-4.5

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

4-Industry and Agriculture

Indicators of industry and agriculture advanced in general in June 2018 in respect of the past month but regressed in relation to June 2017.

	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	Change % June 2018/June 2017
Electricity production (MKWH)	1,254	1,241	1,285	-2.4
Imports of gas oil				
Value (million USD)	112.9	96.1	152.0	-25.7
Volume (tons)	164,125	141,191	330,140	-50.3
Agriculture imports (USD million)	198.9	161.9	133.9	48.5
Agriculture exports (USD million)	13.4	14.9	17.1	-21.6

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

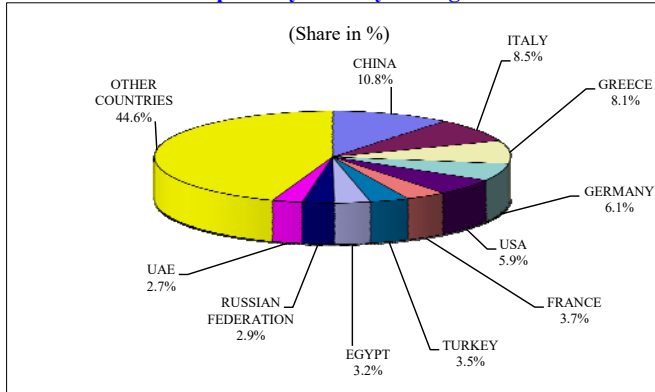
In June 2018,

Imports of goods increased to USD 1,616 million from USD 1,591 million in the previous month and USD 1,533 million in June 2017. Yet, imports decreased in the first half 2018 by 1.6 percent with reference to the first half of the previous year.



In the first half 2018, mineral products lead imported goods with a 17.1 percent share of total imports. They were followed by products of the chemical and machinery and mechanical appliances which accounted for 11.9 percent and 11.2 percent respectively. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 10.8 percent share of total. Italy came next with a share of 8.5 percent followed by Greece (8.1 percent) and Germany (6.1 percent).

Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

LBP billion				Change %
	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	May 2018/May 2017
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	959.5	858.2	718.9	33.5
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	774.7	654.4	693.1	11.8
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	151.7	132.8	155.3	-2.3
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	364.6	560.8	515.5	-29.3
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	350.6	321.9	401.0	-12.6
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	178.2	173.7	203.7	-12.5

Source: BDL

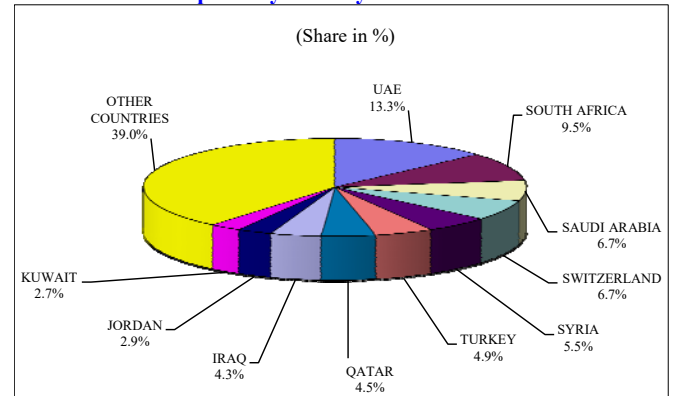
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Exports of goods decreased to USD 215 million compared to USD 254 million one month back and USD 230 million in June 2017. Yet, exports rose in the first half 2018 by 7.2 percent in respect of the first half of the preceding year.

In the first half 2018, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 25.7 percent of total exports, followed by base metals (14.0 percent) and prepared foodstuffs (13.5 percent). UAE outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 13.3 percent share of the total, trailed by South Africa with a share of 9.5

percent followed by Switzerland and Saudi Arabia (6.7 percent for each) and Syria (5.5 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit increased to USD 1,401 million from USD 1,337 million in May 2018 and USD 1,303 million in June 2017. It narrowed, however, in the first half 2018 by 3.2 percent vis-à-vis the first half 2017.

External Sector Indicators

	USD million	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18
Imports		1,533	1,591	1,616
Exports		230	254	215
Trade deficit		-1,303	-1,337	-1,401
Balance of payments		-758	1,204	-639
Gross foreign currency reserves		33,887	34,646	33,142

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 639 million following a surplus of USD 1,204 million in May 2018 (USD 758 million deficit in June 2017). The USD 208 million negative balance recorded in the first half 2018 represented a decrease in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -2,413 million) largely offset by an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +2,205 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank decreased to USD 33,142 million compared to USD 34,646 million at the end of the previous month and USD 33,887 million end June 2017, while BDL foreign assets securities increased to USD 11,027 million from USD 10,637 million at the end of May 2018 and USD 6,029 million at the end of June 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 353,665 billion (USD 234.6 billion) at the end of June 2018, thus increasing by 6.7 percent from end December 2017 (1.9 percent increase in the first half 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 half 2018 and constituted 75.6 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 267,362 billion (around USD 177.4 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18
Total Assets	313,805	350,172	353,665
Total deposits	258,803	265,844	267,361
Resident customers' deposits	199,909	202,993	204,063
Non-resident customers' deposits	52,414	55,124	55,395
Resident financial sector liabilities	531	1,751	1,819
Public sector deposits	5,949	5,976	6,085
Non deposit liabilities	26,556	53,089	55,610
Capital accounts	28,446	31,239	30,694
Total claims on customers	86,985	88,871	89,009
Resident customers	78,599	79,207	79,300
Non-resident customers	8,386	9,664	9,710
Total claims on public sector	54,203	51,077	50,053
in LBP	29,706	26,034	25,805
in FC	24,497	25,042	24,248
Claims on non resident Financial sector	17,625	15,618	16,172
Non-resident securities portfolio	1,583	1,607	1,608
Other foreign assets*	16,189	17,340	17,376
Deposits at the central bank	135,124	173,068	176,526

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 3.7 percent from end December 2017, and those denominated in foreign currencies by 2.3 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate slightly decreased to 68.4 percent at end June 2018 (68.7 percent end December

2017). The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in non -resident private sector deposits (+4.5 percent) and in resident private sector deposits (+2.3 percent) but a decrease in public sector deposits (-6.2 percent) in the first half 2018. Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 77.0 percent of total deposits at end June 2018 (20.7 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.3 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 30,694 billion (USD 20,361 million) at the end of June 2018 and represented around 8.7 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 6.5 percent from end December 2017.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers declined by 0.8 percent in the first half 2018, reaching LBP 89,009 billion at the end of June 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 34.1 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 50,053 billion at the end of June 2018, thus increasing by 3.9 percent from end December 2017. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 25,530 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (36.0 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,085 million of Eurobonds (nearly 48.9 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) increased in the first half 2018 by 13.2 percent to total LBP 176,526 billion at the end of June 2018, meanwhile claims on non- resident financial sector, decreased by 5.1 percent to LBP 16,172 billion (USD 10.7 billion) to represent 9.0 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies. Non-resident securities portfolio rose by 14.2 percent in the first half 2018 to reach LBP 1,608 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 7,666 billion (around USD 5.1 billion) at the end of June 2018, thus decreasing by 0.9 percent from end December 2017. Deposits, including those of resident and non -resident customers and resident financial sector decreased by 4.5 percent in the first half 2018 to reach LBP 3,178 billion at the end of the period.

3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange increased to 5,779 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 39.1 million in June 2018 compared to 3,630 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 28.8 million in the previous month (4,057 thousand shares with a value of USD 45.4 million in June 2017).

During June 2018, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 75.7 percent for Banking, 20.9 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 1.7 percent for each of Industrial and Trading.

Capital Markets

	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	4,057	3,630	5,779
Traded value (USD million)	45.4	28.8	39.1
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,568	10,972	10,433
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	69,398	69,259	70,881
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	27,069	33,209	32,508
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	350	650

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares decreased to USD 10,433 million at the end of June 2018, compared to USD 10,972 million at the end of the previous month and USD 11,568 million at the end of June 2017. Banking had a 85.2 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 11.3 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 70,881 billion and USD 32,508 million respectively at the end of June 2018 (LBP 69,259 billion and USD 33,209 million at the end of May 2018). In June 2018, Credit default swaps (CDS) on 5–years Lebanese Government Eurobonds in USD ranged between 592 bps and 711 bps and averaged 644 bps.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, Euro-CDs, and subordinated debt remained unchanged at USD 650 million at the end of June 2018. **The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL** in the domestic currency increased to LBP 47,906 billion from LBP 46,644 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 213,000 billion at the end of June 2018, of which 61.8 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increasing by 1.9 percent from end December 2017.

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18
M3		207,869	211,788	213,000
Net foreign assets		48,933	51,622	49,909
Net claims on public sector		77,628	75,560	75,792
Valuation Adjustment		-9,239	-9,846	-9,090
Claims on private sector		84,334	84,195	84,332
Other items-net		6,212	10,257	12,057
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		99.61	106.22	107.19

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 4,035 billion increase in M3 in the first half 2018 resulted from an increase in each of net items other than foreign assets and claims on private and public sectors (+LBP 6,663 billion) and valuation adjustment (+LBP 636 billion) against a drop in claims on the private sector (-LBP 1,691 billion), net foreign assets (-LBP 1,134 billion) and net claims on public sector (-LBP 438 billion).

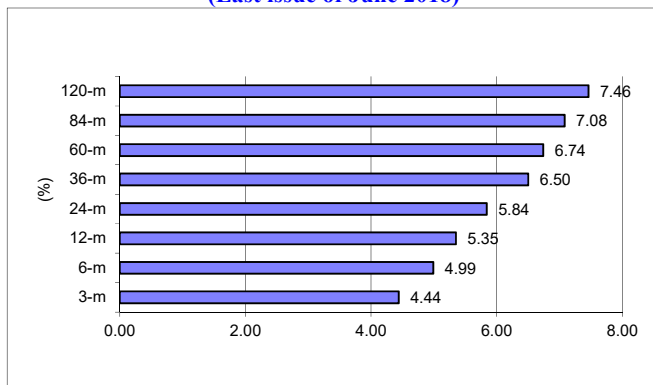


The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, increased by 2.26 percent in the month of June 2018 compared to the previous month and by 6.20 percent from December 2017.

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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 June 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.

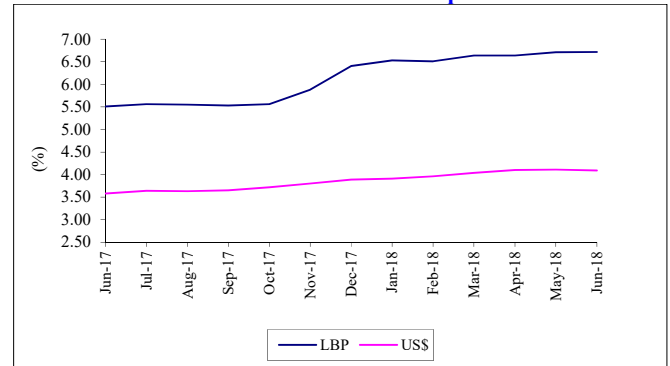
Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of June 2018)



Source: BDL

In June 2018, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks was almost unchanged at 6.72 percent (6.71 percent a month ago) and 4.09 percent (4.11 percent in May 2018) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 2.33 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In June 2018, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP and USD increased to 8.82 percent (8.65 percent a month ago) and 7.93 percent (7.87 percent in May 2018) respectively.

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,049 billion in February 2018 to sum LBP 2,944 billion in the first two months of 2018 (LBP 2,782 billion in the first two months of 2017). The LBP 2,944 billion revenues comprised LBP 2,119 billion tax revenues, LBP 380 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 445 billion treasury receipts.

Fiscal Situation

LBP billion	Feb-17	Jan-18	Feb-18
Government revenues	953	1,895	1,049
Tax revenues	631	1,376	743
Non-tax revenues	288	128	252
Treasury receipts	35	391	54
Government expenditures	1,744	2,466	1,782
Debt service	399	411	396
Others	1,345	2,055	1,386
Overall balance	-791	-571	-733
Primary balance	-392	-160	-337

Source: Ministry of Finance.



Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,782 billion in February 2018 to total LBP 4,248 billion in the first two months of 2018 (LBP 3,025 billion in the first two months of 2017). The LBP 4,248 billion expenditures included LBP 807 billion debt service and LBP 3,441 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 934 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years, LBP 516 billion transfers to municipalities and LBP 320 billion to EDL.

Total Deficit increased as such to LBP 1,304 billion in the first two months of 2018 from LBP 244 billion in the first two months of 2017, and the primary balance reported an LBP 497 billion deficit compared to an LBP 499 billion surplus respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 125,039 billion (the equivalent of USD 82.9 billion) at the end of June 2018, thus increasing by 4.3 percent when compared to end December 2017 (2.1 percent growth in the first half 2017).

Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 108,903 billion at the end of June 2018, therefore increasing by 4.5 percent from end of December 2017 (2.2 percent growth in the first half 2017).

Public Debt

LBP billion	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18
Public Debt (Gross)	115,278	124,373	125,039
Debt in LBP	70,555	70,575	72,122
Debt in FC	44,723	53,798	52,917
Public Debt (Net)	100,526	108,855	108,903
Public sector deposits	14,752	15,518	16,136
Banks	5,949	6,206	6,284
BDL	8,803	9,312	9,852

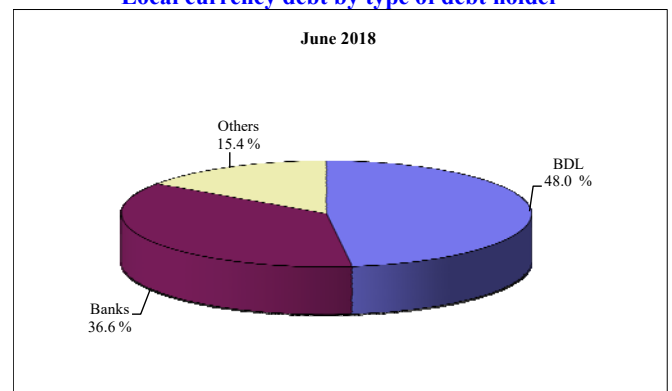
Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 57.7 percent and 42.3 percent respectively at the end of June 2018. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 36.6 percent for banks (37.6 percent end of May 2018), 48.0 percent for the Central bank (46.3 percent in the previous month) and 15.4 percent for the non-banking sector (16.1 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency

debt was as such: Eurobonds (93.7 percent), Multilateral (3.8 percent), Bilateral (2.3 percent) and others (0.2 percent).

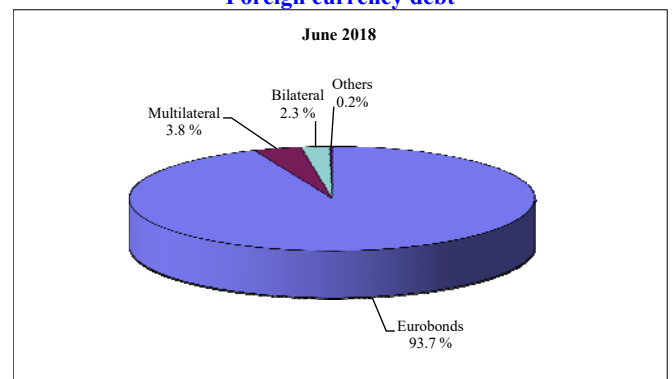
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,475 days (4.05 years) as at end June 2018 with a weighted interest of 6.41 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.95 years with a weighted interest of 6.73 percent.

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



Source: BDL.

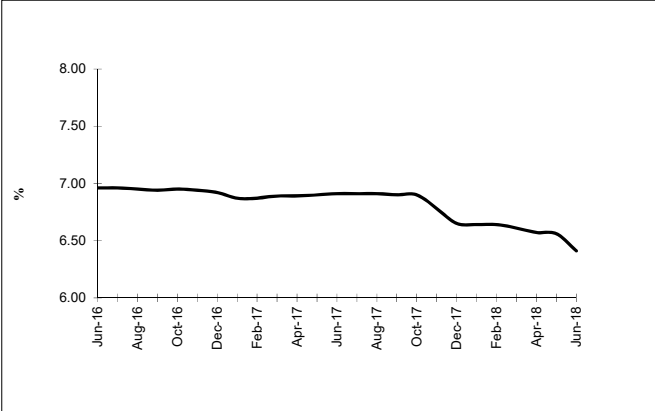
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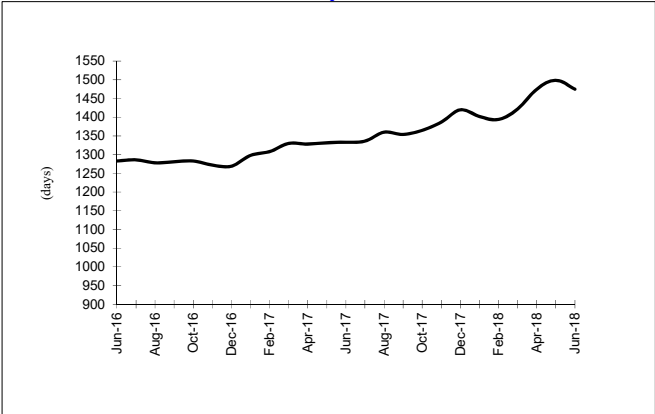
Source: BDL.



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



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



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2017	Jan - Jun 2017	Jan - Jun 2018	Jun-17	May-18	Jun-18
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	257,402	115,155	n.a.	22,213	n.a.	n.a
Building Permits (000's m2)	11,730	6,108	5,023	834	846	611
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	5,149	2,389	2,307	383	410	384
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	32,678	15,804	16,026	2,534	2,601	2,532
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	46,578	23,197	22,213	3,882	3,841	3,471
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	1,080,146	482,737	457,288	78,139	68,998	70,862
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,549,157	3,769,200	3,459,051	573,927	581,251	508,738
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	4,103	1,791	1,966	394	309	442
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	4,128	1,701	1,852	259	289	320
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,844	1,435	1,539	230	254	215
Total imports of goods (million USD)*	19,582	9,740	9,581	1,533	1,591	1,616
Balance of Trade (million USD)*	-16,738	-8,305	-8,042	-1,303	-1,337	-1,401
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	-156	-1,116	-208	-758	1,204	-639
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	35,806	-	-	33,887	34,646	33,142
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	103.89	-	-	99.61	106.22	107.19

Sources: BDL ,Lebanese Customs, Consultation & Research Institute, Order of engineers, Beirut International Airport, Port of Beirut, Ministry of Industry.

* Import figures for the month of **December 2017** show a significant increase exceeding LBP 6,000 billion due to the delay in registering Customs Declarations rectifying special permits of fuel consignments (2710.19.30) where almost 70% of American origin received by EDL for the period extending from 20/11/2017 to 31/10/2017.



TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS BY PRODUCT
(Million US Dollars)

Goods	Imports			Exports		
	2017*	Jan - Jun 2017*	Jan - Jun 2018	2017	Jan - Jun 2017	Jan - Jun 2018
1- Live animals, animal products	885	407	527	19	8	12
2- Vegetable products	980	508	521	179	75	76
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	164	87	79	36	18	24
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,375	715	686	458	240	208
5- Mineral products	4,301	2,255	1,642	48	35	13
6- Products of the chemical	2,135	1,036	1,137	320	148	177
7- Plastics & articles thereof	773	364	368	150	65	84
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	72	32	33	11	6	6
9- Wood & articles of wood	222	104	112	11	6	4
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	300	141	171	142	68	65
11- Textiles & textile articles	787	363	380	67	35	27
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	146	71	75	10	6	5
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	486	238	227	21	11	11
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	996	533	651	586	338	395
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,277	616	627	340	159	215
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,934	961	1,071	317	158	151
17-Transport equipment	1,883	898	841	22	8	11
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	352	171	188	18	8	10
19- Arms & ammunition	16	7	7	1	1	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	478	226	224	80	40	42
21- Works of art	21	8	11	8	3	3
Total	19,582	9,740	9,581	2,844	1,435	1,539

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jun 2017*	Share %	Jan - Jun 2018	Share %
CHINA	915	9.4	1,032	10.8
ITALY	751	7.7	817	8.5
GREECE	701	7.2	773	8.1
GERMANY	599	6.1	589	6.1
USA	761	7.8	562	5.9
FRANCE	341	3.5	352	3.7
TURKEY	381	3.9	338	3.5
EGYPT	329	3.4	311	3.2
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	477	4.9	277	2.9
UAE	170	1.7	261	2.7
OTHER COUNTRIES	4,315	44.3	4,269	44.6
TOTAL IMPORTS	9,740	100.0	9,581	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Jun 2017	Share %	Jan - Jun 2018	Share %
UAE	125	8.7	205	13.3
SOUTH AFRICA	184	12.8	146	9.5
SAUDI ARABIA	121	8.4	103	6.7
SWITZERLAND	90	6.3	103	6.7
SYRIA	134	9.3	84	5.5
TURKEY	53	3.7	76	4.9
QATAR	37	2.6	70	4.5
IRAQ	86	6.0	66	4.3
JORDAN	47	3.3	45	2.9
KUWAIT	43	3.0	41	2.7
OTHER COUNTRIES	515	35.9	600	39.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	1,435	100.0	1,539	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2017		2018		
	Jun	Dec	Apr	May	Jun
ASSETS					
Reserves	135,906	156,667	170,629	173,941	177,363
-Cash	782	774	804	873	837
-Deposits at the Central Bank	135,124	155,893	169,825	173,068	176,526
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	78,985	80,824	79,424	79,964	80,074
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	25,461	26,400	26,479	26,618	26,717
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	53,523	54,424	52,946	53,346	53,357
Claims on the Public Sector	54,203	48,163	46,350	51,077	50,053
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	29,508	26,556	25,252	25,739	25,530
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	24,497	21,373	20,805	25,042	24,248
Foreign Assets	35,397	35,579	34,158	34,564	35,157
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	8,386	9,152	9,549	9,664	9,710
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	17,625	17,035	15,265	15,618	16,172
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,422	1,575	1,747	1,721	1,744
-Other Foreign Assets	6,381	6,409	5,990	5,955	5,923
-Non Resident securities portfolio	1,583	1,408	1,607	1,607	1,608
Tangible and intangible assets	6,546	7,131	7,204	7,226	7,246
Resident Private securities portfolio	1,993	2,355	2,762	2,786	3,101
Unclassified Assets	776	713	621	613	671
TOTAL ASSETS	313,805	331,433	341,148	350,172	353,665
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	200,440	201,263	204,108	204,744	205,882
-Demand Deposits in Lebanese Pound	77,320	73,100	74,969	75,293	75,521
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	123,120	128,164	129,139	129,451	130,360
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,949	6,484	5,980	5,976	6,085
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	52,414	52,998	54,289	55,124	55,395
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,865	6,440	6,912	6,967	6,996
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	45,550	46,558	47,377	48,157	48,399
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	9,909	11,278	11,747	12,802	12,406
Bonds	434	416	256	470	471
Capital Base	28,446	28,831	31,624	31,239	30,694
-Core Capital	26,611	26,955	29,590	29,051	28,513
-Supplementary Capital	1,835	1,876	2,034	2,188	2,180
Unclassified Liabilities	16,213	30,163	33,143	39,817	42,733
TOTAL LIABILITIES	313,805	331,433	341,148	350,172	353,665

Source: BDL.



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

	2017		2018		
	Jun	Dec	Apr	May	Jun
Money Supply					
Currency in circulation	4,650	4,887	4,792	4,833	4,964
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,562	5,738	6,204	6,215	6,525
= M1	10,211	10,624	10,996	11,048	11,489
+ Other Deposits in LBP	72,897	68,542	69,704	70,010	69,881
= M2	83,109	79,166	80,700	81,058	81,369
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	124,447	129,477	129,994	130,264	131,170
+ Bonds	313	322	259	465	461
= M3	207,869	208,965	210,953	211,788	213,000
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	10,925	10,741	11,099	11,336	11,139
= M4	218,794	219,706	222,052	223,124	224,139
Counterparts of the Money Supply					
Net Foreign Assets	48,933	51,043	49,964	51,622	49,909
o/w Gold	17,301	18,033	18,298	18,132	17,391
Net Claims on the Public Sector	77,628	76,231	78,252	75,560	75,792
Valuation Adjustment	-9,239	-9,726	-10,006	-9,846	-9,090
Claims on the Private Sector	84,334	86,023	83,650	84,195	84,332
Claims in LBP	27,389	28,657	28,673	28,823	28,922
Claims in FC	56,946	57,366	54,977	55,372	55,410
Other Items (Net)	6,212	5,394	9,093	10,257	12,057
TOTAL	207,869	208,965	210,953	211,788	213,000

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	Jun	115,278	29,366	30,264	10,925	70,555	1,934	1,363	34	41,392	44,723
	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	119,893	35,580	27,756	10,741	74,077	2,023	1,319	18	42,456	45,816
2018	Jan	121,193	37,822	26,413	10,869	75,104	2,044	1,348	19	42,678	46,089
	Feb	122,908	39,510	26,438	10,833	76,781	2,041	1,339	0	42,747	46,127
	Mar	123,417	40,547	25,908	10,845	77,300	2,047	1,342	0	42,728	46,117
	Apr	123,222	40,030	26,040	11,099	77,169	2,035	1,324	0	42,694	46,053
	May	124,373	32,701	26,538	11,336	70,575	2,016	1,209	0	50,573	53,798
	Jun	125,039	34,620	26,363	11,139	72,122	2,028	1,202	0	49,687	52,917

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	Jun	69,398	1,426	1,526	6.91
	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

Source:BDL.



AVERAGE INTEREST RATES

Year And Month	Average Lending **		Average Deposit		Inter Bank Rate *	3m Libor s	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	96-m	120-m	144-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	Jun	8.39	7.27	5.51	3.58	4.26	1.26	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96		7.33
	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

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.

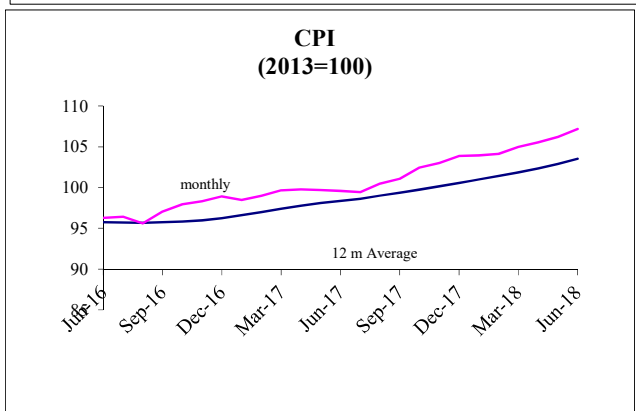
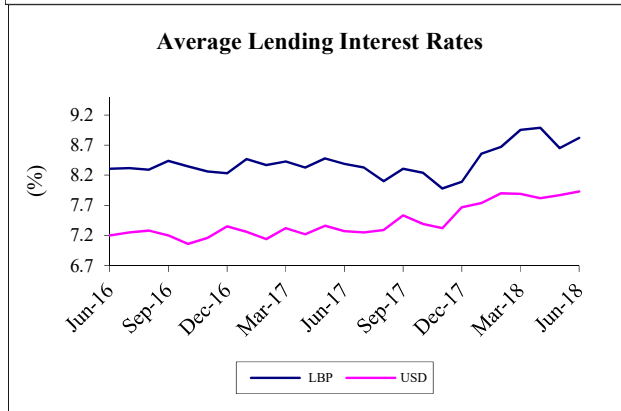
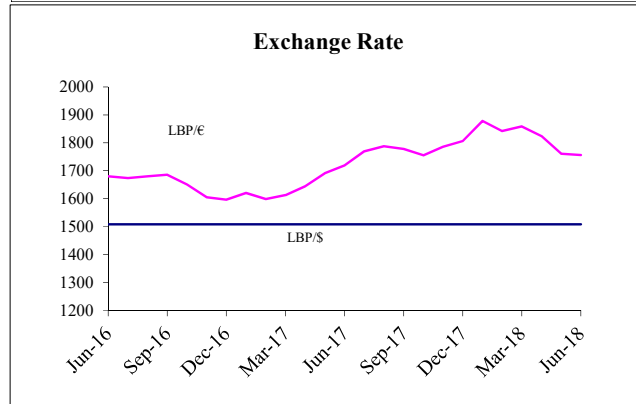
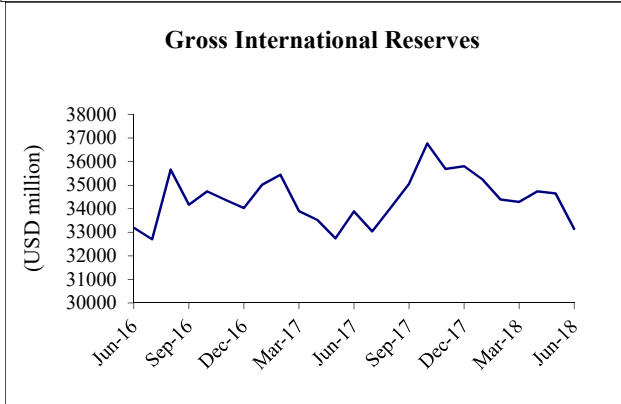
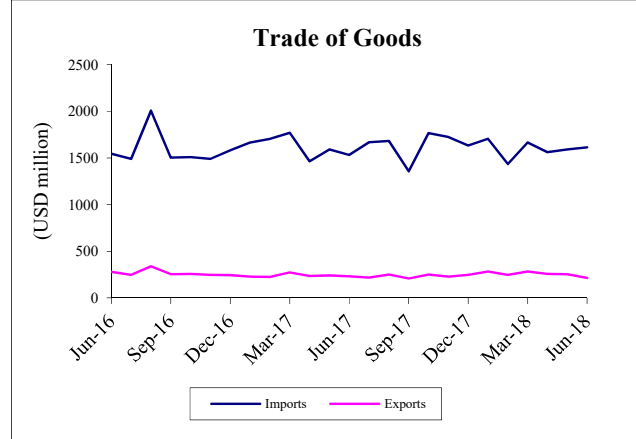
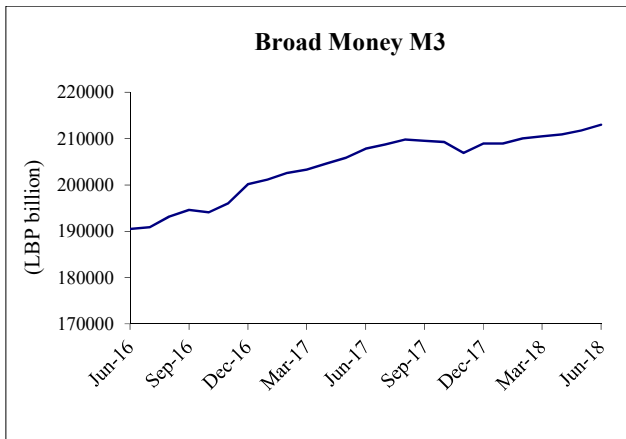
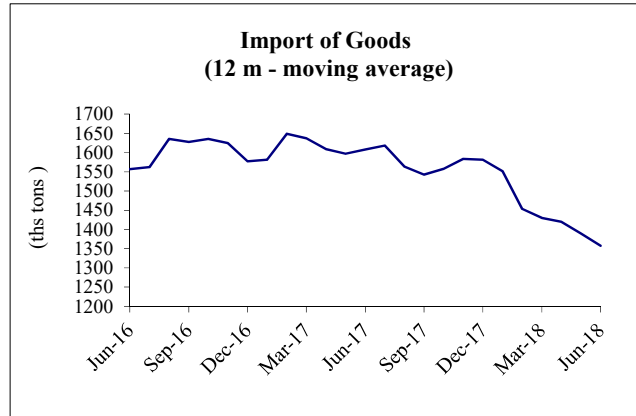
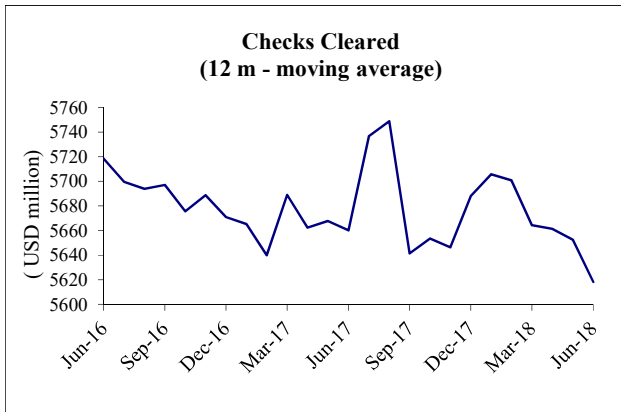
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

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	Jun	1,507.50	1,572.77	1,957.19	13.47	1,719.00
	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

Source: BDL.



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