



Summary:

In October 2017, most real sector indicators improved in respect of the preceding month. Imports and exports of goods progressed as well and thus the trade deficit broadened, contributing in part to a considerable negative balance of payments. Still deposits and loans at banks grew favorably and the gross foreign currency reserves expanded further. Interest rates were almost stable.

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I- REAL SECTOR**In October 2017,**

The total value of checks cleared in the domestic and foreign currencies jumped to USD 6,140 million from USD 4,485 million in the previous month and USD 5,996 million in October 2016. Cleared checks o/w 68.7 percent denominated in FC recoiled, however, in the first ten months of 2017 by 0.4 percent when compared to the first ten months of 2016.

The total value of returned checks in the domestic and foreign currencies rose to USD 117 million from USD 86 million one month back (USD 152 million in October 2016). Yet, returned checks diminished in the first ten months of 2017 by 5.4 percent with reference to the identical period of the past year.

Collected real estate fees multiplied to LBP 108.2 billion against LBP 54.2 billion in the preceding month and LBP 65.3 billion twelve months back. Collected fees soared in the first ten months of 2017 by 21.1 percent with regard to the first ten months of 2016.

Construction permits climbed to 1,017 thousand square meters compared to 713 thousand square meters in the previous month (1,069 thousand square meters in October 2016). In the first ten months of 2017, construction permits augmented, by 2.2 percent in respect of the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Cement deliveries increased to 488 thousand tons from 433 thousand tons a month earlier (549 thousand tons in October 2016). Cement deliveries retreated, however, by 3.3 percent in the first ten months of 2017 in comparison with the same time frame of 2016.

The number of passengers arriving to and departing from Beirut International Airport decreased to 297,776 and 318,784 respectively to total 616,560 persons. Yet, arrivals and departures swelled in the first ten months of 2017 by 9.1 percent and 8.4 percent respectively when compared to those recorded in the alike time interval of 2016.

Agricultural exports amounted to USD 25 million and exceeded in the first ten months of 2017 those reported in the same ten months of the preceding year by USD 3 million (+1.9 percent).

In September 2017,

Industrial exports (excluding gold ingots) dropped to USD 167 million from USD 227 million in the previous month and USD 184 million in September 2016. Industrial exports diminished in the first three quarters 2017 by 4.0 percent with regard to the first three quarters 2016.

Imports of Industrial Equipment increased to USD 30.1 million from USD 27.0 million one month earlier and USD 16.2 million in September 2016. Industrial equipment imports improved by 6.0 percent in the first nine months of 2017 in comparison with the correspondent time frame of the previous year.

Real Sector Indicators

	Oct-16	Sep-17	Oct-17
Checks cleared (total)			
Number (000)	1,069	842	1,074
Value (USD million)	5,996	4,485	6,140
Checks cleared in LBP			
Number (000)	377	345	408
Value (LBP billion)	2,683	2,224	3,005
Checks cleared in FX			
Number (000)	692	497	666
Value (USD million)	4,216	3,010	4,147
Returned checks			
Number (000)	19.4	16.6	20.7
Value (USD million)	152	86	117
Construction permits (000 square meters)	1,069	715	1,026
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	549	433	488
Collected property taxes (LBP billion)	65.3	54.2	108.2
Passengers arrivals (000)	258	380	298
Passengers departures (000)	296	482	319
Agricultural exports (USD million)	22	18	25
Industrial exports (USD million)	220	167	n.a.
Imports of industrial machinery (USD million)	14.5	30.1	n.a.

Source: BDL, OEA, BIA, CLR, ministry of Industry, Lebanese Customs



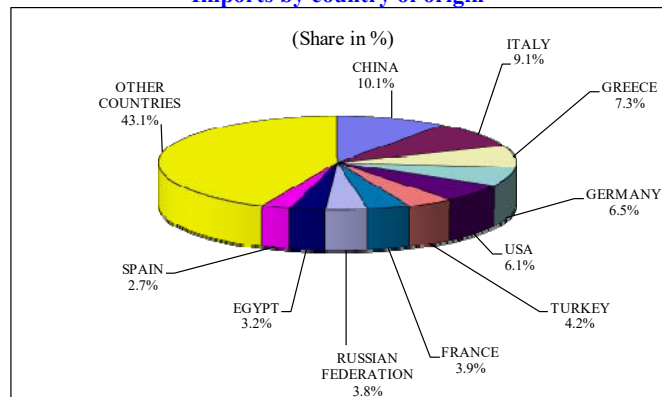
II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

In October 2017,

Imports of goods augmented to USD 1,690 million from USD 1,297 million in the previous month and USD 1,479 million in October 2016. Yet, imports decreased in the first ten months of 2017 by 0.9 percent with reference to the first ten months of the previous year.

In the first ten months of 2017, mineral products lead imported goods with a 18.9 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 10.3 percent respectively. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 10.1 percent share of total. Italy came next with a share of 9.1 percent followed by Greece (7.3 percent) and Germany (6.5 percent).

Imports by country of origin

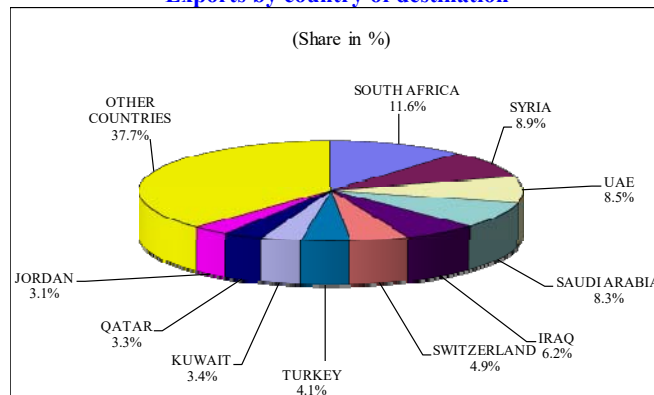


Source: Lebanese Customs

Exports of goods increased to USD 252 million compared to USD 210 million one month back (USD 257 million in October 2016). Nevertheless, exports retreated in the first ten months of 2017 by 4.8 percent in respect of the same period of the preceding year.

In the first ten months of 2017, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 20.7 percent of total exports, followed by prepared foodstuffs (16.1 percent), and base metals (11.7 percent). South Africa outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 11.6 percent share of the total, trailed by Syria (8.9 percent) followed by UAE (8.5 percent) and Saudi Arabia (8.3 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit broadened to USD 1,438 million from USD 1,087 million a month earlier and USD 1,222 million in October 2016. Still, it narrowed in the first ten months of 2017 by 0.2 percent vis-à-vis the corresponding time interval of 2016.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	Oct-16	Sep-17	Oct-17
Imports	1,479	1,297	1,690
Exports	257	210	252
Trade deficit	-1,222	-1,087	-1,438
Balance of payments	-680	457	-888
Gross foreign currency reserves	34,743	35,058	36,769

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL.

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 888 million following a surplus of USD 457 million in September 2017 (USD 680 million deficit in October 2016). Consequently, a cumulative USD 1,078 million negative balance was recorded in the first ten months of 2017 and represented a decrease in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -3,572 million) partly offset by an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +2,494 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank expanded to USD 36,769 million compared to USD 35,058 million at the end of the previous month and USD 34,743 million end October 2016. 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 325,303 billion (USD 215.8 billion) at the end of October 2017, thus increasing by 5.6 percent from end December 2016 (7.4 percent increase in the first ten months of 2016).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits grew by 4.2 percent in the first ten months of 2017 and constituted 80.4 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 261,572 billion (around USD 173.5 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Oct-16	Sep-17	Oct-17
Total Assets	301,006	321,737	325,303
Total deposits	243,307	260,901	261,572
Resident private sector	188,072	202,284	201,858
Non-resident private sector	49,593	52,621	53,514
Public sector deposits	5,641	5,996	6,201
Capital accounts	26,688	28,116	28,117
Total claims on the private sector	85,453	88,835	89,132
Resident private sector	76,058	79,969	80,209
Non-resident private sector	9,395	8,866	8,923
Total claims on public sector	52,360	49,922	50,280
Bills & Bonds in LBP	27,010	26,549	27,947
Bonds in FC	25,148	23,163	22,117
Claims on non resident banks	13,384	15,285	16,191
Other foreign assets	8,913	8,423	8,200
Deposits at the central bank	131,563	149,605	151,781

Source: BDL.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP slightly decreased by 0.2 percent from end December 2016, while those denominated in foreign currencies rose by 6.5 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate increased to 67.3 percent at end October 2017 (65.8 percent end December 2016). The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in non-resident private sector deposits (+4.5 percent), in resident private sector deposits (+4.2 percent) and in public sector deposits (+4.1 percent) in the first ten months of 2017.

Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 77.2 percent of total deposits at end October 2017 (20.4 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.4 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 28,117 billion (USD 18,652 million) at the end of October 2017 and represented around 8.6 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 2.3 percent from end December 2016 (6.2 percent increase in the first ten months of 2016).

Total claims on the resident and non-resident private sector expanded by 3.4 percent in the first ten months of the year 2017, reaching LBP 89,132 billion at the end of October 2017. The dollarization rate of these loans was 70.1 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total loans to total deposits attained 34.9 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 50,280 billion at the end of October 2017, thus decreasing by 3.9 percent from end December 2016. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 27,947 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (38.2 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 14,671 million of Eurobonds (nearly 55.0 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank increased in the first ten months of 2017 by 12.8 percent to total LBP 151,781 billion at the end of October 2017, meanwhile claims on non-resident banks decreased by 4.4 percent to LBP 16,191 billion (USD 10.7 billion) to represent 9.4 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies.

2. Investment Banks

Total consolidated assets of investment banks operating in Lebanon (including medium and long term credit banks) amounted to LBP 7,656 billion (around USD 5.1 billion) at the end of October 2017, thus increasing by 7.9 percent from end December 2016 (0.6 percent decrease in the first ten months of 2016).

In the first ten months of 2017, capital accounts rose by 14.9 percent and private sector deposits (resident & non-resident) by 1.4 percent. Cash and banks increased by 5.4 percent, claims on private sector by 11.7 percent and claims on the public sector by 3.8 percent.



3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange increased to 8,915 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 78.7 million in October 2017 compared to 7,527 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 49.8 million in the previous month (22,971 thousand shares with a value of USD 169.8 million in October 2016).

During October 2017, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 84.5 percent for Development and Reconstruction, 14.9 percent for Banking and 0.6 percent for Industrial.

Capital Markets

	Oct-16	Sep-17	Oct-17
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	22,971	7,527	8,915
Traded value (USD million)	169.8	49.8	78.7
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,866	11,356	11,273
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	67,346	71,619	73,221
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	26,385	26,977	26,195
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	850	850	850

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares decreased to USD 11,273 million at the end of October 2017, compared to USD 11,356 million at the end of the previous month and USD 11,866 million at the end of October 2016. Banking had a 85.2 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 11.9 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 73,221 billion and USD 26,195 million respectively at the end of October 2017.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, Euro-CDs, and subordinated debt stood almost unchanged at USD 850 million at the end of October 2017. The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL in the domestic currency decreased to LBP 33,847 billion while the value of those issued in foreign currencies stood almost unchanged at USD 22.7 billion.

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 209,058 billion at the end of October 2017, of which 60.3 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increasing by 4.4 percent from end December 2016 (4.1 percent increase in the first ten months of 2016).

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Oct-16	Sep-17	Oct-17
M3		194,079	209,352	209,058
Net foreign assets		49,337	52,148	50,489
Net claims on public sector		75,024	76,226	76,695
Valuation Adjustment		-9,351	-9,557	-9,364
Claims on private sector		79,421	84,116	84,389
Other items-net		-353	6,420	6,850
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		97.94	101.08	102.46

Source: BDL, CRI.

The LBP 8,866 billion increase in M3 in the first ten months of 2017 resulted from an increase in each of net other items (+LBP 5,628 billion), claims on the private sector (+LBP 4,201 billion) and net foreign assets (+LBP 777 billion) against a drop in valuation adjustment (-LBP 1,657 billion) and in net claims on public sector (-LBP 83 billion).

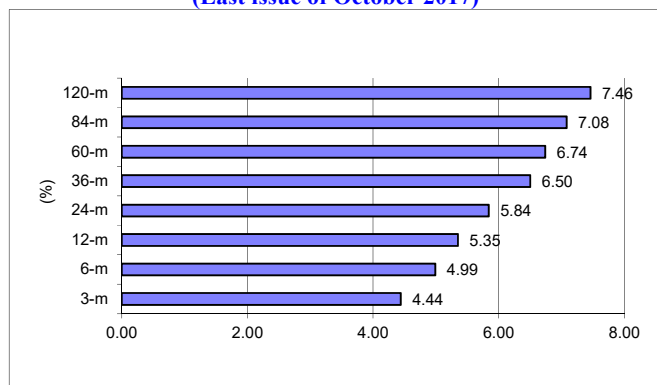
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, stood almost unchanged in the month of October 2017 compared to the previous month but increased by 2.3 percent from December 2016.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics, increased by 1.4 percent in October 2017 and by 3.6 percent from December 2016.

The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments were stable at the end of October 2017 on 45 and 60-day certificates of deposits issued by BDL reading 3.57 percent and 3.85 percent respectively. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills in LBP also 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.



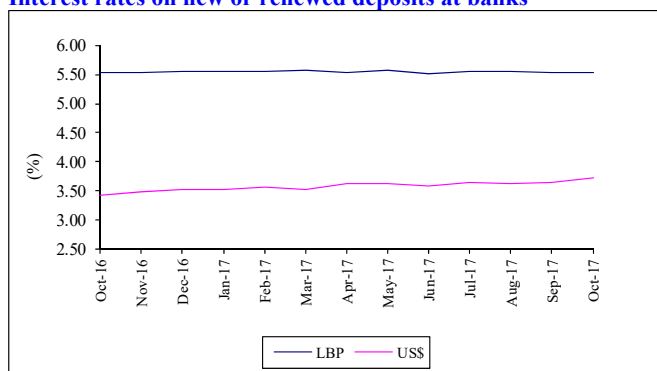
**Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP
(Last issue of October 2017)**



Source: BDL

In October 2017, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks increased a little to 5.56 percent (5.53 percent a month ago) and 3.72 percent (3.65 percent in September 2017) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 1.36 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In October 2017, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP and USD decreased to 8.24 percent (8.31 percent a month ago) and 7.39 percent (7.53 percent in September 2017) respectively.

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,076 billion in August 2017 to sum LBP 11,848 billion in the first eight months of 2017 (LBP 10,366 billion in the first eight months of 2016). The LBP 11,848 billion revenues comprised LBP 11,109 billion budget revenues and LBP 739 billion treasury receipts.

Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 1,866 billion in August 2017 to total LBP 13,941 billion in the first eight months of 2017 (LBP 14,177 billion in the first eight months of 2016). The LBP 13,941 billion expenditures included LBP 4,714 billion debt service and LBP 9,227 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,167 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years and LBP 1,269 billion to EDL.

Fiscal Situation

	LBP billion	Aug-16	Jul-17	Aug-17
Government revenues		885	1,637	1,076
Tax revenues		594	1,248	764
Non-tax revenues		241	274	143
Treasury receipts		50	115	169
Government expenditures		1,703	1,571	1,866
Debt service		422	405	483
Others		1,281	1,166	1,383
Overall balance		-817	66	-790
Primary balance		-395	471	-307

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Total Deficit decreased as such to LBP 2,092 billion in the first eight months of 2017 from LBP 3,811 billion in the first eight months of 2016, and the primary balance reported an LBP 2,622 billion surplus compared to an LBP 611 billion surplus respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 118,297 billion (the equivalent of USD 78.5 billion) at the end of October 2017, thus increasing by 4.8 percent when compared to end December 2016 (5.9 percent growth in the first ten months of 2016).

Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at commercial banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 102,699 billion at the end of October 2017, increasing by 4.1 percent from end of December 2016 (4.6 percent growth in the first ten months of 2016).



Public Debt

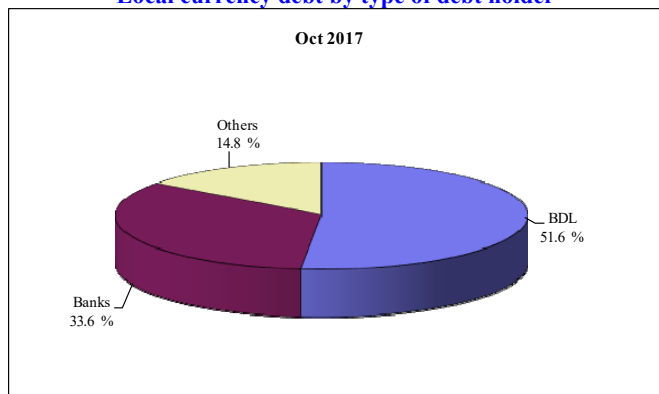
LBP billion	Oct-16	Sep-17	Oct-17
Public Debt (Gross)	112,338	117,820	118,297
Debt in LBP	68,586	72,856	74,592
Debt in FC	43,752	44,964	43,705
Public Debt (Net)	97,089	102,509	102,699
Public sector deposits	15,249	15,311	15,598
Commercial Banks	5,641	5,996	6,201
BDL	9,608	9,315	9,397

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 63.1 percent and 36.9 percent respectively at the end of October 2017. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 33.6 percent for banks (34.5 percent end of September 2017), 51.6 percent for the Central bank (50.0 percent in the previous month) and 14.8 percent for the non-banking sector (15.5 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (92.0 percent), Multilateral (4.6 percent), Bilateral (3.1 percent) and others (0.3 percent).

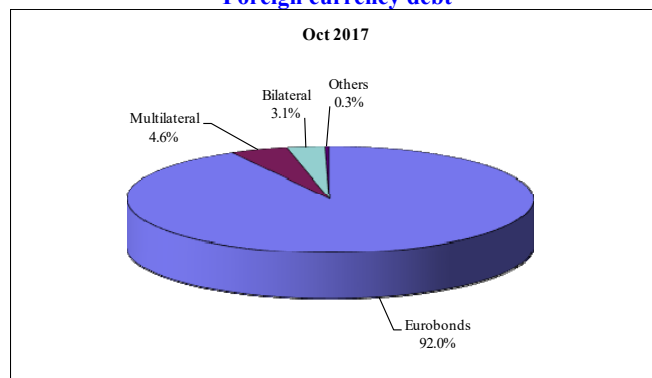
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,365 days (3.75 years) as at end October 2017 with a weighted interest of 6.90 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 6.86 years with a weighted interest of 6.44 percent.

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



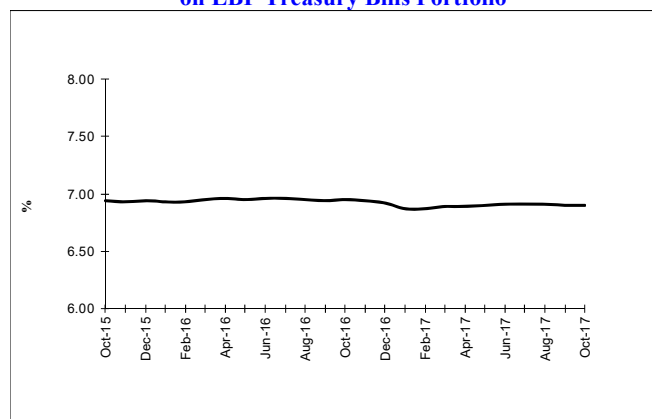
Source: BDL.

Foreign currency debt

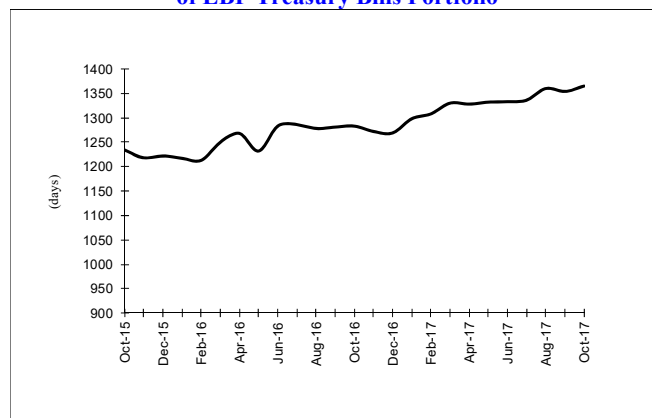


Source: BDL.

Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2016	Jan - Oct 2016	Jan - Oct 2017	Oct-16	Sep-17	Oct-17
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	235,513	197,659	n.a.	14,543	30,075	n.a
Building Permits (000's m2)	12,234	10,145	10,380	1,069	715	1,026
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	5,247	4,424	4,276	549	433	488
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	29,986	24,614	26,631	2,683	2,224	3,005
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	48,160	40,312	38,764	4,216	3,010	4,147
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	1,035,992	859,970	892,137	107,107	94,216	113,686
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,700,609	6,483,191	6,215,102	635,711	559,068	592,662
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	3,780	3,193	3,484	258	380	298
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	3,822	3,256	3,528	296	482	319
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,977	2,485	2,366	257	210	252
Total imports of goods (million USD)	18,705	15,719	15,579	1,479	1,297	1,690
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-15,728	-13,234	-13,213	-1,222	-1,087	-1,438
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	1,238	-125	-1,078	-680	457	-888
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	34,028	-	-	34,743	35,058	36,769
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	98.93	-	-	97.94	101.08	102.46

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		
	2016	Jan - Oct 2016	Jan - Oct 2017	2016	Jan - Oct 2016	Jan - Oct 2017
1- Live animals, animal products	837	695	736	14	12	16
2- Vegetable products	869	686	774	189	150	149
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	158	133	138	39	31	28
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,408	1,160	1,153	446	365	380
5- Mineral products	3,745	3,324	2,951	19	16	44
6- Products of the chemical	2,030	1,700	1,750	304	257	269
7- Plastics & articles thereof	730	613	642	133	112	123
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	74	63	60	12	10	9
9- Wood & articles of wood	229	186	180	13	11	9
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	317	278	251	133	108	121
11- Textiles & textile articles	791	673	663	85	70	56
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	153	133	127	12	10	8
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	467	387	410	22	19	17
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	1,255	1,037	801	828	725	489
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,174	994	1,053	253	198	276
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,879	1,541	1,609	334	272	265
17-Transport equipment	1,773	1,441	1,559	18	14	17
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	331	270	292	19	16	15
19- Arms & ammunition	16	12	14	1	1	1
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	450	376	399	93	79	65
21- Works of art	19	17	18	8	7	6
Total	18,705	15,719	15,579	2,977	2,485	2,366

Source: Lebanese Customs.

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Oct 2016	Share %	Jan - Oct 2017	Share %
CHINA	1,773	11.3	1,576	10.1
ITALY	1,163	7.4	1,419	9.1
GREECE	853	5.4	1,138	7.3
GERMANY	965	6.1	1,017	6.5
USA	1,009	6.4	951	6.1
TURKEY	537	3.4	653	4.2
FRANCE	587	3.7	604	3.9
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	645	4.1	588	3.8
EGYPT	638	4.1	504	3.2
SPAIN	378	2.4	419	2.7
OTHER COUNTRIES	7,171	45.6	6,710	43.1
TOTAL IMPORTS	15,719	100.0	15,579	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Oct 2016	Share %	Jan - Oct 2017	Share %
SOUTH AFRICA	574	23.1	275	11.6
SYRIA	146	5.9	210	8.9
UAE	202	8.1	200	8.5
SAUDI ARABIA	226	9.1	196	8.3
IRAQ	137	5.5	147	6.2
SWITZERLAND	58	2.3	117	4.9
TURKEY	54	2.2	98	4.1
KUWAIT	61	2.5	81	3.4
QATAR	64	2.6	77	3.3
JORDAN	84	3.4	74	3.1
OTHER COUNTRIES	879	35.4	891	37.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	2,485	100.0	2,366	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2016		2017		
	Oct	Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
ASSETS					
Reserves	132,310	135,305	143,293	150,475	152,625
-Cash	747	693	766	871	844
-Deposits at the Central Bank	131,563	134,612	142,527	149,605	151,781
Claims on the Private Sector	76,058	76,943	79,705	79,969	80,209
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	23,009	23,607	26,070	26,251	26,650
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	53,049	53,335	53,635	53,717	53,559
Claims on the Public Sector	52,360	52,344	50,522	49,922	50,280
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	27,010	28,936	25,814	26,549	27,947
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	25,148	23,191	24,500	23,163	22,117
Foreign Assets	31,692	34,824	33,264	32,575	33,314
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	9,395	9,256	8,735	8,866	8,923
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	13,384	16,945	16,147	15,285	16,191
-Other Foreign Assets	8,913	8,623	8,381	8,423	8,200
Fixed Assets	7,657	7,857	8,051	8,008	8,047
Unclassified Assets	930	726	818	789	829
TOTAL ASSETS	301,006	307,999	315,652	321,737	325,303
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Private Sector	188,072	193,765	202,241	202,284	201,858
-Demand Deposits in Lebanese Pound	5,253	5,437	5,483	5,815	5,550
-Other Deposits in Lebanese Pound	70,780	71,467	72,246	72,000	71,617
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	112,039	116,861	124,512	124,469	124,691
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,641	5,956	6,078	5,996	6,201
Deposits of Non-Residents	49,593	51,196	52,760	52,621	53,514
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,908	6,827	6,623	6,558	6,419
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	42,685	44,369	46,137	46,063	47,095
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	10,270	9,467	10,260	10,749	11,236
Bonds	418	408	421	422	416
Capital Base	26,688	27,497	28,095	28,116	28,117
-Core Capital	24,851	25,660	26,272	26,292	26,292
-Supplementary Capital	1,837	1,838	1,823	1,824	1,825
Unclassified Liabilities	20,323	19,708	15,798	21,549	23,961
TOTAL LIABILITIES	301,006	307,999	315,652	321,737	325,303

Source: BDL.



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

	2016		2017		
	Oct	Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
<u>Money Supply</u>					
Currency in circulation	4,219	4,592	4,810	4,495	4,569
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,401	5,567	5,584	6,000	5,681
= M1	9,620	10,159	10,394	10,495	10,250
+ Other Deposits in LBP	71,536	72,269	73,414	73,168	72,774
= M2	81,156	82,428	83,808	83,663	83,024
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	112,655	117,499	125,333	125,407	125,755
+ Bonds	268	266	281	282	280
= M3	194,079	200,192	209,422	209,352	209,058
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	10,831	10,797	10,933	11,172	11,045
= M4	204,910	210,989	220,355	220,524	220,103
<u>Counterparts of the Money Supply</u>					
Net Foreign Assets	49,337	49,712	51,708	52,148	50,489
o/w Gold	17,694	16,138	18,174	17,902	17,706
Net Claims on the Public Sector	75,024	76,778	76,788	76,226	76,695
Valuation Adjustment	-9,351	-7,707	-9,800	-9,557	-9,364
Claims on the Private Sector	79,421	80,188	83,657	84,116	84,389
Claims in LBP	24,262	24,918	27,547	27,922	28,349
Claims in FC	55,159	55,270	56,110	56,194	56,040
Other Items (Net)	-353	1,222	7,068	6,420	6,850
TOTAL	194,079	200,192	209,422	209,352	209,058

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		Others ⁽¹⁾	Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II		Total	
		Bank	Banks					loans	Others ⁽²⁾		
2015	Dec	106,031	24,308	29,878	11,009	65,195	1,515	1,585	83	37,653	40,836
2016	Oct	112,338	30,215	27,540	10,831	68,586	1,590	1,472	50	40,640	43,752
	Nov	112,379	30,436	28,591	10,863	69,890	1,577	1,386	48	39,478	42,489
	Dec	112,910	30,150	29,581	10,797	70,528	1,577	1,395	48	39,362	42,382
2017	Jan	114,846	30,038	31,704	10,590	72,332	1,571	1,412	49	39,482	42,514
	Feb	114,801	28,915	32,202	10,919	72,036	1,752	1,408	32	39,573	42,765
	Mar	116,358	27,942	32,393	10,964	71,299	1,776	1,412	32	41,839	45,059
	Apr	115,979	27,984	32,183	10,756	70,923	1,821	1,398	33	41,804	45,056
	May	115,663	27,767	32,420	10,732	70,919	1,874	1,353	33	41,484	44,744
	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	116,520	34,696 ⁽³⁾	25,925	10,933	71,551	1,960	1,398	18	41,590	44,966
	Sep	117,820	36,431 ⁽³⁾	25,133	11,292	72,853	1,999	1,390	18	41,557	44,964
	Oct	118,297	38,501 ⁽³⁾	25,046	11,045	74,589	2,004	1,350	17	40,334	43,705

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).

(3) Including REPOS.

TREASURY BILLS PORTFOLIO IN LBP
(Face value, Billion LBP)

Year And Month	In Circulation End of period	Issue	Reimbursement	Weighted	Weighted	
				Average Life (days)	Average Interest (%)	
2015	Dec	64,112	905	958	1,222	6.94
2016	Oct	67,346	1,092	1,373	1,283	6.95
	Nov	68,498	1,732	580	1,272	6.94
	Dec	69,347	1,900	1,051	1,269	6.92
2017	Jan	71,034	3,109	1,422	1,298	6.87
	Feb	70,716	1,670	1,988	1,308	6.87
	Mar	70,067	1,964	2,613	1,330	6.89
	Apr	69,605	916	1,378	1,328	6.89
	May	69,498	1,318	1,425	1,332	6.90
	Jun	69,398	1,426	1,526	1,333	6.91
	Jul	69,937	1,894	1,355	1,336	6.91
	Aug	70,354	2,803	2,386	1,360	6.91
	Sep	71,619	2,360	1,095	1,354	6.90
	Oct	73,221	3,023	1,421	1,365	6.90

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 LBP	Rate on Funds in US\$	Rate on Funds in LBP	Rate on Funds in US\$			3-m	6-m	12-m	24-m	36-m	60-m	84-m	96-m	120-m
2015	Dec	7.45	7.06	5.56	3.17	3.03	0.54	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63		7.33
2016	Oct	8.35	7.06	5.53	3.43	3.03	0.88	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Nov	8.26	7.16	5.54	3.48	3.00	0.91	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	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	Jan	8.47	7.26	5.55	3.52	3.03	1.03	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	4.94	6.96	7.33
	Feb	8.37	7.14	5.56	3.57	3.00	1.05	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Mar	8.43	7.32	5.57	3.53	3.00	1.14	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Apr	8.33	7.22	5.54	3.62	3.13	1.16	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	May	8.48	7.36	5.57	3.62	3.00	1.19	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	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

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.

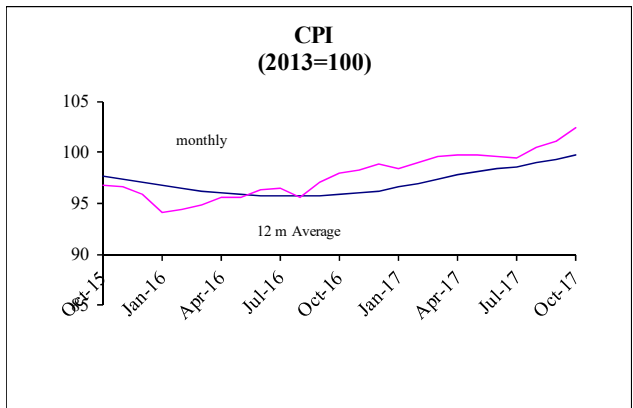
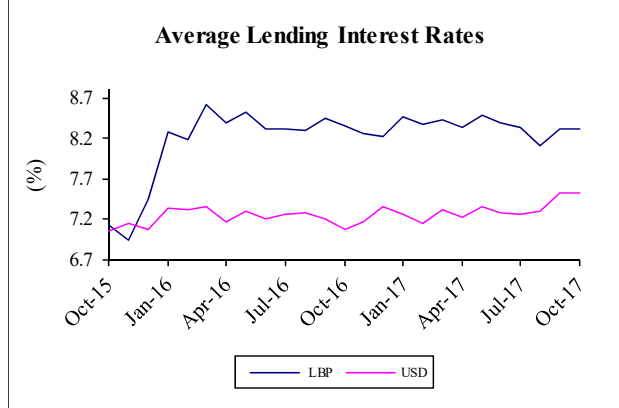
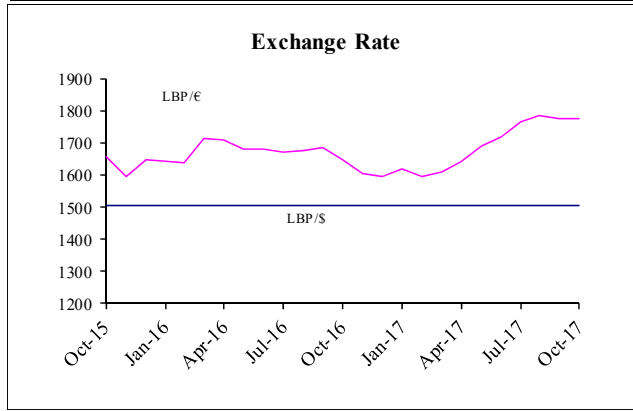
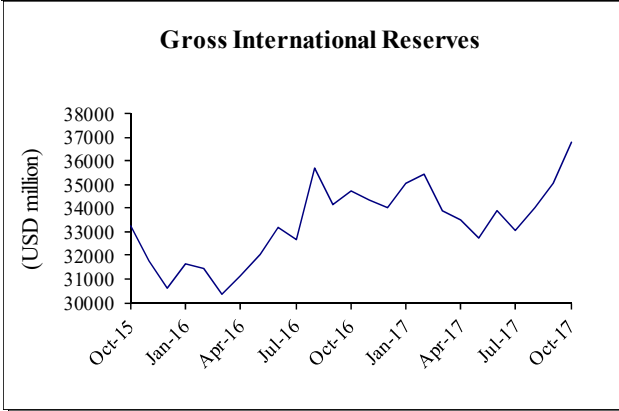
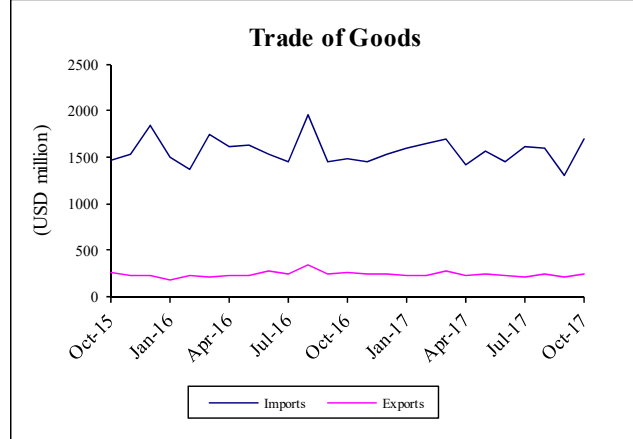
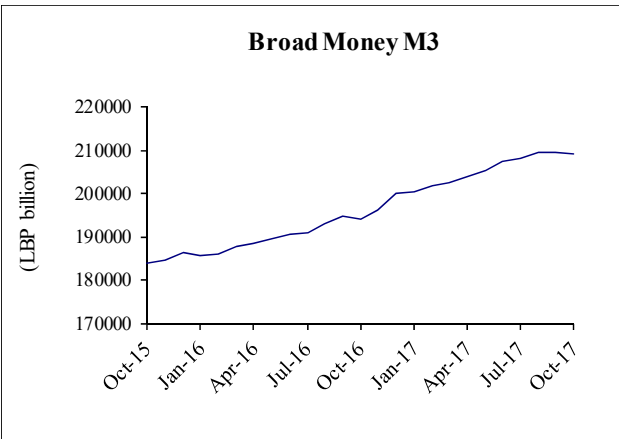
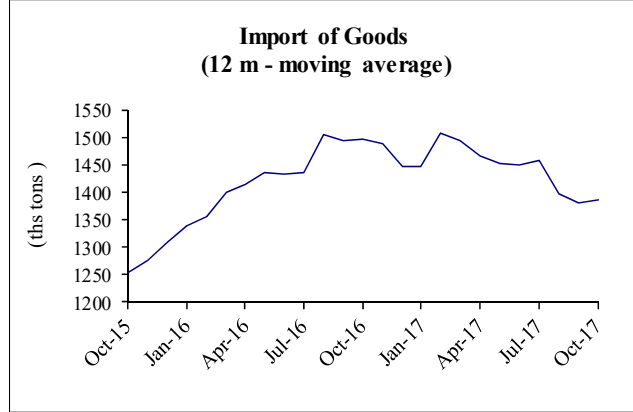
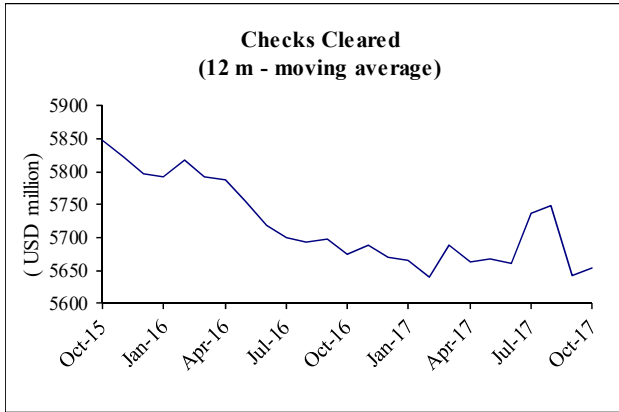
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2015	Dec	1,507.50	1,520.88	2,232.46	12.51	1,646.64
2016	Oct	1,507.50	1,524.58	1,834.63	14.35	1,650.86
	Nov	1,507.50	1,485.81	1,877.74	13.31	1,605.19
	Dec	1,507.50	1,485.81	1,856.03	12.90	1,596.29
2017	Jan	1,507.50	1,518.43	1,878.80	13.28	1,620.41
	Feb	1,507.50	1,500.75	1,875.33	13.43	1,598.55
	Mar	1,507.50	1,507.20	1,878.50	13.48	1,612.12
	Apr	1,507.50	1,518.13	1,949.80	13.55	1,643.78
	May	1,507.50	1,552.36	1,935.33	13.60	1,690.51
	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

Source: BDL.



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