



Summary:

Despite the deceleration in the activities of a number of economic sectors in the fourth quarter, economic and financial indicators improved favorably in 2010 in relation to 2009, signaling another year of strong economic growth. Both the overall balance of payments and the fiscal primary balance reported relatively large surpluses and bank credits to the private sector expanded substantially supported by adequate growth in deposits. In 2010 also, interest rates retreated noticeably.

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I- REAL SECTOR**In December 2010,**

The total value of checks cleared in the domestic and foreign currencies surged to USD 5,648 million from USD 5,127 million a month earlier but fell below the USD 5,817 million in December 2009. Checks cleared value, o/w 80.0 percent denominated in foreign currencies, increased in 2010 by 19.6 percent when compared to 2009.

The total value of returned checks in the domestic and foreign currencies dropped to USD 114 million from USD 120 million in the previous month (USD 102 million in December 2009). Returned checks value in 2010 exceeded that of the previous year by 29.0 percent.

Collected real estate fees rose to LBP 104.3 billion from LBP 64.2 billion one month back (LBP 104.9 billion in December 2009). Collected fees multiplied in 2010 by 38.8 percent with reference to 2009.

Construction permits expanded to 1,931 thousand square meters versus 1,190 thousand square meters in the preceding month (2,929 thousand square meters in December 2009). Permits climbed in 2010 by 22.7 percent vis-à-vis the preceding year.

Cement deliveries slightly decreased to 400 thousand tons from 410 thousand tons a month ago but yet were above the 319 thousand tons reported in December 2009. Cement deliveries increased in 2010 by 6.7 percent when compared to 2009.

The total number of passengers arriving to Beirut International Airport rose in December 2010 to 233,562 persons and the total number of departing passengers regressed to 186,592 persons. Arrivals and departures in 2010 outstripped by 10.7 percent and 11.8 percent consecutively those recorded in the previous year.

Agricultural exports improved to USD 20 million from USD 14 million a month earlier. In 2010, agricultural exports exceeded by USD 36 million the ones reported in 2009.

In November 2010,

Industrial exports (excluding gold ingots) declined to USD 248 million from USD 377 million in the previous month but outpaced the USD 216 million in November 2009. Nevertheless, industrial exports grew by 33.5 percent in the first eleven months of 2010 in relation to the alike previous year period.

Imports of industrial machinery decreased to USD 13.4 million, from USD 19.4 million a month earlier and USD 14.1 million in November 2009. Industrial machinery imports climbed, however, in the first eleven months of 2010 by 15.2 percent with regard to the similar 2009 time frame.

Real Sector Indicators

	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
Checks cleared (total)			
Number (000)	1,148	1,042	1,137
Value (USD million)	5,817	5,127	5,648
Checks cleared in LBP			
Number (000)	315	285	324
Value (LBP billion)	1,599	1,626	1,926
Checks cleared in FX			
Number (000)	833	757	813
Value (USD million)	4,756	4,048	4,370
Returned checks			
Number (000)	22.6	22.3	24.9
Value (USD million)	102	120	114
Construction permits (000 square meters)	2,929	1,190	1,931
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	319	410	400
Collected property taxes (LBP billion)	104.9	64.2	104.3
Passengers arrivals (000)	231	228	234
Passengers departures (000)	197	236	187
Agricultural exports (USD million)	11	14	20
Industrial exports (USD million)	256	248	n.a.
Imports of industrial machinery (USD million)	17.5	13.4	n.a.

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



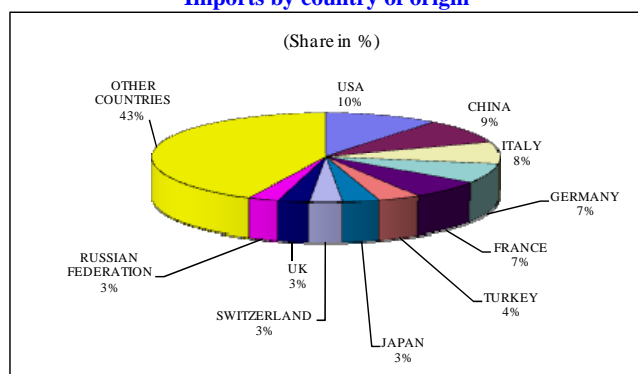
II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

In December 2010,

Imports of goods retreated to USD 1,470 million from USD 1,820 million a month ago but were beyond the 1,380 million recorded in December 2009. Imports increased, however, by 10.6 percent in 2010 with reference to 2009.

In 2010, mineral products lead imported goods with a 21.1 percent share of total imports. They were followed by machinery and mechanical appliances and by transport equipment, which accounted for 12.1 percent and 10.8 percent respectively. The United States topped the list of imports by country of origin with an 10.6 percent share of total imports. China came next with a share of 9.1 percent followed by Italy with a share of 7.8 percent.

Imports by country of origin

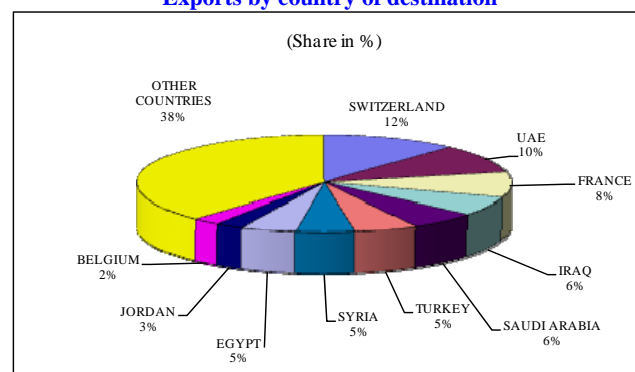


Source: Lebanese Customs

Exports of goods rose to USD 487 million from USD 318 million in the previous month and USD 364 million in December 2009. Exports grew in 2010 by 22.1 percent when compared to 2009.

On a cumulative basis, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 26.1 percent of total exports, followed by machinery and mechanical appliances (17.4 percent) and base metals and articles of base metals (10.8 percent). Switzerland outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with a 11.8 percent part of the total, trailed by the UAE (9.8 percent) and France (8.2 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit narrowed to USD 983 million, from USD 1,495 million a month earlier and USD 1,016 million in December 2009. Nevertheless, the trade deficit widened in 2010 by 7.5 percent in relation to 2009.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
Imports	1,380	1,820	1,470
Exports	364	318	487
Trade deficit	-1,016	-1,502	-983
Balance of payments	1,610	-673	1,243
Gross foreign currency reserves	25,660	27,738	28,598

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL.

The overall balance of payments reported a surplus of USD 1,243 million following a deficit of USD 673 million in November 2010. Thus, the overall balance was positive in the amount of USD 3,325 million in 2010 in comparison with a larger USD 7,899 million surplus in 2009. The USD 3,325 million surplus represented an increase in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD +3,201 million) and in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD +123 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank rose to USD 28,598 million vs. USD 27,738 million at the end of the previous month and USD 25,660 million at the end of December 2009. The U.S. dollar average rate remained stable at LBP 1507.5 with the Central bank maintaining its foreign exchange intervention rates at LBP 1501 per one USD for bid and LBP 1514 per one USD for ask. BDL intervened moderately during the stated month mainly selling US Dollars for LBP.



III-FINANCIAL SECTOR

1. Commercial Banks

Total consolidated assets of commercial banks operating in Lebanon expanded to LBP 194,355 billion (USD 128.9 billion) at the end of December 2010. Total assets grew, thus, by 1.1 percent in one month and by 11.9 percent during 2010 (+22.3 percent growth in 2009).

The 11.9 percent progress in total assets in 2010 was largely associated with a 12.2 percent increase in total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits, which constituted 84.2 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 163,717 billion (around USD 108.6 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
Total Assets	173,740	192,315	194,355
Total deposits	145,957	160,274	163,717
Resident private sector	119,383	131,797	133,743
Non-resident private sector	24,984	26,513	27,866
Public sector deposits	1,590	1,965	2,107
Capital accounts	11,977	13,699	13,901
Total claims on the private sector	42,774	52,640	52,656
Resident private sector	36,570	44,925	45,702
Non-resident private sector	6,204	7,715	6,954
Total claims on public sector	43,812	43,319	44,192
Bills & Bonds in LBP	26,271	25,662	26,489
Bonds in FC	17,435	17,567	17,626
Claims on non resident banks	22,643	22,617	23,885
Other foreign assets	6,850	7,716	7,945
Deposits at the central bank	53,228	60,445	60,778

Source: BDL.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP rose by around 15.8 percent from December 2009, whereas those denominated in foreign currencies increased by 9.8 percent, resulting in a deposit dollarization rate of 63.2 percent at the end of December 2010, down from 64.5 percent at the end of December 2009. The itemization

of total deposits reveals also an increase in public sector deposits (+32.5 percent), resident private sector deposits (+12.0 percent) and non-resident private sector deposits (+11.5 percent) in 2010. Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 81.7 percent of total deposits at end of December 2010 (17.0 percent for non-resident private sector and 1.3 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital climbed to LBP 13,901 billion (USD 9,221 million) at the end of December 2010 and represented around 7.2 percent of total assets. Total capital multiplied by 16.1 percent from end December 2009.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident private sector surged by 23.1 percent in 2010 to reach LBP 52,656 billion at the end of the period. The dollarization rate of these loans continued to decline at slow and gradual pace to reach 80.3 percent, and the ratio of total loans to total deposits attained 32.6 percent.

Total claims on the public sector amounted to LBP 44,192 billion at the end of December 2010, thus increasing by 0.9 percent in one year. At the end of the stated period, commercial banks held USD 11,692 million of Eurobonds (nearly 65.9 percent of the total outstanding portfolio) and LBP 26,489 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (55.2 percent of the total portfolio in circulation).

Deposits at the Central Bank grew by 14.2 percent when compared to end December 2009, to amount to LBP 60,778 billion at the end of December 2010, whereas claims on non resident banks slightly increased to LBP 22,885 billion (USD 15.8 billion) and to represent 23.4 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies at the end of the mentioned month.

2. Investment Banks

Total consolidated assets of investment banks operating in Lebanon (including medium and long term credit banks) amounted to LBP 7,893 billion (around USD 5.2 billion) at the end of December 2010, hence retreating by 7.2 percent in one month, but rising by around 2.0 percent when compared to the end of December 2009 (+23.3 percent increase in 2009).



The 2.0 percent growth in total assets was associated with almost unchanged private sector deposits (resident & non resident), representing around 61.8 percent of the total balance sheet, offset by a 14.1 percent expansion in capital accounts.

Claims on private sector rose by 6.9 percent in 2010 while claims on the public sector decreased by 7.4 percent to constitute together 40.1 percent of total assets. "Cash and banks", the largest asset item, grew by 0.8 percent in the mentioned period to account for 52.7 percent of total assets at the end of December 2010.

3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange dropped to 3,400 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 33.1 million in December 2010 compared to 15,208 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 115.9 million a month ago. Nevertheless, the number of shares traded and their value increased in 2010 by 219.2 percent and 96.7 percent respectively with regard to 2009.

During December 2010, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 59.6 percent for Banking, 39.5 percent for Development and Reconstruction, and 0.9 percent for Industry.

Capital Markets

	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	3,175	15,208	3,400
Traded value (USD million)	49.4	115.9	33.1
Market capitalization (USD million)	12,843	12,351	12,676
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	43,758	45,444	47,237
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	17,700	17,536	17,418
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	821	527	527

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares increased to USD 12,676 million at the end of December 2010, compared to USD 12,351 million at the end of the previous month (USD 12,843 million at the end of December 2009). Banking had a 72.6 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 24.2 percent.

The face value of the outstanding treasury bills portfolio denominated in the domestic currency jumped to LBP 47,237 billion at the end of December 2010 against LBP 45,444 billion a month earlier. **The value of the outstanding sovereign bonds portfolio** denominated in foreign currencies (**Eurobonds**) slightly decreased to USD 17,418 million at the end of the stated month from USD 17,536 million at the end of November 2010.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, Eurobonds, and subordinated debt remained unchanged at USD 527 million at the end of December 2010, while **the outstanding certificates of deposits issued by BDL** in the domestic currency slightly decreased to LBP 27,814 billion. BDL certificates of deposits denominated in foreign currencies were stable at USD 5.4 billion (o/w USD 2 billion Euro-CD's).

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) progressed to LBP 138,910 billion at the end of December 2010, of which 57.2 percent was denominated in foreign currencies, thus expanding by 1.3 percent in one month and by 12.3 percent in 2010 (+19.5 percent increase in 2009).

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
M3		123,732	137,180	138,910
Net foreign assets		57,121	64,361	66,536
Net claims on public sector		47,492	49,306	48,878
Valuation Adjustment		-6,761	-10,624	-11,170
Claims on private sector		38,447	47,077	47,829
Other items-net		-12,568	-12,941	-13,163
CPI (2004=100)		125.89	135.15	133.68

Source: BDL, CRI.

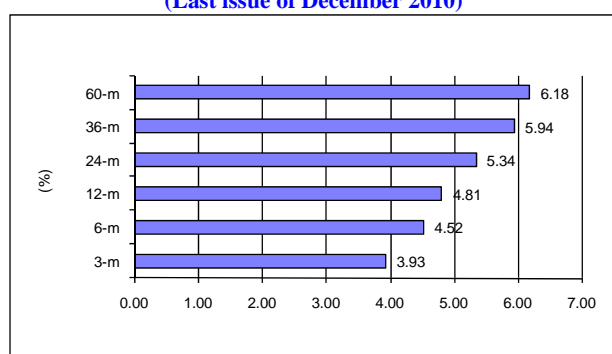
The LBP 15,178 billion growth in M3 in 2010 was due to an increase in each of net foreign assets (+LBP 9,415 billion), claims on the private sector (+LBP 9,382 billion), and net claims on public sector (+LBP 1,386 billion), partly offset by a decrease in valuation adjustment (LBP -4,410 billion) and net other items (LBP -595 billion).



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 1.09 percent in December 2010, but increased by 6.2 percent from December 2009.

The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments were steady at the end of December 2010 on 45 and 60-day-certificates of deposits issued by BDL reading 3.57 percent and 3.85 percent respectively. The yields on the Lebanese Treasury bills stood unchanged in December 2010 when compared to November 2010 to read at the end of the month: 3.93 percent for three-month bills, 4.52 percent for six-month bills, 4.81 percent for one-year bills, 5.34 percent for two-year bills, 5.94 percent for three-year bills and 6.18 percent for five-year bills.

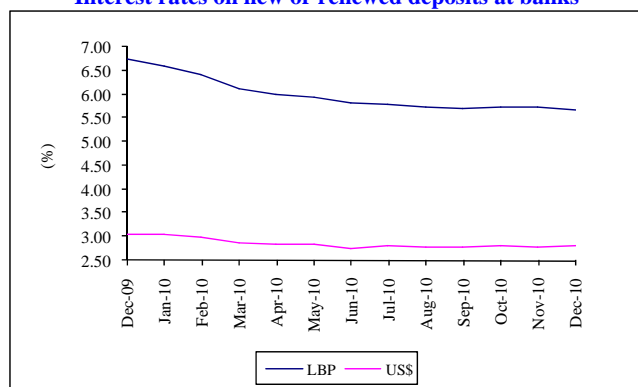
Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of December 2010)



Source: BDL

The average interest rate remained unchanged on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks to read 5.68 percent and 2.80 percent respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR slightly increased to 0.30 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



The average interest rate on new or renewed LBP denominated loans at commercial banks slightly decreased in December 2010 to 7.91 percent against 7.98 percent in the previous month, whereas the average interest rate on new or renewed USD dominated loans declined to 6.74 percent from 6.96 percent.

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, consisting of budget revenues and treasury receipts, climbed to LBP 1,503 billion in December 2010 to total LBP 12,684 billion in 2010 (LBP 12,705 billion in 2009). The LBP 12,684 billion revenues included LBP 12,018 billion budget revenues and LBP 666 billion treasury receipts.

Government expenditures, composed of budget and treasury spending, increased to LBP 1,596 billion in December 2010 to sum LBP 17,089 billion in 2010 (LBP 17,167 billion in 2009). Expenditures in 2010 included LBP 6,218 billion debt service and LBP 10,871 billion other general expenditures, o/w LBP 1,797 billion related to EDL.

Fiscal Situation

LBP billion	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
Government revenues	1,071	764	1,503
Tax revenues	694	630	708
Non-tax revenues	333	81	738
Treasury receipts	44	53	57
Government expenditures	1,626	1,294	1,596
Debt service	664	482	509
Others	962	812	1,087
Overall balance	-555	-530	-93
Primary balance	109	-48	416

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Total Deficit reached LBP 4,405 billion in 2010, down from LBP 4,462 billion in 2009. The primary balance recorded in 2010 a surplus of LBP 1,813 billion, compared to LBP 1,625 billion surplus in 2009.

Gross public debt mounted to LBP 79,278 billion (the equivalent of USD 52.6 billion) at the end of December 2010 against LBP 78,042 billion at the end of November 2010. When compared to the end of December 2009, gross public debt increased by 2.8 percent (+8.7 percent growth in 2009).



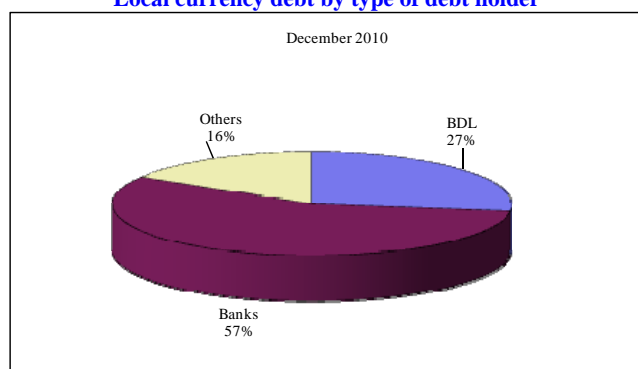
Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at commercial banks and the central bank from gross public debt, increased to LBP 67,859 billion at the end of December 2010, thus rising by 1.9 percent from end December 2009.

Public Debt			
LBP billion	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
Public Debt (Gross)	77,097	78,042	79,278
Debt in LBP	44,973	46,554	48,268
Debt in FC	32,124	31,488	31,010
Public Debt (Net)	66,575	67,711	67,859
Public sector deposits	10,522	10,331	11,419
Commercial Banks	1,590	1,965	2,107
BDL	8,932	8,366	9,312

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 60.9 percent and 39.1 percent respectively at the end of December 2010. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 56.4 percent for banks (57.6 percent end of November 2010), 27.2 percent for the Central bank (25.6 percent in the previous month) and 16.4 percent for the non-banking sector (16.8 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (86.2 percent), Multilateral (7.2 percent), Bilateral (4.8 percent), Paris II loans (1.5 percent) and others (0.3 percent).

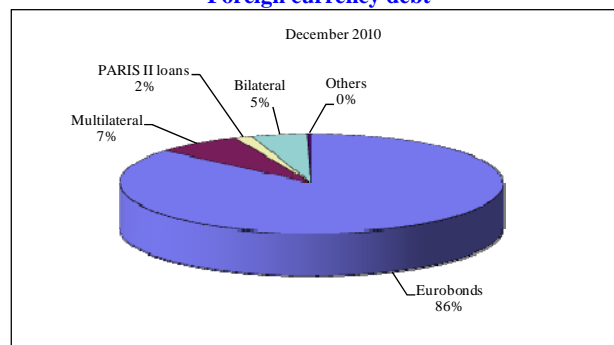
Local currency debt by type of debt holder



Source: BDL.

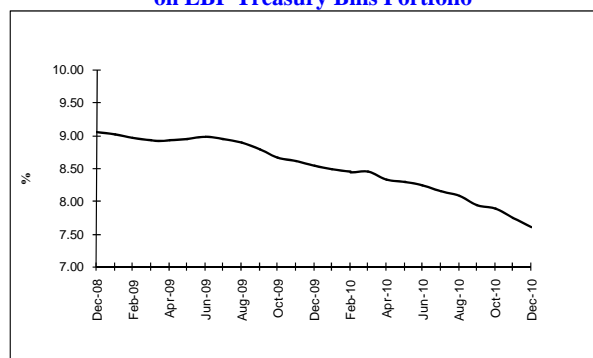
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 623 days as at end December 2010, with a weighted interest of 7.60 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 4.84 years, with a weighted interest of 7.30 percent.

Foreign currency debt

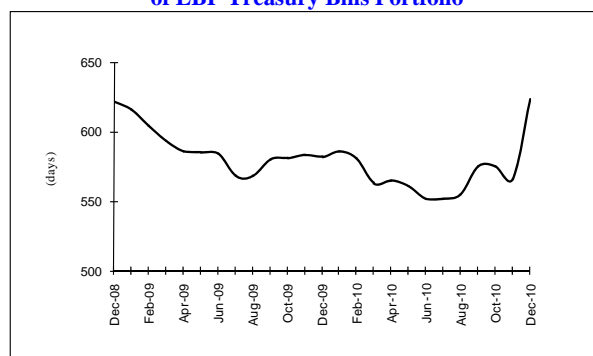


Source: BDL.

Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	2009 Jan - Dec	2010 Jan -Dec	Dec-09	Nov-10	Dec-10
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	199,160	n.a.	17,479	13,406	n.a.
Building Permits (000's m2)	14,361	17,625	2,929	1,190	1,931
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	4,897	5,227	319	410	400
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	16,765	20,377	1,599	1,626	1,926
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	45,279	53,928	4,756	4,048	4,370
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	668,984	820,753	52,480	52,718	70,887
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	5,652,667	5,652,619	499,845	401,408	451,778
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	2,492	2,759	231	228	234
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	2,461	2,752	197	236	187
Total exports of goods (million USD)	3,484	4,253	364	318	487
Total imports of goods (million USD)	16,242	17,964	1,380	1,820	1,470
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-12,758	-13,711	-1,016	-1,502	-983
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	7,899	3,325	1,610	-673	1,243
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	-	-	25,660	27,738	28,598
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	-	-	125.89	135.15	133.68

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	
	Jan -Dec 2009	Jan - Dec 2010	Jan -Dec 2009	Jan - Dec 2010
1- Live animals, animal products	754	866	15	17
2- Vegetable products	629	716	120	154
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	132	128	19	23
4- Prepared foodstuffs	957	1,142	284	324
5- Mineral products	3,326	3,791	89	56
6- Products of the chemical	1,369	1,550	231	310
7- Plastics & articles thereof	544	641	125	119
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	66	74	9	12
9- Wood & articles of wood	222	230	28	22
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	345	425	229	237
11- Textiles & textile articles	695	703	107	108
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	119	134	17	22
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	311	385	55	44
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	801	1,159	1099	1109
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,041	1,271	314	460
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,932	2,169	509	742
17-Transport equipment	2,409	1,936	100	361
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	259	299	24	22
19- Arms & ammunition	21	25	0	1
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	291	305	101	103
21- Works of art	21	15	10	8
Total	16,242	17,964	3,478	4,253

Source: Lebanese Customs.

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Dec 2009	Share %	Jan - Dec 2010	Share %
USA	1,764	10.9	1,909	10.6
CHINA	1,440	8.9	1,638	9.1
ITALY	1,225	7.5	1,394	7.8
GERMANY	1,237	7.6	1,259	7.0
FRANCE	1,571	9.7	1,196	6.7
TURKEY	653	4.0	684	3.8
JAPAN	671	4.1	622	3.5
SWITZERLAND	407	2.5	559	3.1
UK	488	3.0	527	2.9
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	416	2.6	507	2.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	6,370	39.2	7,669	42.7
TOTAL IMPORTS	16,242	100.0	17,964	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Dec 2009	Share %	Jan - Dec 2010	Share %
SWITZERLAND	777	22.3	502	11.8
UAE	333	9.6	418	9.8
FRANCE	107	3.1	348	8.2
IRAQ	271	7.8	267	6.3
SAUDI ARABIA	243	7.0	246	5.8
TURKEY	105	3.0	231	5.4
SYRIA	225	6.5	221	5.2
EGYPT	75	2.2	201	4.7
JORDAN	105	3.0	104	2.4
BELGIUM	114	3.3	102	2.4
OTHER COUNTRIES	1,123	32.3	1,613	37.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	3,478	100.0	4,253	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2009		2010	
	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec
ASSETS				
Reserves	53,575	60,621	60,868	61,154
-Cash	347	404	424	375
-Deposits at the Central Bank	53,228	60,218	60,445	60,778
Claims on the Private Sector	36,570	44,238	44,925	45,702
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,838	9,822	10,139	10,382
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	29,733	34,415	34,786	35,320
Claims on the Public Sector	43,812	43,058	43,319	44,192
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	26,271	25,656	25,662	26,489
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	17,435	17,312	17,567	17,626
Foreign Assets	35,698	37,979	38,048	38,784
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	6,204	7,609	7,715	6,954
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	22,643	22,545	22,617	23,885
-Other Foreign Assets	6,850	7,825	7,716	7,945
Fixed Assets	3,783	4,676	4,769	4,188
Unclassified Assets	303	350	385	335
TOTAL ASSETS	173,740	190,922	192,315	194,355
LIABILITIES				
Liabilities to the Private Sector	119,383	131,127	131,797	133,743
-Demand Deposits in Lebanese Pound	2,410	2,984	2,995	2,951
-Other Deposits in Lebanese Pound	45,328	51,603	51,727	52,086
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	71,645	76,540	77,075	78,707
Liabilities to the Public Sector	1,590	1,912	1,965	2,107
Deposits of Non-Residents	24,984	25,932	26,513	27,866
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	3,572	4,071	4,072	4,374
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	21,412	21,860	22,441	23,493
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	6,935	7,685	7,755	6,785
Bonds	143	275	382	412
Capital Base	11,977	13,676	13,699	13,901
-Core Capital	11,294	12,892	12,915	13,066
-Supplementary Capital	683	784	784	835
Unclassified Liabilities	8,728	10,315	10,204	9,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES	173,740	190,922	192,315	194,355

Source: BDL.



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

	2009	2010		
	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec
Money Supply				
Currency in circulation	2,383	2,503	2,522	2,713
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	2,457	3,039	3,036	3,015
= M1	4,840	5,542	5,558	5,728
+ Other Deposits in LBP	46,650	53,723	53,696	53,674
= M2	51,489	59,265	59,254	59,402
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	72,229	77,167	77,713	79,293
+ Bonds	13	100	214	215
= M3	123,732	136,532	137,180	138,910
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	7,353	7,864	7,821	7,911
= M4	131,085	144,396	145,001	146,821
Counterparts of the Money Supply				
Net Foreign Assets	57,121	65,149	64,361	66,536
o/w Gold	15,169	18,609	19,101	19,613
Net Claims on the Public Sector	47,492	48,670	49,306	48,878
Valuation Adjustment	-6,761	-10,202	-10,624	-11,170
Claims on the Private Sector	38,447	46,387	47,077	47,829
Claims in LBP	7,163	10,186	10,504	10,731
Claims in FC	31,284	36,201	36,573	37,098
Other Items (Net)	-12,568	-13,472	-12,941	-13,163
TOTAL	123,732	136,532	137,180	138,910

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					Total	
		Central Bank		Banks	Others ⁽¹⁾	Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II loans			Others ⁽²⁾
		Bank	Banks						loans	Others ⁽²⁾		
2008	Dec	70,941	8,781	24,320	5,906	39,007	2,392	1,504	748	27,290	31,934	
2009	Dec	77,103	10,334	27,286	7,353	44,973	2,395	1,492	627	27,616	32,130	
2010	Jan	77,948	10,206	28,143	7,472	45,821	2,380	1,475	611	27,661	32,127	
	Feb	78,455	10,472	28,387	7,551	46,410	2,362	1,454	528	27,701	32,045	
	Mar	77,667	10,408	27,758	7,487	45,653	2,335	1,453	528	27,698	32,014	
	Apr	77,735	10,536	27,533	7,696	45,765	2,332	1,444	522	27,672	31,970	
	May	77,127	10,482	27,305	7,606	45,393	2,297	1,408	482	27,547	31,734	
	Jun	76,941	10,573	27,396	7,470	45,439	2,238	1,409	481	27,374	31,502	
	Jul	76,569	9,687	27,659	7,519	44,865	2,235	1,446	513	27,510	31,704	
	Aug	75,689	8,659	27,776	7,581	44,016	2,228	1,438	440	27,567	31,673	
	Sep	76,670	9,630	27,637	7,761	45,028	2,240	1,487	473	27,442	31,642	
	Oct	77,069	10,694	26,829	7,864	45,387	2,254	1,499	479	27,450	31,682	
	Nov	78,042	11,903	26,830	7,821	46,554	2,208	1,455	452	27,373	31,488	
	Dec	79,278	13,130	27,235	7,903	48,268	2,238	1,476	460	26,836	31,010	

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 Life (days)	Average Interest (%)	
2008	Dec	37,644	1,057	883	622	9.04
2009	Dec	43,758	2,067	1,203	582	8.53
2010	Jan	44,636	1,654	776	586	8.48
	Feb	45,246	1,394	784	581	8.44
	Mar	44,431	0	815	563	8.45
	Apr	44,584	1,813	1,660	565	8.32
	May	44,155	788	1,217	561	8.28
	Jun	44,178	857	834	552	8.24
	Jul	43,716	1,527	1,989	552	8.14
	Aug	42,891	1,055	1,880	555	8.07
	Sep	43,925	2,590	1,556	575	7.93
	Oct	44,309	1,546	1,162	575	7.88
	Nov	45,444	2,163	1,028	566	7.75
	Dec	47,237	3,821	2,028	623	7.60

Source:BDL.



AVERAGE INTEREST RATES

Year And Month	Average Lending Rate on Funds in		Average Deposit Rate on Funds in		Inter Bank Rate *	3m Libor \$	Interest rates on TBs (last issue)							
	LBP	US\$	LBP	US\$			3-m	6-m	12-m	24-m	36-m	60-m	84-m	
2008	Dec	9.95	7.47	7.22	3.33	4.32	1.83	5.04	6.86	7.05	8.10	8.81	-	
2009	Dec	9.04	7.28	6.75	3.05	3.02	0.25	4.50	5.56	5.42	6.22	6.98	7.60	
2010	Jan	8.91	7.26	6.61	3.04	3.00	0.25	4.46	5.46	5.28	6.09	6.86	7.40	
	Feb	8.83	7.26	6.42	2.99	3.00	0.25	4.39	5.35	5.29	5.95	6.75	7.25	
	Mar	8.69	7.15	6.11	2.86	2.85	0.27	no issues	no issues	no issues	no issues	no issues	no issues	
	Apr	8.48	7.10	6.00	2.84	2.77	0.31	4.20	5.10	5.12	5.76	6.44	6.77	
	May	8.47	7.10	5.93	2.84	2.77	0.46	3.96	4.70	4.93	5.50	6.11	6.38	
	Jun	8.37	7.03	5.83	2.75	2.83	0.54	3.90	4.33	4.65	5.29	5.80	6.07	
	Jul	8.09	7.05	5.79	2.80	2.77	0.51	3.90	4.42	4.58	5.29	5.82	6.07	
	Aug	8.05	7.04	5.72	2.78	2.77	0.36	3.89	4.41	4.59	5.27	5.85	6.09	
	Sep	8.11	7.24	5.70	2.78	2.75	0.29	3.89	4.42	4.59	5.27	5.85	6.09	
	Oct	8.15	7.08	5.72	2.81	2.75	0.29	3.89	4.42	4.59	5.27	5.85	6.09	
	Nov	7.98	6.96	5.68	2.80	2.75	0.29	3.89	4.42	4.59	5.27	5.85	6.09	
	Dec	7.91	6.74	5.68	2.80	2.75	0.30	3.89	4.42	4.59	5.27	5.85	6.09	7.75

Sources: BDL, Société Financière du Liban s.a.l.

* On Funds in LBP, weighted by daily volume.

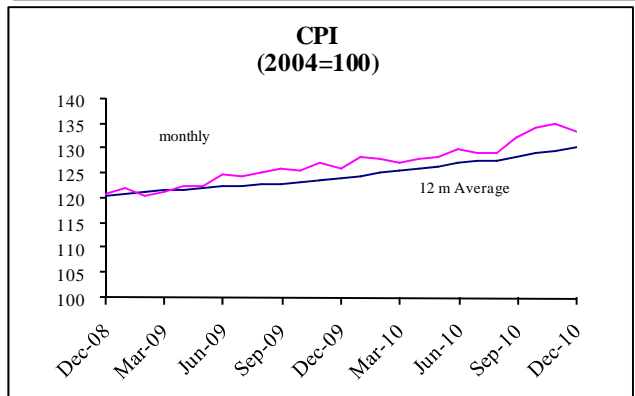
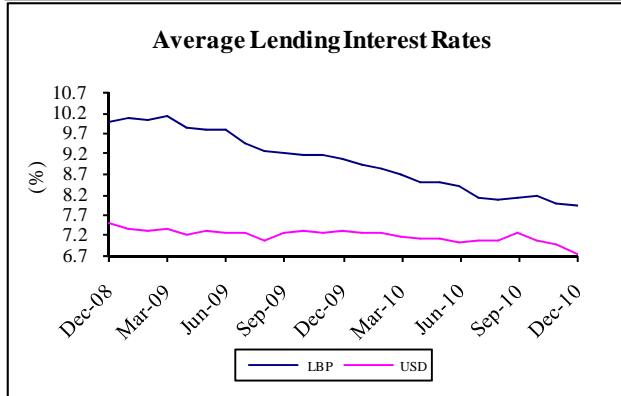
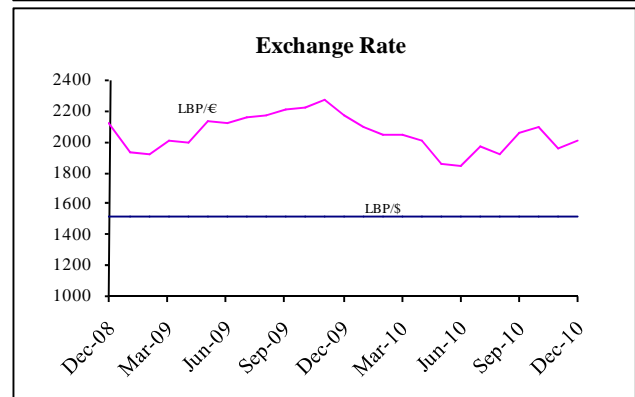
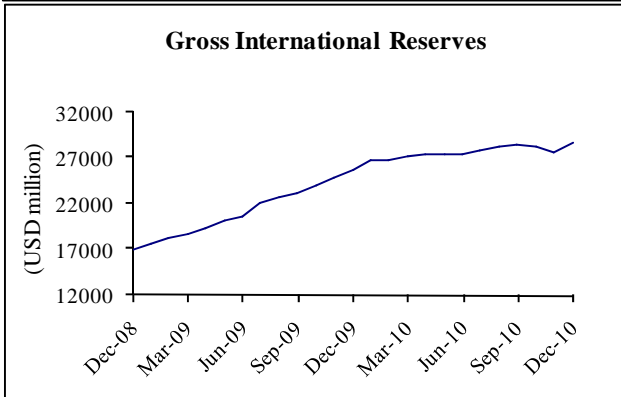
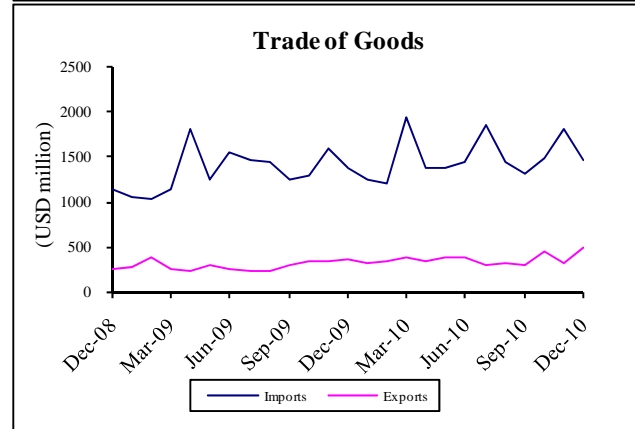
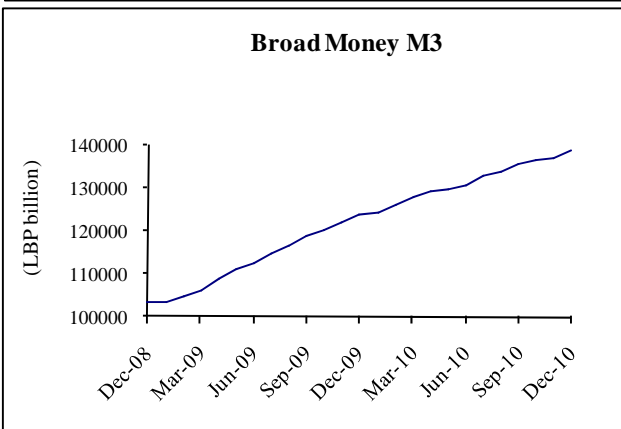
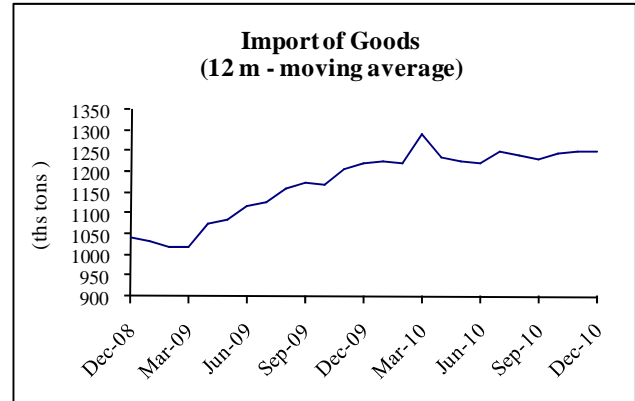
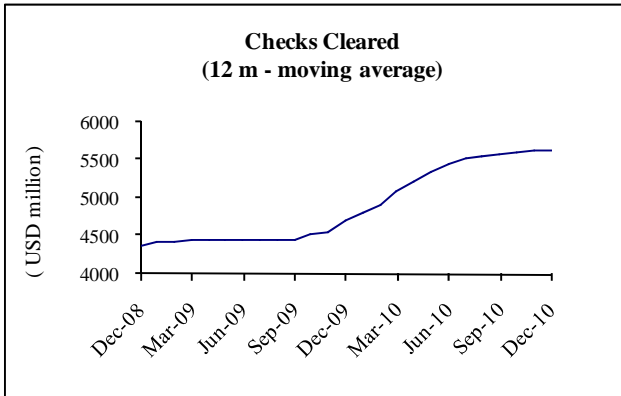
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2008	Dec	1,507.50	1,425.50	2,175.25	16.70	2,121.00
2009	Dec	1,507.50	1,453.75	2,422.50	16.31	2,161.00
2010	Jan	1,507.50	1,421.50	2,411.25	16.69	2,091.00
	Feb	1,507.50	1,395.75	2,302.00	16.92	2,042.75
	Mar	1,507.50	1,431.00	2,288.25	16.12	2,036.50
	Apr	1,507.50	1,401.00	2,306.50	16.05	2,006.50
	May	1,507.50	1,304.00	2,191.00	16.53	1,851.25
	Jun	1,507.50	1,399.75	2,254.50	17.05	1,844.50
	Jul	1,507.50	1,448.75	2,368.25	17.44	1,967.25
	Aug	1,507.50	1,486.00	2,312.50	17.96	1,911.50
	Sep	1,507.50	1,534.35	2,368.25	18.05	2,054.75
	Oct	1,507.50	1,531.25	2,416.50	18.74	2,097.00
	Nov	1,507.50	1,503.75	2,346.50	18.02	1,958.25
	Dec	1,507.50	1,611.50	2,323.75	18.50	2,002.75

Source: BDL.



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