



Summary:

In 2018, overall economic activity decelerated compared to the preceding year indicating low economic growth. The trade deficit broadened with rising net imports and the balance of payments reported a large deficit despite the measures taken by the banking system to improve net financial inflows. Assets of banks expanded favorably though deposits grew at a slower pace than before and interest rates increased considerably under high vulnerability and political unrest. The growth in public debt accelerated and the fiscal situation deteriorated. Gross foreign currency reserves were sustained.

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

Construction and real estate indicators were mixed in December 2018 when compared to the preceding month but retreated in relation to December 2017.

	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Change % December 2018/December 2017
Construction permits				
Area (s.m)	595,682	659,837	901,259	-33.9
Number (permits)	959	1,048	1,252	-23.4
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	231	384	427	-45.9
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	83.4	75.3	101.2	-17.6
Real estate sales operations (number)	6,027	5,035	7,083	-14.9
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	1,239	1,060	1,418	-12.6
Real estate transactions (number)	15,726	14,644	18,329	-14.2

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

2-Tourism

Indicators of tourism activity improved in December 2018 in respect of the past month and December 2017.

	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Change % December 2018/December 2017
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	362,251	311,738	333,273	8.7
Number of departing passengers at BIA	315,193	316,292	293,270	7.5
Number of arriving tourists	162,506	129,520	141,983	14.5
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,903	2,693	2,805	3.5
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,905	2,690	2,802	3.7

Sources: Beirut International Airport, Ministry of Tourism.

3-Trade and Services

Trade and services indicators were mixed in December 2018 vis-à-vis the previous month and recoiled with reference to December 2017.

	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Change % December 2018/December 2017
Checks Cleared				
Value (USD million)	5,479	5,356	6,258	-12.4
Number (000 checks)	983	974	1,092	-10.0
Checks Returned				
Value (USD million)	153	144	144	6.3
Number (checks)	26,346	25,596	23,504	12.1
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)	144	148	166	-13.3
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)	610,001	605,405	615,894	-1.0
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)	71,113	65,147	90,222	-21.2
Discharged containers at POB (number)	22,882	25,387	24,012	-4.7
Revenues of POB (USD million)	17.1	19.4	21.9	-21.9
Merchandise at BIA				
Imports (tons)	5,516	5,080	5,486	0.5
Exports (tons)	2,964	3,255	3,079	-3.7

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

4-Industry and Agriculture

Agriculture imports and exports regressed in December 2018 in respect of the past month but were mixed in comparison with December 2017.

	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Change % December 2018/December 2017
Electricity production (MKWH)	1,361	1,111	1,303	4.5
Imports of gas oil				
Value (million USD)	90.7	89.3	129.2	-29.8
Volume (tons)	155,291	128,119	223,884	-30.6
Agriculture imports (USD million)	173.2	197.3	183.8	-5.8
Agriculture exports (USD million)	20.5	22.6	18.1	13.3

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

II- EXTERNAL SECTOR

In December 2018,

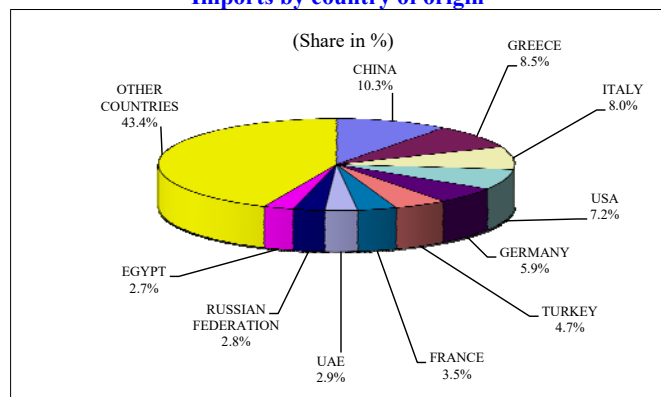
Imports of goods increased to USD 1,569 million from USD 1,536 million in the previous month (USD 1,634 million in December 2017). Imports increased, in 2018 by 2.0 percent with reference to the previous year.

From January till December 2018, mineral products lead imported goods with a 20.9 percent share of total imports. They were followed by machinery and mechanical appliances and products of the chemical



which accounted for 11.6 percent and 11.1 percent respectively. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 10.3 percent share of total. Greece came next with a share of 8.5 percent followed by Italy (8.0 percent) and USA (7.2 percent).

Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

LBP billion	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Change %
				December 2018/December 2017
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	636.4	904.1	771.0	-17.5
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	813.8	805.2	626.4	29.9
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	129.2	136.7	132.4	-2.4
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	393.3	494.3	393.5	-0.1
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	270.7	485.2	341.5	-20.7
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	138.4	126.7	133.9	3.4

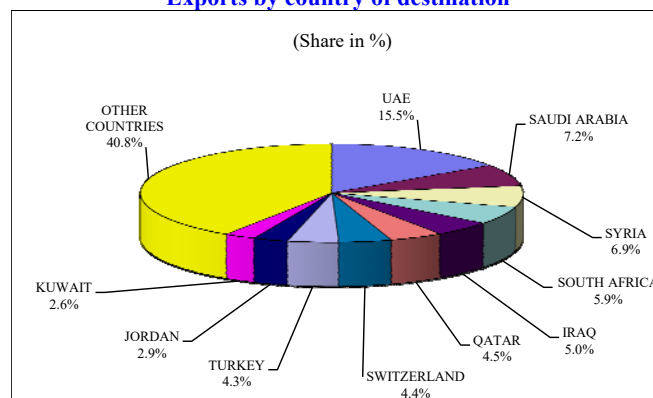
Source: BDL

In December 2018,

Exports of goods slightly rose to USD 246 million compared to USD 242 million one month back (USD 249 million in December 2017). Exports increased in 2018 by 3.8 percent in respect of the preceding year.

From January till December 2018, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 22.0 percent of total exports, followed by prepared foodstuffs (13.0 percent), base metals (12.9 percent) and products of the chemical (12.3 percent). UAE outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 15.5 percent share of the total, trailed by Saudi Arabia with a share of 7.2 percent, followed by Syria (6.9 percent) and South Africa (5.9 percent).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

The trade deficit augmented as such to USD 1,323 million from USD 1,294 million in November 2018 (USD 1,395 million in December 2017). It widened in 2018 by 1.7 percent vis-à-vis 2017.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	Dec-17	Nov-18	Dec-18
Imports	1,634	1,536	1,569
Exports	251	242	246
Trade deficit	-1,383	-1,294	-1,323
Balance of payments	854	-954	-748
Gross foreign currency reserves	35,806	33,564	32,514

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL.

The overall balance of payments reported a deficit of USD 748 million in December following a deficit of USD 954 million in the previous month (USD 854 million surplus in December 2017). The USD 4,823 million negative balance recorded in 2018 represented a decrease in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -2,534 million) and in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD -2,289 million).

Gross foreign currency reserves of the Central bank decreased to USD 32,514 million at the end of December 2018 compared to USD 33,564 million at the end of the previous month and USD 35,806 million at end December 2017, while BDL foreign assets securities diminished to USD 7,160 million from USD 7,323 million at the end of November 2018 (USD 6,186 million at the end of December 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 376,097 billion (USD 249.5 billion) at the end of December 2018, thus increasing by 13.5 percent from end December 2017 (7.6 percent increase in 2017).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits grew by 3.2 percent in the year 2018 and constituted 71.6 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 269,173 billion (around USD 178.6 billion) at the end of the period.

Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Dec-17	Nov-18	Dec-18
Total Assets	331,433	371,614	376,097
Total deposits	260,745	267,553	269,173
Resident customers' deposits	200,856	203,056	204,197
Non-resident customers' deposits	52,998	56,352	56,870
Resident financial sector liabilities	407	1,674	1,662
Public sector deposits	6,484	6,470	6,445
Non deposit liabilities	41,856	73,615	76,541
Capital accounts	28,831	30,446	30,383
Total claims on customers	89,725	88,574	88,814
Resident customers	80,573	78,278	78,086
Non-resident customers	9,152	10,297	10,728
Total claims on public sector	48,163	49,074	50,651
in LBP	26,790	24,731	26,473
in FC	21,373	24,343	24,178
Claims on non resident Financial sector	17,035	16,877	18,074
Non-resident securities portfolio	1,408	1,579	1,604
Other foreign assets*	17,136	17,819	18,313
Deposits at the central bank	155,893	194,909	196,288

Source: BDL.

*Including currency and deposits with other central banks-NR.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that private sector deposits denominated in LBP decreased by 2.9 percent from end December 2017, but those denominated in foreign currencies increased by 6.2 percent, thus deposit dollarization rate increased to 70.6 percent at end December 2018 (68.7 percent end December 2017). The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in non -resident private sector deposits (+7.3 percent) and in resident private sector deposits (+2.3 percent) but a slight decrease in public

sector deposits (-0.6 percent) in the year 2018. Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 76.5 percent of total deposits at end December 2018 (21.1 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.4 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 30,383 billion (USD 20,154 million) at the end of December 2018 and represented around 8.1 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 5.4 percent from end December 2017.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers declined by 1.0 percent in 2018, reaching LBP 88,814 billion at the end of December 2018. The dollarization rate of these loans was 69.2 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total claims on resident and non- resident customers to total deposits attained 33.8 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 50,651 billion at the end of December 2018, thus increasing by 5.2 percent from end December 2017. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 26,198 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (34.2 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,039 million of Eurobonds (nearly 51.2 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) increased in 2018 by 25.9 percent to total LBP 196,288 billion at the end of December 2018, whereas claims on non-resident financial sector, increased by 6.1 percent to LBP 18,074 billion (USD 12.0 billion) to represent 9.7 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies. Non-resident securities portfolio rose by 14.0 percent in the year 2018 to reach LBP 1,604 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 7,996 billion (around USD 5.3 billion) at the end of December 2018, thus increasing by 3.4 percent from end December 2017. Deposits, including those of resident and non – resident customers and resident financial sector decreased by 7.1 percent in the year 2018 to reach LBP 3,090 billion at the end of the period.



3. Financial Markets

The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange retreated to 5,407 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 27.9 million in December 2018 compared to 14,323 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 85.1 million in the previous month and 11,929 thousand shares with a value of USD 116.2 million in December 2017.

During December 2018, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 85.4 percent for Banking, 14.0 percent for Development and Reconstruction and 0.6 percent for Industrial.

Capital Markets

	Dec-17	Nov-18	Dec-18
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	11,929	14,323	5,407
Traded value (USD million)	116.2	85.1	27.9
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,473	9,716	9,675
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	72,812	74,497	76,575
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	27,767	30,964	30,964
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	350	950	950

Source: BDL, BSE

The market capitalization of listed shares decreased to USD 9,675 million at the end of December 2018, compared to USD 9,716 million at the end of the previous month and USD 11,473 million at the end of December 2017. Banking had a 84.2 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 12.1 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 76,575 billion and USD 30,964 million respectively at the end of December 2018 (LBP 74,497 billion and USD 30,964 million at the end of November 2018). In December 2018, Credit default swaps (CDS) on 5-years Lebanese Government Eurobonds in USD ranged between 742 bps and 825 bps and averaged 779 bps.

The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, notes and bonds amounted to USD 950 million at the end of December 2018. The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL in the domestic currency and in foreign currencies stood almost unchanged at LBP 47,734 billion and USD 23.1 billion respectively.

IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

The stock of money and quasi money (M3) attained LBP 212,993 billion at the end of December 2018, of which 63.9 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus increasing by 1.9 percent from end December 2017.

Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Dec-17	Nov-18	Dec-18
M3		208,965	211,525	212,993
Net foreign assets		51,043	43,650	43,308
Net claims on public sector		76,231	81,840	82,439
Valuation Adjustment		-9,726	-8,717	-9,464
Claims on private sector		86,023	83,216	83,099
Other items-net		5,394	11,536	13,610
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		103.89	109.04	108.02

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 4,028 billion increase in M3 in the year 2018 resulted from an increase in each of net items other than foreign assets and claims on private and public sectors (+LBP 8,217 billion), net claims on public sector (+LBP 6,209 billion) and valuation adjustment (+LBP 262 billion) against a drop in net foreign assets (-LBP 7,735 billion) and claims on the private sector (-LBP 2,924 billion).

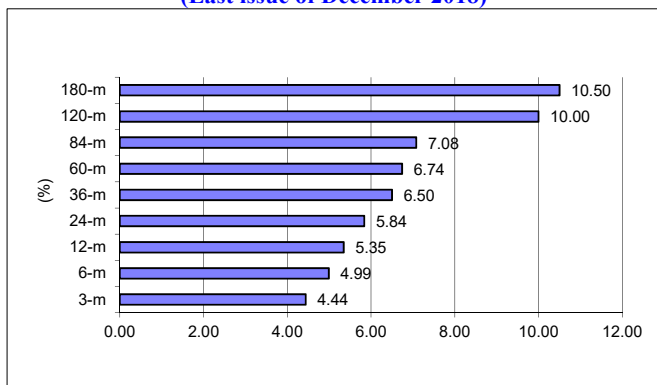
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 2.28 percent in the month of December 2018 compared to the previous month but increased by 1.76 percent from December 2017.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon, published by the Central Administration of Statistics decreased by 0.94 percent in December 2018 but increased by 4.0 percent from December 2017. According to the same source, the annual average inflation for the year 2018 is 6.1 percent.



The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments on 45 and 60- day certificates of deposits issued by BDL were 4.90 percent and 5.08 percent respectively at the end of December 2018. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills in LBP remained steady except 10 years category 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 10.0 percent for ten-year bills. 15 years LBP 1,202 billion TB's were issued in December 2018 with a 10.5% yield.

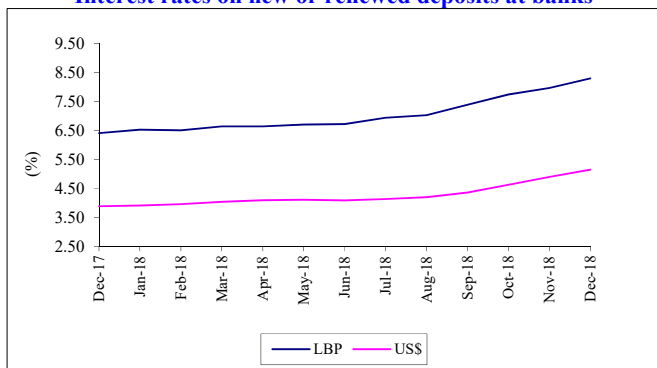
Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of December 2018)



Source: BDL

In December 2018, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks increased to 8.30 percent (7.97 percent a month ago) and 5.15 percent (4.90 percent in November 2018) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 2.79 percent.

Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks



In December 2018, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP decreased to 9.97 percent (10.15 percent a

month ago) while the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in USD stood almost unchanged at 8.57 percent (8.57 percent in November 2018).

V- PUBLIC FINANCES

Government revenues, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 914 billion in September 2018 to sum LBP 13,072 billion in the first three quarters 2018 (LBP 12,671 billion in the first three quarters 2017). The LBP 13,072 billion revenues comprised LBP 9,868 billion tax revenues, LBP 2,225 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 979 billion treasury receipts.

Fiscal Situation

LBP billion	Sep-17	Aug-18	Sep-18
Government revenues	822	1,233	914
Tax revenues	547	826	754
Non-tax revenues	150	353	115
Treasury receipts	125	54	45
Government expenditures	1,750	1,692	2,610
Debt service	762	469	694
Others	988	1,223	1,916
Overall balance	-928	-459	-1,696
Primary balance	-166	10	-1002

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Government expenditures, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 2,610 billion in September 2018 to total LBP 19,867 billion in the first three quarters 2018 (LBP 15,691 billion in the first three quarters 2017). The LBP 19,867 billion expenditures included LBP 5,905 billion debt service and LBP 13,962 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 1,861 billion to EDL, LBP 1,531 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years and LBP 788 billion transfers to municipalities.

Total Deficit increased as such to LBP 6,795 billion in the first three quarters 2018 from LBP 3,020 billion in the first three quarters 2017, and the primary balance reported an LBP 891 billion deficit compared to an LBP 2,456 billion surplus respectively.

Gross public debt amounted to LBP 128,338 billion (the equivalent of USD 85.1 billion) at the end of December 2018, thus increasing by 7.0 percent when compared to end December 2017 (6.2 percent growth in the year 2017).



Net public debt, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 114,152 billion at the end of December 2018, therefore increasing by 9.5 percent from end of December 2017 (6.0 percent growth in the year 2017).

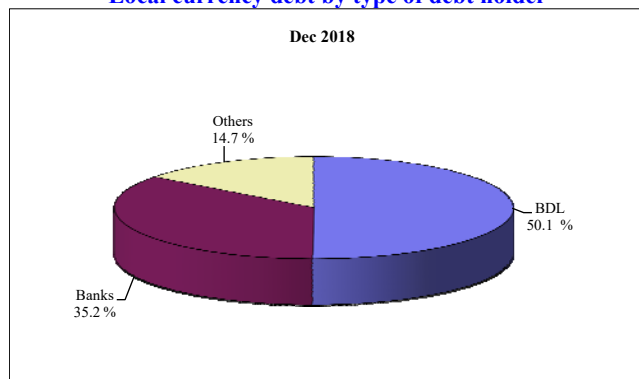
Public Debt			
LBP billion	Dec-17	Nov-18	Dec-18
Public Debt (Gross)	119,898	126,113	128,338
Debt in LBP	74,077	75,814	77,852
Debt in FC	45,821	50,299	50,486
Public Debt (Net)	104,239	113,093	114,152
Public sector deposits	15,659	13,020	14,186
Banks	6,484	6,633	6,608
BDL	9,175	6,387	7,578

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 60.7 percent and 39.3 percent respectively at the end of December 2018. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 35.2 percent for banks (33.5 percent end of November 2018), 50.1 percent for the Central bank (51.4 percent in the previous month) and 14.7 percent for the non-banking sector (15.1 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (93.5 percent), Multilateral (4.1 percent), Bilateral (2.2 percent) and others (0.2 percent).

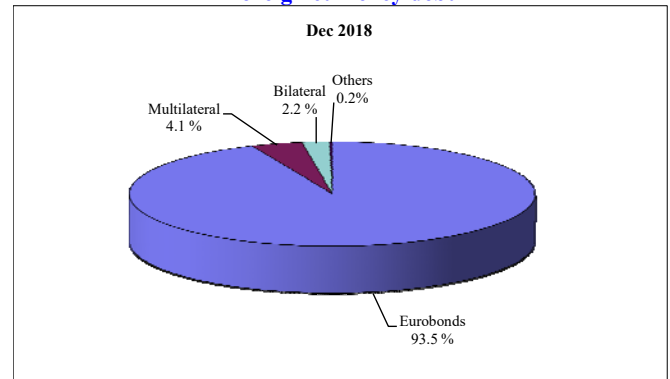
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,628 days (4.47 years) as at end December 2018 with a weighted interest of 6.11 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.83 years with a weighted interest of 6.81 percent.

Local currency debt by type of debt holder



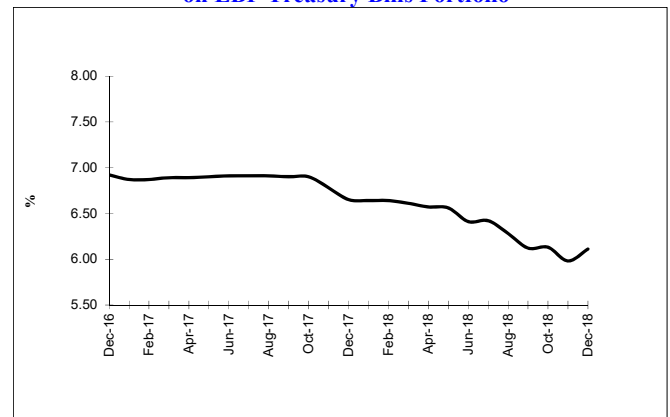
Source: BDL.

Foreign currency debt

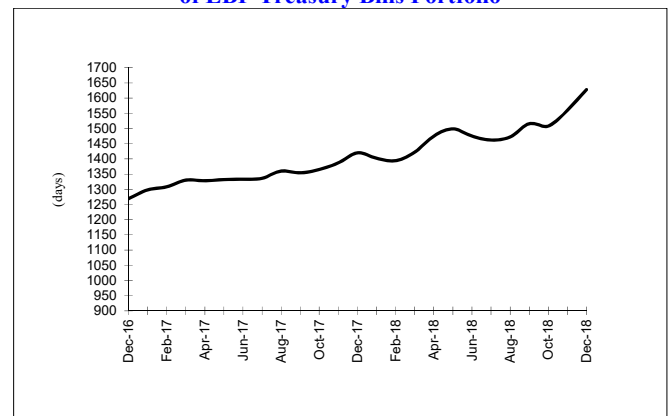


Source: BDL.

Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio



GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2018	Dec-17	Nov-18	Dec-18
Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)	257,402	n.a.	23,186	n.a.	n.a
Building Permits (000's m2)	11,730	9,020	901	660	596
Cement Delivery (000s' tons)	5,149	4,702	427	384	231
Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)	32,678	33,366	3,213	2,826	3,051
Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)	46,578	44,436	4,127	3,481	3,455
Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	1,080,146	929,859	90,222	65,147	71,113
Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port	7,549,157	7,054,693	615,894	605,405	610,001
Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA	4,103	4,437	333	312	362
Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA	4,128	4,401	293	316	315
Total exports of goods (million USD)	2,844	2,952	251	242	246
Total imports of goods (million USD)	19,582	19,980	1,634	1,536	1,569
Balance of Trade (million USD)	-16,738	-17,028	-1,383	-1,294	-1,323
Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)	-156	-4,823	854	-954	-748
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)	-	-	35,806	33,564	32,514
Consumer Price Index (End of period)	-	-	103.89	109.04	108.02

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	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec
	2016	2017*	2018	2016	2017	2018
1- Live animals, animal products	837	885	1,039	14	19	24
2- Vegetable products	869	980	965	189	179	183
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	158	164	156	39	36	55
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,408	1,375	1,335	446	458	383
5- Mineral products	4,158	4,301	4,169	19	48	31
6- Products of the chemical	2,030	2,135	2,213	304	320	362
7- Plastics & articles thereof	730	773	773	133	150	180
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	74	72	67	12	11	11
9- Wood & articles of wood	229	222	225	13	11	8
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	317	300	345	133	142	140
11- Textiles & textile articles	791	787	757	85	67	52
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	153	146	140	12	10	9
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	467	486	445	22	21	24
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	1,255	996	1,252	828	586	648
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,174	1,277	1,269	253	340	380
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,879	1,934	2,321	334	317	322
17- Transport equipment	1,773	1,883	1,659	18	22	23
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	331	352	366	19	18	17
19- Arms & ammunition	16	16	17	1	1	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	450	478	439	93	80	86
21- Works of art	19	21	26	8	8	16
Total	19,119	19,582	19,980	2,977	2,844	2,952

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

IMPORTS BY ORIGIN
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Dec	Share	Jan - Dec	Share
	2017*	%	2018	%
CHINA	1,879	9.6	2,048	10.3
GREECE	1,373	7.0	1,708	8.5
ITALY	1,770	9.0	1,591	8.0
USA	1,442	7.4	1,438	7.2
GERMANY	1,229	6.3	1,169	5.9
TURKEY	777	4.0	949	4.7
FRANCE	767	3.9	709	3.5
UAE	360	1.8	588	2.9
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	746	3.8	567	2.8
EGYPT	593	3.0	549	2.7
OTHER COUNTRIES	8,646	44.2	8,664	43.4
TOTAL IMPORTS	19,582	100.0	19,980	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.

* Corrected figures

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Dec	Share	Jan - Dec	Share
	2017	%	2018	%
UAE	266	9.4	457	15.5
SAUDI ARABIA	243	8.5	212	7.2
SYRIA	246	8.6	205	6.9
SOUTH AFRICA	315	11.1	174	5.9
IRAQ	172	6.0	147	5.0
QATAR	99	3.5	133	4.5
SWITZERLAND	134	4.7	131	4.4
TURKEY	120	4.2	127	4.3
JORDAN	89	3.1	86	2.9
KUWAIT	92	3.2	77	2.6
OTHER COUNTRIES	1,068	37.6	1,203	40.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	2,844	100.0	2,952	100.0

Source: Lebanese Customs.



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

	2016	2017		2018	
	Dec	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec
ASSETS					
Reserves	135,305	156,667	191,194	195,755	197,138
-Cash	693	774	852	845	850
-Deposits at the Central Bank	134,612	155,893	190,342	194,909	196,288
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	76,369	80,824	78,855	78,960	78,796
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	23,595	26,400	25,841	25,419	24,850
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	52,774	54,424	53,014	53,541	53,946
Claims on the Public Sector	52,344	48,163	50,281	49,074	50,651
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	28,936	26,556	24,598	24,456	26,198
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	23,191	21,373	25,411	24,343	24,178
Foreign Assets	34,824	35,579	34,138	36,275	37,991
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	9,039	9,152	10,317	10,297	10,728
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	16,354	17,035	14,530	16,877	18,074
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,308	1,575	1,552	1,414	1,487
-Other Foreign Assets	6,310	6,409	6,137	6,108	6,097
-Non Resident securities portfolio	1,813	1,408	1,602	1,579	1,604
Tangible and intangible assets	6,404	7,131	7,408	7,489	7,636
Resident Private securities portfolio	2,027	2,355	2,808	2,729	2,671
Unclassified Assets	726	713	1,055	1,332	1,214
TOTAL ASSETS	307,999	331,433	365,740	371,614	376,097
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	193,765	201,263	204,652	204,731	205,859
-Deposits in Lebanese Pound	76,904	73,100	72,774	71,950	70,696
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	116,861	128,164	131,878	132,781	135,163
Liabilities to the Public Sector	5,956	6,484	6,534	6,470	6,445
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	51,196	52,998	56,516	56,352	56,870
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,827	6,440	6,848	6,662	6,501
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	44,369	46,558	49,668	49,691	50,369
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	9,467	11,278	13,191	13,551	13,961
Bonds	408	416	286	298	324
Capital Base	27,497	28,831	30,193	30,446	30,383
-Core Capital	25,660	26,955	28,066	28,263	28,235
-Supplementary Capital	1,838	1,876	2,128	2,182	2,148
Unclassified Liabilities	19,708	30,163	54,367	59,767	62,256
TOTAL LIABILITIES	307,999	331,433	365,740	371,614	376,097

Source: BDL.



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

	2017		2018	
	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec
Money Supply				
Currency in circulation	4,887	4,682	4,668	5,008
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,738	6,340	6,564	6,653
= M1	10,624	11,022	11,232	11,661
+ Other Deposits in LBP	68,542	67,451	66,474	65,167
= M2	79,166	78,473	77,706	76,828
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	129,477	132,650	133,535	135,892
+ Bonds	322	281	284	272
= M3	208,965	211,404	211,525	212,993
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	10,741	11,217	11,479	11,444
= M4	219,706	222,621	223,004	224,437
Counterparts of the Money Supply				
Net Foreign Assets	51,043	45,095	43,650	43,308
o/w Gold	18,033	16,942	17,000	17,743
Net Claims on the Public Sector	76,231	78,983	81,840	82,439
Valuation Adjustment	-9,726	-8,654	-8,717	-9,464
Claims on the Private Sector	86,023	83,108	83,216	83,099
Claims in LBP	28,657	28,045	27,635	27,079
Claims in FC	57,366	55,063	55,581	56,020
Other Items (Net)	5,394	12,872	11,536	13,610
TOTAL	208,965	211,404	211,525	212,993

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⁾		
2016	Dec	112,910	30,150	29,581	10,797	70,528	1,577	1,395	48	39,362	42,382
2017	Dec	119,898	35,580	27,756	10,741	74,077	2,028	1,319	18	42,456	45,821
2018	Jan	121,198	37,822	26,413	10,869	75,104	2,049	1,348	19	42,678	46,094
	Feb	122,912	39,510	26,438	10,833	76,781	2,045	1,339	0	42,747	46,131
	Mar	123,423	40,547	25,908	10,845	77,300	2,053	1,342	0	42,728	46,123
	Apr	123,229	40,030	26,040	11,099	77,169	2,041	1,325	0	42,694	46,060
	May	124,384	32,701	26,538	11,336	70,575	2,026	1,210	0	50,573	53,809
	Jun	125,054	34,620	26,363	11,139	72,122	2,043	1,202	0	49,687	52,932
	Jul	124,977	34,127	26,480	11,226	71,833	2,022	1,205	0	49,917	53,144
	Aug	126,171	35,241	26,546	11,070	72,857	2,028	1,205	0	50,081	53,314
	Sep	126,404	36,590	25,622	10,795	73,007	2,062	1,199	0	50,136	53,397
	Oct	126,693	36,638	25,461	11,217	73,316	2,058	1,165	0	50,154	53,377
	Nov	126,113	38,956	25,380	11,478	75,814	2,055	1,108	0	47,136	50,299
	Dec	128,338	39,006	27,402	11,444	77,852	2,064	1,108	0	47,314	50,486

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			Weighted Average Life (days)	Weighted Average Interest (%)
		Circulation End of period	Issue	Reimbursement		
2016	Dec	69,347	1,900	1,051	1,269	6.92
2017	Dec	72,812	3,247	2,818	1,420	6.65
2018	Jan	73,897	1,850	765	1,402	6.64
	Feb	75,445	2,395	847	1,394	6.64
	Mar	75,982	3,524	2,987	1,422	6.61
	Apr	75,805	3,225	3,402	1,475	6.57
	May	69,259	2,228	8,774	1,499	6.56
	Jun	70,881	2,413	791	1,475	6.41
	Jul	70,605	661	937	1,462	6.42
	Aug	71,662	2,659	1,602	1,472	6.28
	Sep	71,762	2,458	2,358	1,516	6.12
	Oct	72,052	1,236	946	1,508	6.13
	Nov	74,497	3,295	850	1,560	5.98
	Dec	76,575	2,606	529	1,628	6.11

Source:BDL.



AVERAGE INTEREST RATES

Year And Month	Average Lending **		Average Deposit		Inter Bank Rate *	3m Libor \$	Interest rates on TBs (last issue)								
	Rate on Funds in		Rate on Funds in				3-m	6-m	12-m	24-m	36-m	60-m	84-m	120-m	180-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	Dec	8.09	7.67	6.41	3.89	35.93	1.60	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
2018	Jan	8.56	7.74	6.53	3.91	4.00	1.73	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Feb	8.67	7.90	6.51	3.96	4.20	1.88	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Mar	8.95	7.89	6.64	4.04	4.30	2.17	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Apr	8.99	7.82	6.64	4.10	4.35	2.35	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	May	8.65	7.87	6.71	4.11	5.00	2.34	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Jun	8.82	7.93	6.72	4.09	5.00	2.33	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Jul	8.66	7.96	6.94	4.14	5.00	2.34	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Aug	8.81	8.12	7.03	4.20	6.27	2.32	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Sep	9.31	8.11	7.39	4.36	5.04	2.35	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Oct	9.60	8.30	7.74	4.63	14.57	2.46	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Nov	10.15	8.57	7.97	4.90	17.07	2.65	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33
	Dec	9.97	8.57	8.30	5.15	40.11	2.79	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	9.76

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.

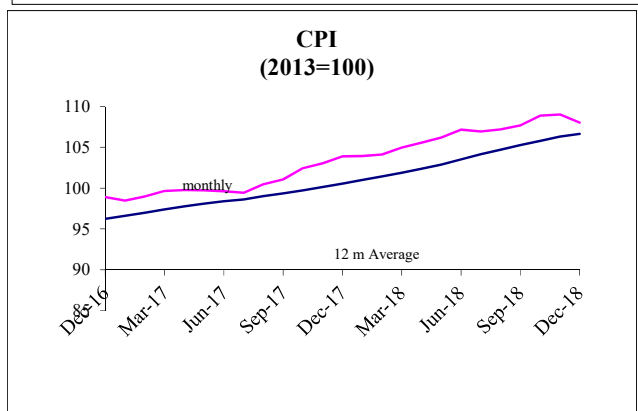
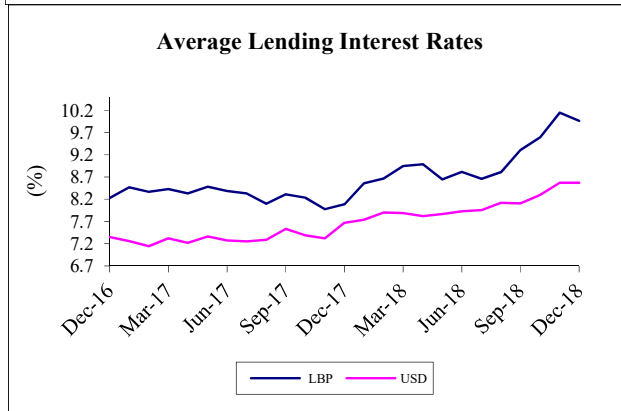
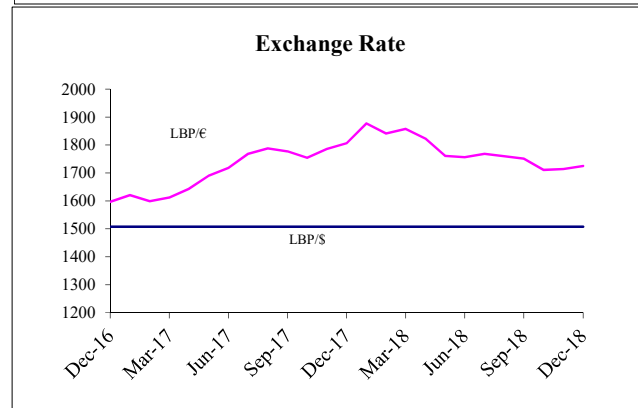
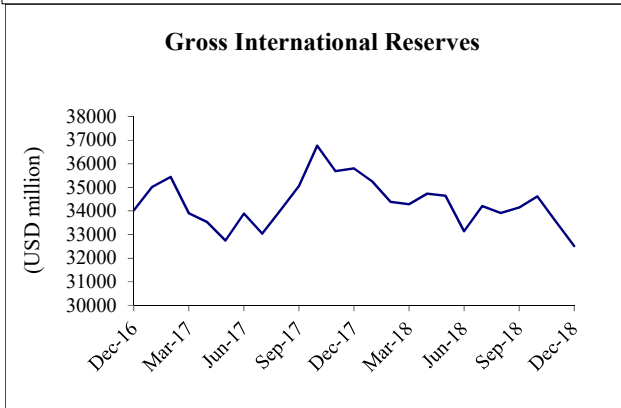
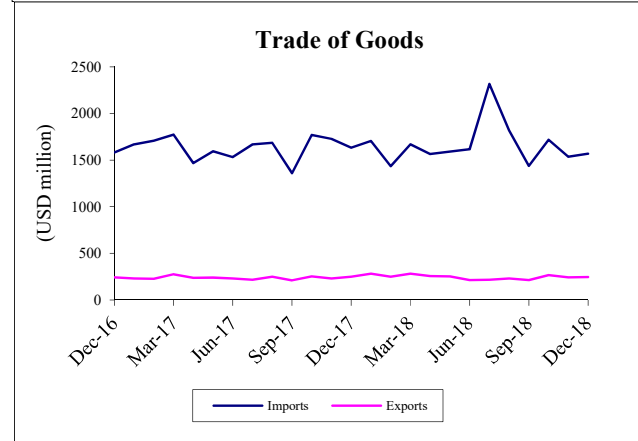
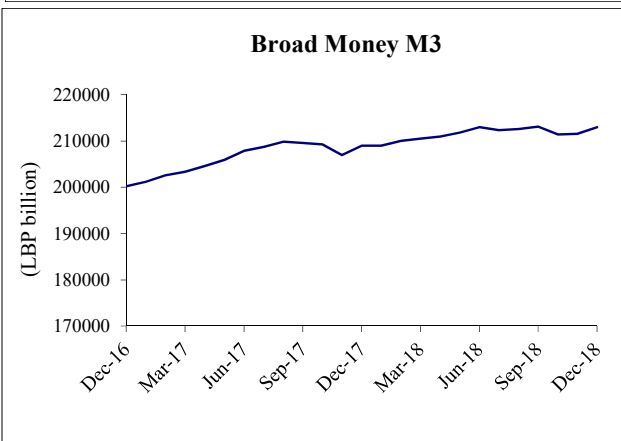
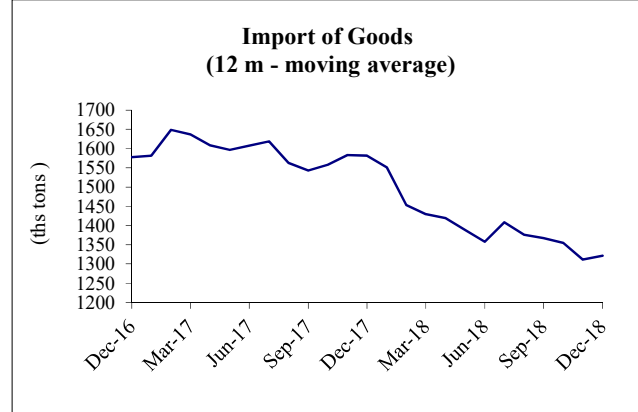
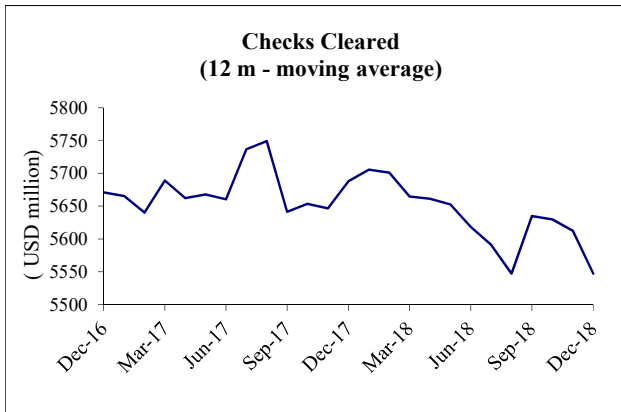
END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES
(LBP per other currencies)

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	Dec	1,507.50	1,545.04	2,035.58	13.39	1,806.59
2018	Jan	1,507.50	1,615.93	2,135.68	13.86	1,877.89
	Feb	1,507.50	1,598.28	2,086.83	14.07	1,841.86
	Mar	1,507.50	1,576.06	2,119.70	14.15	1,857.84
	Apr	1,507.50	1,523.03	2,069.04	13.80	1,823.17
	May	1,507.50	1,528.44	2,009.05	13.84	1,760.46
	Jun	1,507.50	1,518.28	1,985.08	13.61	1,756.09
	Jul	1,507.50	1,525.66	1,984.17	13.51	1,768.75
	Aug	1,507.50	1,557.33	1,961.56	13.61	1,759.55
	Sep	1,507.50	1,542.52	1,970.30	13.28	1,750.81
	Oct	1,507.50	1,499.70	1,925.53	13.33	1,710.41
	Nov	1,507.50	1,513.55	1,924.32	13.28	1,714.33
	Dec	1,507.50	1,529.68	1,905.78	13.66	1,724.73

Source: BDL.



Indicative Charts



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