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HIGHLIGHTS

(Percentages refer to year-on-year variations unless otherwise specified)

The BDL coincident indicator stood at 265.5 in December 2011, compared with 260.6 in the previous month and 255.5 in December 2010. The balance of payments registered during the month a surplus equivalent to USD 691.5 million. Year-on-year, the consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks increased by 9.0%, and the deposit dollarization rate reached 65.9% at end-December. Bank interest rates rose slightly on the Lebanese pound, as well as the US dollar debit accounts, while they remained almost stable on credit accounts.

- ▲ The **balance of payments** posted a surplus equivalent to USD 691.5 million in December 2011. This was reflected in an increase in the net foreign assets of the Banque du Liban and of banks and financial institutions by an amount of USD 79.9 million and USD 611.6 million respectively. During the year, the BOP recorded a cumulative deficit of USD 1,996.2 million, compared with a cumulative surplus of USD 3,324.5 million in 2010.
- ▲ According to figures released by the Ministry of Finance, net total **public debt** reached LBP 69,879 billion at the end of 2011. During the year, this debt grew by 3.0% or LBP 2,000 billion, compared with 1.9% or LBP 1,289 billion in 2010. The LBP-denominated public debt totaled LBP 38,356 billion at the end of 2011, with an annual increase of 4.1% or LBP 1,520 billion, compared with a rise of 6.9% or LBP 2,385 billion in 2010. As for the foreign-currency-denominated public debt, it grew in 2011 by 1.6% or USD 319 million, amounting to USD 20,911 million at end-December 2011, compared with USD 20,592 million at the end of 2010 and USD 21,319 million at the end of 2009.
- ▲ **Gross foreign-currency reserves** of Banque du Liban attained USD 33,391.6 million at end-December 2011, with an annual increase of 7.2% or USD 2,228 million. As for total foreign assets, including gold, it reached USD 47,792.3 million. The average **US dollar exchange rate** remained stable on the domestic market, standing at LBP 1,507.50.
- ▲ In December 2011, **interest rates** remained unchanged on all Treasury bills and bonds. At the end of the month, yields stood at 3.93% on the three-month, 4.50% on the six-month, and 4.81% on the one-year. However, during the year 2011, yields on the six-month category fell by 2 basis points, while remaining stable on the three-month and one-year categories. Yields on the two-year and three-year categories stabilized also at 5.34% and 5.94% respectively. On the Lebanese pound, bank interest rates rose in December to 7.38% on debit accounts, compared with 7.31% in November and 7.27% in October. Likewise, these rates went up to 5.63% on credit accounts, compared with 5.59% in November and 5.60% in October. In 2011, the LBP weighted average lending rate and the LBP average deposit rate fell by 53 and 5 basis points respectively. On the US dollar, these rates increased in December on debit accounts, while remaining almost unchanged on credit accounts. Thus, the weighted average lending rate reached 7.02% in December, compared with 6.99% in November and 7.10% in October, while the average deposit rate stood at 2.83% in December, compared with 2.84% in November and 2.82% in October. In 2011, the USD weighted average lending rate and the USD average deposit rate were up by 28 and 3 basis points respectively.
- ▲ During the year, the growth of the monetary **aggregate** M3 registered a slowdown, standing at 5.5%, compared with 12.3% in 2010 and 19.5% in 2009, with bank credits to the private sector being the main factor in money creation. Concerning the money stock components, it is to be noted that, though LBP-denominated deposits resumed their growth since July 2011, they recorded an overall contraction of 1.7% during the year, while foreign-currency deposits rose by 10.6%.
- ▲ The **consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks** reached LBP 211,918 billion at the end of 2011, with an annual rise of 9.0%, compared with 11.9% in 2010. Resident and non-resident private sector deposits amounted to LBP 174.4 billion at end-December 2011, increasing annually by 7.9%, compared with 11.9% in 2010. Credits to the private sector grew by 12.7% in 2011, compared with 23.1% in 2010. On the other hand, the **dollarization rate** of bank deposits rose to 65.9% at end-December 2011, compared with 63.2% at end-December 2010.
- ▲ **Trade deficit** deepened by 18.0% during the month, reaching USD 1,327.2 million at end-December 2011. In 2011 as a whole, the trade deficit widened by 13.2%, as the value of imports and exports grew by 12.2% and 8.8% respectively, totaling USD 1,664.9 million and USD 337.7 million.
- ▲ Year-on-year, the volume of **cement deliveries**, indicator of the construction sector's current activity, expanded in December 2011 by 11.6%, while the area of **construction permits**, indicator of its potential activity, dropped by 11.7%. For the year 2011, and compared to 2010, the volume of cement deliveries increased by 6.2%, while the area of construction permits narrowed by 6.8%.
- ▲ **Power production** decreased by 8.3% in December, standing at 916.1 million kWh. In 2011, it fell by 0.5%, standing at 12,396.4 million kWh.
- ▲ In 2011, total plane traffic at the **Beirut International Airport** went down by 3.7%, while passenger flow improved by 1.8%, to 5.7 million. Airfreight fell by 4.3% compared to 2010.
- ▲ The number of ships at the **Port of Beirut** regressed by 2.2% in December 2011, and by 5.2% compared to 2010. In contrast, the volume of maritime freight rose by 11.6% in December 2011, and by 5.5% compared to 2010.

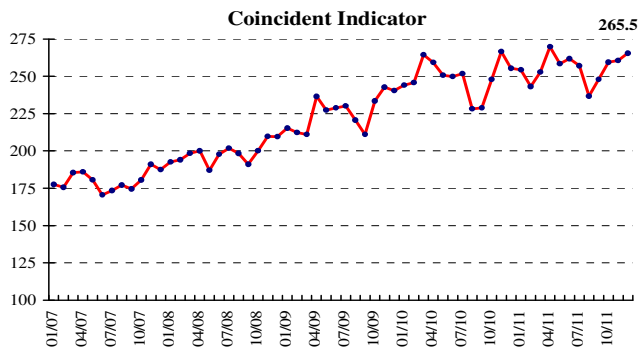
DIAGNOSIS

THE BDL COINCIDENT INDICATOR

The BDL coincident indicator stood at 265.5 in December 2011, compared with 260.6 in the previous month and 255.4 in December 2010, increasing annually by 3.9%.

📌 **Coincident Indicator** (Average 1993=100)

	Index	Monthly Changes (%)	Annual Changes (%)
Dec-2010	255.4	-4.2	6.2
Jan-2011	254.4	-0.4	4.2
Feb-2011	243.2	-4.4	-1.1
Mar-2011	252.9	4.0	-4.4
Apr-2011	269.9	6.7	4.1
May-2011	258.5	-4.2	3.1
June-2011	261.8	1.3	4.8
July-2011	257.1	-1.8	2.1
Aug-2011	236.7	-7.9	3.7
Sep-2011	248.1	4.8	8.3
Oct-2011	259.5	4.6	4.6
Nov-2011	260.6	0.4	-2.3
Dec-2011	265.5	1.9	3.9



CLEARING HOUSE ACTIVITY

In December 2011, the total value of cleared checks increased by 14.5%. The value of checks denominated in foreign currencies and Lebanese pound went up by 7.2% and 16.7% respectively. From the total of cleared checks, the share of foreign-currency-denominated checks reached 78.8%, rising by 1.9%.

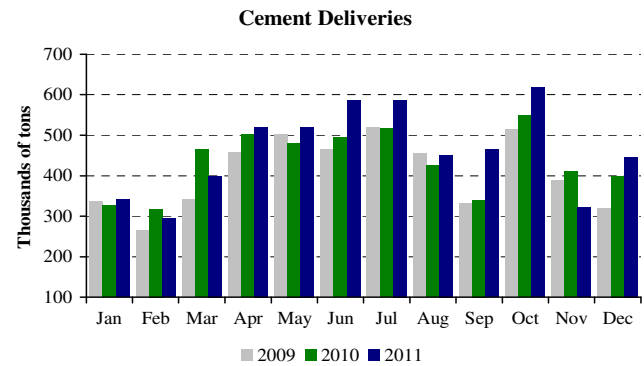
Year-on-year, the share of returned checks expanded by 4.2%, accounting for 2.1% of the total value of checks at end-December 2011.

REAL SECTOR

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

Compared to December 2010, the volume of cement deliveries, indicator of the construction sector's current

activity, expanded by 11.6% in December 2011, while the area of construction permits, indicator of its potential activity, dropped by 11.7%.



Source: Cement companies

Real estate fees collected during the month rose by 7.8%, reaching LBP 112.4 billion.

FOREIGN TRADE

Trade deficit deepened by 18.0% in December 2011, amounting to USD 1,327.2 million. In value, exports regressed by 2.3%, to USD 337.7 million, while imports progressed by 13.2%, to USD 1,664.9 million.

Customs duties collected during the month dropped by 16.2%, to LBP 189.7 billion.



Source: Customs Higher Council

In the year to December 2011, import shares from major source countries were as follows: United States 9.9%, Italy 9.3%, China 8.1%, France 7.5%, and Germany 5.7%.

In December 2011, these shares were as follows:

📌 **Imports by Origin** (millions USD)

	Dec 10	% of total	Dec 11	% of total
Italy	141.0	9.6	183.5	11.0
China	132.2	9.0	143.3	8.6
France	141.4	9.6	128.8	7.7
Germany	104.3	7.1	108.4	6.5
Switzerland	35.8	2.4	101.7	6.1
Other countries	915.8	62.3	999.2	60.0
Total imports	1,470.4	100	1,664.9	100

▲ **Main Indicators** (Year-on-year changes, in %)

	Dec-2009	Total 2009	Dec-2010	Total 2010	Dec-2011	Avg-2011	Total 2011
Cleared checks in Lebanese pounds ¹							
(in millions of LBP)	1,599,147	16,762,622	1,925,527	20,374,101	2,064,573	1,790,140	21,481,676
Variation in %	27.63	18.96	20.41	21.54	7.22	5.44	5.44
Cleared checks in foreign currencies ^{1**}							
(in millions of LBP)	4,752	45,276	4,364	53,899	5,091	4,821	57,850
Variation in %	49.24	4.92	-8.17	19.04	16.65	7.33	7.33
Total cleared checks ^{**}							
(in millions of LBP)	8,763,483	85,016,179	8,504,888	101,626,52	9,739,621	9,057,553	108,690,64
Requests for information at the "Centrale des Risques" ¹							
Total	13,546	179,269	11,709	188,770	14,997	17,519	210,222
Variation in %	77.63	22.55	-13.56	5.30	28.08	11.36	11.36
Construction permits ^{2**}							
(in square meters)	2,928,805	14,339,713	1,931,289	17,608,003	1,704,912	1,367,940	16,415,274
Variation in %	-44.37	-10.51	-34.06	22.79	-11.72	-6.77	-6.77
Cement deliveries ^{3**}							
(in tons)	319,094	4,897,458	399,621	5,226,620	445,835	462,481	5,549,769
Variation in %	10.26	16.07	25.24	6.72	11.56	6.18	6.18
Collected real estate fees ⁴							
(in millions of LBP)	104,856	665,884	104,269	924,001	112,369	75,773	909,271
Variation in %	38.07	6.88	-0.56	38.76	7.77	-1.59	-1.59
Total Imports ^{5**}							
(in millions of LBP)	2,081,143	24,492,409	2,217,414	27,089,456	2,510,637	2,533,244	30,398,931
Variation in %	21.56	0.65	6.55	10.60	13.22	12.22	12.22
Total Exports ^{5**}							
(in millions of LBP)	548,640	5,254,437	521,273	5,912,253	509,227	536,017	6,432,202
Variation in %	45.12	0.17	-4.99	12.52	-2.31	8.79	8.79
Trade Deficit ^{**}	1,532,503	19,237,973	1,696,140	21,177,203	2,001,410	1,997,227	23,966,729
Variation in %	14.88	0.78	10.68	10.08	18.00	13.17	13.17
Customs receipts ^{5*}							
(in millions of LBP)	234,353	2,764,779	226,293	2,846,518	189,667	190,018	2,280,219
Variation in %	9.64	64.85	-3.44	2.96	-16.19	-19.89	-19.89
Electricity production (EDL network) ⁶							
(in millions of KWh)	1,001	11,918	998	12,459	916	1,033	12,396
Variation in %	2.52	6.53	-0.20	4.54	-8.25	-0.50	-0.50
Imports of petroleum derivatives ^{7***}							
(in metric tons)	337,831	5,206,977	520,625	5,499,181	513,223	471,477	5,657,721
Variation in %	-11.00	28.26	54.11	5.61	-1.42	2.88	2.88
Freight at the Port of Beirut ^{8**}							
Total	570,532	6,494,041	531,865	6,471,594	593,439	568,776	6,825,309
Variation in %	11.91	9.74	-6.78	-0.35	11.58	5.47	5.47
Freight incoming (tons)	499,854	5,652,676	451,778	5,504,774	511,776	489,914	5,878,965
Freight outgoing (tons)	52,480	668,984	70,887	820,085	73,001	66,507	798,082
Transit and free zone (tons)	18,198	172,381	9,200	146,735	8,662	12,355	148,262
Flow of passengers (B.I.A.) ⁹							
Total	430,664	4,985,436	423,624	5,552,746	445,968	471,179	5,654,147
Variation in %	2.70	22.03	-1.63	11.38	5.27	1.83	1.83
Arrival	230,834	2,492,204	233,562	2,759,474	247,811	234,602	2,815,225
Variation in %	-3.01	23.04	1.18	10.72	6.10	2.02	2.02
Departure	196,913	2,460,695	186,592	2,752,961	193,272	231,734	2,780,809
Variation in %	10.32	22.18	-5.24	11.88	3.58	1.01	1.01
Transit	2,917	32,537	3,470	40,311	4,885	4,843	58,113
Variation in %	2.78	-28.92	18.96	23.89	40.78	44.16	44.16

* Since July 1995, the customs dollar (LBP 800) is replaced by the official dollar exchange rate. ** Updated figures by the private sector. *** Starting January 1, 1997 preliminary data is updated to include both public and private sectors.

Sources: ¹BDL. ²Association of Engineers (Beirut, Tripoli). ³Cement Companies. ⁴Ministry of Finance. ⁵Customs Council. ⁶EDL. ⁷General Directorate of Petroleum. ⁸Port of Beirut. ⁹Beirut International Airport.

In the year to December 2011, export shares to major destination countries were as follows: South Africa 15.8%, Switzerland 12.1%, United Arab Emirates 7.6%, Saudi Arabia 7.2%, and Turkey 6.5%.

In December 2011, these shares were as follows:

📌 **Exports by Destination** (millions USD)

	Dec 10	% of total	Dec 11	% of total
Switzerland	22.4	6.5	46.3	13.7
South Africa	43.4	12.6	39.7	11.8
UAE	25.9	7.5	28.1	8.3
Saudi Arabia	26.7	7.7	27.4	8.1
Syria	21.4	6.2	26.1	7.7
Other countries	205.8	59.5	170.0	50.3
Total exports	345.7	100	337.7	100

📌 **Imports** (millions USD)

Sections	Jan-Dec 2010	% of Total	Jan-Dec 2011	% of Total
Food & Beverages	2,851.8	15.9	3,181.3	15.8
Textiles	702.8	3.9	702.9	3.5
Leather, Plastics & Rubber	74.4	0.4	81.0	0.4
Wood & wood products	230.1	1.3	236.4	1.2
Chemical & Pharmaceutical	1,549.7	8.6	1,725.5	8.6
Paper & paper products	425.5	2.4	431.7	2.1
Stone, Clay & cement	385.1	2.1	399.9	2.0
Metal & metal products	5,061.7	28.2	6,146.7	30.5
Machinery & Appliances	4,404.6	24.5	3,910.6	19.4
Jewelry	1,159.0	6.5	2,141.4	10.6
Other	1,119.2	6.2	1,200.7	6.0
Total	17,963.8	100	20,158.3	100

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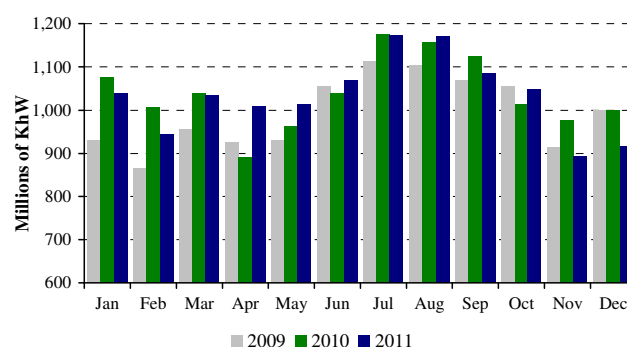
Sections	Jan-Dec 2010	% of Total	Jan-Dec 2011	% of Total
Food & Beverages	518.0	13.2	581.0	13.6
Textiles	107.8	2.7	129.1	3.0
Leather, Plastics & Rubber	12.0	0.3	13.9	0.3
Wood & wood products	21.9	0.6	15.2	0.4
Chemical & Pharmaceutical	310.0	7.9	383.7	9.0
Paper & paper products	236.5	6.0	216.6	5.1
Stone, Clay & cement	44.1	1.1	37.5	0.9
Metal & metal products	516.2	13.2	560.0	13.1
Machinery & Appliances	792.7	20.2	578.4	13.6
Jewelry	1,108.7	28.3	1,492.2	35.0
Other	252.8	6.4	257.8	6.0
Total	3,920.6	100	4,265.5	100

Source: Customs Higher Council

ENERGY

Power production decreased by 8.3%, totaling 916.1 million kWh during the month.

Monthly Electricity Production



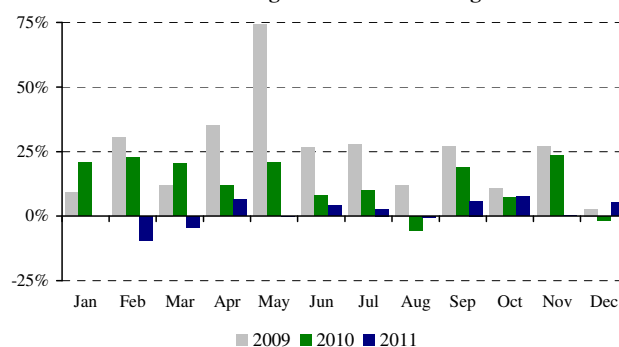
Source: Electricité du Liban

TRANSPORTATION

At the Beirut International Airport, total plane traffic fell by 8.6% in December 2011, while passenger flow rose by 5.3%, as the number of incoming, departing and transiting passengers increased by 6.1%, 3.6% and 40.8% respectively.

Airfreight expanded by 7.3%, as incoming and outgoing freight were up by 11.0% and 2.6% respectively.

Annual Changes in Flow of Passengers



Source: Beirut International Airport

Year-on-year, the number of ships at the Port of Beirut declined by 2.2%, while the volume of maritime freight improved by 11.6%. Incoming and outgoing freight recorded an increase of 13.3% and 3.0% respectively, while transiting freight dropped by 5.9%.

MONETARY SECTOR

NET FOREIGN ASSETS OF THE BANKING SYSTEM

The balance of payments posted a surplus equivalent to USD 691.5 million in December 2011. This was reflected in an increase in the net foreign assets of the Banque du Liban and of banks and financial institutions by an amount of USD 79.9 million and USD 611.6 million respectively. During the year, the BOP recorded a cumulative deficit of USD 1,996.2 million, compared with a cumulative surplus of USD 3,324.5 million in 2010.

CENTRAL BANK FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES

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INTEREST RATES

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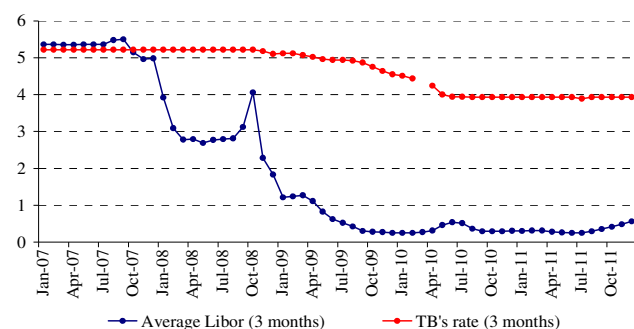
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As a result, the spread between the LBP and USD lending rates widened from 0.32 point in November 2011 to 0.36 point in December. Likewise, the spread between the LBP and USD deposit rates widened from 2.75 points in November 2011 to 2.80 points in December.

The three-month Libor rate reached 0.56% in December, compared with 0.48% in November and 0.41% in October.

Spread between 3-month TBs & Libor rate



Yields on the 45-day and 60-day certificates of deposit

issued by Banque du Liban recorded no change in December, staying at 3.57% and 3.85% respectively. On the other hand, the Central Bank maintained the discount rate and the Repo rate at 10.00% each, as adopted since December 2009.

MONETARY AGGREGATES

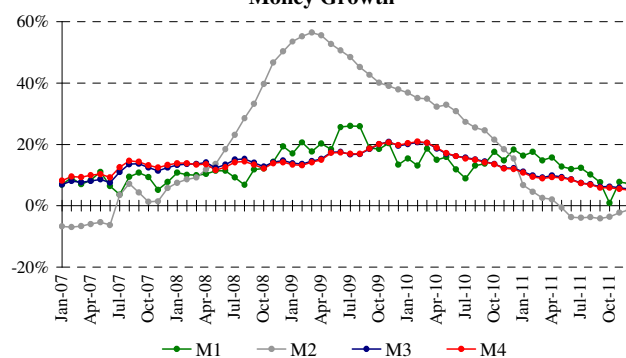
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Year-on-Year Changes in Money Components (in %)

	M1	M2	M3	M4
Dec-2010	18.36	15.37	12.27	12.00
Jan-2011	16.33	6.76	11.09	10.80
Feb-2011	17.61	4.55	9.86	9.43
Mar-2011	14.82	2.52	9.17	8.94
Apr-2011	15.74	2.06	9.85	9.32
May-2011	12.72	-0.58	9.37	9.05
June-2011	11.96	-3.70	8.64	8.49
July-2011	12.39	-3.90	7.44	7.36
Aug-2011	10.18	-3.70	7.09	6.89
Sep-2011	7.70	-4.17	6.19	5.88
Oct-2011	0.86	-3.60	6.28	5.86
Nov-2011	7.76	-2.26	5.85	5.53
Dec-2011	7.16	-1.28	5.52	5.14

Money Growth



PUBLIC DEBT

According to figures released by the Ministry of Finance, net total public debt reached LBP 69,879 billion at the end of 2011. During the year, this debt grew by 3.0% or LBP 2,000 billion, compared with 1.9% or LBP 1,289 billion in 2010.

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4.1% or LBP 1,520 billion, compared with a rise of 6.9% or LBP 2,385 billion in 2010.

As for the foreign-currency-denominated public debt, it grew in 2011 by 1.6% or USD 319 million, amounting to USD 20,911 million at end-December 2011, compared with USD 20,592 million at the end of 2010 and USD 21,319 million at the end of 2009.

✦ **Outstanding Treasury Bills by Maturity** (% of total)

	3 months	6 months	12 months	24 months and above
Dec-2010	0.16	4.40	4.11	91.34
Jan-2011	0.23	4.17	3.90	91.70
Feb-2011	0.22	3.74	3.65	92.39
Mar-2011	0.21	3.63	3.64	92.52
Apr-2011	0.20	0.90	3.33	95.57
May-2011	0.26	0.98	3.26	95.50
June-2011	0.33	1.53	3.32	94.82
July-2011	0.31	2.26	3.57	93.87
Aug-2011	0.47	3.06	3.65	92.82
Sep-2011	0.63	3.22	3.66	92.49
Oct-2011	0.61	3.77	3.63	91.98
Nov-2011	0.45	3.67	3.01	92.86
Dec-2011	0.26	3.20	1.81	94.74

BANKING ACTIVITY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

The consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks reached LBP 211,918 billion at end-December 2011, with a monthly rise of 0.82%, following a slight decline of 0.08% in the previous month; year-on-year, it grew by 9.04%.

VOLUME OF CREDITS

a-Commercial Banks

Credits granted by commercial banks to the private sector, resident and non-resident, fell in December by 0.57%, following a rise of 0.97% in November. At end-December 2011, these credits reached LBP 59,358 billion, with a year-on-year increase of 12.73%. They were distributed as follows:

- Credits in Lebanese pound amounted to LBP 12,820 billion at end-December 2011, increasing monthly by 1.05%, compared with 1.63% in November. Year-on-year, they grew by 23.49%, and their share from total bank credits went up to 21.60%, compared with 19.72% in December 2010.
- Credits in foreign currencies declined by 1.01% in December 2011, following a rise of 0.79% in November. Year-on-year, they expanded by 10.08%, totaling USD 30,861 million at end-December 2011.

b-Investment Banks

Credits granted by investment banks reached LBP 1,729

billion at end-December 2011, increasing monthly by 1.80%, compared with 1.44% in November. In comparison with December 2010, they progressed by 6.56%.

VOLUME OF DEPOSITS

a-Commercial Banks

Private sector deposits at commercial banks by residents and non-residents increased by 1.38% in December, following a 0.04% decrease in November. Year-on-year, they went up by 7.94%, amounting to LBP 174,439 billion at end-December 2011. They were distributed as follows:

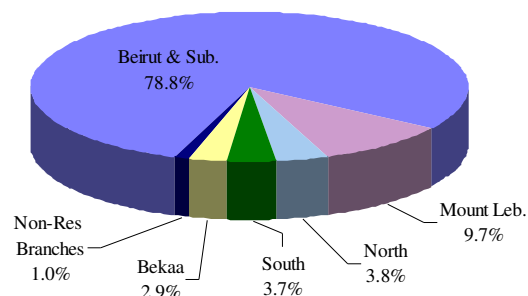
- Deposits in Lebanese pound reached LBP 59,455 billion at end-December 2011, rising monthly by 0.90% compared with 1.44% in November. Year-on-year, they grew by 0.06%, accounting for 34.08% of total deposits, compared with 36.76% at end-December 2010.
- Deposits in foreign currencies grew by 1.62% during the month, following a decline of 0.79% in November. Year-on-year, they expanded by 12.52%, totaling USD 76,256 million at end-December 2011.

b-Investment Banks

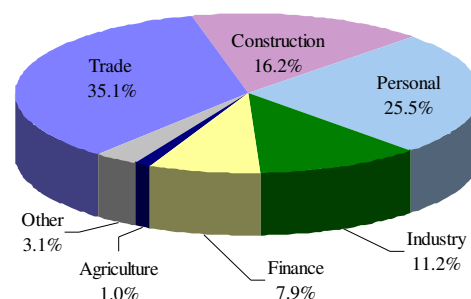
Private sector deposits at investment banks declined by 2.71% during the month, compared with (-1.33%) in November 2011. Year-on-year, they went down by 28.87%, from LBP 5,549 billion at end-December 2010 to LBP 3,946 billion at end-December 2011.

DISTRIBUTION OF CREDITS

Distribution of Credits by Region



Distribution of Credits by Sector



CREDIT-DEPOSIT RATIO

At end-December 2011, total credits accounted for 34.03% of total deposits, compared with 32.58% at end-December 2010; they were detailed as follows:

- Credit/deposit ratio in Lebanese pound: 21.57%, compared with 17.47%.
- Credit/deposit ratio in foreign currencies: 40.47%, compared with 41.36%.

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Shareholders' equity rose by 2.02% in December 2011, compared with 0.56% in November. Year-on-year, it went up by 16.26%, reaching LBP 16,162 billion at end-December 2011.

The capital/total asset ratio in commercial banks increased to 7.63% at end-December 2011, compared with 7.54% at end-November, and 7.15% at end-December 2010.

The capital/total deposit ratio went up to 9.26% at end-December 2011, compared with 9.21% at end-November, and 8.60% at end-December 2010.

Likewise, the capital/total credit ratio rose to 27.23% at end-December 2011, compared with 26.54% at end-November, and 26.40% at end-December 2010.

DOLLARIZATION

The dollarization rate of bank deposits went up from 65.76% at end-November 2011 to 65.92% at end-December 2011, compared with 63.24% at end-December 2010.

In contrast, the dollarization rate of bank credits decreased to 78.40% at end-December 2011, compared with 78.75% at end-November 2011 and 80.28% at end-December 2010.

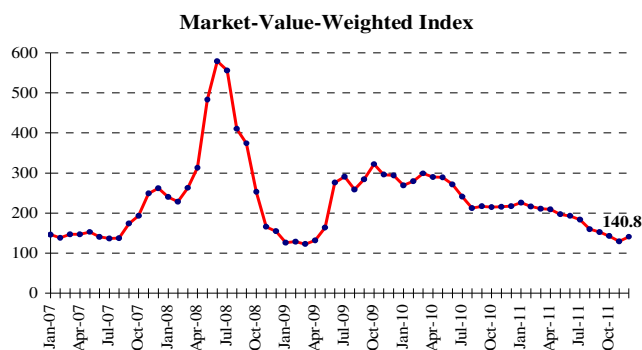
FINANCIAL MARKETS

The BDL market-value-weighted index improved by 8.80% in December 2011, closing at 140.78 points, compared with 129.40 points in November. Regarding shares traded on the stock market, they increased in volume and in value.

Concerning domestic and international certificates of deposit, no issue was launched or matured during the month. Several domestic bond issues were launched by financial institutions and others matured.

◆ BDL Market-Value-Weighted Index (Jan-1996=100)

December 2010	217.15
January 2011	226.32
February 2011	216.51
March 2011	210.68
April 2011	209.34
May 2011	196.69
June 2011	192.88
July 2011	183.73
August 2011	160.22
September 2011	152.59
October 2011	142.64
November 2011	129.40
December 2011	140.78



BEIRUT STOCK EXCHANGE

◆ Beirut Stock Exchange

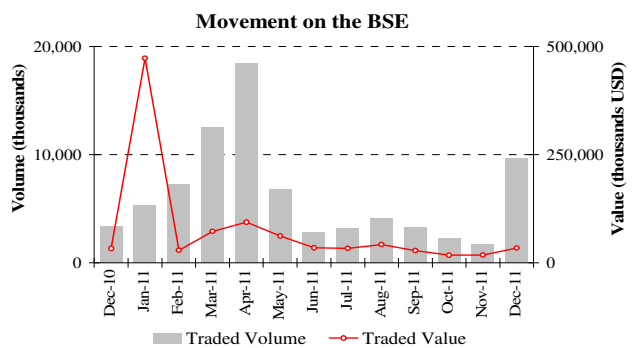
Date	Traded Shares		Market Capitalization (billions USD)
	Volume (millions)	Value (millions USD)	
Dec-2010	3.40	33.12	13.57
Jan-2011	5.32	47.63	13.56
Feb-2011	7.28	29.31	12.98
Mar-2011	12.56	72.87	12.98
Apr-2011	18.45	94.09	12.80
May-2011	6.77	62.01	12.58
June-2011	2.80	34.88	12.24
July-2011	3.19	33.65	12.16
Aug-2011	4.13	42.51	11.99
Sep-2011	3.30	28.43	11.56
Oct-2011	2.25	17.47	11.35
Nov-2011	1.75	18.19	11.16
Dec-2011	9.69	34.34	11.19

The Beirut Stock Exchange Committee decided the acceptance, listing and trading on the BSE official market of three Lebanese Treasury Eurobond issues:

- Issue No 60 for an amount of USD 500 million maturing in November 2019, at an interest rate of 5.45%;
- Issue No 61 for an amount of USD 375 million maturing in November 2026, at an interest rate of 6.60%;
- Issue No 62 for an amount of EUR 445 million maturing in November 2018, at an interest rate of 5.35%.

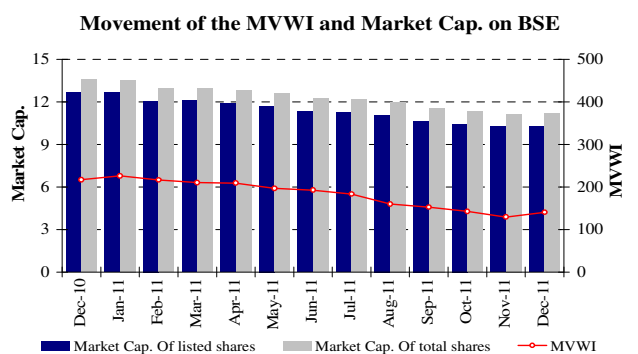
The Beirut Stock Exchange Committee decided the listing, trading and pricing on the BSE official market, of 500,000 GDRs related to the shares of Bank Audi SAL–Audi Saradar Group, to be added to the 99,581,430 GDRs already listed. As a result, the total number of listed GDRs of this bank reached 100,081,430 at end-December 2011.

In December 2011, the volume of traded shares surged by 453.84%, reaching 9.690 million shares, compared with 1.750 million shares in November. Likewise, the value of traded shares improved by 88.81% in December, amounting to USD 34.336 million, compared with USD 18.186 million in November 2011.



Regarding the shares traded during the month, the shares of Bank Byblos were leading in volume and value, with 80.71% and 37.47% of total trading.

During the months of November and December 2011, no transaction was performed on the Lebanese Treasury Eurobonds listed on the BSE.



Total market value of the shares of companies listed on the Beirut Stock Exchange increased monthly by 0.28%, reaching USD 11.188 billion in December 2011, compared with USD 11.156 billion in November. Similarly, market value of the shares listed on the BSE increased by 0.26%, amounting to USD 10.285 billion in December 2011, compared with USD 10.259 billion in November.

PREFERRED AND PRIMARY STOCKS

Issuer	Type	Price	Volume (thousands)	Value (millions \$)
Bank of Beirut	Preferred Shares "D"	25 \$	4,000	100
	Preferred Shares "E"	25 \$	2,400	60
	Preferred Shares "H"	25 \$	5,400	135
BEMO Bank	Preferred Shares	100 \$	200	20
BLOM Bank	Preferred Shares 2011	10 \$	20,000	200
Audi-Saradar Bank	Preferred Shares "D"	10 \$	12,500	125
	Preferred Shares "E"	100 \$	1,250	125
Byblos Bank	Preferred Shares 2008	100 \$	2,000	200
	Preferred Shares 2009	96 \$	2,000	192

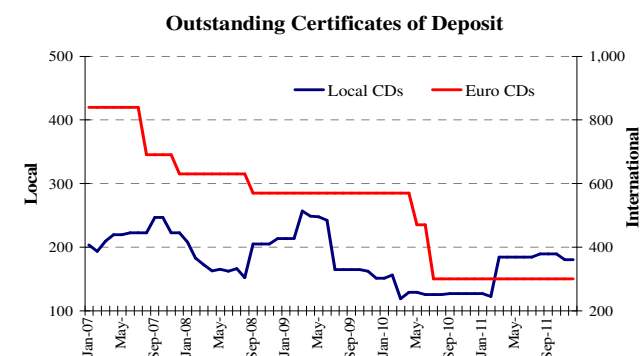
GLOBAL DEPOSITORY RECEIPT (GDR)

At end-December 2011, the prices of GDRs issued by Solidere and Byblos Bank S.A.L. were up by 6.08% and 5.88% respectively, the former ranging between USD 13.36 and USD 14.30, and the latter between USD 85.00 and USD 90.00. In contrast, the prices of GDRs issued by BLOM Bank S.A.L. and Bank Audi SAL–Audi Saradar Group went down at end-December 2011 by 7.52% and 6.33% respectively, the former ranging between USD 7.11 and USD 7.99, and the latter between USD 5.55 and USD 6.30.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

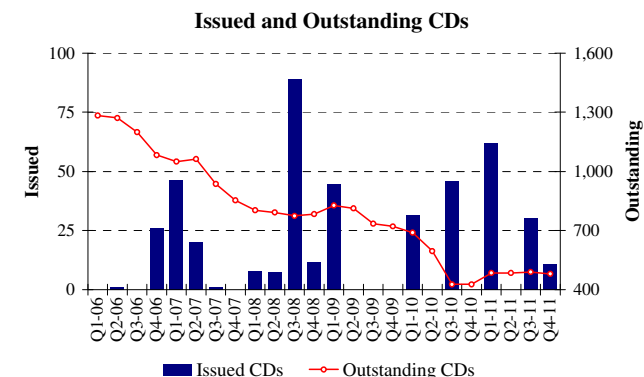
▲ Certificates of Deposit (millions USD)

	Issued	Outstanding			Number of Banks
		Local	International	Total	
Nov 2011	10.9	180.3	300	480.3	5
Dec 2011	-	180.3	300	480.3	5



No domestic or international CD issue was launched or matured during the month.

Consequently, the value of total outstanding CDs (domestic and international) recorded no change, standing at USD 480.30 million (of which an amount of USD 180.3 million on the domestic market).

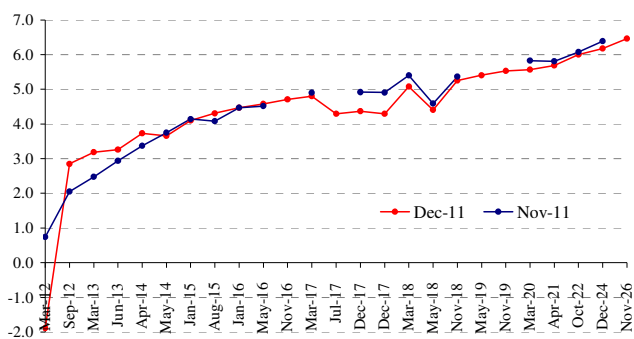


LEBANESE REPUBLIC FOREIGN CURRENCY BONDS

Three Lebanese Treasury Eurobond issues were launched during the month: the first for an amount of USD 500

million maturing in November 2019, at an interest rate of 5.45%; the second for an amount of USD 375 million maturing in November 2026, at an interest rate of 6.60%; and the third for an amount of EUR 445 million maturing in November 2018, at an interest rate of 5.35%. Thus, the total value of Lebanese Treasury Eurobonds recorded an increase, reaching USD 19.548 billion at end-December 2011, compared to USD 18.962 billion at end-November 2011.

Yield Curve of Lebanese Sovereign Eurobonds in \$



LEBANESE BANKS' FOREIGN CURRENCY BONDS

During the month, the prices of subordinated notes issued by Byblos Bank remained unchanged.

On December 15, 2011, Crédit Financier S.A.L. launched two bond issues in US dollar: the first, for an amount of USD 720,000 at a 5% interest rate, to be paid monthly for a one-year period; the second for an amount of USD 258,000 at a 5.5% interest rate, to be paid monthly for a two-year period.

Likewise, on the same date, two bond issues were launched in Lebanese pound: the first, for an amount of LBP 1,224 billion at a 6.75% interest rate, to be paid monthly for a one-year period; the second for an amount of LBP 771 million at a 7% interest rate, to be paid monthly for a two-year period.

For the same bank, three issues matured during the month: the first for an amount of LBP 690 million, the second for an amount of LBP 1,076 billion and the third for an amount of USD 445,000.

As a result, the value of domestic bonds issued by financial institutions reached USD 16,192 million at end-December 2011, compared with USD 15,507 million at end-November.

Lebanese Republic Foreign Currency Bonds

	Maturity	Closing of November 2011			Closing of December 2011		
		Price	Yield	Spread	Price	Yield	Spread
4 years (USD 600 millions)	19/03/2012	101.94	0.74	73	101.97	-1.89	0
6 years (Euro 535.639 millions)	12/04/2012	101.50	1.63	152	100.73	3.02	308
5 years (USD 200 millions)	20/07/2012	101.12	0.75	187	101.68	-1.89	0
8 years (USD 600 millions)	07/09/2012	104.25	2.05	193	103.25	2.85	279
5 years (USD 875 millions)	12/03/2013	108.25	2.48	236	106.87	3.19	308
8 years (USD 650 millions)	20/06/2013	108.50	2.94	269	107.60	3.26	315
5 years (USD 18.483 millions) Special TBs	25/03/2014	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 years (USD 676.902 millions)	14/04/2014	109.00	3.37	311	107.88	3.73	346
6 years (USD 881.612 millions)	02/05/2014	111.97	3.75	350	111.80	3.66	339
5 years (USD 250 millions)	15/01/2015	105.02	4.14	375	105.01	4.10	370
5 years (USD 15.985 millions) Special TBs	22/04/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 years (USD 6.930 millions) Special TBs	15/07/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 years (USD 500 millions)	06/08/2015	114.91	4.08	369	113.79	4.31	391
5 years (USD 8.098 millions) Special TBs	30/11/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 years (USD 750 millions)	19/01/2016	115.00	4.47	355	114.75	4.47	358
15 years (USD 400 millions)	11/05/2016	128.25	4.52	360	127.50	4.58	369
5 years (USD 500 millions)	02/11/2016	99.90	4.77	385	100.13	4.71	383
8 years (USD 1,500 millions)	20/03/2017	118.89	4.90	398	119.16	4.80	392
10 years (USD 300 millions)	20/07/2017	97.52	4.53	361	98.32	4.29	340
7 years (LBP 1,500,000 millions)	18/12/2017	103.79	7.12	-	103.74	7.12	-
15 years (USD 950 millions)	27/12/2017	100.23	4.92	346	101.86	4.37	348
15 years (USD 2,007.511 millions)	31/12/2017	97.50	4.91	344	99.16	4.29	340
15 years (USD 700 millions)	05/03/2018	97.88	5.40	393	99.59	5.08	369
15 years (USD 200 millions)	27/05/2018	101.27	4.59	312	101.82	4.41	301
8 years (USD 500 millions)	12/11/2018	98.75	5.37	389	99.46	5.25	386
7 years (Euro 445 millions)	28/11/2018	-	-	-	100.00	5.35	401
8 years (USD 650 millions)	20/05/2019	102.98	5.51	403	103.56	5.41	402
7 years (USD 500 millions)	28/11/2019	-	-	-	99.50	5.53	414
10 years (USD 1,200 millions)	09/03/2020	103.50	5.83	436	105.22	5.57	418
15 years (USD 2,092.469 millions)	12/04/2021	117.44	5.81	381	118.20	5.69	379
12 years (USD 1,540 millions)	04/10/2022	100.19	6.08	408	100.81	6.00	410
15 years (USD 250 millions)	03/12/2024	105.33	6.39	439	107.26	6.18	427
15 years (USD 375 millions)	27/11/2026	-	-	-	101.37	6.46	455

1. MONETARY SURVEY

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
Currency in Circulation	2,383.0	2,521.5	2,712.9	2,620.1	2,608.0	2,891.0
Sight Deposits in L.L.	2,456.6	3,036.1	3,015.4	2,970.0	3,380.7	3,247.4
M1	4,839.7	5,557.6	5,728.3	5,590.1	5,988.6	6,138.4
Other Deposits in L.L.	46,649.7	53,696.0	53,673.5	51,543.6	51,928.7	52,504.7
M2	51,489.4	59,253.6	59,401.9	57,133.7	57,917.4	58,643.0
Deposits in Foreign Currencies	72,229.1	77,712.8	79,292.8	87,592.2	86,963.5	87,639.7
Bonds	13.0	213.9	215.1	382.4	325.6	292.9
M3	123,731.6	137,180.2	138,909.8	145,108.3	145,206.4	146,575.6
M4*	131,084.6	145,001.2	146,820.8	152,857.3	153,013.4	154,364.6
Net Claims on Foreign Sector	57,121.1	64,361.5	66,535.7	67,844.4	66,799.2	65,463.7
Net Claims on Public Sector	47,492.4	49,306.4	48,878.1	50,022.3	50,329.3	50,909.1
Valuation Adjustment	-6,760.5	-10,624.3	-11,170.2	-15,647.8	-15,471.4	-13,284.7
Claims on Private Sector	38,446.6	47,077.4	47,828.7	52,926.6	53,438.8	54,163.8
Other Items Net	-12,567.9	-12,940.8	-13,162.6	-10,037.2	-9,889.6	-10,676.3
TOTAL	123,731.6	137,180.2	138,909.8	145,108.3	145,206.4	146,575.6

* M4 = M3 + Treasury Bills held by the non-banking system; M3 and M4 include Bonds starting July 1996

1.1 BANKING SYSTEM : ASSETS AND LIABILITIES IN GOLD AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES

(end of period, in millions of US dollars)

	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
Banque du Liban	38,412.7	43,682.6	43,939.4	48,700.1	48,934.6	47,574.2
Gold	10,062.0	12,670.4	13,010.0	15,904.7	15,834.8	14,400.7
Foreign Currencies Reserves	28,744.5	31,254.7	31,163.3	33,022.0	33,326.2	33,391.6
Foreign Liabilities	393.8	242.6	233.9	226.6	226.4	218.1
Commercial Banks	2,506.5	2,507.9	2,741.7	-1,193.6	-2,119.6	-1,579.6
Claims on Non Resident Banks	15,020.5	15,003.2	15,843.8	14,489.5	13,403.5	14,629.8
Claims on Non Residents	4,115.2	5,117.6	4,613.1	5,714.9	5,756.6	5,150.2
Other Foreign Assets	4,544.2	5,118.5	5,270.4	5,713.2	5,717.3	5,716.7
Liabilities of Non Resident Banks	4,600.4	5,144.2	4,500.6	6,478.5	6,515.4	5,813.4
Deposits of Non Residents	16,573.1	17,587.3	18,485.0	20,632.6	20,481.7	21,262.9
Medium and Long Term Banks	-126.2	-427.2	-249.4	-216.6	-239.3	-162.7
Claims on Foreign Sector	365.3	391.4	406.9	383.5	359.0	350.8
Liabilities to the Foreign Sector	491.4	818.7	656.4	600.1	598.3	513.5

1.2 PRIVATE SECTOR DEPOSITS IN COMMERCIAL BANKS

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
Deposits of Residents	119,383.1	131,796.8	133,743.4	141,038.9	141,197.0	142,385.4
- Deposits of Res. in L.L.	47,738.5	54,721.5	55,036.7	54,147.7	54,949.3	55,388.7
- Deposits of Res. In For. Curr.	71,644.6	77,075.3	78,706.8	86,891.3	86,247.7	86,996.7
Deposits of Non Residents	24,984.0	26,512.8	27,866.2	31,103.7	30,876.1	32,053.9
- Deposits of N. Res. in L.L.	3,572.3	4,071.5	4,373.6	3,931.8	3,964.5	4,056.6
- Deposits of N. Res. in For. Curr.	21,411.7	22,441.3	23,492.6	27,172.0	26,911.6	27,997.3
Total Deposits in L.L.	51,310.8	58,793.0	59,410.3	58,079.4	58,913.7	59,445.3
Total Deposits in For. Curr.	93,056.3	99,516.7	102,199.4	114,063.2	113,159.4	114,994.0
GRAND TOTAL	144,367.1	158,309.7	161,609.6	172,142.7	172,073.1	174,439.3

1.3 TRADE & BALANCE OF PAYMENT RESULTS

(in millions of US Dollars)

	Imports (C.I.F.)	Exports (F.O.B.)	Trade Balance	Central Bank	Banks	Balance of Payment **
2010 (Jan-Dec)	17,963.8	4,252.9	-13,711.0	3,201.1	123.4	3,324.5
November	1,820.1	317.6	-1,502.5	-345.1	-328.3	-673.4
December	1,470.4	487.1	-983.3	835.6	407.1	1,242.7
2011	20,158.3	4,265.5	-15,892.8	2,270.7	-4,266.9	-1,996.2
January	1,729.3	297.0	-1,432.3	-367.9	-404.2	-772.1
February	1,217.5	304.2	-913.3	97.7	5.6	103.3
March	1,631.3	353.6	-1,277.7	65.0	204.6	269.6
April	1,500.8	375.0	-1,125.8	119.1	-317.7	-198.6
May	1,578.2	376.6	-1,201.6	-249.6	-195.6	-445.2
June	1,571.3	410.9	-1,160.3	-108.4	672.2	563.8
July	1,678.9	415.5	-1,263.4	602.8	-910.1	-307.3
August	1,719.3	363.2	-1,356.1	1,692.5	-2,143.3	-450.8
September	1,779.5	334.2	-1,445.3	116.3	-418.0	-301.7
October	2,508.3	351.1	-2,157.2	-175.9	-413.9	-589.8
November	1,579.1	346.5	-1,232.6	399.2	-958.1	-558.9
December	1,664.9	337.7	-1,327.2	79.9	611.6	691.5

NB: These values are subject to change.

** Valuation Adjustment from fluctuations of US dollar with respect to other foreign currencies is excluded; Net foreign assets of specialized banks and financial institutions are included, starting January 1995.

2. BALANCE SHEET OF BANQUE DU LIBAN

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
Assets						
Foreign Assets	53,850.8	60,915.3	62,723.6	69,973.9	70,324.6	68,162.5
-Gold	15,168.5	19,100.6	19,612.5	23,976.3	23,870.9	21,709.0
-Foreign Currencies	38,682.3	41,814.7	43,111.1	45,997.6	46,453.6	46,453.4
-Other Foreign Assets						
Claims on Private Sector	332.9	376.8	349.9	379.4	380.1	380.1
Loans to Commercial Banks	1,788.8	1,117.2	1,122.3	2,048.5	2,047.8	2,047.2
Loans to Specialized Financial Corp.	14.0	14.0	14.0	51.7	51.7	51.7
Loans to Public Sector	291.9	217.2	218.1	138.6	139.2	139.8
Securities Portfolio	15,525.3	17,893.9	17,681.2	19,584.6	19,739.8	19,846.9
Fixed Assets	410.6	403.5	403.9	349.6	351.0	357.7
Unclassified Assets	8,812.4	12,178.2	11,867.8	15,463.1	15,815.9	14,986.5
TOTAL	81,026.6	93,116.1	94,380.8	107,989.4	108,850.1	105,972.3
Liabilities						
Currency in Circulation outside BDL	2,729.6	2,945.5	3,088.3	3,083.5	3,086.1	3,283.3
Commercial Banks Deposits	50,033.3	56,715.2	57,365.9	65,830.5	67,357.0	68,787.9
Corporations Deposits	1,916.7	2,607.7	2,193.2	1,026.5	1,028.2	963.8
Private Sector Deposits	35.7	40.3	45.2	40.3	47.7	42.4
Public Sector Accounts	8,931.6	8,365.8	9,311.7	9,993.7	9,310.7	7,984.6
Valuation Adjustment	6,760.5	10,624.3	11,170.2	15,647.8	15,471.4	13,284.7
Foreign Liabilities	593.7	365.7	352.6	341.5	341.3	328.8
Special Long Term Liabilities	2,519.5	2,502.7	2,503.0	2,503.4	2,502.7	2,503.3
Securities other than shares	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0
Capital Accounts	3,342.3	3,276.2	4,279.3	4,211.1	4,211.1	4,555.8
Unclassified Liabilities	1,148.8	2,657.7	1,056.5	2,296.1	2,478.9	1,222.6
TOTAL	81,026.6	93,116.1	94,380.8	107,989.4	108,850.1	105,972.3

3. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
Assets						
Reserves	53,574.9	60,868.5	61,153.5	69,317.3	70,769.2	71,535.4
Vault Cash	346.5	423.9	375.4	463.3	478.2	392.3
Deposits at BDL	53,228.4	60,444.5	60,778.2	68,854.0	70,291.1	71,143.1
Claims on Private Sector	36,570.1	44,925.1	45,702.1	50,510.5	51,021.2	51,594.4
In Lebanese Pounds	6,837.5	10,138.9	10,381.6	12,484.2	12,687.6	12,820.5
In Foreign Currencies	29,732.6	34,786.2	35,320.5	38,026.3	38,333.5	38,773.9
Claims on Public Sector	43,811.6	43,318.8	44,192.3	45,007.9	44,438.4	44,055.1
Claims on Foreign Sector	35,697.6	38,048.3	38,783.9	39,070.8	37,502.8	38,436.3
Fixed Assets	3,782.7	4,769.0	4,187.6	5,090.6	5,158.4	5,130.8
Unclassified Assets	303.0	385.2	335.3	1,362.5	1,304.8	1,166.2
TOTAL	173,740.1	192,314.8	194,354.7	210,359.6	210,194.7	211,918.2
Liabilities						
Resident Private Sector Deposits	119,383.1	131,796.8	133,743.4	141,038.9	141,197.0	142,385.4
Demand Deposits in L.L.	2,410.3	2,994.9	2,950.8	2,924.4	3,334.2	3,200.6
Time and Saving Deposits in L.L.	45,328.3	51,726.6	52,085.8	51,223.3	51,615.0	52,188.1
Deposits in Foreign Currencies	71,644.6	77,075.3	78,706.8	86,891.3	86,247.7	86,996.7
Public Sector Deposits	1,589.9	1,964.8	2,107.4	2,718.8	2,680.2	2,999.1
Non Resident Private Sector Deposits	24,984.0	26,512.8	27,866.2	31,103.7	30,876.1	32,053.9
Non Resident Financial Sect. Deposits	6,935.1	7,754.8	6,784.7	9,766.4	9,822.0	8,763.7
Other Financial Liabilities	142.9	382.4	411.8	747.4	689.8	661.4
Capital Accounts	11,977.2	13,699.5	13,901.0	15,753.7	15,841.4	16,161.5
Unclassified Liabilities	8,727.9	10,203.6	9,540.2	9,230.8	9,088.3	8,893.2
TOTAL	173,740.1	192,314.8	194,354.7	210,359.6	210,194.7	211,918.2

4.1 INTEREST RATES : COMMERCIAL BANKS

(in percent)

Period	Lending & Deposits Rates (LL)					Interbank Rates on Call (LL) End of Period	Lending & Deposits Rates (\$)					Libor 3-month Period Average
	Discount & Loans	Checking & Current Accounts	Savings at Call	Term Deposits	Average Rate on Deposits		Discount & Loans	Checking & Current Accounts	Savings at Call	Term Deposits	Average Rate on Deposits	
2010												
Sep	8.11	1.07	3.00	5.96	5.70	2.75	7.24	0.37	0.95	3.21	2.78	0.29
Oct	8.15	0.97	3.09	5.98	5.72	2.75	7.08	0.34	0.91	3.22	2.81	0.29
Nov	7.98	0.96	3.06	5.95	5.68	2.75	6.96	0.33	0.92	3.20	2.80	0.29
Dec	7.91	1.04	2.78	5.97	5.68	2.75	6.74	0.45	0.93	3.26	2.80	0.30
2011												
Jan	7.71	0.96	3.02	5.89	5.63	2.75	7.14	0.42	0.92	3.24	2.84	0.30
Feb	7.71	1.02	3.22	5.92	5.63	2.75	7.01	0.47	0.87	3.33	2.90	0.31
Mar	7.73	1.09	2.98	5.92	5.63	2.75	7.24	0.41	1.00	3.24	2.82	0.31
Apr	7.73	0.98	3.26	5.90	5.64	2.75	7.05	0.37	1.02	3.26	2.84	0.28
May	7.67	0.95	3.22	5.92	5.64	2.75	7.04	0.34	0.98	3.25	2.84	0.26
Jun	7.59	1.12	2.92	5.94	5.62	2.75	6.98	0.34	0.92	3.29	2.81	0.25
Jul	7.33	0.97	2.64	5.87	5.59	2.75	7.03	0.30	0.97	3.29	2.86	0.25
Aug	7.53	0.92	2.62	5.81	5.53	3.00	7.16	0.31	0.93	3.22	2.80	0.29
Sep	7.37	0.96	2.72	5.85	5.58	3.00	6.92	0.35	0.91	3.26	2.84	0.35
Oct	7.27	0.92	2.90	5.84	5.60	2.75	7.10	0.36	0.88	3.23	2.82	0.41
Nov	7.31	0.94	2.73	5.84	5.59	2.75	6.99	0.38	0.87	3.26	2.84	0.48
Dec	7.38	1.05	2.73	5.91	5.63	2.75	7.02	0.44	0.93	3.31	2.83	0.56

4.2 TREASURY BILLS & MONEY MARKET RATES

(end of period, in percent)

Spread Between 3 month TB's yield & Libor 3 month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2008	1.30	2.13	2.44	2.43	2.53	2.45	2.43	2.41	2.10	1.16	2.90	3.27
2009	3.91	3.88	3.80	3.91	4.14	4.32	4.42	4.50	4.57	4.47	4.37	4.30
2010	4.26	4.19	4.17	3.93	3.54	3.40	3.43	3.57	3.64	3.64	3.64	3.63
2011	3.63	3.62	3.62	3.65	3.67	3.68	3.68	3.64	3.58	3.52	3.45	3.37

Interest Rates on Treasury Bills *

Period	3 months		6 months		12 months		24 months	36 months	Repo Rate
	Discount	Yield	Discount	Yield	Discount	Yield	Coupon Rate	Coupon Rate	
2008	5.04	5.10	6.86	7.10	7.05	7.58	8.26	9.00	12.00
2009	4.50	4.55	5.56	5.72	5.42	5.73	6.32	7.10	10.00
2010									
Nov	3.89	3.93	4.42	4.52	4.59	4.81	5.34	5.94	10.00
Dec	3.89	3.93	4.42	4.52	4.59	4.81	5.34	5.94	10.00
2011									
Oct	3.89	3.93	4.40	4.50	4.59	4.81	5.34	5.94	10.00
Nov	3.89	3.93	4.40	4.50	4.59	4.81	5.34	5.94	10.00
Dec	3.89	3.93	4.40	4.50	4.59	4.81	5.34	5.94	10.00

* In March 2005, a 4 and 5 years treasury bills have been issued at a coupon rate of 10.3 and 11.3 per cent respectively.

5.1 BANKS CLEARING IN LEBANESE POUNDS *(number in thousands, value in billions of L.L.)*

Branch	BEIRUT		JOUNIEH		TRIPOLI		SAIDA		ZAHLE		TYR		TOTAL	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
2010	2,954.4	18,374.7	180.5	592.8	104.2	413.8	76.5	339.9	114.2	352.6	82.0	300.3	3,511.8	20,374.1
Jul	256.3	1,598.7	15.9	46.3	10.0	40.3	7.0	31.7	11.1	32.8	7.7	29.7	308.0	1,779.7
Aug	240.7	1,564.2	15.1	44.2	7.5	32.9	6.8	30.9	10.6	35.2	7.4	28.9	288.1	1,736.3
Sep	247.8	1,518.7	15.1	52.4	6.6	32.7	6.7	31.1	10.6	32.2	7.2	25.6	293.9	1,692.8
Oct	262.4	1,672.4	15.8	54.4	7.5	29.9	6.9	30.8	10.7	33.7	7.2	27.7	310.4	1,848.9
Nov	243.5	1,481.6	14.4	44.1	7.0	26.9	5.3	24.9	8.9	27.3	5.8	20.6	284.9	1,625.4
Dec	278.9	1,750.8	16.8	65.5	7.5	29.5	6.0	30.3	8.8	25.8	6.0	23.6	324.0	1,925.5
2011	3,195.7	19,524.8	180.6	612.5	94.7	380.0	71.5	337.8	107.6	338.5	72.5	288.0	3,722.5	21,481.7
Jan	254.1	1,649.6	14.8	61.2	7.2	28.3	5.4	29.7	7.7	24.9	5.6	23.2	294.7	1,817.0
Feb	237.7	1,629.2	13.6	45.1	6.8	22.0	5.0	26.5	7.3	21.2	5.4	22.9	275.7	1,766.9
Mar	276.8	1,793.1	15.3	53.3	8.0	32.3	6.1	30.1	8.7	27.1	6.3	25.0	321.2	1,960.9
Apr	260.9	1,590.2	14.8	49.8	7.3	30.0	5.8	26.8	8.1	24.7	6.0	27.9	302.9	1,749.3
May	270.1	1,570.9	15.3	46.9	7.9	31.6	5.9	27.3	8.6	26.7	6.2	22.1	314.0	1,725.6
Jun	279.7	1,580.0	16.0	51.5	8.3	31.2	6.4	28.7	9.2	28.6	6.4	23.3	325.9	1,743.4
Jul	279.6	1,662.9	15.8	50.6	8.3	35.4	6.3	31.1	10.0	30.7	6.4	24.3	326.4	1,834.9
Aug	256.6	1,503.4	14.6	45.7	7.8	29.2	6.0	27.9	9.5	30.3	6.0	23.9	300.4	1,660.2
Sep	277.1	1,561.6	15.7	50.8	8.5	32.3	6.3	28.5	10.0	29.9	6.5	26.0	324.1	1,729.1
Oct	270.8	1,679.9	15.1	53.0	8.3	38.7	6.4	29.5	9.7	33.5	6.2	24.2	316.5	1,858.8
Nov	253.3	1,415.3	14.0	48.4	7.8	30.8	5.7	23.9	9.3	29.9	5.7	22.7	295.7	1,571.2
Dec	279.1	1,888.7	15.6	56.1	8.6	38.3	6.2	27.8	9.5	31.0	5.9	22.6	325.0	2,064.6

5.2 BANKS CLEARING IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

(number in unit, value in thousands of US dollars)

	Nov-10		Dec-10		Total 2010		Nov-11		Dec-11		Total 2011	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Beirut	669248	3707665	721561	4010560	8191629	49165162	663071	4117402	759516	4677498	8297061	53308029
Pound Sterling	241	6371	268	5330	3134	70422	243	7783	270	6586	3039	89245
US Dollar	661562	3605413	712849	3904793	8095645	47938109	655411	3999044	750293	4398875	8197754	51630359
Euro	7445	95881	8444	100436	92850	1156631	7417	110575	8953	272037	96268	1588424
Jounieh	44567	142443	47834	152562	559104	1746591	40592	146385	46673	161241	510462	1780321
Pound Sterling	5	24	8	42	80	402	8	6	8	17	96	170
US Dollar	44128	140556	47358	150521	553432	1717366	40183	144198	46206	159305	505192	1750751
Euro	434	1862	468	1998	5592	28823	401	2180	459	1919	5174	29400
Other Branches	42911	195429	44060	201297	641418	2987034	44859	239883	48635	252504	535704	2761710
Pound Sterling	11	135	14	125	179	2397	15	192	17	360	143	3392
US Dollar	42633	190529	43739	195420	636876	2902358	44501	230840	48256	239862	531562	2657482
Euro	267	4765	307	5752	4363	82279	343	8852	362	12282	3999	100836
TOTAL	756726	4045537	813455	4364418	9392151	53898787	748522	4503669	854824	5091242	9343227	57850059
Pound Sterling	257	6531	290	5497	3393	73221	266	7981	295	6962	3278	92806
US Dollar	748323	3936498	803946	4250734	9285953	52557833	740095	4374082	844755	4798042	9234508	56038592
Euro	8146	102508	9219	108187	102805	1267733	8161	121607	9774	286239	105441	1718661

6.1 FINANCING OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

Period	Documentary L/Cs						Bills for Collection			
	Credits Opened		Credits Utilized		Outstanding Credits (end of period)		Inward Bills	Outward Bills	Outstanding Bills (end of period)	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
2010	7,714.1	6,284.3	7,447.5	6,233.3	1,412.3	1,698.1	3,393.4	6,747.3	231.6	588.4
Jul	682.9	351.3	580.3	397.9	1,399.7	1,914.7	337.8	661.5	232.4	519.6
Aug	738.0	593.9	666.8	388.0	1,456.3	2,107.6	387.1	594.0	245.2	544.4
Sep	615.0	706.9	650.3	530.5	1,425.2	2,263.9	266.6	515.0	237.7	539.0
Oct	661.9	533.6	697.8	695.4	1,380.7	2,059.1	227.1	505.1	216.6	526.6
Nov	576.9	427.8	573.3	570.1	1,366.1	1,938.4	271.0	466.3	252.8	573.9
Dec	635.7	500.4	582.4	705.7	1,412.3	1,698.1	260.9	620.1	231.6	588.4
2011	8,225.5	6,296.5	7,980.1	5,499.5	1,405.7	1,874.8	3,161.0	5,956.8	252.6	759.9
Jan	592.7	313.4	556.2	251.3	1,419.6	1,739.9	239.9	617.3	219.2	568.2
Feb	481.0	437.3	620.5	341.6	1,275.1	1,818.3	248.8	467.0	229.3	603.3
Mar	851.9	510.0	520.1	398.6	1,586.1	1,887.8	313.7	590.8	267.0	569.4
Apr	518.3	539.3	644.8	457.2	1,451.7	1,956.9	237.3	504.3	281.9	560.6
May	676.1	807.0	672.5	451.2	1,440.2	2,178.3	252.6	510.2	234.6	622.9
Jun	600.1	466.6	607.2	624.9	1,441.2	1,882.6	231.0	472.4	223.1	656.2
Jul	864.9	800.4	779.6	466.6	1,478.7	2,165.1	314.1	468.3	244.9	707.8
Aug	740.1	341.8	631.9	575.4	1,577.2	1,912.0	254.7	504.6	241.9	745.5
Sep	771.6	520.2	872.4	440.8	1,395.6	1,907.5	329.1	558.4	243.4	735.7
Oct	651.7	422.0	715.4	549.4	1,312.9	1,726.0	254.1	445.1	264.1	734.5
Nov	790.4	427.1	783.6	519.3	1,307.6	1,609.4	241.0	365.8	266.5	774.1
Dec	686.6	711.5	575.9	423.3	1,405.7	1,874.8	244.7	452.7	252.6	759.9

6.2 OUTSTANDING LOCAL CURRENCY PUBLIC DEBT BY TYPE OF DEBT INSTRUMENT (1)
(end of period, in billions of L.L.)

	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
Gross Local Currency debt	39,007.0	44,973.0	48,255.0	50,300.0	50,059.0	49,732.0	49,340.0
1. Long term bonds (2)	36,350.0	40,842.0	43,805.0	46,287.0	45,835.0	45,961.0	46,512.0
- over 24 months	33,332.0	36,944.0	39,592.0	41,271.0	41,058.0	41,067.0	41,793.0
- 24 months	2,052.0	2,989.0	3,398.0	4,291.0	4,079.0	4,128.0	3,972.0
- Coupon interest	966.0	909.0	815.0	725.0	698.0	766.0	747.0
2. Short term T Bills (2)	2,197.0	3,735.0	4,155.0	3,758.0	3,995.0	3,532.0	2,583.0
- 12 months	676.0	2,073.0	1,969.0	1,832.0	1,810.0	1,492.0	887.0
- 6 months	1,234.0	1,510.0	2,111.0	1,613.0	1,881.0	1,816.0	1,569.0
- 3 months	287.0	152.0	75.0	313.0	304.0	224.0	127.0
3. Loans	460.0	396.0	295.0	255.0	229.0	239.0	245.0

(1) Source : Ministry of Finance
(2) All TBs are reported including accrued interest.

7. EXCHANGE RATES OF MAJOR FOREIGN CURRENCIES

(in Lebanese Pounds)

Period	US Dollar	Euro	Swiss Franc	Pound Sterling	Japanese Yen (100)	Canadian Dollar	Silver (Ounce)	Gold (Ounce)
Period Average								
2010								
Nov	1,507.50	2,063	1,535	2,408	1,833	1,491	40,205	2,074,996
Dec	1,507.50	1,993	1,555	2,351	1,810	1,494	44,130	2,098,863
2011								
Aug	1,507.50	2,163	1,940	2,470	1,956	1,538	60,779	2,650,765
Sep	1,507.50	2,074	1,725	2,379	1,964	1,505	57,603	2,681,187
Oct	1,507.50	2,067	1,681	2,374	1,967	1,478	48,283	2,516,137
Nov	1,507.50	2,041	1,659	2,380	1,946	1,469	49,792	2,617,062
Dec	1,507.50	1,984	1,617	2,352	1,937	1,473	45,640	2,478,635
End of Period								
2010								
Nov	1,507.50	1,964	1,511	2,341	1,798	1,479	40,944	2,071,124
Dec	1,507.50	1,997	1,604	2,327	1,846	1,505	46,325	2,126,630
2011								
Aug	1,507.50	2,186	1,849	2,471	1,966	1,544	61,996	2,737,243
Sep	1,507.50	2,042	1,674	2,353	1,961	1,446	46,928	2,463,481
Oct	1,507.50	2,112	1,732	2,416	1,935	1,514	51,850	2,599,804
Nov	1,507.50	2,007	1,635	2,353	1,933	1,468	47,547	2,588,378
Dec	1,507.50	1,949	1,603	2,325	1,945	1,475	41,773	2,353,961

8. OUTSTANDING PUBLIC DEBT BY TYPE OF HOLDER (1)

(end of period)

	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
I. Gross Local Currency Debt (bns of L.L.)	39,007.0	44,973.0	48,255.0	50,059.0	49,732.0	49,340.0
1.1 Central Bank	8,781.0	10,334.0	13,130.0	16,226.0	16,365.0	16,374.0
Treasury Bills Portfolio (2)	8419.0	10,043.0	12,912.0	16,087.0	16,226.0	16,235.0
Loans to Public Entities	362.0	291.0	218.0	139.0	139.0	139.0
1.2 Banks	24,320.0	27,286.0	27,214.0	26,084.0	25,560.0	25,177.0
Treasury Bills (4)	24,222.0	27,181.0	27,137.0	25,994.0	25,460.0	25,071.0
Loans to Public Entities	98.0	105.0	77.0	90.0	100.0	106.0
1.3 Non Banking System TBs (3)	5,906.0	7,353.0	7,911.0	7,749.0	7,807.0	7,789.0
II. Public Sector Deposits	8,326.0	10,522.0	11,419.0	12,713.0	11,991.0	10,984.0
III. Net Local Currency Debt	30,681.0	34,451.0	36,836.0	37,346.0	37,741.0	38,356.0
IV. Foreign Currency Debt (mns of USD)	21,183.0	21,319.0	20,592.0	21,052.0	21,075.0	20,911.0
V. Net Total Debt (bns of L.L.)	62,615.0	66,590.0	67,879.0	69,082.0	69,512.0	69,879.0

(1) Source : Ministry of Finance, quasi-final figures subject to revision.

(2) All TBs are reported including accrued interest.

(3) Since TBs' Market has expanded, it became hard to identify holdings of TBs by non-institutional non-resident, therefore all TBs in LL are considered as part of local currency debt, and those in USD as part of foreign currency debt.

(4) Starting September 1999, discounted public bills without recall, are included in these figures with TBs.

9.1 LISTED SHARES AT THE BEIRUT STOCK EXCHANGE

(December 2011)

Listed Shares	Traded Volume	% of Volume	Traded Value (\$)	% of Value	Closing Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
Solidere "A"	720,270	7.43	10,990,783	32.01	14.38	15.26
Solidere "B"	143,109	1.48	2,172,737	6.33	14.50	15.18
Banque Libanaise pour le Commerce	0	0.00	0	0.00	1.81	-
Audi - Saradar Bank	608,210	6.28	3,571,269	10.40	5.81	5.87
Audi - Saradar Bank GDR	52,760	0.54	320,938	0.93	5.64	6.08
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "D")	0	0.00	0	0.00	10.30	-
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "E")	330	0.00	33,165	0.10	100.50	100.50
Bank of Beirut	30,557	0.32	593,306	1.73	19.40	19.42
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares "D")	1,100	0.01	28,600	0.08	26.00	26.00
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares "E")	0	0.00	0	0.00	26.00	-
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares "H")	0	0.00	0	0.00	25.00	-
Byblos Bank	7,820,556	80.71	12,867,004	37.47	1.63	1.65
Byblos Bank GDR	20	0.00	1,550	0.00	77.50	77.50
Byblos Bank "Preferred Shares 2008"	2,000	0.02	202,000	0.59	101.00	101.00
Byblos Bank "Preferred Shares 2009"	11,238	0.12	1,135,332	3.31	101.00	101.03
BEMO	10,362	0.11	24,119	0.07	2.35	2.33
BEMO Bank "Preferred Shares"	0	0.00	0	0.00	100.00	-
BLOM GDR	134,140	1.38	1,007,287	2.93	7.45	7.51
BLOM	98,244	1.01	728,970	2.12	7.42	7.42
BLOM "Preferred Shares 2011"	36,382	0.38	368,550	1.07	10.13	10.13
RYMCO	0	0.00	0	0.00	2.50	-
HOLCIM Liban	17,010	0.18	279,760	0.81	16.98	16.45
Société de Ciments Blancs "B"	1,500	0.02	4,875	0.01	3.25	3.25
Société de Ciments Blancs "N"	2,496	0.03	6,015	0.02	2.41	2.41
Beirut Preferred Fund	0	0.00	0	0.00	103.80	-
Total	9,690,284	100	34,336,260	100	-	-

9.2 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

	Maturity	Closing November 2011		Closing December 2011	
		Price	Yield	Price	Yield
Banque de la Méditerranée (7 years)	14/12/2012	104.96	3.91%	104.96	3.91%
Banque du Liban (10 years)	25/04/2015	119.26	3.88%	118.02	4.11%

9.3 EUROBONDS

	Maturity	Closing November 2011			Closing December 2011		
		Price	Yield	Spread	Price	Yield	Spread
10 years (Subordinated Notes) Byblos Bank	01/07/2012	103.50	6.93	693	103.50	6.93	693

9.4 DIFFERENT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	Closing November 2011	Average Price	Closing December 2011	Average Price	Change (%)
GDR (Solidere)	13.36 - 13.59 \$	13.48	14.29 - 14.30 \$	14.30	6.08
GDR (BLOM)	7.70 - 7.99 \$	7.85	7.11 - 7.40 \$	7.26	-7.52
GDR (Audi - Saradar)	6.01 - 6.30 \$	6.16	5.55 - 5.99 \$	5.77	-6.33
GDR (Byblos)	... - 85.00 \$	85.00	... - 90.00 \$	90.00	5.88



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