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## HIGHLIGHTS

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

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- ▲ The **balance of payments** posted a deficit equivalent to USD 496.7 million in August 2012. This was reflected in a drop in the net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions by an amount of USD 616.1 million, and an increase in those of Banque du Liban by USD 119.4 million. In the year to August, the BOP registered a cumulative deficit of USD 1,839.5 million, compared with a cumulative deficit of USD 1,237.3 million in the same period of 2011.
- ▲ According to figures released by the Ministry of Finance, net total **public debt** increased in August 2012 by LBP 802 billion, totaling LBP 72,081 billion at the end of the month. This increase stems from a rise in both the LBP-denominated net public debt and the foreign-currency-denominated public debt, as the former increased by an amount of LBP 650 billion, to LBP 37,254 billion, and the latter by USD 100 million, to USD 23,102 million at end-August. Year-on-year, the net total public debt, the LBP-denominated public debt and the foreign-currency-denominated public debt grew by 4.6%, 1.1%, and 8.5% respectively.
- ▲ **Gross foreign-currency reserves** of Banque du Liban attained USD 36,354 million at end-August 2012, increasing annually by USD 3,226.8 million or 9.74%. Total foreign assets, including gold, amounted to USD 51,663.8 million. The average **US dollar exchange rate** remained stable on the domestic market, standing at LBP 1,507.50.
- ▲ **Interest rates** remained unchanged in August 2012 on all categories of Treasury bills and bonds. Accordingly, at the end of the month, yields stood at: 4.44% on the three-month, 4.99% on the six-month, 5.35% on the one-year, 5.84% on the two-year, and 6.50% on the three-year. On the Lebanese pound, bank interest rates on credit accounts rose to 5.51% (+6 basis points), and to 7.27% on debit accounts (+3 basis points). On the USD dollar, these rates were up on debit accounts, while recording no change on credit accounts. Accordingly, the USD weighted average lending rate reached 7.26% (+7 basis points), and the USD average deposit rate stabilized at 2.84%.
- ▲ In August, the monetary **aggregate M3** grew by 6.2%, as in July, reaching LBP 152,377.1 billion at the end of the month. Bank credits to the private sector remained the main factor in money creation, along with credits to the public sector. Regarding money stock components, LBP-denominated deposits registered a steady growth of 12% for the third consecutive month, while the growth of the foreign-currency deposits reached 2.8% at end-August.
- ▲ The **consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks** reached LBP 221,677 billion at end-August 2012, with an annual rise of 6.5%, compared with 6.3% in July. Resident and non-resident private sector deposits, as well as credits to the private sector, expanded by 7.3% and 7.2% respectively. The **dollarization rate** of bank deposits stood at 64.9%, compared with 64.8% at end-July.
- ▲ **Trade deficit** deepened by 6.4% and totaled USD 1,442.6 million at end-August 2012. In value, imports progressed by 3.6%, reaching USD 1,781.8 million, while exports regressed by 6.6%, standing at USD 339.2 million.
- ▲ Compared to August 2011, the volume of **cement deliveries**, indicator of the construction sector's current activity, and the area of **construction permits**, indicator of its potential activity, shrank by 26.6% and 22.9% respectively.
- ▲ **Power production** went down by 23.4%, to 897.6 million kWh during the month.
- ▲ At the **Beirut International Airport**, total plane traffic remained unchanged, while passenger flow went up by 9.2%. In fact, the number of incoming and departing passengers grew by 8.2% and 10.5% respectively, while that of transiting passengers went down by 22.3%. Airfreight widened by 16.4%.
- ▲ Year-on-year, the number of ships at the **Port of Beirut** fell by 2.0% in August 2012, while the volume of maritime freight rose by 1.9%.

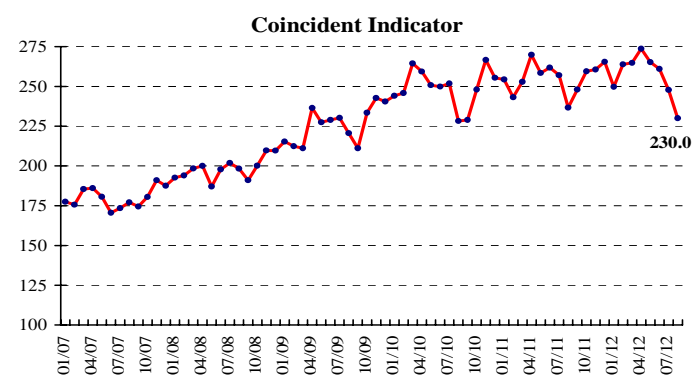
## DIAGNOSIS

### THE BDL COINCIDENT INDICATOR

The BDL coincident indicator stood at 230.0 in August 2012, compared with 247.8 in the previous month and 236.7 in August 2011, registering an annual decrease of 2.8%.

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

	Index	Monthly Changes (%)	Annual Changes (%)
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
Jan-2012	249.8	-5.9	-1.8
Feb-2012	263.9	5.6	8.5
Mar-2012	264.8	0.3	4.7
Apr-2012	273.7	3.4	1.4
May-2012	265.3	-3.1	2.6
June-2012	261.0	-1.6	-0.3
July-2012	247.8	-5.1	-3.6
<b>Aug-2012</b>	<b>230.0</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-2.8</b>



### CLEARING HOUSE ACTIVITY

In August 2012, the total value of cleared checks regressed by 3.7%. The value of checks in foreign currencies went down by 7.2%, while that of checks in Lebanese pound went up by 12.0%. From the total of cleared checks, the share of foreign-currency-denominated checks stood at 79.1%, declining by 3.6%. Year-on-year, the share of returned checks grew by 29.4%, accounting for 2.4% of the total value of checks at end-August 2012.

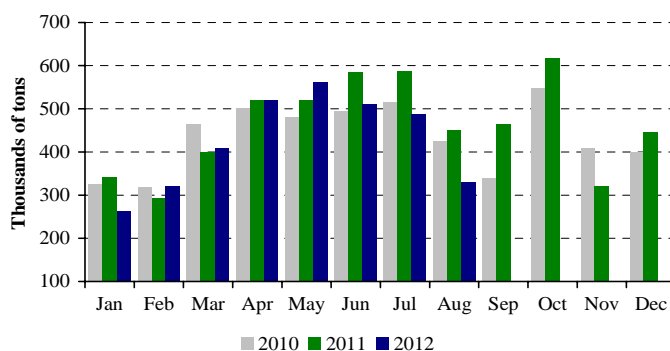
## REAL SECTOR

### CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

Compared to August 2011, the volume of cement deliveries, indicator of the construction sector's current

activity, and the area of construction permits, indicator of its potential activity, shrank by 26.6% and 22.9% respectively.

### Cement Deliveries



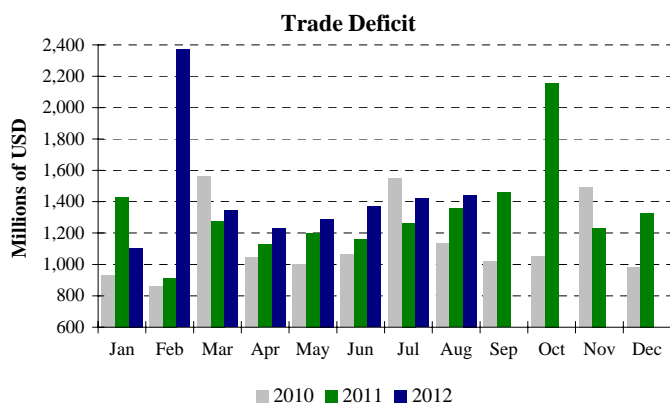
Source: Cement companies

Real estate fees collected during the month decreased by 14.0%, standing at LBP 63.9 billion.

### FOREIGN TRADE

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Customs duties collected during the month increased by 6.6%, to LBP 188.8 billion.



Source: Customs Higher Council

In the year to August 2012, import shares from major source countries were as follows: United States 13.8%, Italy 8.1%, China 8.0%, France 7.3%, and Germany 5.5%. In August 2012, these shares were as follows:

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

	Aug 11	% of total	Aug 12	% of total
United States	57.3	3.3	232.2	13.0
Italy	169.0	9.8	179.2	10.1
China	131.8	7.7	150.1	8.4
France	138.3	8.0	124.1	7.0
Germany	87.8	5.1	93.9	5.3
Other countries	1,135.2	66.0	1,002.2	56.2
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>1,719.3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,781.8</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	Dec-2010	Avg-2010	Aug-2011	Dec-2011	Avg-2011	July 2012	Aug-2012
<b>Cleared checks in Lebanese pounds<sup>1</sup></b>							
(in millions of LBP)	1,925,527	1,697,842	1,660,224	2,064,573	1,790,140	1,977,474	1,858,605
Variation in %	20.41	21.54	-4.38	7.22	5.44	7.77	11.95
<b>Cleared checks in foreign currencies<sup>1***</sup></b>							
(in millions of LBP)	4,364	4,492	5,015	5,091	4,821	5,148	4,656
Variation in %	-8.17	19.04	12.17	16.65	7.33	-13.30	-7.15
<b>Total cleared checks **</b>							
(in millions of LBP)	8,504,888	8,468,877	9,220,410	9,739,621	9,057,553	9,737,731	8,877,891
<b>Requests for information at the "Centrale des Risques"<sup>1</sup></b>							
Total	11,709	15,731	15,800	14,997	17,519	20,924	19,566
Variation in %	-13.56	5.30	5.80	28.08	11.36	20.98	23.84
<b>Construction permits<sup>2***</sup></b>							
(in square meters)	1,931,289	1,467,334	1,193,581	1,704,912	1,372,064	1,184,972	920,325
Variation in %	-34.06	22.79	-25.81	-11.72	-6.49	-1.25	-22.89
<b>Cement deliveries<sup>3***</sup></b>							
(in tons)	399,621	435,552	450,995	445,835	462,481	488,690	331,030
Variation in %	25.24	6.72	6.21	11.56	6.18	-16.75	-26.60
<b>Collected real estate fees<sup>4</sup></b>							
(in millions of LBP)	104,269	77,000	74,379	112,369	75,773	70,986	63,945
Variation in %	-0.56	38.76	7.18	7.77	-1.59	1.95	-14.03
<b>Total Imports<sup>5***</sup></b>							
(in millions of LBP)	2,217,414	2,257,455	2,592,658	2,510,637	2,533,221	2,621,774	2,686,911
Variation in %	6.55	10.60	18.65	13.22	12.22	3.56	3.64
<b>Total Exports<sup>5***</sup></b>							
(in millions of LBP)	521,273	492,688	547,647	509,227	536,026	477,451	511,499
Variation in %	-4.99	12.52	16.71	-2.31	8.80	-23.80	-6.60
<b>Trade Deficit **</b>	1,696,140	1,764,767	2,045,011	2,001,410	1,997,195	2,144,323	2,175,412
Variation in %	10.68	10.08	19.17	18.00	13.17	12.55	6.38
<b>Customs receipts<sup>5*</sup></b>							
(in millions of LBP)	226,293	237,210	177,145	189,667	190,018	225,256	188,845
Variation in %	-3.44	2.96	-7.17	-16.19	-19.89	13.00	6.60
<b>Electricity production (EDL network)<sup>6</sup></b>							
(in millions of KWh)	998	1,038	1,171	916	1,033	912	898
Variation in %	-0.20	4.54	1.19	-8.25	-0.50	-22.25	-23.36
<b>Imports of petroleum derivatives<sup>7***</sup></b>							
(in metric tons)	520,625	458,265	567,995	519,410	489,466	614,142	679,440
Variation in %	54.11	5.61	-3.10	-0.23	6.81	25.11	19.62
<b>Freight at the Port of Beirut<sup>8**</sup></b>							
Total	531,865	539,300	652,549	593,439	568,776	674,225	664,888
Variation in %	-6.78	-0.35	40.83	11.58	5.47	20.43	1.89
Freight incoming (tons)	451,778	458,731	577,825	511,776	489,914	594,278	577,974
Freight outgoing (tons)	70,887	68,340	69,627	73,001	66,507	64,461	75,173
Transit and free zone (tons)	9,200	12,228	5,097	8,662	12,355	15,486	11,741
<b>Flow of passengers (B.I.A.)<sup>9</sup></b>							
Total	423,624	462,729	574,924	445,968	471,179	635,656	627,870
Variation in %	-1.63	11.38	-0.61	5.27	1.83	-9.49	9.21
Arrival	233,562	229,956	261,866	247,811	234,602	306,467	283,246
Variation in %	1.18	10.72	22.95	6.10	2.02	-15.31	8.16
Departure	186,592	229,413	308,752	193,272	231,734	324,148	341,279
Variation in %	-5.24	11.88	-15.01	3.58	1.01	-3.01	10.53
Transit	3,470	3,359	4,306	4,885	4,843	5,041	3,345
Variation in %	18.96	23.89	95.11	40.78	44.16	-18.80	-22.32

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

In the year to August 2012, export shares to major destination countries were as follows: South Africa 18.8%, Switzerland 11.5%, Saudi Arabia 8.6%, United Arab Emirates 8.5%, and Syria 5.8%.

In August 2012, these shares were as follows:

#### Exports by Destination (millions USD)

	Aug 11	% of total	Aug 12	% of total
South Africa	33.0	9.1	66.8	19.7
Switzerland	74.9	20.6	48.3	14.2
Saudi Arabia	21.4	5.9	27.1	8.0
UAE	23.0	6.3	26.6	7.8
Iraq	14.9	4.1	20.7	6.1
Other countries	195.9	53.9	149.7	44.1
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>363.2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>339.2</b>	<b>100</b>

#### Imports (millions USD)

Sections	Jan Aug 2011	% of Total	Jan Aug 2012	% of Total
Food & Beverages	2,070.6	16.4	2,184.8	15.2
Textiles	452.9	3.6	487.2	3.4
Leather, Plastics & Rubber	52.2	0.4	52.1	0.4
Wood & wood products	150.8	1.2	164.7	1.1
Chemical & Pharmaceutical	1,187.5	9.4	1,187.8	8.2
Paper & paper products	309.8	2.5	246.4	1.7
Stone, Clay & cement	267.5	2.1	274.5	1.9
Metal & metal products	3,462.3	27.4	5,226.6	36.3
Machinery & Appliances	2,569.5	20.3	2,623.7	18.2
Jewelry	1,316.6	10.4	1,061.7	7.4
Other	786.8	6.2	892.2	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,626.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,401.8</b>	<b>100</b>

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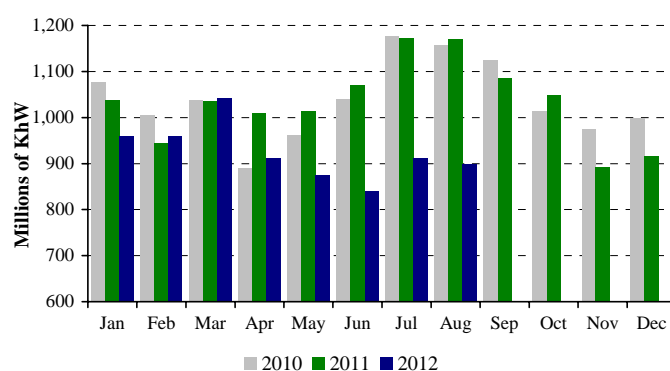
Sections	Jan Aug 2011	% of Total	Jan Aug 2012	% of Total
Food & Beverages	377.6	13.0	385.2	13.6
Textiles	88.3	3.0	74.8	2.6
Leather, Plastics & Rubber	8.1	0.3	9.9	0.3
Wood & wood products	9.2	0.3	11.6	0.4
Chemical & Pharmaceutical	248.8	8.6	225.4	8.0
Paper & paper products	144.1	5.0	117.4	4.1
Stone, Clay & cement	24.0	0.8	26.9	1.0
Metal & metal products	425.3	14.7	319.6	11.3
Machinery & Appliances	401.4	13.9	369.0	13.0
Jewelry	998.0	34.5	1,099.9	38.9
Other	171.0	5.9	188.6	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,896.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,828.1</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Customs Higher Council

## ENERGY

Power production went down by 23.4%, to 897.6 million kWh during the month.

### Monthly Electricity Production

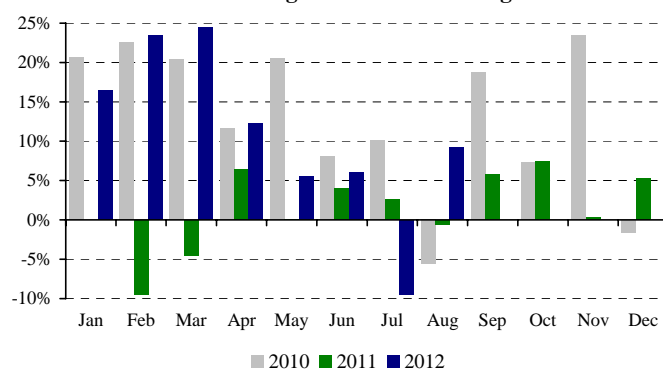


Source: Electricité du Liban

## TRANSPORTATION

At the Beirut International Airport, total plane traffic remained unchanged, while passenger flow went up by 9.2%. In fact, the number of incoming and departing passengers grew by 8.2% and 10.5% respectively, while that of transiting passengers went down by 22.3%. Airfreight widened by 16.4%, as incoming and outgoing freight increased by 15.6% and 17.1% respectively.

### Annual Changes in Flow of Passengers



Source: Beirut International Airport

Year-on-year, the number of ships at the Port of Beirut fell by 2.0% in August 2012, while the volume of maritime freight rose by 1.9%. Incoming freight remained stable, while outgoing and transiting freight expanded by 8.0% and 130.4% respectively.

## MONETARY SECTOR

### NET FOREIGN ASSETS OF THE BANKING SYSTEM

The balance of payments posted a deficit equivalent to USD 496.7 million in August 2012. This was reflected in a drop in the net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions by an amount of USD 616.1 million, and an increase in those of Banque du Liban by USD 119.4 million. In the year to August, the BOP registered a cumulative deficit of USD 1,839.5 million, compared with a cumulative deficit of USD 1,237.3 million in the same period of 2011.

## CENTRAL BANK FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES

Gross foreign-currency reserves of Banque du Liban attained USD 36,354 million at end-August 2012, increasing annually by USD 3,226.8 million or 9.74%. Total foreign assets, including gold, amounted to USD 51,663.8 million. The average US dollar exchange rate remained stable on the domestic market, standing at LBP 1,507.50.

## INTEREST RATES

Interest rates remained unchanged in August 2012 on all categories of Treasury bills and bonds. Accordingly, at the end of the month, yields stood at: 4.44% on the three-month, 4.99% on the six-month, 5.35% on the one-year, 5.84% on the two-year, and 6.50% on the three-year.

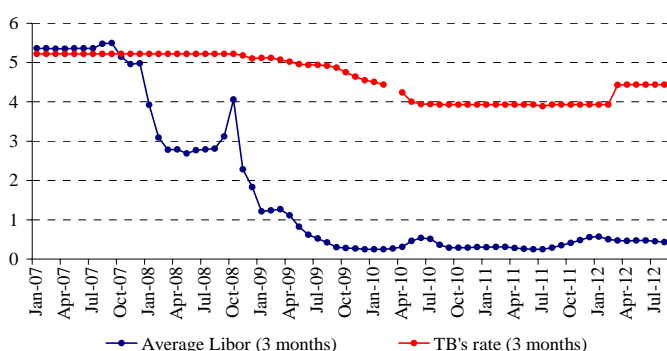
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On the USD dollar, these rates were up on debit accounts, while recording no change on credit accounts. Accordingly, the USD weighted average lending rate reached 7.26% (+7 basis points), and the USD average deposit rate stabilized at 2.84%.

As a result, the spread between the LBP and USD lending rates narrowed from 5 points in July 2012 to 1 point in August 2012. In contrast, the spread between the LBP and USD deposit rates widened during the same period from 2.61 points to 2.67 points.

In August 2012, the three-month Libor rate stood at 0.43%, compared with 0.45% in July and 0.47% in June 2012.

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 monthly change in October, stabilizing at 3.57% and 3.85% respectively. On the other hand, the Central Bank maintained the discount and Repo rates at 10.00% each, as adopted since December 2009.

## MONETARY AGGREGATES

In August, the monetary aggregate M3 grew by 6.2%, as

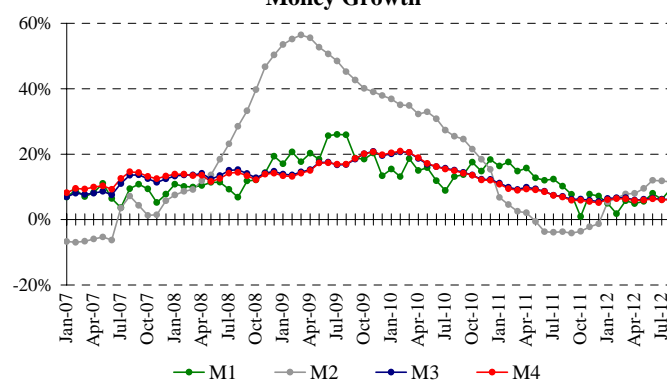
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Regarding money stock components, LBP-denominated deposits registered a steady growth of 12% for the third consecutive month, while the growth of the foreign-currency deposits reached 2.8% at end-August.

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

	M1	M2	M3	M4
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
Jan-2012	4.96	5.31	6.46	6.06
Feb-2012	1.75	6.56	6.65	6.35
Mar-2012	5.74	7.80	6.67	6.32
Apr-2012	4.88	7.97	5.92	5.81
May-2012	5.57	9.48	6.21	5.96
June-2012	8.02	11.98	6.50	6.28
July-2012	6.17	11.79	6.18	5.99
<b>Aug-2012</b>	<b>9.35</b>	<b>11.46</b>	<b>6.17</b>	<b>6.12</b>

Money Growth



## PUBLIC DEBT

According to figures released by the Ministry of Finance, net total public debt increased in August 2012 by LBP 802 billion, totaling LBP 72,081 billion at the end of the month.

This increase stems from a rise in both the LBP-denominated net public debt and the foreign-currency-denominated public debt, as the former increased by an amount of LBP 650 billion, to LBP 37,254 billion, and the latter by USD 100 million, to USD 23,102 million at end-August.

Year-on-year, the net total public debt, the LBP-denominated public debt and the foreign-currency-denominated public debt grew by 4.6%, 1.1%, and 8.5% respectively.

### ▲ Outstanding Treasury Bills by Maturity (% of total)

	3 months	6 months	12 months	24 months and above
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
Jan-2012	0.52	2.89	1.89	94.70
Feb-2012	0.49	2.38	1.98	95.14
Mar-2012	0.67	2.02	2.28	95.03
Apr-2012	0.43	1.44	2.42	95.70
May-2012	0.54	1.57	2.51	95.39
June-2012	0.43	1.98	2.64	94.95
July-2012	0.38	2.22	2.16	95.24
<b>Aug-2012</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>95.37</b>

## BANKING ACTIVITY

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

The consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks reached LBP 221,677 billion at end-August 2012, rising monthly by 1.06%, following a decline of 0.27% in the previous month. Year-on-year, it grew by 6.52%.

### VOLUME OF CREDITS

#### a-Commercial Banks

Credits granted by commercial banks to the private sector, resident and non-resident, expanded in August 2012 by 0.57%, compared with a decrease of 0.52% in the previous month. At end-August 2012, these credits reached LBP 62,896 billion, with a year-on-year increase of 7.21%. They were distributed as follows:

- Credits in Lebanese pound amounted to LBP 14,187 billion at end-August 2012, rising monthly by 1.53%, compared with 1.30% in July 2012. Year-on-year, they grew by 17.29%, and their share from total bank credits went up to 22.56%, compared with 20.62% in August 2011.
- Credits in foreign currencies increased by 0.29% in August, compared with a drop of 1.03% in July 2012. Year-on-year, they rose by 4.59%, totaling USD 32,300 million at end-August 2012.

#### b-Investment Banks

At end-August 2012, credits granted by investment banks stood at LBP 1,728 billion, as they decreased by 0.57%, following a rise of 0.66% in July 2012. In comparison with August 2011, they expanded by 3.32%.

## VOLUME OF DEPOSITS

#### a-Commercial Banks

Private sector deposits at commercial banks by residents and non-residents grew by 1.18% in August 2012, following a slight decline of 0.11% in July 2012. Year-on-year, they went up by 7.27%, amounting to LBP 182,651 billion at end-August 2012. They were distributed as follows:

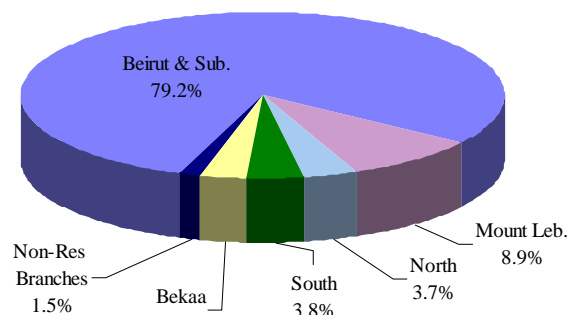
- Deposits in Lebanese pound reached LBP 64,181 billion at end-August 2012, rising monthly by 0.89% compared with 0.55% in July 2012. Year-on-year, they improved by 12.72%, accounting for 35.14% of total deposits, compared with 33.44% at end-August 2011.
- Deposits in foreign currencies went up by 1.33% during the month, following a decline of 0.47% in July 2012. Year-on-year, they rose by 4.53%, totaling USD 78,561 million at end-August 2012.

#### b-Investment Banks

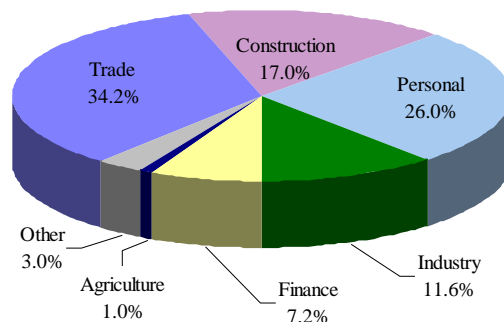
Private sector deposits at investment banks grew by 2.05% during the month, while they fell by 3.07% in July 2012. Year-on-year, their volume shrank by 11.18%, decreasing from LBP 3,731 billion at end-August 2011 to LBP 3,314 billion at end-August 2012.

### DISTRIBUTION OF CREDITS

Distribution of Credits by Region



Distribution of Credits by Sector



### CREDIT-DEPOSIT RATIO

At end-August 2012, total credits accounted for 34.44%

of total deposits, compared with 34.45% at end-August 2011, and detailed as follows:

- Credit/deposit ratio in Lebanese pound: 22.11%, compared with 21.24%.
- Credit/deposit ratio in foreign currencies: 41.12%, compared with 41.09%.

## SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Shareholders' equity rose by 0.12% in August 2012, compared with 0.26% in July 2012. Year-on-year, it grew by 14.09%, reaching LBP 17,917 billion at end-August 2012.

The capital/total asset ratio in commercial banks decreased to 8.08% at end-August 2012, compared with 8.16% in July 2012, and 7.55% in August 2011.

The capital/total deposit ratio went down to 9.81% at end-August 2012, compared with 9.91% in July 2012, and 9.22% in August 2011.

Similarly, the capital/total credit ratio fell to 28.49% at end-August 2012, compared with 28.62% in July 2012, and 26.77% in August 2011.

## DOLLARIZATION

The dollarization rate of bank deposits rose to 64.86% at end-August 2012, compared with 64.76% at end-July 2012 and 66.56% at end-August 2011.

In contrast, the dollarization rate of bank credits fell to 77.44% at end-August 2012, compared with 77.66% at end-July 2012 and 79.38% at end-August 2011.

## FINANCIAL MARKETS

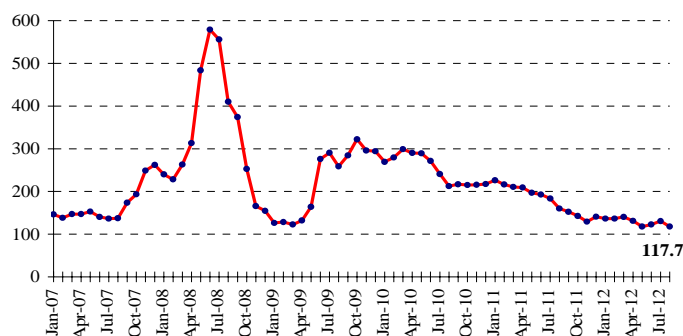
The Beirut Stock Exchange capitalization-weighted index declined by 10.01% in August 2012, closing at 117.74 points, compared with 130.83 points in July 2012. Likewise, the shares traded on the BSE registered a decrease in volume and in value.

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

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

August 2011	160.22
September 2011	152.59
October 2011	142.64
November 2011	129.40
December 2011	140.78
January 2012	136.34
February 2012	136.52
March 2012	140.44
April 2012	131.16
May 2012	117.80
June 2012	122.58
July 2012	130.83
<b>August 2012</b>	<b>117.74</b>

Market-Value-Weighted Index



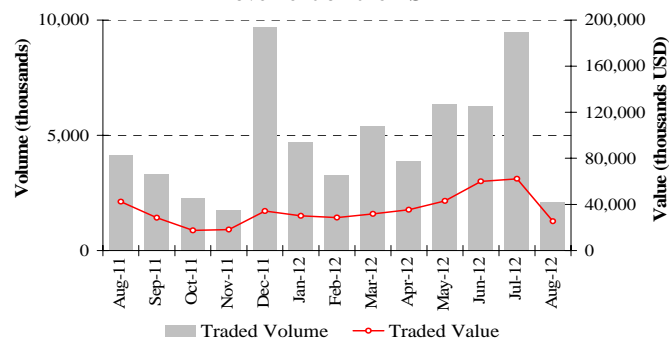
## BEIRUT STOCK EXCHANGE

### ▲ Beirut Stock Exchange

Date	Traded Shares		Market Capitalization (billions USD)
	Volume (millions)	Value (millions USD)	
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
Jan-2012	4.70	30.08	11.20
Feb-2012	3.29	28.73	11.48
Mar-2012	5.40	31.89	11.74
Apr-2012	3.87	35.46	11.41
May-2012	6.34	43.06	11.09
June-2012	6.25	60.04	10.96
July-2012	9.50	62.27	11.15
<b>Aug-2012</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>25.49</b>	<b>10.99</b>

In August 2012, the volume of traded shares shrank by 77.62%, totaling 2.125 million shares, compared with 9.495 million shares in the previous month. Likewise, the value of traded shares went down by 59.07% in August 2012, standing at USD 25.488 million, compared with USD 62.271 million in July 2012.

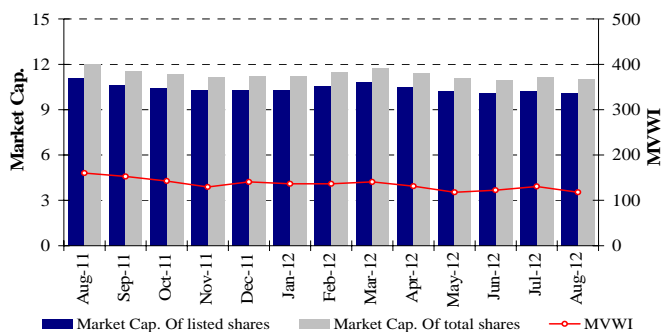
Movement on the BSE



Regarding the shares traded during the month, the Solidere Class A shares were leading in volume and in value, with 26.38% and 29.84% of total trading

respectively.

**Movement of the MVWI and Market Cap. on BSE**



On the BSE, the total market value of the shares of listed issuers fell monthly by 1.40%, standing at USD 10.991 billion in August 2012, compared with USD 11.47 billion in July 2012. Likewise, the market value of listed shares declined by 1.50%, totaling USD 10.100 billion in August, compared with USD 10.253 billion in the previous month.

### 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
	Preferred Shares "F"	100 \$	1,500	150
BLC Bank	Preferred Shares "A"	100 \$	400	40
	Preferred Shares "B"	100 \$	550	55
Byblos Bank	Preferred Shares 2008	100 \$	2,000	200
	Preferred Shares 2009	96 \$	2,000	192

### GLOBAL DEPOSITARY RECEIPT (GDR)

At end-August 2012, the prices of GDRs issued by Solidere and Audi- Saradar Bank dropped by 8.35% and 1.67% respectively, the former ranging between USD 12.30 and USD 13.55, and the latter between USD 5.81 and USD 6.10. Similarly, the prices of GDRs issued by BLOM Bank went down by 0.39%, ranging between USD 7.50 and USD 8.00, while those of Byblos Bank recorded no change, stabilizing at USD 85.00.

### CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

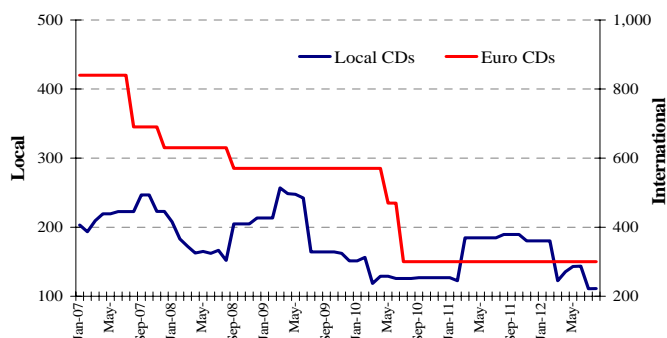
No domestic or international CD issue was launched or matured during the month.

Consequently, the value of total outstanding CDs (domestic and international) rose by 0.06%, reaching USD 411.20 million (of which an amount of USD 111.20 million on the domestic market).

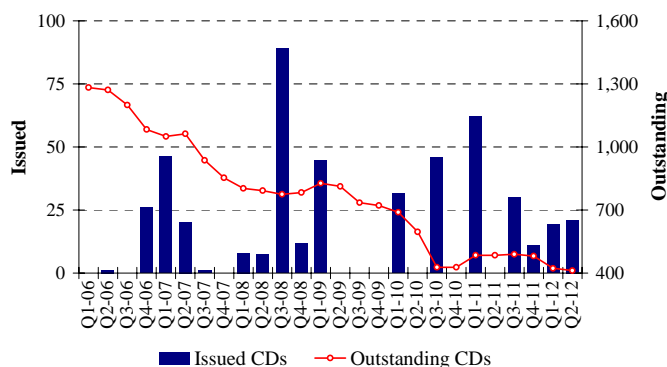
### Certificates of Deposit (millions USD)

	Issued	Outstanding			Number of Banks
		Local	International	Total	
July 2012	-	111.0	300	411.0	7
August 2012	-	111.2	300	411.2	7

**Outstanding Certificates of Deposit**



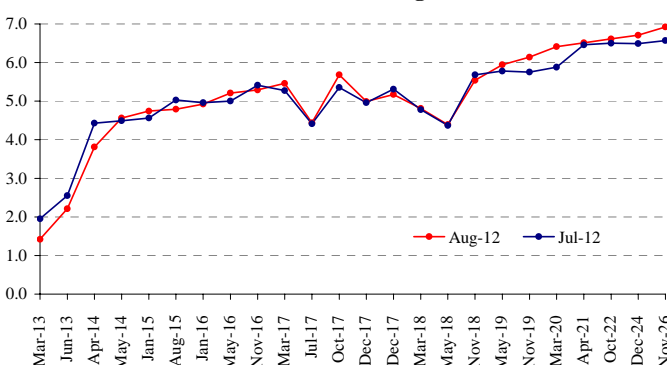
**Issued and Outstanding CDs**



### LEBANESE REPUBLIC FOREIGN CURRENCY BONDS

The total value of Lebanese Treasury Eurobonds increased, totaling USD 21.300 billion at end-August 2012, compared with USD 21.289 billion at end-July 2012.

**Yield Curve of Lebanese Sovereign Eurobonds in \$**





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### **LEBANESE BANKS' FOREIGN CURRENCY BONDS**

The prices of bonds issued by BEMO Bank S.A.L. registered a decrease at end-August 2012, closing at USD 103.09, compared with USD 103.28 in July 2012.

The value of domestic bonds issued by financial institutions recorded no change at end-August 2012, stabilizing at USD 17.516 million.

**Lebanese Republic Foreign Currency Bonds**

	Maturity	Closing of July 2012			Closing of August 2012		
		Price	Yield	Spread	Price	Yield	Spread
<b>8 years (USD 600 millions)</b>	07/09/2012	100.75	-0.18	-24	100.10	-9.86	0
<b>5 years (USD 875 millions)</b>	12/03/2013	104.31	1.95	0	103.98	1.42	0
<b>8 years (USD 650 millions)</b>	20/06/2013	105.25	2.55	238	105.00	2.21	204
<b>5 years (USD 18.483 millions) Special TBs</b>	25/03/2014	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>8 years (USD 676.902 millions)</b>	14/04/2014	104.75	4.43	421	105.50	3.81	356
<b>6 years (USD 881.612 millions)</b>	02/05/2014	107.49	4.49	426	107.01	4.56	430
<b>5 years (USD 250 millions)</b>	15/01/2015	103.01	4.56	434	102.50	4.74	449
<b>5 years (USD 15.985 millions) Special TBs</b>	22/04/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>3 years (USD 500 millions)</b>	12/06/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>5 years (USD 6.930 millions) Special TBs</b>	15/07/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>7 years (USD 500 millions)</b>	06/08/2015	109.57	5.03	473	110.00	4.79	445
<b>5 years (USD 8.098 millions) Special TBs</b>	30/11/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15 years (USD 750 millions)</b>	19/01/2016	111.13	4.96	466	111.00	4.92	458
<b>15 years (USD 400 millions)</b>	11/05/2016	122.50	5.00	470	121.25	5.21	487
<b>5 years (USD 500 millions)</b>	02/11/2016	97.52	5.41	480	98.01	5.29	463
<b>8 years (USD 1,500 millions)</b>	20/03/2017	115.15	5.27	466	114.05	5.46	481
<b>10 years (USD 300 millions)</b>	20/07/2017	97.98	4.41	381	97.96	4.44	379
<b>5 years (USD 600 millions)</b>	20/10/2017	98.42	5.35	474	97.04	5.68	502
<b>7 years (LBP 1,500,000 millions)</b>	18/12/2017	104.84	6.82	-	104.84	6.82	-
<b>15 years (USD 950 millions)</b>	27/12/2017	100.10	4.96	435	100.02	4.99	434
<b>15 years (USD 2,007.511 millions)</b>	31/12/2017	96.57	5.31	471	97.00	5.17	453
<b>15 years (USD 700 millions)</b>	05/03/2018	101.08	4.78	416	100.93	4.81	415
<b>15 years (USD 200 millions)</b>	27/05/2018	101.75	4.37	376	101.64	4.39	374
<b>6 years (USD 700 millions)</b>	12/06/2018	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>8 years (USD 500 millions)</b>	12/11/2018	97.23	5.68	468	98.00	5.54	447
<b>7 years (Euro 445 millions)</b>	28/11/2018	97.80	5.77	519	97.28	5.88	532
<b>8 years (USD 650 millions)</b>	20/05/2019	101.20	5.78	478	100.32	5.94	487
<b>7 years (USD 500 millions)</b>	28/11/2019	98.25	5.75	474	96.00	6.14	507
<b>10 years (USD 1,200 millions)</b>	09/03/2020	103.00	5.88	484	99.81	6.41	534
<b>15 years (USD 2,092.469 millions)</b>	12/04/2021	111.78	6.46	495	111.30	6.51	489
<b>12 years (USD 1,540 millions)</b>	04/10/2022	97.08	6.50	499	96.26	6.61	499
<b>15 years (USD 250 millions)</b>	03/12/2024	104.25	6.49	499	102.42	6.71	508
<b>13 years (USD 800 millions)</b>	12/06/2025	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15 years (USD 725 millions)</b>	27/11/2026	100.27	6.57	507	97.15	6.92	529

## 1. MONETARY SURVEY

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec	Jul	Aug	Dec	Jul	Aug
	2010	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012
Currency in Circulation	2,712.9	2,721.2	2,852.7	2,891.0	2,745.7	2,879.2
Sight Deposits in L.L.	3,015.4	3,116.7	3,051.2	3,247.4	3,452.2	3,576.9
<b>M1</b>	<b>5,728.3</b>	<b>5,837.9</b>	<b>5,903.8</b>	<b>6,138.4</b>	<b>6,198.0</b>	<b>6,456.1</b>
Other Deposits in L.L.	53,673.5	49,704.0	50,403.2	52,504.7	55,893.6	56,302.6
<b>M2</b>	<b>59,401.9</b>	<b>55,541.9</b>	<b>56,307.1</b>	<b>58,643.0</b>	<b>62,091.5</b>	<b>62,758.7</b>
Deposits in Foreign Currencies	79,292.8	86,842.9	86,836.8	87,639.7	89,093.0	89,291.9
Bonds	215.1	307.0	377.2	292.9	326.0	326.4
<b>M3</b>	<b>138,909.8</b>	<b>142,691.7</b>	<b>143,521.0</b>	<b>146,575.6</b>	<b>151,510.6</b>	<b>152,377.1</b>
<b>M4*</b>	<b>146,820.8</b>	<b>150,660.7</b>	<b>151,348.0</b>	<b>154,364.6</b>	<b>159,679.6</b>	<b>160,605.1</b>
Net Claims on Foreign Sector	66,535.7	68,465.9	70,626.7	65,463.7	63,939.1	63,751.2
Net Claims on Public Sector	48,878.1	48,508.2	48,776.0	50,909.1	52,363.6	53,218.6
Valuation Adjustment	-11,170.2	-14,120.3	-16,951.4	-13,284.7	-14,071.8	-14,618.1
Claims on Private Sector	47,828.7	51,792.3	52,568.2	54,163.8	57,014.6	57,519.0
Other Items Net	-13,162.6	-11,954.4	-11,498.4	-10,676.3	-7,734.9	-7,493.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,909.8</b>	<b>142,691.7</b>	<b>143,521.0</b>	<b>146,575.6</b>	<b>151,510.6</b>	<b>152,377.1</b>

\* 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	Jul	Aug	Dec	Jul	Aug
	2010	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012
<b>Banque du Liban</b>	<b>43,939.4</b>	<b>45,951.3</b>	<b>49,648.9</b>	<b>47,574.2</b>	<b>50,851.2</b>	<b>51,447.3</b>
Gold	13,010.0	14,881.6	16,745.5	14,400.7	14,979.8	15,309.8
Foreign Currencies Reserves	31,163.3	31,293.4	33,127.2	33,391.6	36,088.1	36,354.0
Foreign Liabilities	233.9	223.7	223.7	218.1	216.8	216.5
<b>Commercial Banks</b>	<b>2,741.7</b>	<b>1,840.6</b>	<b>-313.5</b>	<b>-1,579.6</b>	<b>-3,900.1</b>	<b>-4,546.8</b>
Claims on Non Resident Banks	15,843.8	16,915.4	15,269.4	14,629.8	12,835.0	12,874.7
Claims on Non Residents	4,613.1	5,555.2	5,625.3	5,150.2	5,306.0	5,208.5
Other Foreign Assets	5,270.4	5,699.6	5,742.7	5,716.7	5,851.5	5,883.8
Liabilities of Non Resident Banks	4,500.6	6,191.9	6,458.6	5,813.4	5,955.8	5,659.0
Deposits of Non Residents	18,485.0	20,137.6	20,492.3	21,262.9	21,936.8	22,854.8
<b>Medium and Long Term Banks</b>	<b>-249.4</b>	<b>-276.2</b>	<b>-265.8</b>	<b>-162.7</b>	<b>-140.5</b>	<b>-118.5</b>
Claims on Foreign Sector	406.9	367.4	381.4	350.8	336.2	342.0
Liabilities to the Foreign Sector	656.4	643.7	647.1	513.5	476.8	460.6

## 1.2 PRIVATE SECTOR DEPOSITS IN COMMERCIAL BANKS

( end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds )

	Dec 2010	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2012
<b>Deposits of Residents</b>	<b>133,743.4</b>	<b>138,693.8</b>	<b>139,382.4</b>	<b>142,385.4</b>	<b>147,456.7</b>	<b>148,197.0</b>
- Deposits of Res. in L.L.	55,036.7	52,517.4	53,142.7	55,388.7	58,895.2	59,405.9
- Deposits of Res. In For. Curr.	78,706.8	86,176.4	86,239.7	86,996.7	88,561.5	88,791.1
<b>Deposits of Non Residents</b>	<b>27,866.2</b>	<b>30,357.5</b>	<b>30,892.2</b>	<b>32,053.9</b>	<b>33,069.7</b>	<b>34,453.6</b>
- Deposits of N. Res. in L.L.	4,373.6	3,703.1	3,796.6	4,056.6	4,720.0	4,774.9
- Deposits of N. Res. in For. Curr.	23,492.6	26,654.4	27,095.6	27,997.3	28,349.7	29,678.7
<b>Total Deposits in L.L.</b>	<b>59,410.3</b>	<b>56,220.5</b>	<b>56,939.3</b>	<b>59,445.3</b>	<b>63,615.2</b>	<b>64,180.8</b>
<b>Total Deposits in For. Curr.</b>	<b>102,199.4</b>	<b>112,830.8</b>	<b>113,335.3</b>	<b>114,994.0</b>	<b>116,911.2</b>	<b>118,469.7</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>161,609.6</b>	<b>169,051.3</b>	<b>170,274.6</b>	<b>174,439.3</b>	<b>180,526.4</b>	<b>182,650.6</b>

## 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 **
<b>2011 (Jan - Dec)</b>	<b>20,158.3</b>	<b>4,265.5</b>	<b>-15,892.8</b>	<b>2,270.7</b>	<b>-4,266.9</b>	<b>-1,996.2</b>
<b>March</b>	1,631.3	353.6	-1,277.7	65.0	204.6	269.6
<b>June</b>	1,571.3	410.9	-1,160.3	-108.4	672.2	563.8
<b>July</b>	1,678.9	415.5	-1,263.4	602.8	-910.1	-307.3
<b>August</b>	1,719.3	363.2	-1,356.1	1,692.5	-2,143.3	-450.8
<b>September</b>	1,779.5	334.2	-1,445.3	116.3	-418.0	-301.7
<b>December</b>	1,664.9	337.7	-1,327.2	79.9	611.6	691.5
<b>2012</b>						
<b>January</b>	1,453.8	347.7	-1,106.2	-103.0	-186.8	-289.8
<b>February</b>	2,799.0	429.2	-2,369.8	-26.6	-107.5	-134.1
<b>March</b>	1,722.6	376.8	-1,345.8	246.9	-196.2	50.7
<b>April</b>	1,547.9	318.6	-1,229.2	794.7	-1,337.7	-543.0
<b>May</b>	1,645.1	354.6	-1,290.5	-16.2	-65.3	-81.5
<b>June</b>	1,713.0	345.4	-1,367.6	252.4	-275.8	-23.4
<b>July</b>	1,738.6	316.6	-1,422.0	-237.8	-83.9	-321.7
<b>August</b>	1,781.8	339.2	-1,442.6	119.4	-616.1	-496.7

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 2010	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2012
<b>Assets</b>						
Foreign Assets	62,723.6	66,017.1	71,425.4	68,162.5	67,270.1	67,604.5
-Gold	19,612.5	22,434.1	25,243.8	21,709.0	22,582.1	23,079.6
-Foreign Currencies	43,111.1	43,583.0	46,181.6	46,453.4	44,687.9	44,524.9
-Other Foreign Assets						
Claims on Private Sector	349.9	350.2	349.3	380.1	365.6	367.4
Loans to Commercial Banks	1,122.3	1,890.5	2,128.0	2,047.2	2,288.4	2,387.4
Loans to Specialized Financial Corp.	14.0	36.6	44.1	51.7	51.7	51.7
Loans to Public Sector	218.1	165.9	166.6	139.8	85.1	85.5
Securities Portfolio	17,681.2	20,167.1	20,472.6	19,846.9	24,821.1	25,293.6
Fixed Assets	403.9	355.1	356.0	357.7	386.6	387.9
Unclassified Assets	11,867.8	14,286.3	14,721.4	14,986.5	17,642.6	18,099.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,380.8</b>	<b>103,268.8</b>	<b>109,663.4</b>	<b>105,972.3</b>	<b>112,911.3</b>	<b>114,277.1</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Currency in Circulation outside BDL	3,088.3	3,183.3	3,292.4	3,283.3	3,202.5	3,320.2
Commercial Banks Deposits	57,365.9	64,550.4	67,074.8	68,787.9	74,130.4	75,297.5
Corporations Deposits	2,193.2	930.7	863.3	963.8	940.9	932.4
Private Sector Deposits	45.2	39.1	45.5	42.4	41.2	42.0
Public Sector Accounts	9,311.7	8,572.5	9,171.6	7,984.6	9,235.2	8,734.0
Valuation Adjustment	11,170.2	14,120.3	16,951.4	13,284.7	14,071.8	14,618.1
Foreign Liabilities	352.6	337.2	337.3	328.8	326.8	326.3
Special Long Term Liabilities	2,503.0	2,503.3	2,502.6	2,503.3	2,353.2	2,201.2
Securities other than shares	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0	3,015.0
Capital Accounts	4,279.3	4,211.1	4,211.1	4,555.8	4,495.3	4,495.2
Unclassified Liabilities	1,056.5	1,806.1	2,198.4	1,222.6	1,099.1	1,295.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,380.8</b>	<b>103,268.8</b>	<b>109,663.4</b>	<b>105,972.3</b>	<b>112,911.3</b>	<b>114,277.1</b>

## 3. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2010	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2012
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>61,153.5</b>	<b>67,852.3</b>	<b>70,553.2</b>	<b>71,535.4</b>	<b>77,250.1</b>	<b>78,752.9</b>
Vault Cash	375.4	462.1	439.7	392.3	456.8	441.0
Deposits at BDL	60,778.2	67,390.2	70,113.4	71,143.1	76,793.3	78,312.0
<b>Claims on Private Sector</b>	<b>45,702.1</b>	<b>49,418.9</b>	<b>50,187.2</b>	<b>51,594.4</b>	<b>54,542.0</b>	<b>55,044.6</b>
In Lebanese Pounds	10,381.6	11,917.4	12,095.9	12,820.5	13,973.6	14,187.4
In Foreign Currencies	35,320.5	37,501.5	38,091.3	38,773.9	40,568.4	40,857.1
<b>Claims on Public Sector</b>	<b>44,192.3</b>	<b>41,185.0</b>	<b>41,734.3</b>	<b>44,055.1</b>	<b>44,695.5</b>	<b>45,095.3</b>
<b>Claims on Foreign Sector</b>	<b>38,783.9</b>	<b>42,466.6</b>	<b>40,155.9</b>	<b>38,436.3</b>	<b>36,168.7</b>	<b>36,130.3</b>
Fixed Assets	4,187.6	5,021.8	5,005.5	5,130.8	5,225.8	5,169.9
Unclassified Assets	335.3	398.8	482.1	1,166.2	1,467.2	1,484.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194,354.7</b>	<b>206,343.3</b>	<b>208,118.1</b>	<b>211,918.2</b>	<b>219,349.2</b>	<b>221,677.0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Resident Private Sector Deposits</b>	<b>133,743.4</b>	<b>138,693.8</b>	<b>139,382.4</b>	<b>142,385.4</b>	<b>147,456.7</b>	<b>148,197.0</b>
Demand Deposits in L.L.	2,950.8	3,076.1	3,005.2	3,200.6	3,400.0	3,517.3
Time and Saving Deposits in L.L.	52,085.8	49,441.3	50,137.4	52,188.1	55,495.2	55,888.6
Deposits in Foreign Currencies	78,706.8	86,176.4	86,239.7	86,996.7	88,561.5	88,791.1
<b>Public Sector Deposits</b>	<b>2,107.4</b>	<b>2,439.3</b>	<b>2,427.1</b>	<b>2,999.1</b>	<b>3,072.5</b>	<b>3,139.2</b>
<b>Non Resident Private Sector Deposits</b>	<b>27,866.2</b>	<b>30,357.5</b>	<b>30,892.2</b>	<b>32,053.9</b>	<b>33,069.7</b>	<b>34,453.6</b>
<b>Non Resident Financial Sect. Deposits</b>	<b>6,784.7</b>	<b>9,334.3</b>	<b>9,736.3</b>	<b>8,763.7</b>	<b>8,978.4</b>	<b>8,531.0</b>
<b>Other Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>411.8</b>	<b>648.8</b>	<b>727.7</b>	<b>661.4</b>	<b>653.0</b>	<b>661.2</b>
Capital Accounts	13,901.0	15,844.2	15,704.8	16,161.5	17,896.4	17,917.3
Unclassified Liabilities	9,540.2	9,025.4	9,247.6	8,893.2	8,222.6	8,777.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194,354.7</b>	<b>206,343.3</b>	<b>208,118.1</b>	<b>211,918.2</b>	<b>219,349.2</b>	<b>221,677.0</b>

#### 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	
<b>2011</b>												
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
<b>2012</b>												
Jan	7.19	0.93	2.84	5.86	5.60	2.75	6.99	0.41	0.88	3.28	2.87	0.57
Feb	7.07	1.12	2.71	5.74	5.47	2.75	7.13	0.48	1.28	3.30	2.87	0.50
Mar	7.16	0.91	2.59	5.77	5.46	2.75	7.06	0.47	0.88	3.27	2.83	0.47
Apr	7.49	1.02	2.27	5.72	5.42	2.75	7.10	0.47	1.22	3.27	2.84	0.46
May	7.34	0.98	2.41	5.79	5.49	2.75	7.12	0.44	1.20	3.26	2.83	0.47
Jun	7.44	1.06	2.50	5.75	5.45	2.75	7.15	0.31	0.85	3.25	2.78	0.47
Jul	7.24	1.02	2.44	5.75	5.45	2.75	7.19	0.33	1.26	3.27	2.84	0.45
Aug	7.27	0.96	2.22	5.83	5.51	2.75	7.26	0.27	1.10	3.29	2.84	0.43

#### 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
<b>2009</b>	3.91	3.88	3.80	3.91	4.14	4.32	4.42	4.50	4.57	4.47	4.37	4.30
<b>2010</b>	4.26	4.19	4.17	3.93	3.54	3.40	3.43	3.57	3.64	3.64	3.64	3.63
<b>2011</b>	3.63	3.62	3.62	3.65	3.67	3.68	3.68	3.64	3.58	3.52	3.45	3.37
<b>2012</b>	3.36	3.43	3.96	3.98	3.97	3.97	3.99	4.01				

##### 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	
<b>2009</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>4.55</b>	<b>5.56</b>	<b>5.72</b>	<b>5.42</b>	<b>5.73</b>	<b>6.32</b>	<b>7.10</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>3.93</b>	<b>4.42</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.59</b>	<b>4.81</b>	<b>5.34</b>	<b>5.94</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>2011</b>									
Aug	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
<b>2012</b>									
June	4.39	4.44	4.87	4.99	5.08	5.35	5.84	6.50	10.00
Jul	4.39	4.44	4.87	4.99	5.08	5.35	5.84	6.50	10.00
Aug	4.39	4.44	4.87	4.99	5.08	5.35	5.84	6.50	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
<b>2010</b>	<b>2,954.4</b>	<b>18,374.7</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>592.8</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>413.8</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>339.9</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>352.6</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>300.3</b>	<b>3,511.8</b>	<b>20,374.1</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>3,195.7</b>	<b>19,524.8</b>	<b>180.6</b>	<b>612.5</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>380.0</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>337.8</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>338.5</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>288.0</b>	<b>3,722.5</b>	<b>21,481.7</b>
<b>Jan</b>	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	<b>294.7</b>	<b>1,817.0</b>
<b>Feb</b>	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	<b>275.7</b>	<b>1,766.9</b>
<b>Mar</b>	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	<b>321.2</b>	<b>1,960.9</b>
<b>Apr</b>	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	<b>302.9</b>	<b>1,749.3</b>
<b>May</b>	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	<b>314.0</b>	<b>1,725.6</b>
<b>Jun</b>	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	<b>325.9</b>	<b>1,743.4</b>
<b>Jul</b>	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	<b>326.4</b>	<b>1,834.9</b>
<b>Aug</b>	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	<b>300.4</b>	<b>1,660.2</b>
<b>Sep</b>	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	<b>324.1</b>	<b>1,729.1</b>
<b>Oct</b>	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	<b>316.5</b>	<b>1,858.8</b>
<b>Nov</b>	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	<b>295.7</b>	<b>1,571.2</b>
<b>Dec</b>	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	<b>325.0</b>	<b>2,064.6</b>
<b>2012</b>														
<b>Jan</b>	255.3	1,720.6	13.9	48.0	8.0	41.6	5.8	23.3	8.1	25.7	5.4	20.1	<b>296.5</b>	<b>1,879.3</b>
<b>Feb</b>	248.8	1,602.3	13.0	47.2	7.2	30.7	4.8	21.3	6.2	17.9	4.3	16.7	<b>284.3</b>	<b>1,735.9</b>
<b>Mar</b>	278.5	1,673.7	11.9	40.3	8.1	31.7	4.3	19.1	6.0	17.8	3.3	13.8	<b>312.2</b>	<b>1,796.3</b>
<b>Apr</b>	254.7	1,645.9	5.8	22.1	6.0	34.1	3.2	14.7	5.2	14.6	2.3	8.5	<b>277.1</b>	<b>1,740.0</b>

## 5.2 BANKS CLEARING IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

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

	Feb-11		Mar-11		Apr-11		Feb-12		Mar-12		Apr-12	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
<b>Beirut</b>	<b>592187</b>	<b>3797053</b>	<b>702606</b>	<b>4438928</b>	<b>657434</b>	<b>4146455</b>	<b>642029</b>	<b>3957106</b>	<b>735224</b>	<b>4535024</b>	<b>668818</b>	<b>4074395</b>
Pound Sterling	236	7641	291	9611	227	6161	195	4410	241	4820	202	5001
US Dollar	584857	3683863	694116	4296166	649473	4009382	634551	3830678	726945	4424816	661536	3942168
Euro	7094	105549	8199	133150	7734	130912	7283	122018	8038	105388	7080	127226
<b>Jounieh</b>	<b>36353</b>	<b>116975</b>	<b>42281</b>	<b>143615</b>	<b>39596</b>	<b>141477</b>	<b>37701</b>	<b>127484</b>	<b>35450</b>	<b>124284</b>	<b>17366</b>	<b>62402</b>
Pound Sterling	8	19	11	14	5	21	16	48	7	17	4	38
US Dollar	35963	115118	41782	141397	39178	136775	37316	125401	35107	122247	17224	61780
Euro	382	1838	488	2204	413	4681	369	2035	336	2020	138	585
<b>Other Branches</b>	<b>36617</b>	<b>182174</b>	<b>44370</b>	<b>217679</b>	<b>41516</b>	<b>199819</b>	<b>35655</b>	<b>186588</b>	<b>34793</b>	<b>183494</b>	<b>26342</b>	<b>147295</b>
Pound Sterling	4	34	16	65	13	116	7	82	15	77	10	77
US Dollar	36351	175281	44022	205564	41202	195218	35356	177727	34497	175600	26124	139727
Euro	262	6860	332	12050	301	4485	292	8778	281	7817	208	7490
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>665157</b>	<b>4096203</b>	<b>789257</b>	<b>4800222</b>	<b>738546</b>	<b>4487751</b>	<b>715385</b>	<b>4271177</b>	<b>805467</b>	<b>4842803</b>	<b>712526</b>	<b>4284092</b>
Pound Sterling	248	7694	318	9691	245	6298	218	4540	263	4914	216	5116
US Dollar	657171	3974262	779920	4643127	729853	4341376	707223	4133806	796549	4722663	704884	4143675
Euro	7738	114247	9019	147404	8448	140078	7944	132831	8655	115225	7426	135301

## 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
<b>2011</b>	<b>8,225.5</b>	<b>6,296.5</b>	<b>7,980.1</b>	<b>5,499.5</b>	<b>1,405.7</b>	<b>1,874.8</b>	<b>3,161.0</b>	<b>5,956.8</b>	<b>252.6</b>	<b>759.9</b>
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
<b>2012</b>										
Jan	620.8	598.2	735.3	505.5	1,252.0	1,790.7	210.0	341.7	236.1	748.0
Feb	659.2	504.9	517.4	500.5	1,285.9	1,799.8	227.7	242.2	239.6	688.5
Mar	874.8	515.9	747.5	503.7	1,475.3	1,830.7	210.0	206.5	248.7	685.1
Apr	779.0	605.0	728.8	507.5	1,518.1	1,905.4	236.1	175.1	263.4	672.8
May	708.3	382.7	770.5	412.6	1,435.9	1,818.6	227.4	209.4	233.8	676.5
Jun	762.7	612.5	714.3	291.2	1,500.0	2,144.6	466.7	174.4	255.2	697.5
Jul	816.5	573.4	788.9	502.3	1,518.4	2,155.6	229.0	191.7	265.5	675.6
Aug	1,104.1	380.0	753.3	694.9	1,819.6	1,820.1	192.3	166.0	253.3	678.0

## 6.2 OUTSTANDING LOCAL CURRENCY PUBLIC DEBT BY TYPE OF DEBT INSTRUMENT (1)

(end of period, in billions of L.L.)

	Dec 2010	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	May 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012
<b>Gross Local Currency debt</b>	<b>48,255.0</b>	<b>48,431.0</b>	<b>49,340.0</b>	<b>51,193.0</b>	<b>48,508.0</b>	<b>48,912.0</b>	<b>49,127.0</b>
<b>1. Long term bonds (2)</b>	<b>43,805.0</b>	<b>44,723.0</b>	<b>46,512.0</b>	<b>48,637.0</b>	<b>45,863.0</b>	<b>46,399.0</b>	<b>46,668.0</b>
- over 24 months	39,592.0	39,597.0	41,793.0	43,371.0	40,710.0	41,276.0	41,445.0
- 24 months	3,398.0	4,299.0	3,972.0	4,531.0	4,471.0	4,354.0	4,378.0
- Coupon interest	815.0	827.0	747.0	735.0	682.0	769.0	845.0
<b>2. Short term T Bills (2)</b>	<b>4,155.0</b>	<b>3,458.0</b>	<b>2,583.0</b>	<b>2,353.0</b>	<b>2,439.0</b>	<b>2,318.0</b>	<b>2,267.0</b>
- 12 months	1,969.0	1,757.0	887.0	1,280.0	1,276.0	1,051.0	976.0
- 6 months	2,111.0	1,473.0	1,569.0	799.0	957.0	1,080.0	1,184.0
- 3 months	75.0	228.0	127.0	274.0	206.0	187.0	107.0
<b>3. Loans</b>	<b>295.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>245.0</b>	<b>203.0</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>195.0</b>	<b>192.0</b>

(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)
<b>Period Average</b>								
<b>2011</b>								
Aug	1,507.50	2,163	1,940	2,470	1,956	1,538	60,779	2,650,765
Dec	1,507.50	1,984	1,617	2,352	1,937	1,473	45,640	2,478,635
<b>2012</b>								
Apr	1,507.50	1,985	1,651	2,416	1,854	1,518	47,532	2,484,031
May	1,507.50	1,930	1,607	2,400	1,891	1,494	43,216	2,390,453
Jun	1,507.50	1,889	1,573	2,343	1,902	1,467	42,336	2,408,012
Jul	1,507.50	1,854	1,544	2,350	1,909	1,487	41,367	2,403,584
Aug	1,507.50	1,870	1,557	2,369	1,918	1,517	43,567	2,457,069
<b>End of Period</b>								
<b>2011</b>								
Aug	1,507.50	2,186	1,849	2,471	1,966	1,544	61,996	2,737,243
Dec	1,507.50	1,949	1,603	2,325	1,945	1,475	41,773	2,353,961
<b>2012</b>								
Apr	1,507.50	1,993	1,658	2,451	1,880	1,535	47,042	2,507,877
May	1,507.50	1,871	1,557	2,338	1,912	1,467	42,338	2,362,222
Jun	1,507.50	1,896	1,578	2,354	1,896	1,471	40,476	2,368,056
Jul	1,507.50	1,851	1,541	2,365	1,928	1,506	42,564	2,448,632
Aug	1,507.50	1,892	1,575	2,385	1,919	1,520	46,069	2,502,571

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

(end of period)

	Dec 2010	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	Jun 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012
<b>I. Gross Local Currency Debt (bns of L.L.)</b>	<b>48,255.0</b>	<b>48,431.0</b>	<b>49,340.0</b>	<b>48,508.0</b>	<b>48,912.0</b>	<b>49,127.0</b>
<b>1.1 Central Bank</b>	<b>13,130.0</b>	<b>17,162.0</b>	<b>16,374.0</b>	<b>15,569.0</b>	<b>15,449.0</b>	<b>15,470.0</b>
Treasury Bills Portfolio (2)	12912.0	16,996.0	16,235.0	15,472.0	15,364.0	15,385.0
Loans to Public Entities	218.0	166.0	139.0	97.0	85.0	85.0
<b>1.2 Banks</b>	<b>27,214.0</b>	<b>23,442.0</b>	<b>25,177.0</b>	<b>24,840.0</b>	<b>25,294.0</b>	<b>25,429.0</b>
Treasury Bills (4)	27,137.0	23,358.0	25,071.0	24,731.0	25,184.0	25,322.0
Loans to Public Entities	77.0	84.0	106.0	109.0	110.0	107.0
<b>1.3 Non Banking System TBs (3)</b>	<b>7,911.0</b>	<b>7,827.0</b>	<b>7,789.0</b>	<b>8,099.0</b>	<b>8,169.0</b>	<b>8,228.0</b>
<b>II. Public Sector Deposits</b>	<b>11,419.0</b>	<b>11,599.0</b>	<b>10,984.0</b>	<b>12,274.0</b>	<b>12,308.0</b>	<b>11,873.0</b>
<b>III. Net Local Currency Debt</b>	<b>36,836.0</b>	<b>36,832.0</b>	<b>38,356.0</b>	<b>36,234.0</b>	<b>36,604.0</b>	<b>37,254.0</b>
<b>IV. Foreign Currency Debt (mns of USD)</b>	<b>20,592.0</b>	<b>21,290.0</b>	<b>20,927.0</b>	<b>23,088.0</b>	<b>23,002.0</b>	<b>23,102.0</b>
<b>V. Net Total Debt (bns of L.L.)</b>	<b>67,879.0</b>	<b>68,927.0</b>	<b>69,903.0</b>	<b>71,038.0</b>	<b>71,279.0</b>	<b>72,081.0</b>

(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

(August 2012)

Listed Shares	Traded Volume	% of Volume	Traded Value (\$)	% of Value	Closing Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
Solidere "A"	560,473	26.38	7,606,357	29.84	12.69	13.57
Solidere "B"	87,300	4.11	1,157,669	4.54	12.66	13.26
Banque Libanaise pour le Commerce	0	0.00	0	0.00	1.90	-
Banque Libanaise pour le Commerce (Preferred Shares "A")	0	0.00	0	0.00	100.00	-
Banque Libanaise pour le Commerce (Preferred Shares "B")	2,300	0.11	230,000	0.90	100.00	-
Audi - Saradar Bank	180,242	8.48	962,675	3.78	5.49	5.34
Audi - Saradar Bank GDR	32,170	1.51	188,416	0.74	6.00	5.86
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "D")	21,525	1.01	215,250	0.84	10.00	10.00
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "E")	10,605	0.50	1,060,500	4.16	100.00	100.00
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "F")	13,801	0.65	1,380,100	5.41	100.00	100.00
Bank of Beirut	580	0.03	11,000	0.04	19.00	18.97
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares"D")	169,200	7.96	4,382,280	17.19	25.90	25.90
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares"E")	6,960	0.33	179,368	0.70	25.80	25.77
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares"H")	780	0.04	19,879	0.08	25.55	25.49
Byblos Bank	526,103	24.76	803,247	3.15	1.52	1.53
Byblos Bank GDR	0	0.00	0	0.00	75.00	-
Byblos Bank "Preferred Shares 2008"	5,000	0.24	506,020	1.99	101.30	101.20
Byblos Bank "Preferred Shares 2009"	26,546	1.25	2,697,473	10.58	102.00	101.62
BEMO	0	0.00	0	0.00	1.99	-
BEMO Bank "Preferred Shares"	1,500	0.07	150,000	0.59	100.00	100.00
BLOM GDR	63,250	2.98	487,158	1.91	7.70	7.70
BLOM	245,260	11.54	1,814,924	7.12	7.40	7.40
BLOM "Preferred Shares 2011"	135,443	6.37	1,380,658	5.42	10.17	10.19
RYMCO	3,186	0.15	7,305	0.03	2.29	2.29
HOLCIM Liban	2,873	0.14	45,572	0.18	16.72	15.86
Société de Ciments Blancs "B"	28,500	1.34	99,750	0.39	3.50	3.50
Société de Ciments Blancs "N"	0	0.00	0	0.00	3.05	-
Beirut Preferred Fund	1,000	0.05	102,800	0.40	102.80	102.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,124,597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25,488,402</b>	<b>100</b>	-	-

## 9.2 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

	Maturity	Closing July 2012		Closing August 2012	
		Price	Yield	Price	Yield
Banque de la Méditerranée (7 years)	14/12/2012	101.99	2.08%	101.77	1.08%
Banque du Liban (10 years)	25/04/2015	118.04	3.05%	118.01	2.86%

### 9.3 EUROBONDS

	Maturity	Closing July 2012			Closing August 2012		
		Price	Yield	Spread	Price	Yield	Spread
<b>5 years (Euro Notes) BEMO Bank</b>	30/06/2014	103.28	5.17	495	103.09	5.19	494

### 9.4 DIFFERENT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	Closing July 2012	Average Price	Closing August 2012	Average Price	Change (%)
<b>GDR (Solidere)</b>	13.50 - 13.55 \$	13.53	12.30 - 12.50 \$	12.40	-8.35
<b>GDR (BLOM)</b>	7.75 - 7.80 \$	7.78	7.50 - 8.00 \$	7.75	-0.39
<b>GDR (Audi - Saradar)</b>	5.90 - 6.10 \$	6.00	5.81 - 6.00 \$	5.90	-1.67
<b>GDR (Byblos)</b>	... - 85.00 \$	85.00	... - 85.00 \$	85.00	0.00



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