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HIGHLIGHTS

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

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- ▲ **Gross foreign-currency reserves** of Banque du Liban attained USD 36,836.6 million, increasing annually by USD 3,445.0 million or 10.3%. Total foreign assets, including gold, amounted to USD 52,148.9 million. The average **US dollar exchange rate** remained stable on the domestic market, standing at LBP 1,507.50.
- ▲ In December 2012, **interest rates** remained unchanged on all categories of Treasury bills and bonds. At the end of the month, yields stood at: 4.43% on the three-month, 4.99% on the six-month, and 5.35% on the one-year. However, in 2012, yields on the three-month, six-month and one-year categories went up by 50, 49 and 54 basis points respectively. Similarly, yields on the two-year and three-year categories rose to 5.84% (+50 basis points) and 6.50% (+56 basis points) respectively. On the Lebanese pound, bank interest rates on debit accounts fell in December 2012 to 7.07%, from 7.11% in November and 7.31% in October, while rates on credit accounts went up to 5.41% in December, compared with 5.38% in November and 5.43% in October. On the US dollar, these rates registered a slight increase on credit accounts and a decrease on debit accounts. Accordingly, the weighted average lending rate stood at 6.87% in December, compared with 7.09% in November and 7.15% in October, while the average deposit rate reached 2.86% in December, compared with 2.85% in November and 2.87% in October. In 2012, the LBP weighted average lending rate and the LBP average deposit rate fell by 31 and 22 basis points respectively. On US dollar-denominated accounts, the average lending rate declined by 15 basis points, while the average deposit rate rose by 3 basis points.
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- ▲ The **consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks** reached LBP 228,963 billion at the end of 2012, with an annual rise of 8.0%, compared with 9.0% in 2011. Resident and non-resident private sector deposits amounted to LBP 188.4 billion at end-December 2012, increasing annually by 8.0%, compared with 7.9% in 2011. Credits to the private sector grew by 10.6% in 2012, compared with 12.9% in 2011. The **dollarization rate** of bank deposits remained on a downward trend, standing at 64.8% at end-December 2012, compared with 65.9% at end-December 2011.
- ▲ **Trade deficit** deepened by 20.1% in December 2012 and totaled USD 16,796.6 million in 2012, compared with USD 15,892.8 million in 2011, thus increasing by 5.7%, compared with 13.7% in the previous year. This development stems from the fact that both imports and exports rose during the year by 5.6% and 5.1% respectively, reaching USD 21,279.8 million and USD 4,483.1 million.
- ▲ Compared to 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 in 2012 by 4.4% and 10.8% respectively. In December 2012, both indicators fell by 17.7% and 5.5% respectively.
- ▲ During the month, **power production** went up by 3.7%, to 949.6 million kWh, while it went down by 11.5% in 2012, to 10,965.5 million kWh.
- ▲ At the **Beirut International Airport**, total plane traffic in 2012 regressed slightly by 0.7%, while the number of incoming, outgoing and transiting passengers progressed by 5.2%, reaching 5.9 million. Compared to 2011, airfreight widened by 12.5%.
- ▲ The number of ships at the **Port of Beirut** declined by 4.5% in December 2012, and by 1.9% compared to 2011, while the volume of maritime freight grew by 10.4% in December, and by 7.9% compared to the previous year.

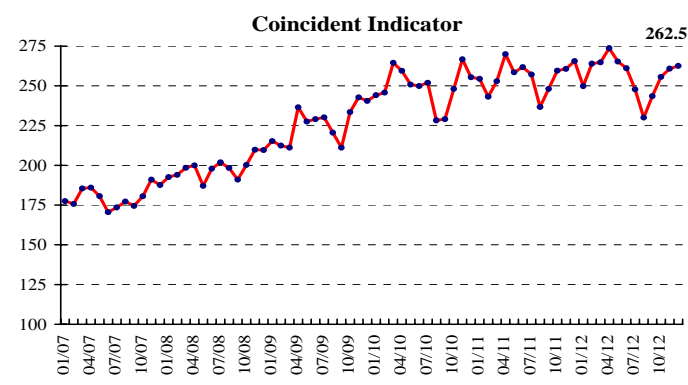
DIAGNOSIS

THE BDL COINCIDENT INDICATOR

The BDL coincident indicator reached 262.5 in December 2012, compared with 260.8 in the previous month and 265.5 in December 2011, registering a slight annual decrease of 1.1%.

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

	Index	Monthly Changes (%)	Annual Changes (%)
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
Aug-2012	230.0	-7.2	-2.8
Sep-2012	243.5	5.9	-1.9
Oct-2012	255.6	5.0	-1.5
Nov-2012	260.8	2.0	0.1
Dec-2012	262.5	0.7	-1.1



CLEARING HOUSE ACTIVITY

In December 2012, the total value of cleared checks fell by 7.0%. The value of checks in foreign currencies and Lebanese pound went down by 8.3% and 2.4% respectively. From the total of cleared checks, the share of foreign-currency-denominated checks stood at 77.7%, declining by 1.3%.

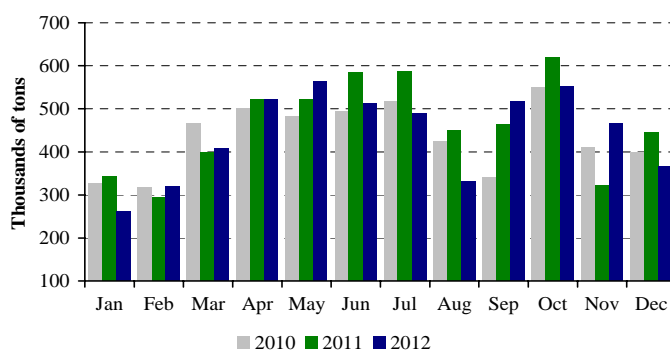
Year-on-year, the share of returned checks regressed by 10.0%, accounting for 1.9% of the total value of checks at end-December 2012.

REAL SECTOR

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

Compared to 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 4.4% and 10.8% respectively. In December 2012, both indicators fell by 17.7% and 5.5% respectively.

Cement Deliveries



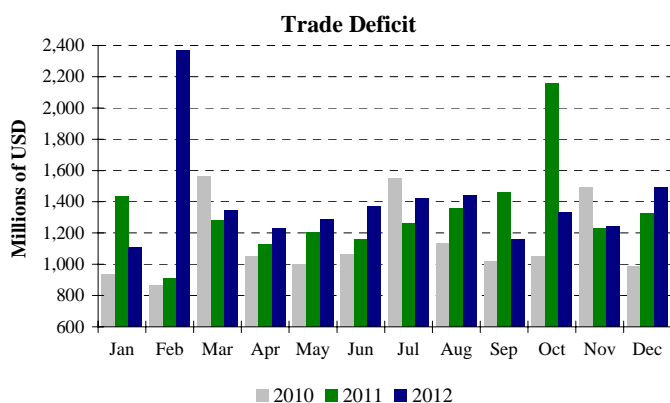
Source: Cement companies

Compared to December 2011, real estate fees collected in December 2012 increased by 6.0% to LBP 119.0 billion; in 2012, they went up by 3.3%.

FOREIGN TRADE

Trade deficit deepened by 20.1% in December 2012 and totaled USD 16,796.6 million in 2012, compared with USD 15,892.8 million in 2011, thus increasing by 5.7% in 2012, compared with 13.7% in the previous year. This development stems from the fact that both imports and exports rose during the year by 5.6% and 5.1% respectively, reaching USD 1,279.8 million and USD 4,483.1 million.

Customs duties collected during the month rose slightly by 1.1%, to LBP 191.7 billion in December; in 2012, they increased by 3.4%.



Source: Customs Higher Council

In 2012, import shares from major source countries were as follows: United States 11.2%, Italy 8.6%, China 8.3%, France 7.2%, and Germany 5.6%.

In December 2012, these shares were as follows:

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

	Dec 11	% of total	Dec 12	% of total
Italy	183.5	11.0	215.1	11.5
China	143.3	8.6	166.3	8.9
Kuwait	2.2	0.1	152.6	8.2
France	128.8	7.7	122.8	6.6
Germany	108.4	6.5	108.7	5.8
Other countries	1,098.7	66.0	1,105.6	59.1
Total imports	1,664.9	100	1,871.2	100

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

	Dec-2010	Total 2010	Dec-2011	Total 2011	Dec-2012	Avg-2012	Total 2012
Cleared checks in Lebanese pounds¹							
(in millions of LBP)	1,925,527	20,374,101	2,064,573	21,481,676	2,015,742	1,880,286	22,563,434
Variation in %	20.41	21.54	7.22	5.44	-2.37	5.04	5.04
Cleared checks in foreign currencies^{1***}							
(in millions of LBP)	4,364	53,899	5,091	57,850	4,671	4,670	56,035
Variation in %	-8.17	19.04	16.65	7.33	-8.26	-3.14	-3.14
Total cleared checks **							
(in millions of LBP)	8,504,888	101,626,522	9,739,621	108,690,641	9,056,942	8,919,725	107,036,705
Requests for information at the "Centrale des Risques"¹							
Total	11,709	188,770	14,997	210,222	17,171	20,751	249,012
Variation in %	-13.56	5.30	28.08	11.36	14.50	18.45	18.45
Construction permits^{2**}							
(in square meters)	1,931,289	17,608,003	1,704,912	16,464,767	1,611,664	1,223,410	14,680,917
Variation in %	-34.06	22.79	-11.72	-6.49	-5.47	-10.83	-10.83
Cement deliveries^{3**}							
(in tons)	399,621	5,226,620	445,835	5,549,769	367,034	442,379	5,308,552
Variation in %	25.24	6.72	11.56	6.18	-17.68	-4.35	-4.35
Collected real estate fees⁴							
(in millions of LBP)	104,269	924,001	112,369	909,271	119,063	78,284	939,414
Variation in %	-0.56	38.76	7.77	-1.59	5.96	3.32	3.32
Total Imports^{5**}							
(in millions of LBP)	2,217,414	27,089,456	2,510,637	30,398,651	2,821,736	2,674,165	32,089,984
Variation in %	6.55	10.60	13.22	12.22	12.39	5.56	5.56
Total Exports^{5**}							
(in millions of LBP)	521,273	5,912,253	509,227	6,432,312	574,936	563,380	6,760,561
Variation in %	-4.99	12.52	-2.31	8.80	12.90	5.10	5.10
Trade Deficit **	1,696,140	21,177,203	2,001,410	23,966,339	2,246,800	2,110,785	25,329,423
Variation in %	10.68	10.08	18.00	13.17	12.26	5.69	5.69
Customs receipts^{5*}							
(in millions of LBP)	226,293	2,846,518	189,667	2,280,219	191,685	196,509	2,358,106
Variation in %	-3.44	2.96	-16.19	-19.89	1.06	3.42	3.42
Electricity production (EDL network)⁶							
(in millions of KWh)	998	12,459	916	12,396	950	914	10,966
Variation in %	-0.20	4.54	-8.25	-0.50	3.66	-11.54	-11.54
Imports of petroleum derivatives^{7***}							
(in metric tons)	520,625	5,499,181	519,410	5,873,591	677,241	508,489	6,101,863
Variation in %	54.11	5.61	-0.23	6.81	30.39	3.89	3.89
Freight at the Port of Beirut^{8**}							
Total	531,865	6,471,594	593,439	6,825,309	655,062	613,800	7,365,605
Variation in %	-6.78	-0.35	11.58	5.47	10.38	7.92	7.92
Freight incoming (tons)	451,778	5,504,774	511,776	5,878,965	573,633	531,288	6,375,452
Freight outgoing (tons)	70,887	820,085	73,001	798,082	71,961	70,800	849,597
Transit and free zone (tons)	9,200	146,735	8,662	148,262	9,468	11,713	140,556
Flow of passengers (B.I.A.)⁹							
Total	423,624	5,552,746	445,968	5,654,147	495,760	495,843	5,950,114
Variation in %	-1.63	11.38	5.27	1.83	11.16	5.23	5.23
Arrival	233,562	2,759,474	247,811	2,815,225	251,129	240,435	2,885,218
Variation in %	1.18	10.72	6.10	2.02	1.34	2.49	2.49
Departure	186,592	2,752,961	193,272	2,780,809	243,268	251,501	3,018,007
Variation in %	-5.24	11.88	3.58	1.01	25.87	8.53	8.53
Transit	3,470	40,311	4,885	58,113	1,363	3,907	46,889
Variation in %	18.96	23.89	40.78	44.16	-72.10	-19.31	-19.31

* 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 2012, export shares to major destination countries were as follows: South Africa 19.3%, Switzerland 12.2%, Saudi Arabia 8.0%, United Arab Emirates 7.9%, and Syria 6.6%.

In December 2012, these shares were as follows:

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

	Dec 11	% of total	Dec 12	% of total
Switzerland	46.3	13.7	80.8	21.2
Syria	26.1	7.7	43.6	11.4
Saudi Arabia	27.4	8.1	31.1	8.2
UAE	28.1	8.3	23.4	6.1
Iraq	12.8	3.8	21.6	5.7
Other countries	196.9	58.3	180.8	47.4
Total exports	337.7	100	381.3	100

♣ **Imports** (millions USD)

Sections	Jan Dec 2011	% of Total	Jan Dec 2012	% of Total
Food & Beverages	3,181.3	15.8	3,289.2	15.5
Textiles	702.9	3.5	751.7	3.5
Leather, Plastics & Rubber	81.0	0.4	78.1	0.4
Wood & wood products	236.4	1.2	246.0	1.2
Chemical & Pharmaceutical	1,725.5	8.6	1,739.2	8.2
Paper & paper products	431.7	2.1	370.2	1.7
Stone, Clay & cement	399.9	2.0	407.2	1.9
Metal & metal products	6,146.7	30.5	7,563.1	35.5
Machinery & Appliances	3,910.6	19.4	3,915.3	18.4
Jewelry	2,141.4	10.6	1,585.1	7.4
Other	1,200.7	6.0	1,334.7	6.3
Total	20,158.3	100	21,279.8	100

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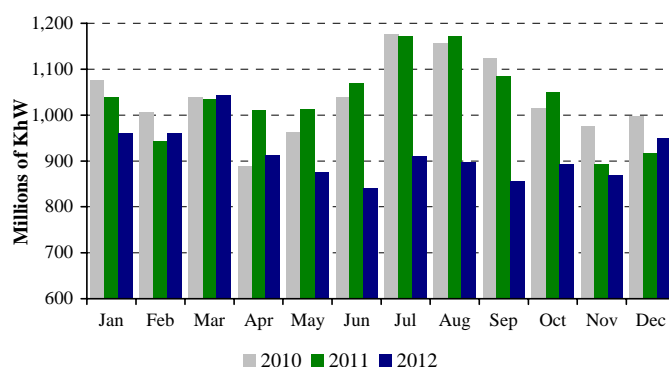
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Food & Beverages	581.0	13.6	614.1	13.7
Textiles	129.1	3.0	116.5	2.6
Leather, Plastics & Rubber	13.9	0.3	15.7	0.3
Wood & wood products	15.2	0.4	20.8	0.5
Chemical & Pharmaceutical	383.7	9.0	342.5	7.6
Paper & paper products	216.6	5.1	182.2	4.1
Stone, Clay & cement	37.5	0.9	43.3	1.0
Metal & metal products	560.0	13.1	602.5	13.4
Machinery & Appliances	578.4	13.6	538.4	12.0
Jewelry	1,492.2	35.0	1,724.5	38.5
Other	257.8	6.0	282.8	6.3
Total	4,265.5	100	4,483.1	100

Source: Customs Higher Council

ENERGY

During the month, power production went up by 3.7%, to 949.6 million kWh, while it went down by 11.5% in 2012, to 10,965.5 million kWh.

Monthly Electricity Production

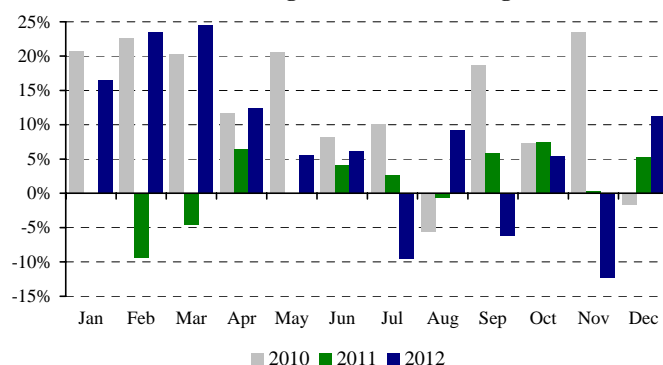


Source: Electricité du Liban

TRANSPORTATION

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Annual Changes in Flow of Passengers



Source: Beirut International Airport

The number of ships at the Port of Beirut declined by 4.5% in December 2012, and by 1.9% compared to 2011. The volume of maritime freight grew by 10.4% in December 2012, and by 7.9% compared to the previous year. Incoming and transiting freight were up by 12.1% and 9.3% respectively, while outgoing freight fell slightly by 1.4%.

MONETARY SECTOR

NET FOREIGN ASSETS OF THE BANKING SYSTEM

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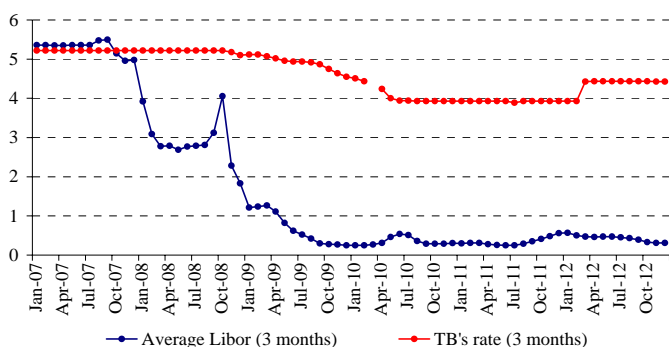
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As a result, the spread between the LBP and USD lending rates widened from 2 basis points in November 2012 to 20 points in December 2012. Likewise, the spread between the LBP and USD deposit rates expanded during the same period from 2.53 points to 2.55 points.

In December as in November 2012, the three-month Libor rate remained at 0.31%, compared with 0.33% in October 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 December, stabilizing at 3.57% and 3.85% respectively. On the other hand, the Banque du Liban maintained the discount and Repo rates at 10.00% each, as adopted since December 2009.

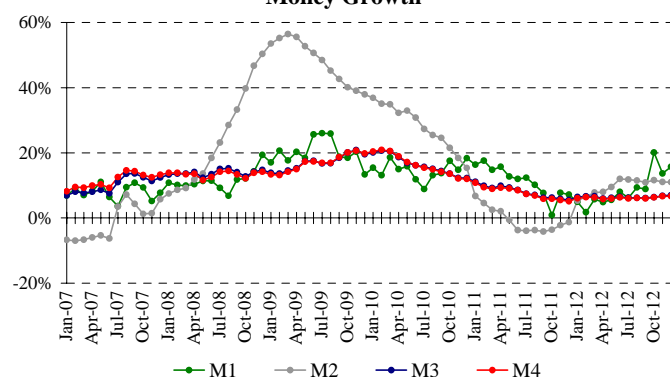
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▲ Year-on-Year Changes in Money Components (in %)

	M1	M2	M3	M4
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
Aug-2012	9.35	11.46	6.17	6.12
Sep-2012	8.86	10.95	6.14	6.01
Oct-2012	20.08	11.64	6.40	6.33
Nov-2012	13.69	11.07	6.82	6.69
Dec-2012	15.72	10.97	6.97	6.68

Money Growth



PUBLIC DEBT

According to figures released by the Ministry of Finance, net total public debt reached LBP 74,045 billion at the end of 2012. In 2012, this debt grew by 5.9% or LBP 4,142 billion, compared with 3.0% or LBP 2,000 billion in 2011. The LBP-denominated public debt decreased by 2.8% or LBP 1,074 billion, standing at LBP 37,282 billion at end-December 2012, while it rose by 4.1% or LBP 1,520 billion and totaled LBP 38,356 billion at end-December 2011.

As for the foreign-currency-denominated public debt, it expanded in 2012 by 16.5% or USD 3,460 million,

amounting to USD 24,387 million at end-December 2012, compared with USD 20,927 million at end-December 2011 and USD 20,592 million at end-December 2010.

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

	3 months	6 months	12 months	24 months and above
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
Aug-2012	0.22	2.42	1.99	95.37
Sep-2012	0.20	2.44	1.75	95.61
Oct-2012	0.19	2.52	1.89	95.41
Nov-2012	0.19	2.54	1.85	95.41
Dec-2012	0.63	2.62	1.93	94.82

BANKING ACTIVITY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

The consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks reached LBP 228,963 billion at end-December 2012, rising monthly by 1.00%, compared with 0.67% in the previous month. Year-on-year, it grew by 8.04%.

VOLUME OF CREDITS

a-Commercial Banks

Credits granted by commercial banks to the resident and non-resident private sector went up in December 2012 by 1.20%, compared with 0.42% in the previous month. At end-December 2012, these credits reached LBP 65,504 billion, with a year-on-year increase of 10.35%. They were distributed as follows:

- Credits in Lebanese pound amounted to LBP 14,653 billion at end-December 2012, rising monthly by 0.67%, compared with 0.10% in November 2012. Year-on-year, they grew by 14.29%, and their share from total bank credits reached 22.37%, compared with 21.60% in December 2011.
- Credits in foreign currencies went up by 1.36% in December 2012, compared with 0.51% in November 2012. Year-on-year, they expanded by 9.27%, totaling USD 33,721 million at end-December 2012.

b-Investment Banks

Credits granted by investment banks reached LBP 1,781 billion at end-December 2012, as they increased by 2.20%, compared with 0.11% in November 2012. In comparison with December 2011, they grew by 3.01%.

VOLUME OF DEPOSITS

a-Commercial Banks

Private sector deposits at commercial banks by residents and non-residents rose by 1.52% in December 2012, compared with 0.43% in the previous month. Year-on-year, their volume widened by 8.02%, amounting to LBP 188,435 billion at end-December 2012. They were distributed as follows:

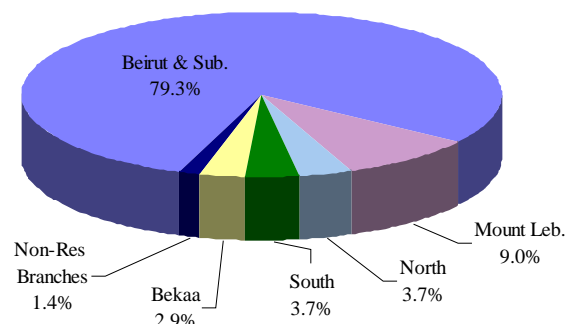
- Deposits in Lebanese pound reached LBP 66,296 billion at end-December 2012, rising monthly by 0.85% compared with 0.82% in November 2012. Year-on-year, they improved by 11.52%, accounting for 35.18% of total deposits, compared with 34.08% at end-December 2011.
- Deposits in foreign currencies progressed by 1.89% during the month, compared with 0.22% in the previous month. Year-on-year, they went up by 6.21%, totaling USD 80,994 million at end-December 2012.

b-Investment Banks

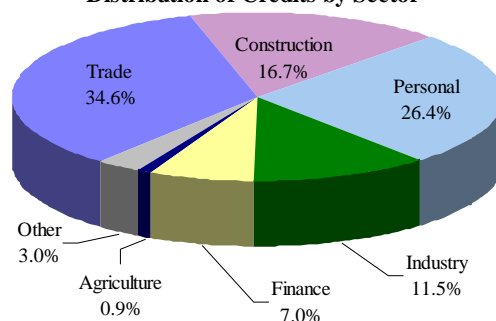
Private sector deposits at investment banks fell by 2.51% during the month, following a rise of 0.46% in November 2012. Year-on-year, they declined by 6.72%, from LBP 3,519 billion at end-December 2011 to LBP 3,283 billion at end-December 2012.

DISTRIBUTION OF CREDITS

Distribution of Credits by Region



Distribution of Credits by Sector



CREDIT-DEPOSIT RATIO

At end-December 2012, total credits accounted for 34.76% of total deposits, compared with 34.03% at end-December 2011, and detailed as follows:

- Credit/deposit ratio in Lebanese pound: 22.10%, compared with 21.57%.
- Credit/deposit ratio in foreign currencies: 41.63%, compared with 40.47%.

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Shareholders' equity increased by 4.33% in December 2012, compared with 1.97% in November 2012. Year-on-year, it grew by 17.92%, reaching LBP 19,058 billion at end-December 2012.

The capital/total asset ratio in commercial banks went up to 8.32% at end-December 2012, compared with 8.06% in November 2012, and 7.63% in December 2011.

The capital/total deposit ratio rose to 10.11% at end-December 2012, compared with 9.84% in November 2012, and 9.26% in December 2011.

Similarly, the capital/total credit ratio reached 29.09% at end-December 2012, up from 28.22% in November 2012, and 27.23% in December 2011.

DOLLARIZATION

The dollarization rate of bank deposits reached 64.82% at end-December 2012, up from 64.58% at end-November 2012 and compared with 65.92% at end-December 2011.

Likewise, the dollarization rate of bank credits reached 77.63% at end-December 2012, up from 77.51% at end-November 2012 and compared with 78.40% at end-December 2011.

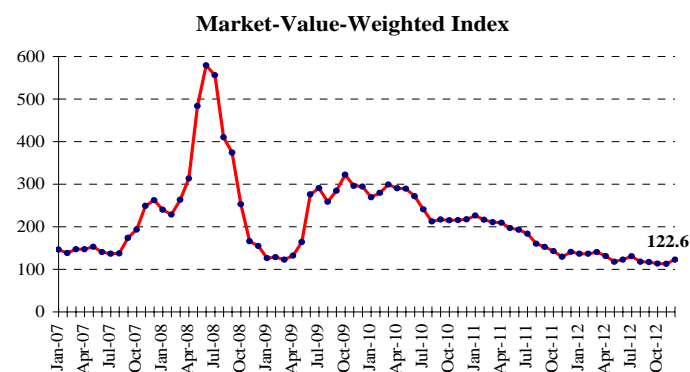
FINANCIAL MARKETS

The Beirut Stock Exchange capitalization-weighted index rose by 8.49% in December 2012, closing at 122.57 points, compared with 112.98 points in November 2012. Similarly, the shares traded on the BSE registered an increase in volume and in value.

Concerning domestic and international certificates of deposit, one international CD issue was launched, while another one fell due.

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

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
August 2012	117.74
September 2012	116.73
October 2012	113.13
November 2012	112.98
December 2012	122.57



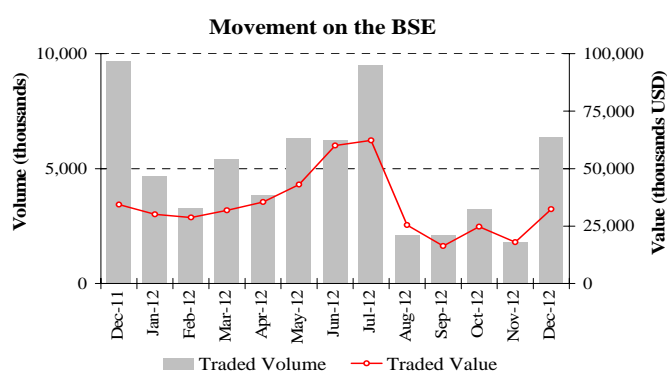
BEIRUT STOCK EXCHANGE

▲ Beirut Stock Exchange

Date	Traded Shares		Market Capitalization (billions USD)
	Volume (millions)	Value (millions USD)	
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
Aug-2012	2.13	25.49	10.99
Sep-2012	2.11	16.36	10.91
Oct-2012	3.25	24.75	10.84
Nov-2012	1.82	17.98	10.89
Dec-2012	6.39	32.38	11.31

The Beirut Stock Exchange decided to list in the BSE official market 500,000 additional GDRs linked to the shares of Bank Audi SAL–Audi Saradar Group. With the already listed 101,517,651 GDRs, the total number of listed GDRs of this bank reached 102,017,651.

The Beirut Stock Exchange decided also to cease the trading of Bank of Beirut SAL preferred shares class “D” as of the end of the trading session of December 21, 2012, and to delist these shares before the opening of the trading session of December 28, 2012.

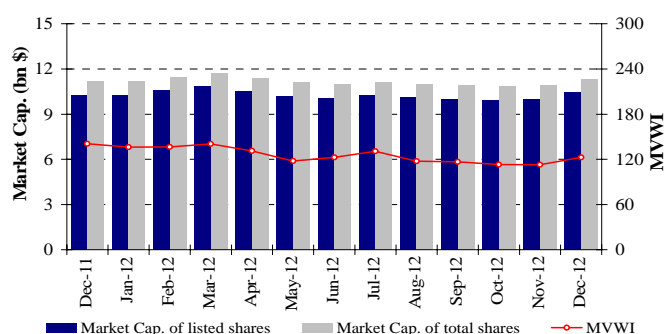


During the month, the volume of traded shares increased by 250.24%, reaching 6.388 million shares, compared with 1.824 million shares in November. Likewise, the value of traded shares improved by 80.12% in December, amounting to USD 32.381 million, compared with USD 17.978 million in November 2012.

Regarding the shares traded during the month, Bank Byblos common shares were leading in volume, with 41.10% of total trading. In terms of value, the Solidere Class A shares were leading with 23.97%.

During the months of November and December 2012, no transaction was performed on the Treasury Eurobonds listed on the BSE.

Movement of the MVWI and Market Cap. on BSE



On the BSE, the total market value of the shares of listed issuers grew monthly by 3.79%, totaling USD 11.308 billion in December 2012, compared with USD 10.894 billion in November 2012.

Likewise, the market value of listed shares rose by 4.15%, from USD 10.006 billion in November to USD 10.421 billion in December.

PREFERRED AND PRIMARY STOCKS

Issuer	Type	Price	Volume (thousands)	Value (millions \$)
Bank of Beirut	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-December 2012, the prices of GDRs issued by Audi-Saradar Bank and Blom Bank increased by 4.23%

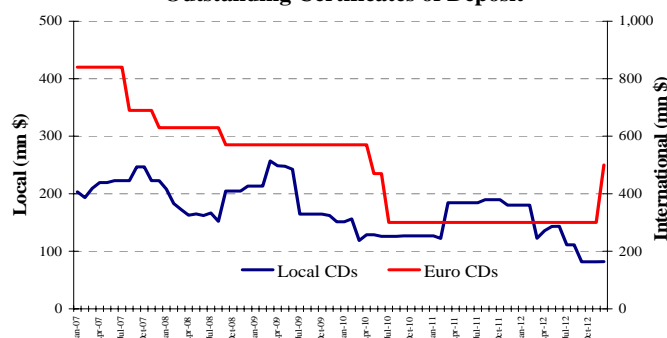
and 3.48% respectively, the former ranging between USD 5.82 and USD 6.30, and the latter between USD 7.72 and USD 8.10. Similarly, the prices of GDRs issued by Solidere went up by 3.67%, ranging between USD 12.11 and USD 12.77. As for the prices of GDRs issued by Byblos Bank, they remained unchanged, stabilizing at USD 85.00.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

▲ Certificates of Deposit (millions USD)

	Issued	Outstanding			Number of Banks
		Local	International	Total	
Nov 2012	-	81.5	300	381.5	8
Dec 2012	500	81.9	300	581.9	8

Outstanding Certificates of Deposit

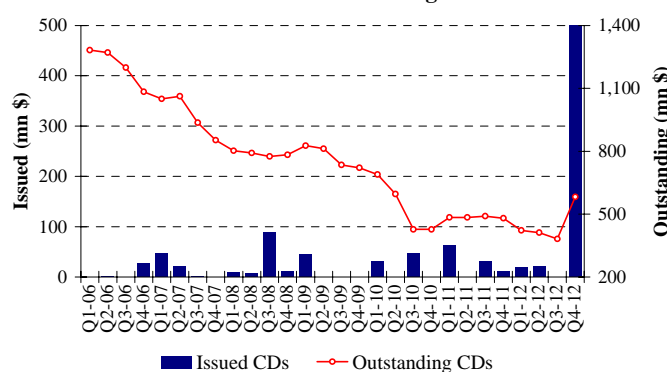


On December 14, 2012, BankMed launched one international CD issue for an amount of USD 500 million, and at a 5.38% interest rate to be paid half-yearly for a five-year period.

On the same date, one issue by the same bank fell due for an amount of USD 300 million.

Consequently, the value of total outstanding CDs (domestic and international) went up by 52.52%, reaching USD 581.948 million (of which an amount of USD 81.95 million on the domestic market).

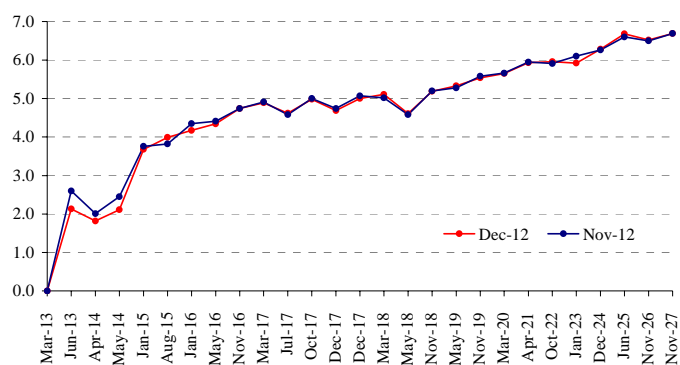
Issued and Outstanding CDs



LEBANESE REPUBLIC FOREIGN CURRENCY BONDS

The total value of Lebanese Treasury Eurobonds went up to USD 22.015 billion at end-December 2012, compared with USD 22.004 billion at end-November 2012.

Yield Curve of Lebanese Sovereign Eurobonds in \$



LEBANESE BANKS’ FOREIGN CURRENCY BONDS

The prices of bonds issued by BEMO Bank S.A.L. decreased at end-December 2012 and closed at USD 102.69, compared with USD 102.72 at end-November 2012.

On December 15, 2012, Crédit Financier S.A.L. launched two bond issues in US dollar: the first for an amount of USD 910,000, and at a 5% interest rate to be paid monthly for a one-year period; and the second for an amount of USD 1.337 million, and at a 5.50% interest rate to be paid monthly for a two-year period.

On the same date, two LBP-denominated bond issues were launched: the first for an amount of LBP 1.499 billion, and at a 6.75% interest rate to be paid monthly for a one-year period; and the second for an amount of LBP 55 million, and at a 7% interest rate to be paid monthly for a two-year period.

On the other hand, four issues by the same institution fell due during the month: the first for an amount of LBP 200 million, the second for an amount of LBP 1.224 billion, the third for an amount of USD 720,000, and the fourth for an amount of USD 1.122 million.

As a result, the value of domestic bonds issued by financial institutions rose to USD 18.100 million at end-December 2012, compared with USD 17.608 million at end-November.

Lebanese Republic Foreign Currency Bonds

	Maturity	Closing of November 2012			Closing of December 2012		
		Price	Yield	Spread	Price	Yield	Spread
5 years (USD 875 millions)	12/03/2013	100.75	0.00	0	101.48	0.00	0
8 years (USD 650 millions)	20/06/2013	103.25	2.60	246	103.00	2.13	200
5 years (USD 18.483 millions) <i>Special TBs</i>	25/03/2014	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 years (USD 676.902 millions)	14/04/2014	107.15	2.01	184	107.00	1.82	168
6 years (USD 881.612 millions)	02/05/2014	109.01	2.45	229	108.99	2.11	197
5 years (USD 250 millions)	15/01/2015	104.25	3.76	351	104.27	3.68	342
5 years (USD 15.985 millions) <i>Special TBs</i>	22/04/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 years (USD 6.930 millions) <i>Special TBs</i>	15/07/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 years (USD 500 millions)	06/08/2015	111.75	3.82	350	111.00	3.99	362
5 years (USD 8.098 millions) <i>Special TBs</i>	30/11/2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 years (USD 750 millions)	19/01/2016	112.00	4.35	401	112.25	4.17	380
15 years (USD 400 millions)	11/05/2016	122.75	4.41	407	122.50	4.34	398
5 years (USD 500 millions)	02/11/2016	100.03	4.74	442	100.03	4.74	437
8 years (USD 1,500 millions)	20/03/2017	115.65	4.91	429	115.49	4.89	417
10 years (USD 300 millions)	20/07/2017	97.72	4.58	396	97.68	4.62	389
5 years (USD 600 millions)	20/10/2017	99.99	5.00	438	100.06	4.98	426
7 years (LBP 1,500,000 millions)	18/12/2017	104.84	6.82	-	104.84	6.82	-
15 years (USD 950 millions)	27/12/2017	100.60	4.74	412	100.76	4.69	397
15 years (USD 2,007.511 millions)	31/12/2017	97.50	5.07	445	97.52	5.00	427
15 years (USD 700 millions)	05/03/2018	99.90	5.02	440	99.51	5.11	439
15 years (USD 200 millions)	27/05/2018	101.15	4.58	395	101.02	4.61	389
8 years (USD 1,000 millions)	12/11/2018	99.77	5.20	458	99.78	5.19	447
7 years (Euro 445 millions)	28/11/2018	99.78	5.39	469	99.78	5.39	469
8 years (USD 650 millions)	20/05/2019	103.87	5.28	425	103.55	5.33	418
7 years (USD 1,500 millions)	28/11/2019	99.25	5.58	453	99.50	5.54	438
10 years (USD 1,200 millions)	09/03/2020	104.22	5.66	462	104.25	5.65	449
15 years (USD 2,092.469 millions)	12/04/2021	114.96	5.95	492	114.98	5.93	477
12 years (USD 1,540 millions)	04/10/2022	101.42	5.91	429	101.01	5.96	424
10 years (USD 500 millions)	27/01/2023	99.20	6.10	423	100.54	5.92	402
15 years (USD 250 millions)	03/12/2024	106.15	6.26	465	106.00	6.28	455
13 years (USD 800 millions)	12/06/2025	97.09	6.60	498	96.42	6.68	495
15 years (USD 725 millions)	27/11/2026	100.90	6.50	489	100.68	6.52	480
15 years (USD 500 millions)	29/11/2027	100.60	6.69	506	100.60	6.69	506

1. MONETARY SURVEY

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
Currency in Circulation	2,712.9	2,608.0	2,891.0	3,074.2	2,960.5	3,213.2
Sight Deposits in L.L.	3,015.4	3,380.7	3,247.4	3,638.2	3,847.9	3,890.4
M1	5,728.3	5,988.6	6,138.4	6,712.5	6,808.4	7,103.6
Other Deposits in L.L.	53,673.5	51,928.7	52,504.7	57,072.2	57,522.6	57,973.5
M2	59,401.9	57,917.4	58,643.0	63,784.7	64,331.0	65,077.0
Deposits in Foreign Currencies	79,292.8	86,963.5	87,639.7	90,294.6	90,455.9	91,401.8
Bonds	215.1	325.6	292.9	322.0	324.7	318.2
M3	138,909.8	145,206.4	146,575.6	154,401.3	155,111.6	156,797.0
M4*	146,820.8	153,013.4	154,364.6	162,526.3	163,245.6	164,679.0
Net Claims on Foreign Sector	66,535.7	66,799.2	65,463.7	64,450.4	64,888.1	64,437.4
Net Claims on Public Sector	48,878.1	50,329.3	50,909.1	54,091.5	54,055.0	54,596.4
Valuation Adjustment	-11,170.2	-15,471.4	-13,284.7	-15,544.6	-15,663.0	-14,707.9
Claims on Private Sector	47,828.7	53,438.8	54,163.8	58,723.8	59,226.3	59,690.2
Other Items Net	-13,162.6	-9,889.6	-10,676.3	-7,319.9	-7,394.7	-7,219.0
TOTAL	138,909.8	145,206.4	146,575.6	154,401.3	155,111.6	156,797.0

* 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 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
Banque du Liban	43,939.4	48,934.6	47,574.2	51,882.0	52,492.7	51,933.0
Gold	13,010.0	15,834.8	14,400.7	15,860.9	15,937.1	15,312.3
Foreign Currencies Reserves	31,163.3	33,326.2	33,391.6	36,237.8	36,772.2	36,836.6
Foreign Liabilities	233.9	226.4	218.1	216.7	216.7	216.0
Commercial Banks	2,741.7	-2,119.6	-1,579.6	-4,557.1	-5,070.5	-3,821.8
Claims on Non Resident Banks	15,843.8	13,403.5	14,629.8	13,294.9	12,888.3	14,396.0
Claims on Non Residents	4,613.1	5,756.6	5,150.2	5,379.7	5,300.1	5,606.6
Other Foreign Assets	5,270.4	5,717.3	5,716.7	6,042.7	6,145.0	6,164.5
Liabilities of Non Resident Banks	4,500.6	6,515.4	5,813.4	6,122.0	6,213.4	5,902.0
Deposits of Non Residents	18,485.0	20,481.7	21,262.9	23,152.4	23,190.4	24,086.9
Medium and Long Term Banks	-249.4	-239.3	-162.7	-106.3	-142.3	-110.4
Claims on Foreign Sector	406.9	359.0	350.8	342.0	307.2	327.9
Liabilities to the Foreign Sector	656.4	598.3	513.5	448.3	449.5	438.4

1.2 PRIVATE SECTOR DEPOSITS IN COMMERCIAL BANKS

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
Deposits of Residents	133,743.4	141,197.0	142,385.4	149,912.6	150,650.4	152,124.1
- Deposits of Res. in L.L.	55,036.7	54,949.3	55,388.7	60,192.2	60,836.2	61,299.4
- Deposits of Res. In For. Curr.	78,706.8	86,247.7	86,996.7	89,720.4	89,814.2	90,824.7
Deposits of Non Residents	27,866.2	30,876.1	32,053.9	34,902.2	34,959.5	36,311.0
- Deposits of N. Res. in L.L.	4,373.6	3,964.5	4,056.6	5,011.1	4,899.8	4,996.6
- Deposits of N. Res. in For. Curr.	23,492.6	26,911.6	27,997.3	29,891.1	30,059.7	31,314.4
Total Deposits in L.L.	59,410.3	58,913.7	59,445.3	65,203.3	65,736.0	66,296.0
Total Deposits in For. Curr.	102,199.4	113,159.4	114,994.0	119,611.5	119,873.9	122,139.1
GRAND TOTAL	161,609.6	172,073.1	174,439.3	184,814.8	185,609.9	188,435.1

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 **
2011 (Jan - Dec)	20,158.3	4,265.5	-15,892.8	2,270.7	-4,266.9	-1,996.2
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
2012	21,279.8	4,483.1	-16,796.7	580.9	-2,117.8	-1,536.9
January	1,453.8	347.7	-1,106.1	-103.0	-186.8	-289.8
February	2,798.8	429.2	-2,369.6	-26.6	-107.5	-134.1
March	1,722.6	376.8	-1,345.8	246.9	-196.2	50.7
April	1,547.8	318.6	-1,229.2	794.7	-1,337.6	-542.9
May	1,645.0	354.6	-1,290.4	-16.2	-65.3	-81.5
June	1,712.9	344.9	-1,368.0	252.4	-275.8	-23.4
July	1,738.6	316.5	-1,422.1	-237.8	-83.9	-321.7
August	1,781.8	339.1	-1,442.7	119.4	-616.1	-496.7
September	1,629.5	470.6	-1,158.9	-261.9	169.7	-92.2
October	1,773.8	440.0	-1,333.8	57.0	-154.0	-97.0
November	1,604.0	363.9	-1,240.1	729.2	-549.6	179.6
December	1,871.2	381.3	-1,489.9	-973.2	1,285.3	312.1

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	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
Assets						
Foreign Assets	62,723.6	70,324.6	68,162.5	68,319.2	68,928.2	68,266.8
-Gold	19,612.5	23,870.9	21,709.0	23,910.2	24,025.2	23,083.3
-Foreign Currencies	43,111.1	46,453.6	46,453.4	44,408.9	44,903.0	45,183.5
-Other Foreign Assets						
Claims on Private Sector	349.9	380.1	380.1	381.5	382.7	380.2
Loans to Commercial Banks	1,122.3	2,047.8	2,047.2	2,374.5	2,386.3	2,386.3
Loans to Specialized Financial Corp.	14.0	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7
Loans to Public Sector	218.1	139.2	139.8	54.9	55.1	55.4
Securities Portfolio	17,681.2	19,739.8	19,846.9	26,088.9	26,655.1	24,989.9
Fixed Assets	403.9	351.0	357.7	387.3	388.6	386.6
Unclassified Assets	11,867.8	15,815.9	14,986.5	18,999.1	19,524.3	19,096.2
TOTAL	94,380.8	108,850.1	105,972.3	116,657.0	118,372.1	115,613.0
Liabilities						
Currency in Circulation outside BDL	3,088.3	3,086.1	3,283.3	3,552.8	3,441.7	3,638.5
Commercial Banks Deposits	57,365.9	67,357.0	68,787.9	75,924.9	76,672.1	76,018.4
Corporations Deposits	2,193.2	1,028.2	963.8	1,045.9	1,119.4	1,092.3
Private Sector Deposits	45.2	47.7	42.4	46.6	56.7	49.2
Public Sector Accounts	9,311.7	9,310.7	7,984.6	8,813.8	9,382.7	8,907.9
Valuation Adjustment	11,170.2	15,471.4	13,284.7	15,544.6	15,663.0	14,707.9
Foreign Liabilities	352.6	341.3	328.8	326.6	326.6	325.5
Special Long Term Liabilities	2,503.0	2,502.7	2,503.3	2,202.3	2,201.1	2,201.5
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	4,555.8	4,495.2	4,495.2	5,080.1
Unclassified Liabilities	1,056.5	2,478.9	1,222.6	1,689.3	1,998.5	576.5
TOTAL	94,380.8	108,850.1	105,972.3	116,657.0	118,372.1	115,613.0

3. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

(end of period, in billions of Lebanese Pounds)

	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
Assets						
Reserves	61,153.5	70,769.2	71,535.4	79,377.4	80,326.1	79,604.0
Vault Cash	375.4	478.2	392.3	478.5	481.2	425.4
Deposits at BDL	60,778.2	70,291.1	71,143.1	78,898.9	79,844.9	79,178.7
Claims on Private Sector	45,702.1	51,021.2	51,594.4	56,348.5	56,736.7	57,052.4
In Lebanese Pounds	10,381.6	12,687.6	12,820.5	14,540.4	14,555.5	14,653.0
In Foreign Currencies	35,320.5	38,333.5	38,773.9	41,808.1	42,181.2	42,399.4
Claims on Public Sector	44,192.3	44,438.4	44,055.1	45,663.8	46,425.0	46,930.5
Claims on Foreign Sector	38,783.9	37,502.8	38,436.3	37,261.3	36,682.5	39,446.9
Fixed Assets	4,187.6	5,158.4	5,130.8	5,194.9	5,203.1	5,566.3
Unclassified Assets	335.3	1,304.8	1,166.2	1,337.4	1,327.3	363.3
TOTAL	194,354.7	210,194.7	211,918.2	225,183.2	226,700.6	228,963.5
Liabilities						
Resident Private Sector Deposits	133,743.4	141,197.0	142,385.4	149,912.6	150,650.4	152,124.1
Demand Deposits in L.L.	2,950.8	3,334.2	3,200.6	3,591.5	3,786.6	3,808.1
Time and Saving Deposits in L.L.	52,085.8	51,615.0	52,188.1	56,600.8	57,049.6	57,491.3
Deposits in Foreign Currencies	78,706.8	86,247.7	86,996.7	89,720.4	89,814.2	90,824.7
Public Sector Deposits	2,107.4	2,680.2	2,999.1	3,632.4	3,712.0	4,008.0
Non Resident Private Sector Deposits	27,866.2	30,876.1	32,053.9	34,902.2	34,959.5	36,311.0
Non Resident Financial Sect. Deposits	6,784.7	9,822.0	8,763.7	9,228.8	9,366.8	8,897.3
Other Financial Liabilities	411.8	689.8	661.4	665.5	403.7	395.9
Capital Accounts	13,901.0	15,841.4	16,161.5	17,914.7	18,267.0	19,057.8
Unclassified Liabilities	9,540.2	9,088.3	8,893.2	8,926.9	9,341.3	8,169.4
TOTAL	194,354.7	210,194.7	211,918.2	225,183.2	226,700.6	228,963.5

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	
2011												
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
2012												
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
Sep	7.30	1.11	2.50	5.73	5.43	2.75	7.16	0.31	0.83	3.30	2.83	0.39
Oct	7.31	1.22	2.75	5.76	5.43	2.75	7.15	0.29	1.16	3.33	2.87	0.33
Nov	7.11	1.22	2.82	5.79	5.38	2.75	7.09	0.28	1.20	3.31	2.85	0.31
Dec	7.07	1.16	2.93	5.78	5.41	2.75	6.87	0.26	0.88	3.35	2.86	0.31

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
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
2012	3.36	3.43	3.96	3.98	3.97	3.97	3.99	4.01	4.05	4.11	4.12	4.12

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	
2009	4.50	4.55	5.56	5.72	5.42	5.73	6.32	7.10	10.00
2010	3.89	3.93	4.42	4.52	4.59	4.81	5.34	5.94	10.00
2011									
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
2012									
Oct	4.39	4.44	4.87	4.99	5.08	5.35	5.84	6.50	10.00
Nov	4.38	4.43	4.87	4.99	5.08	5.35	5.84	6.50	10.00
Dec	4.38	4.43	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
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
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
2012														
Jan	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	296.5	1,879.3
Feb	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	284.3	1,735.9
Mar	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	312.2	1,796.3
Apr	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	277.1	1,740.0

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
Beirut	592187	3797053	702606	4438928	657434	4146455	642029	3957106	735224	4535024	668818	4074395
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
Jounieh	36353	116975	42281	143615	39596	141477	37701	127484	35450	124284	17366	62402
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
Other Branches	36617	182174	44370	217679	41516	199819	35655	186588	34793	183494	26342	147295
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
TOTAL	665157	4096203	789257	4800222	738546	4487751	715385	4271177	805467	4842803	712526	4284092
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
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
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
2012	9,719.2	6,400.0	9,121.6	5,692.0	1,786.0	2,171.9	2,900.1	2,417.1	235.5	713.2
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
Sep	990.0	421.1	1,021.7	349.7	1,783.2	1,878.6	183.8	173.5	231.8	656.2
Oct	681.9	404.6	922.3	339.1	1,505.9	1,924.3	200.8	171.3	231.4	660.4
Nov	730.0	583.5	679.1	407.6	1,542.9	2,075.4	193.4	197.3	238.6	671.4
Dec	991.8	818.1	742.6	677.6	1,786.0	2,171.9	322.9	168.0	235.5	713.2

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

	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Sep 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
Gross Local Currency debt	44,973.0	48,255.0	49,340.0	50,095.0	50,989.0	51,325.0	50,198.0
1. Long term bonds (2)	40,842.0	43,805.0	46,512.0	47,706.0	48,485.0	48,816.0	47,448.0
- over 24 months	36,944.0	39,592.0	41,793.0	42,843.0	43,652.0	43,936.0	42,499.0
- 24 months	2,989.0	3,398.0	3,972.0	4,134.0	4,123.0	4,164.0	4,208.0
- Coupon interest	909.0	815.0	747.0	729.0	710.0	716.0	741.0
2. Short term T Bills (2)	3,735.0	4,155.0	2,583.0	2,189.0	2,334.0	2,347.0	2,591.0
- 12 months	2,073.0	1,969.0	887.0	872.0	960.0	947.0	965.0
- 6 months	1,510.0	2,111.0	1,569.0	1,216.0	1,279.0	1,302.0	1,312.0
- 3 months	152.0	75.0	127.0	101.0	95.0	98.0	314.0
3. Loans	396.0	295.0	245.0	200.0	170.0	162.0	159.0

(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								
2011								
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
2012								
Aug	1,507.50	1,870	1,557	2,369	1,918	1,517	43,567	2,457,069
Sep	1,507.50	1,938	1,603	2,429	1,929	1,540	50,719	2,626,803
Oct	1,507.50	1,956	1,617	2,424	1,910	1,529	50,151	2,635,638
Nov	1,507.50	1,935	1,605	2,408	1,864	1,513	49,414	2,599,622
Dec	1,507.50	1,977	1,635	2,434	1,804	1,524	48,213	2,543,529
End of Period								
2011								
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
2012								
Aug	1,507.50	1,892	1,575	2,385	1,919	1,520	46,069	2,502,571
Sep	1,507.50	1,952	1,613	2,446	1,943	1,540	52,363	2,684,677
Oct	1,507.50	1,961	1,623	2,429	1,888	1,511	48,602	2,592,644
Nov	1,507.50	1,960	1,627	2,416	1,824	1,518	51,579	2,605,111
Dec	1,507.50	1,988	1,645	2,425	1,754	1,515	45,315	2,502,978

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

(end of period)

	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
I. Gross Local Currency Debt (bns of L.L.)	44,973.0	48,255.0	49,340.0	50,989.0	51,325.0	50,198.0
1.1 Central Bank	10,334.0	13,130.0	16,374.0	16,250.0	16,523.0	15,049.0
Treasury Bills Portfolio (2)	10043.0	12,912.0	16,235.0	16,195.0	16,469.0	14,994.0
Loans to Public Entities	291.0	218.0	139.0	55.0	54.0	55.0
1.2 Banks	27,286.0	27,214.0	25,177.0	26,614.0	26,668.0	27,267.0
Treasury Bills (4)	27,181.0	27,137.0	25,071.0	26,499.0	26,560.0	27,163.0
Loans to Public Entities	105.0	77.0	106.0	115.0	108.0	104.0
1.3 Non Banking System TBs (3)	7,353.0	7,911.0	7,789.0	8,125.0	8,134.0	7,882.0
II. Public Sector Deposits	10,522.0	11,419.0	10,984.0	12,446.0	13,095.0	12,916.0
III. Net Local Currency Debt	34,451.0	36,836.0	38,356.0	38,543.0	38,230.0	37,282.0
IV. Foreign Currency Debt (mns of USD)	21,319.0	20,592.0	20,927.0	22,815.0	23,506.0	24,387.0
V. Net Total Debt (bns of L.L.)	66,590.0	67,879.0	69,903.0	72,937.0	73,666.0	74,045.0

(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 2012)

Listed Shares	Traded Volume	% of Volume	Traded Value (\$)	% of Value	Closing Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
Solidere "A"	609,808	9.55	7,762,314	23.97	13.00	12.73
Solidere "B"	369,601	5.79	4,749,927	14.67	12.93	12.85
Banque Libanaise pour le Commerce	2,446	0.04	4,427	0.01	1.81	1.81
Banque Libanaise pour le Commerce (Preferred Shares "A")	200	0.00	20,400	0.06	102.00	102.00
Banque Libanaise pour le Commerce (Preferred Shares "B")	0	0.00	0	0.00	102.00	-
Audi - Saradar Bank	548,056	8.58	3,289,497	10.16	6.09	6.00
Audi - Saradar Bank GDR	76,331	1.19	461,343	1.42	6.29	6.04
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "D")	56,500	0.88	580,325	1.79	10.35	10.27
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "E")	691	0.01	69,100	0.21	100.00	100.00
Audi Bank (Preferred Shares "F")	0	0.00	0	0.00	100.00	-
Bank of Beirut	6,856	0.11	129,964	0.40	19.00	18.96
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares "D")	57,200	0.90	1,550,120	4.79	-	27.10
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares "E")	12,000	0.19	310,400	0.96	25.70	25.87
Bank of Beirut (Preferred shares "H")	16,000	0.25	417,540	1.29	26.00	26.10
Byblos Bank	2,625,253	41.10	3,981,907	12.30	1.59	1.52
Byblos Bank GDR	60	0.00	4,200	0.01	70.00	70.00
Byblos Bank "Preferred Shares 2008"	12,148	0.19	1,237,432	3.82	101.70	101.86
Byblos Bank "Preferred Shares 2009"	16,271	0.25	1,657,951	5.12	102.10	101.90
BEMO	0	0.00	0	0.00	1.89	-
BEMO Bank "Preferred Shares"	0	0.00	0	0.00	100.00	-
BLOM GDR	127,594	2.00	993,511	3.07	7.95	7.79
BLOM	30,451	0.48	231,296	0.71	7.85	7.60
BLOM "Preferred Shares 2011"	2,292	0.04	23,310	0.07	10.17	10.17
RYMCO	1,805,864	28.27	4,332,874	13.38	2.64	2.40
HOLCIM Liban	2,550	0.04	39,088	0.12	15.75	15.33
Société de Ciments Blancs "B"	5,000	0.08	16,300	0.05	3.26	3.26
Société de Ciments Blancs "N"	0	0.00	0	0.00	3.30	-
Beirut Preferred Fund	5,000	0.08	517,500	1.60	103.50	103.50
Total	6,388,172	100	32,380,726	100	-	-

9.2 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

	Maturity	Closing November 2012		Closing December 2012	
		Price	Yield	Price	Yield
Banque de la Méditerranée (5 years)	14/12/2017	-	-	99.15	5.58%
Banque du Liban (10 years)	25/04/2015	118.03	2.21%	118.01	1.99%

9.3 EUROBONDS

	Maturity	Closing November 2012			Closing December 2012		
		Price	Yield	Spread	Price	Yield	Spread
5 years (Euro Notes) BEMO Bank	30/06/2014	102.72	5.17	492	102.69	5.11	485

9.4 DIFFERENT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	Closing November 2012	Average Price	Closing December 2012	Average Price	Change (%)
GDR (Solidere)	12.11 - 12.38 \$	12.25	12.63 - 12.77 \$	12.70	3.67
GDR (BLOM)	7.72 - 7.80 \$	7.76	7.95 - 8.10 \$	8.03	3.48
GDR (Audi - Saradar)	5.82 - 6.00 \$	5.91	6.03 - 6.30 \$	6.16	4.23
GDR (Byblos)	... - 85.00 \$	85.00	... - 85.00 \$	85.00	0.00



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