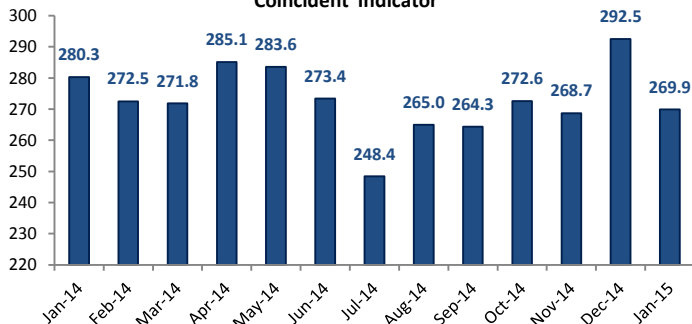


# LEBANON ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS: January 2015

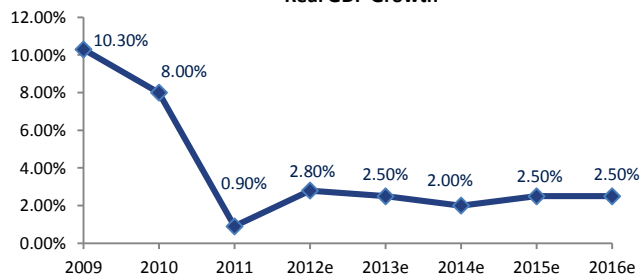
## Coincident Indicator (INDIC) down -3.7% YOY in January 2015:

The coincident indicator witnessed a decrease of -3.7% YOY to 269.9 in January 2015 from 280.3 in January 2014. The indicator decreased -7.7% MOM from 292.5 in December 2014. Coincident indicator was created in 1994 by the BDL as a monthly estimate of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It includes eight economic indicators that seek to reflect the current state of the economy in Lebanon. The economic variables that compose the coincident indicator are: electricity production, cement deliveries, cleared checks, money supply M3, passengers flows, imports of petroleum derivatives, imports and exports.

Coincident Indicator



Real GDP Growth



Source: BDL

Source: IMF

According to the IMF, the Lebanese economy is expected to have grown by 2.8% in 2012. The estimated growth rates for 2013 and 2014 are 2.5% and 2.0% respectively, and forecasted at 2.5% for both 2015 and 2016.

## Electricity Production:

Electricity production decreased -9.4% YOY and -6.4% MOM to 1,032 millions of Kwh.

## Cement Deliveries:

Cement deliveries, an indicator of construction activity, decreased -38.8% YOY and -40.8% MOM to 263,179 tons. Construction permits in surface area, an indicator of future supply in the real estate sector, decreased -14.6% MOM and -20.0% YOY to 842,248 sqm.

## Cleared Checks:

The total value of cleared checks in both LBP and FC decreased -7.4% YOY and -7.5% MOM to USD 5,821 million. The cleared checks in LBP increased 0.8% YOY yet decreased -6.7% MOM to LBP 2,249 billion. Those in FC decreased -7.6% YOY and -7.8% MOM to USD 4,327 million.

## Money Supply M3:

M3 increased 5.6% YOY yet decreased -0.5% MOM to LBP 176,583 billion (USD 117.1 billion), in January 2015. 58.5% of money supply M3 is denominated in foreign currencies.

## Passengers Flows:

The number of passengers arriving to Lebanon increased 12.7% YOY yet decreased -24.7% MOM to 225,479.

## Imports Of Petroleum Derivatives:

Imports of petroleum derivatives decreased -2.5% YOY and -6.8% MOM to 592,764 metric tons of petroleum derivatives.

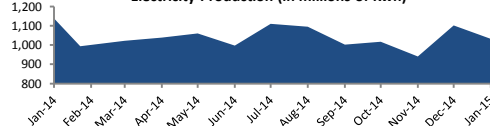
## Imports:

Imports decreased -28.4% YOY and -18.7% MOM to LBP 2,021 billion. In the first month of 2015, China was the main source of imports, followed by Italy and France.

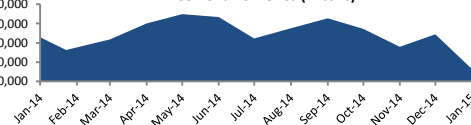
## Exports:

Exports totaled LBP 377 billion reflecting an increase of 2.6% YOY yet decreased -6.6% MOM. In the first month of 2015, Saudi Arabia was the main export destination followed by UAE and Syria.

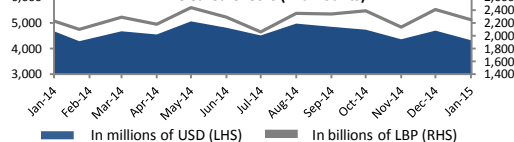
Electricity Production (in millions of Kwh)



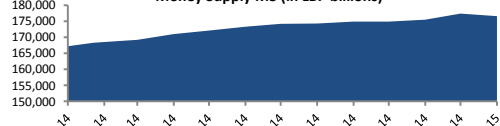
Cement Deliveries (in tons)



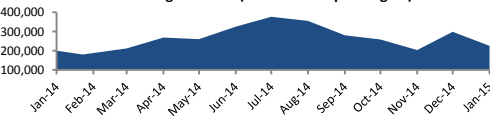
Cleared Checks (in amounts)



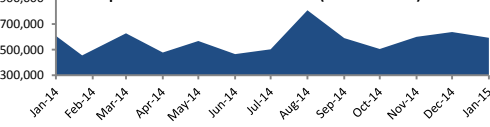
Money Supply M3 (in LBP billions)



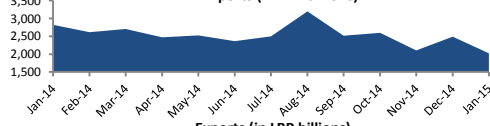
Passengers Flows (in number of passengers)



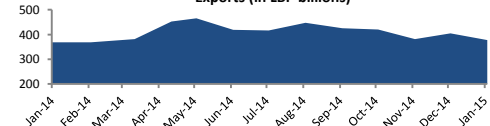
Imports Of Petroleum Derivatives (in metric tons)



Imports (in LBP billions)



Exports (in LBP billions)



Source: BDL, ABL

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