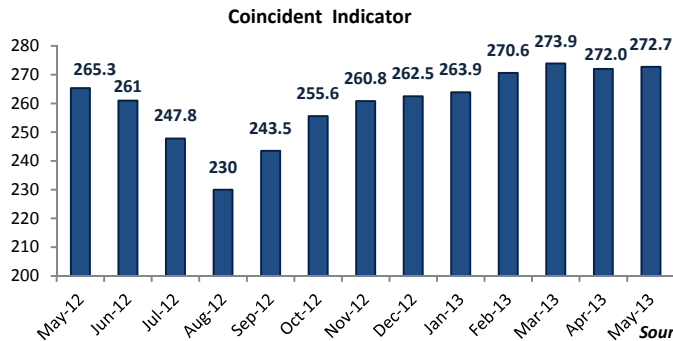


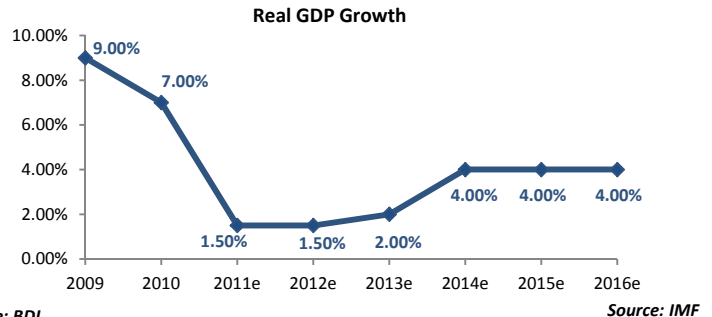
## LEBANON ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS: May 2013

### Coincident Indicator (INDIC) up 2.8% YOY in May 2013:

In May 2013, the coincident indicator witnessed an increase of 2.8% YOY from 265.3 in May 2012 to 272.7 in May 2013. The indicator increased 0.3% MOM from 272.0 in April 2013. 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.



Source: BDL

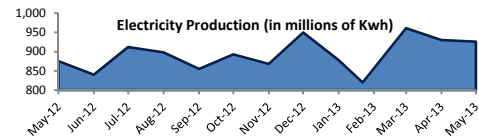


Source: IMF

According to the IMF, the Lebanese economy is expected to have a growth rate of 1.5% in 2011. The estimated growth rate for 2012 is 1.5%, for 2013 is 2.0% and is forecasted to stabilize at 4.0% for the following three years into 2016.

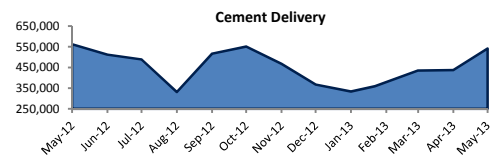
### Electricity Production:

Electricity production increased 5.8% YOY but decreased -0.4% MOM to 926 million of Kwh.



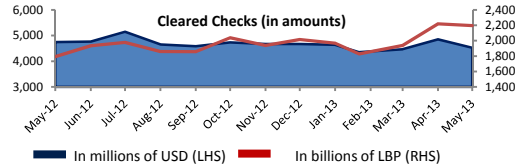
### Cement Deliveries:

Cement deliveries, an indicator of construction activity, decreased -15.9% YOY to 437,535 tons but increased 0.6% MOM. Construction permits, an indicator of future supply in the real estate sector, increased by 13.6% YOY and 32.4% MOM.



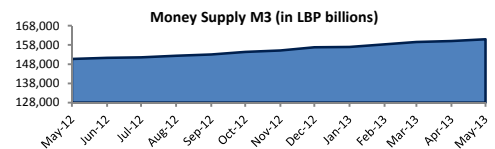
### Cleared Checks:

The total value of cleared checks in both LBP and USD increased 0.8% YOY to USD 5,983 million. The cleared checks in LBP increased 22.6% YOY to LBP 2,197 billion but decreased -1.0% MOM, and those in USD decreased -4.7% YOY to USD 4,524 million and -6.8% MOM.



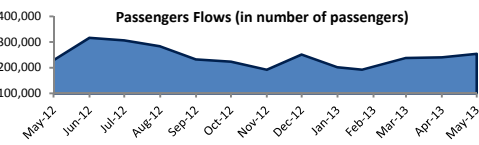
### Money Supply M3:

M3 increased by 6.8% YOY and 0.6% MOM to LBP 160,954 billion (USD 106.8 billion), of which 58.6% is denominated in foreign currencies.



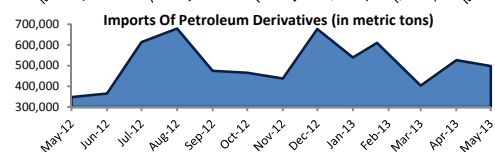
### Passengers Flows:

The number of passengers arriving to Lebanon increased by 10.9% YOY and 5.8% MOM to 254,160.



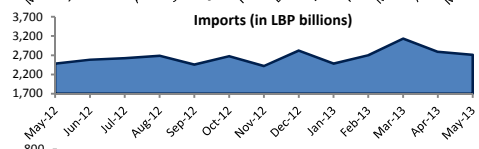
### Imports Of Petroleum Derivatives:

Imports of petroleum derivatives increased by 43.3% YOY but decreased -5.4% MOM to 498,112 metric tons of petroleum derivatives.



### Imports:

Imports increased by 9.2% YOY to LBP 2,710 billion but decreased -2.8% MOM. The U.S was the main source of imports in the first five months of 2013, followed by China and Italy.



### Exports:

Exports totaled LBP 548 billion reflecting an increase of 2.5% YOY but decreased -11.8% MOM. In the first five months of 2013, Syria was the main export destination followed by South Africa and Saudi Arabia.



Source: BDL

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