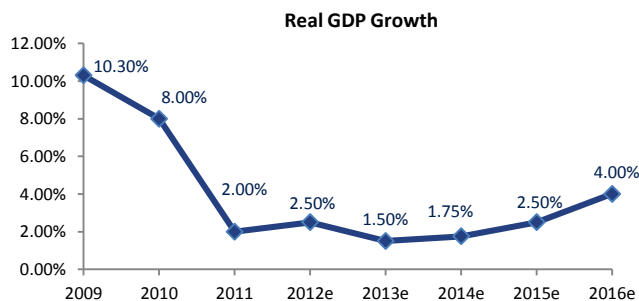
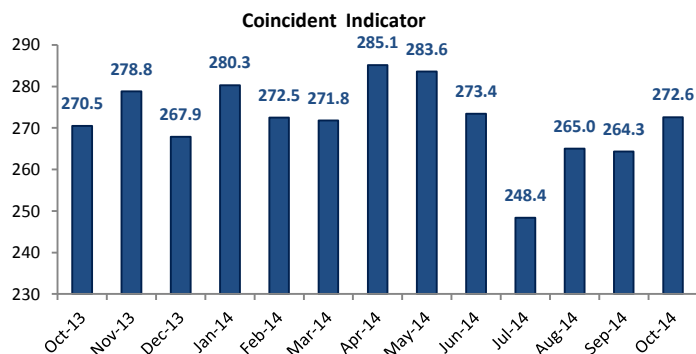


LEBANON ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS: October 2014

Coincident Indicator (INDIC) up 0.8% YOY in October 2014:

The coincident indicator witnessed an increase of 0.8% YOY to 272.6 in October 2014 from 270.5 in October 2013. The indicator increased 3.1% MOM from 264.3 in September 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.



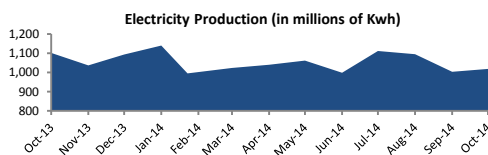
Source: BDL

Source: IMF

According to the IMF, the Lebanese economy is expected to have grown by 2.5% in 2012. The estimated growth rates for 2013 and 2014 are 1.5% and 1.75% respectively, and is forecasted to reach 2.5% for 2015 and 4.0% for 2016.

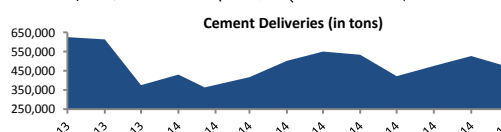
Electricity Production:

Electricity production decreased -7.6% YOY while it increased 1.4% MOM to 1,017 millions of Kwh.



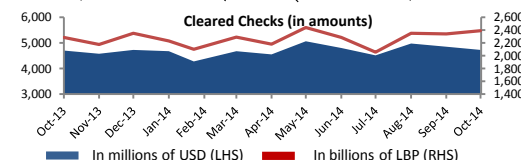
Cement Deliveries:

Cement deliveries, an indicator of construction activity, decreased -24.6% YOY and -10.5% MOM to 471,881 tons. Construction permits in surface area, an indicator of future supply in the real estate sector, increased 5.8% MOM to 1,102,182 sqm yet decreased -1.9% YOY.



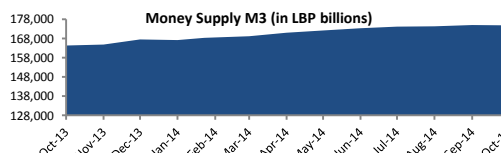
Cleared Checks:

The total value of cleared checks in both LBP and FC increased 1.7% YOY to USD 6,317 million. The cleared checks in LBP increased 4.7% YOY and 2.2% MOM to LBP 2,392 billion. Those in FC increased 0.7% YOY to USD 4,733 million yet decreasing -2.5% MOM.



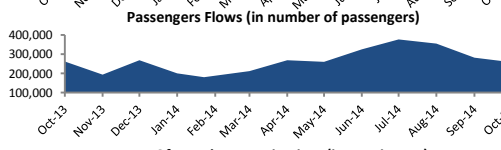
Money Supply M3:

M3 increased by 6.4% YOY to LBP 174,904 billion (USD 116.0 billion), while remained flat MOM. 58.8% of money supply M3 is denominated in foreign currencies.



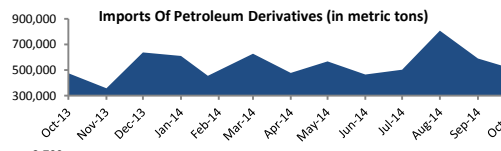
Passengers Flows:

The number of passengers arriving to Lebanon decreased -1.1% YOY and -7.9% MOM to 259,301.



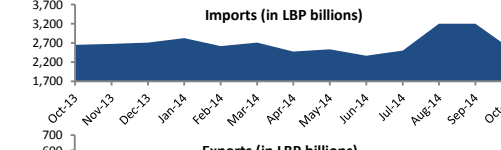
Imports Of Petroleum Derivatives:

Imports of petroleum derivatives increased by 6.0% YOY to 503,237 metric tons of petroleum derivatives although decreased by -14.5% MOM.



Imports:

Imports decreased -4.9% YOY and -21.2% MOM to LBP 2,520 billion. In the first 10 months of 2014, China was the main source of imports, followed by Italy and France.



Exports:

Exports totaled LBP 425 billion reflecting a decrease of -27.9% YOY and -1.2% MOM. In the first 10 months of 2014, Saudi Arabia was the main export destination followed by South Africa and UAE.



Source: BDL, ABL

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