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Lebanon's  
Dashboard  
of Economic  
Indicators

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## ► General Macroeconomic Indicators

|  | 2006    | 2007    | 2008    | 2009    | 2010    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| • <b>Population</b> (Millions)   | 3.759   | 3.759   | 3.808   | 3.857   | 3.908   |
| • <b>GDP<sup>1</sup></b>   |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Nominal GDP (Billions LBP)   | 33,826  | 37,774  | 45,124  | 52,051  | 59,017  |
| - Nominal GDP (Millions USD)   | 22,439  | 25,057  | 29,933  | 34,528  | 39,149  |
| - GDP Deflator <sup>2</sup>  | 705     | 732     | 800     | 847     | 889     |
| - Nominal GDP per Capita (Thousands LBP)                               | 8,999   | 10,049  | 11,850  | 13,494  | 15,104  |
| - Real Growth Rate   | 0.60%   | 7.50%   | 9.30%   | 8.00%   | 7.00%   |
| - Percent Change in Nominal GDP  | 2.64%   | 11.67%  | 19.46%  | 15.35%  | 13.38%  |
| - Inflation <sup>3</sup>   | 7.21%   | 5.96%   | 6.36%   | 3.41%   | 4.73%   |
| • <b>Reserves</b> (Millions USD)                                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Gross Foreign Currency Reserves                                      | 10,207  | 9,778   | 17,062  | 25,660  | 25,598  |
| - Gold   | 5,807   | 7,640   | 8,032   | 10,062  | 13,010  |
| - Gold (Thousands Troy Ounces)   | 9,222   | 9,222   | 9,222   | 9,222   | 9,222   |
| • <b>Public Finance</b> (Billions LBP)                                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Government Revenues  | 7,316   | 8,749   | 10,553  | 12,705  | 12,684  |
| - Government Expenditures  | 11,879  | 12,587  | 14,957  | 17,167  | 17,047  |
| - Government Deficit   | (4,564) | (3,838) | (4,404) | (4,642) | (4,363) |
| - Primary Deficit / Surplus <sup>4</sup>                               | (7)     | 1,102   | 900     | 1,625   | 1,855   |
| - Government Deficit as a % of Nominal GDP                             | 13.5%   | 10.2%   | 9.8%    | 8.6%    | 7.4%    |
| • <b>Foreign Trade</b>   |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Current Account Balance as a % of GDP                                | -5.27%  | -6.78%  | -9.25%  | -9.49%  | -11.09% |
| • <b>Public Debt</b> (Billions LBP)                                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Gross Public Debt  | 60,857  | 63,364  | 70,941  | 77,112  | 79,295  |
| - Local Currency Debt  | 30,204  | 31,373  | 39,007  | 44,973  | 48,255  |
| - Foreign Currency Debt  | 30,653  | 31,991  | 31,934  | 32,139  | 31,040  |
| - Gross debt as % of GDP   | 180%    | 168%    | 157%    | 148%    | 134%    |
| • <b>Industry</b>  |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Total Exports (Millions LBP)   | 3,442   | 4,247   | 5,246   | 5,254   | 6,420   |
| - Electricity Production (Millions Kwh)                                | 10,214  | 10,548  | 11,189  | 11,920  | 12,458  |
| - Cement Deliveries (Thousands Tons)                                   | 3,423   | 3,945   | 4,219   | 4,897   | 5,227   |
| • <b>Construction</b>  |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Construction Permits Issued (Thousands sqm)                          | 8,693   | 9,038   | 16,024  | 14,340  | 17,603  |
| • <b>Commerce</b>  |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Port of Beirut Ship Activity (Number of ships)                       | 1,829   | 2,187   | 2,055   | 2,395   | 2,285   |
| - Port of Beirut Activity (Thousands incoming, outgoing, transit tons) | 4,342   | 5,351   | 5,917   | 6,494   | 6,472   |
| - Beirut Airport Activity (Thousands arrivals, departures, transfers)  | 2,825   | 3,409   | 4,085   | 4,985   | 5,553   |
| • <b>Remittances</b> (Millions USD)                                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Inflows  | 5,202   | 5,769   | 7,181   | 7,558   | 8,177   |
| - Outflows   | 3,445   | 2,967   | 4,366   | 5,749   | N/A     |
| • <b>FDI Flows</b> (Millions USD)                                      |         |         |         |         |         |
| - Inward   | 3,132   | 3,376   | 4,333   | 4,804   | N/A     |
| - Outward  | 875     | 848     | 987     | 1,126   | N/A     |

1. All GDP figures for 2010 are IMF estimates and may be subject to change.
2. GDP Deflator is defined as (Nominal GDP / Real GDP) \* 100.
3. Inflation reflects end of period consumer prices as estimated by the IMF.
4. Surplus or deficit, excluding debt related payments.

Note: Exchange rate of 1,507.5 LBP = 1 USD used to convert between currencies.

Debt / GDP  
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## ► Central Bank Balance Sheet

| Billions LBP  | Q1 10         | Q2 10         | Q3 10         | Q4 10         | YoY           | YTD           |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>• Assets</b>   |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| - Gold  | 15,419        | 17,291        | 18,266        | 19,613        | 29.30%        | 29.30%        |
| - Foreign Currencies  | 40,953        | 41,328        | 42,905        | 43,111        | 11.45%        | 11.45%        |
| - Claims on Private Sector                                  | 352           | 365           | 371           | 350           | 5.11%         | 5.11%         |
| - Loans to Banks and Financial Corporations                 | 1,847         | 1,404         | 1,413         | 1,136         | -36.97%       | -36.97%       |
| - Claims on Public Sector                                   | 280           | 257           | 246           | 218           | -25.27%       | -25.27%       |
| - Securities Portfolio                                      | 16,101        | 16,284        | 15,574        | 17,681        | 13.89%        | 13.89%        |
| - Fixed Assets  | 410           | 405           | 405           | 404           | -1.64%        | -1.64%        |
| - Unclassified Assets <sup>1</sup>                          | 9,263         | 10,447        | 11,487        | 11,868        | 34.67%        | 34.67%        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>84,625</b> | <b>87,781</b> | <b>90,667</b> | <b>94,381</b> | <b>16.48%</b> | <b>16.48%</b> |
| <b>• Liabilities</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| - Currency in Circulation outside BDL                       | 2,731         | 2,761         | 2,885         | 3,088         | 13.14%        | 13.14%        |
| - Deposits of Banks and Financial Corporations <sup>2</sup> | 55,366        | 56,552        | 59,082        | 59,559        | 14.65%        | 14.65%        |
| - Liabilities to the Private Sector                         | 32            | 40            | 44            | 45            | 26.54%        | 26.54%        |
| - Public Sector Accounts                                    | 9,075         | 8,719         | 7,370         | 9,312         | 4.26%         | 4.26%         |
| - Valuation Adjustment                                      | 6,959         | 8,744         | 9,842         | 11,170        | 65.23%        | 65.23%        |
| - Securities Other than Shares <sup>3</sup>                 | 3,015         | 3,015         | 3,015         | 3,015         | 0.00%         | 0.00%         |
| - Foreign Liabilities                                       | 409           | 381           | 367           | 353           | -40.61%       | -40.61%       |
| - Special Long-term Liabilities                             | 2,503         | 2,503         | 2,503         | 2,503         | -0.65%        | -0.65%        |
| - Capital Accounts  | 3,342         | 3,276         | 3,276         | 4,279         | 28.03%        | 28.03%        |
| - Unclassified Liabilities <sup>4</sup>                     | 1,193         | 1,788         | 2,282         | 1,056         | -8.03%        | -8.03%        |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                    | <b>84,625</b> | <b>87,781</b> | <b>90,667</b> | <b>94,381</b> | <b>16.48%</b> | <b>16.48%</b> |

Note: Totals may be slightly off due to rounding

1. Unclassified assets include the following items: other debtor accounts, counterparty securities, accounts receivable, a regularization account, inventory and fixed assets.
2. Includes investment banks and financial institutions.
3. Certificates of Deposit issued by BDL.
4. Unclassified liabilities include the following items: notes payable, other creditor accounts and regularization accounts.

YoY figures represent the percent difference between the most recent quarter as compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

Source: BDL

## ► Public Revenues

| Billions LBP  | Q1 10 | Q2 10 | Q3 10 | Q4 10 | YoY     | TTM     |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| <b>• Total Revenues (a+b)</b>   | 3,084 | 3,464 | 2,775 | 3,361 | 3.22%   | -0.17%  |
| <b>a. Treasury Receipts</b>   | 170   | 166   | 178   | 152   | -16.48% | -0.45%  |
| <b>b. Budget Revenues (i+ii)</b>  | 2,914 | 3,298 | 2,597 | 3,209 | 4.39%   | -0.15%  |
| <b>i. Tax Revenues</b>  | 2,361 | 2,958 | 2,340 | 2,317 | 3.85%   | 11.24%  |
| - Taxes on Income, Profits & Capital Gains<br>(including Income Tax on Profits, Wages and Salaries, Capital Gains and Dividends; Tax on Interest Income (5%); Penalties on Income Tax)  | 431   | 959   | 333   | 327   | 4.47%   | 11.47%  |
| - Taxes on Property<br>(including Built Property Tax, Real Estate Registration Fees)  | 275   | 292   | 244   | 277   | -2.12%  | 34.49%  |
| - Domestic Taxes on Goods & Services<br>(including Value Added Tax and Taxes on Goods and Services, especially Private Car Registration Fees and Passenger Departure Tax)   | 867   | 879   | 915   | 922   | 7.96%   | 9.91%   |
| - Taxes on International Trade<br>(including Customs; Excises on Gasoline, Tobacco and Cars)  | 663   | 713   | 751   | 675   | 0.30%   | 5.18%   |
| - Other Tax Revenue<br>(namely fiscal stamp fees)   | 125   | 115   | 97    | 116   | 7.41%   | 14.39%  |
| <b>ii. Non-tax Revenues</b>   | 553   | 340   | 258   | 892   | 5.81%   | -33.41% |
| - Income from Public Institutions and Gov't Prop.<br>(including non-financial public enterprises such as Casino du Liban, Port of Beirut, National Lottery and Telecoms; transfers from BDL; Property Income, namely rent from RHIA; other interests) | 394   | 187   | 106   | 695   | 3.27%   | -43.73% |
| - Administrative Fees & Charges<br>(including fees for notaries, passports, public security, vehicle control, driving licenses and judicial fees; work permit fees; and more)   | 132   | 125   | 120   | 158   | 8.97%   | 5.94%   |
| - Penalties and Confiscations   | 2     | 1     | 3     | 2     | 0.00%   | 14.29%  |
| - Other Non-tax Revenues<br>(mostly retirement deductibles)   | 25    | 27    | 29    | 37    | 60.87%  | 18.00%  |

Note: Totals may be slightly off due to rounding

YoY figures represent the percent difference between the most recent quarter as compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

TTM figures represent the percent difference in the cumulative amount from the most recent four quarters as compared to the same four quarters a year earlier.

Source: MOF, Directorate General of Finance

Telecom receipts transferred in December

## ► Public Expenditures

| Billions LBP   | Q1 10 | Q2 10 | Q3 10 | Q4 10 | YoY      | TTM     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------|
| <b>• Total Expenditures</b>  | 3,944 | 3,982 | 4,485 | 4,636 | 6.16%    | -0.70%  |
| <b>a. Current Expenditures</b>   | 3,046 | 3,134 | 3,485 | 3,257 | -5.89%   | 2.42%   |
| <b>i. Interest Payments</b><br>(including local and foreign currency debt)   | 1,396 | 1,486 | 1,583 | 1,428 | -10.97%  | 1.88%   |
| <b>ii. Other Current Expenditures</b><br>(including personnel costs; foreign debt principal repayment; materials and supplies; and more) | 1,650 | 1,648 | 1,902 | 1,829 | -1.51%   | 2.87%   |
| <b>b. Capital Expenditures</b><br>(including equipment and maintenance for ongoing infrastructure construction; and more)                | 173   | 135   | 197   | 186   | 22.37%   | 25.64%  |
| <b>c. Other Treasury Expenditures</b>  | 713   | 701   | 789   | 1,181 | 60.46%   | -14.26% |
| <b>i. Transfers to Electricite du Liban</b>  | 505   | 344   | 401   | 547   | 6.01%    | -20.45% |
| <b>ii. Other</b><br>(including expenditures on municipalities, guarantees and deposits; VAT refunds; High Relief Committee)              | 208   | 357   | 388   | 634   | 188.18%  | -5.98%  |
| <b>d. Unclassified Expenditures</b>  | 1     | 2     | 1     | 0     | -100.00% | 33.33%  |
| <b>e. Customs Cashiers</b>   | 11    | 10    | 13    | 12    | -29.41%  | -8.00%  |

Note: Totals may be slightly off due to rounding

YoY figures represent the percent difference between the most recent quarter as compared to the same quarter of the previous year.  
TTM figures represent the percent difference in the cumulative amount from the most recent four quarters as compared to the same four quarters a year earlier.

Source: MoF; Directorate General of Finance

↑ in transfers to municipalities

## ► Government Budget

| Cumulative through Q4 10 - Billions LBP | Jan-Dec 09 | Jan-Dec 10 | % Change |
|---|------------|------------|----------|
| <b>• Revenues</b>                       | 12,705     | 12,684     | -0.17%   |
| <b>• Expenditures</b>                   | 17,167     | 17,047     | -0.70%   |
| <b>• Deficit / Surplus</b>              | -4,462     | -4,363     | -2.22%   |

Source: MoF

## ► Public Debt

| Billions LBP  | 2007   | 2008   | 2009   | 2010   | YTD     |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| <b>• Gross Public Debt (a+b)</b>  | 63,364 | 70,941 | 77,112 | 79,295 | 2.83%   |
| <b>a. Local Currency Debt</b>   | 31,373 | 39,007 | 44,973 | 48,255 | 7.30%   |
| <b>i. Central Bank</b><br>(including REPOs and Loans to EDL to finance fuel purchases) <sup>1</sup> | 9,052  | 8,781  | 10,334 | 13,130 | 27.06%  |
| <b>ii. Commercial Banks</b>   | 16,847 | 24,320 | 27,286 | 27,214 | -0.26%  |
| <b>iii. Other Local Currency Debt (T-Bills)</b>   | 5,474  | 5,906  | 7,353  | 7,911  | 7.59%   |
| <b>iv. o/w Public Entities</b>  | 4,796  | 5,062  | 6,078  | 6,268  | 3.13%   |
| <b>v. Accrued Interest Included in Debt</b>   | 730    | 1,001  | 999    | 867    | -13.21% |
| <b>b. Foreign Currency Debt</b>   | 31,991 | 31,934 | 32,139 | 31,040 | -3.42%  |
| <b>i. Bilateral, Multilateral and Foreign Private Sector Loans</b>                                  | 2,963  | 2,855  | 2,713  | 2,621  | -3.39%  |
| <b>ii. Paris II related Debt</b><br>(Eurobonds and Loans)   | 6,063  | 5,456  | 4,819  | 4,137  | -14.15% |
| <b>iii. Paris III related Debt</b><br>(Eurobonds and Loans)   | 1,357  | 1,849  | 1,963  | 1,855  | -5.50%  |
| <b>iv. Market-issued Eurobonds</b>  | 20,780 | 20,925 | 21,736 | 21,870 | 0.62%   |
| <b>v. Accrued interest on Eurobonds</b>   | 410    | 430    | 460    | 483    | 5.00%   |
| <b>vi. Special T-Bills in Foreign Currency</b>  | 419    | 419    | 447    | 74     | -83.45% |
| <b>• Public Sector Deposits</b>   | 4,527  | 8,326  | 10,522 | 11,419 | 8.52%   |
| <b>• Net Debt</b>   | 58,837 | 62,615 | 66,590 | 67,876 | 1.93%   |
| <b>• Gross Market Debt</b>  | 39,219 | 46,992 | 51,231 | 51,308 | 0.15%   |
| <b>• Gross Market Debt as % of Gross Public</b>   | 62%    | 66%    | 66%    | 65%    | 3.01%   |

### Note:

1. The BDL has extended loans to EDL for the equivalent amount of US \$300 million to purchase fuel oil. These loans are listed as public debts as they are government guaranteed.
2. Figures for Dec 04—Dec 08 may differ from previously published data due to updated information regarding bilateral and multilateral loans in the DMFAS system.
3. Paris II related debt (Eurobonds and Loans) including Eurobonds originally issued at US \$1,870 billion to BDL in the context of Paris II conference.
4. Issued to Malaysia as part of its Paris III contribution, IBRD loan, UAE loan, first tranche of the French loan received in February 2008, IMF loans, first tranche EC/EU loan, and AMF loan disbursed in June 2009.
5. Special T-Bills in Foreign currency (expropriation bonds).
6. Gross market debt equals gross debt less the portfolios of the BDL, NSSF, bilateral and multilateral loans, Paris II and Paris III related debt.

Source: MOF, BDL

## ► Domestic Debt by Maturity

| Billions LBP        | 2005   | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   | 2009   | 2010   |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| • Short-term bills* | 5,246  | 2,839  | 2,288  | 2,197  | 3,735  | 4,155  |
| • 2 year bonds      | 2,385  | 1,751  | 1,927  | 2,052  | 2,989  | 3,398  |
| • 3 year bonds      | 14,520 | 21,093 | 21,051 | 29,650 | 31,908 | 30,782 |
| • 5 year bonds      | 1,772  | 2,172  | 3,699  | 3,049  | 5,036  | 7,310  |
| • 7 year bonds      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | 1,500  |

\* includes 3 month, 6 month and 12 month T-bills.

Source: MOF, BDL

7-year LBP bond introduced in December

## ► Domestic Debt by Holder

| Billions LBP          | 2005   | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   | 2009   | 2010   |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| • Commercial Banks    | 14,072 | 16,429 | 16,784 | 24,222 | 27,181 | 25,883 |
| • Central Bank        | 11,233 | 9,143  | 8,647  | 8,419  | 10,043 | 12,912 |
| • Public Institutions | 2,446  | 3,313  | 4,796  | 5,062  | 6,078  | 6,268  |
| • Others              | 879    | 816    | 678    | 844    | 1,275  | 1,635  |

Source: MOF, BDL

## ► Monetary Indicators

| Billions LBP  | Q1 10   | Q2 10   | Q3 10   | Q4 10   | YoY    | YTD    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| • Currency in Circulation   | 2,265   | 2,360   | 2,847   | 2,579   | 10.45% | 10.45% |
| • M1 (Currency in circulation + sight deposits in LBP)                  | 4,861   | 5,123   | 5,314   | 5,609   | 16.89% | 16.89% |
| • M2 (M1 + other deposits in LBP)                                       | 53,478  | 56,369  | 58,514  | 59,307  | 18.37% | 18.37% |
| • M3 (M2 + deposits in foreign currencies, other financial liabilities) | 126,199 | 129,913 | 134,197 | 137,541 | 12.72% | 12.72% |
| • M4 (M3 + Treasury bills held by non-banking system)                   | 133,703 | 137,503 | 141,816 | 145,406 | 12.80% | 12.80% |

Note: Quarterly figures are averages of monthly levels, averaged over the 3-month period. YoY figures represent the percent difference between the most recent quarter as compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

Source: BDL



## ► Commercial Banks' Balance Sheet

| Billions LBP  | Q1 10          | Q2 10          | Q3 10          | Q4 10          | YoY           | YTD           |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>• Assets</b>   |                |                |                |                |               |               |
| <b>a. Reserves</b>                                      | 56,919         | 57,474         | 60,236         | 61,154         | 14.15%        | 14.15%        |
| i. Vault Cash   | 383            | 389            | 405            | 375            | 8.32%         | 8.32%         |
| ii. Deposits with Central Bank                          | 56,536         | 57,085         | 59,831         | 60,778         | 14.18%        | 14.18%        |
| <b>b. Claims on Private Sector</b>                      | 38,883         | 41,324         | 43,507         | 45,702         | 24.97%        | 24.97%        |
| i. Claims on Private Sector in LBP                      | 7,646          | 8,653          | 9,584          | 10,382         | 51.83%        | 51.83%        |
| ii. Claims on Private sector in Foreign Currencies      | 31,237         | 32,671         | 33,923         | 35,320         | 18.79%        | 18.79%        |
| <b>c. Claims on Public Sector</b>                       | 44,483         | 43,904         | 43,992         | 44,192         | 0.87%         | 0.87%         |
| <b>d. Foreign Assets</b>                                | 35,616         | 35,743         | 38,383         | 38,784         | 8.65%         | 8.65%         |
| <b>e. Fixed Assets</b> (land, buildings, vehicles, etc) | 4,497          | 4,564          | 4,600          | 4,188          | 10.70%        | 10.70%        |
| <b>f. Unclassified Assets</b>                           | 371            | 425            | 349            | 335            | 10.64%        | 10.64%        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                     | <b>180,770</b> | <b>183,433</b> | <b>191,065</b> | <b>194,355</b> | <b>11.87%</b> | <b>11.87%</b> |

Strong loan growth a result of:

- Expanding economy
- Incentives from BDL

|  |                |                |                |                |               |               |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>• Liabilities</b>   |                |                |                |                |               |               |
| <b>a. Total Private Sector Deposits</b>                                    | 123,713        | 125,717        | 130,361        | 133,743        | 12.03%        | 12.03%        |
| i. Demand Deposits in LBP of Private Sector                                | 2,581          | 2,784          | 2,863          | 2,951          | 22.43%        | 22.43%        |
| ii. Time and Saving Deposits in LBP of Private Sector                      | 48,285         | 50,102         | 51,719         | 52,086         | 14.91%        | 14.91%        |
| iii. Private Sector Deposits in Foreign Currencies                         | 72,847         | 72,830         | 75,779         | 78,707         | 9.86%         | 9.86%         |
| <b>b. Public Sector Deposits</b>   | 1,580          | 1,649          | 1,994          | 2,107          | 32.55%        | 32.55%        |
| <b>c. Non Resident Private Sector Deposits</b>                             | 24,226         | 25,218         | 26,198         | 27,866         | 11.54%        | 11.54%        |
| <b>d. Non Resident Financial Sector Deposits</b>                           | 8,306          | 7,627          | 7,999          | 6,785          | -2.17%        | -2.17%        |
| <b>e. Other Financial Liabilities</b>                                      | 141            | 172            | 272            | 412            | 188.21%       | 188.21%       |
| <b>f. Capital Accounts</b> (net result of international investment inflow) | 11,910         | 13,492         | 13,715         | 13,901         | 16.06%        | 16.06%        |
| <b>g. Unclassified Liabilities</b>   | 10,892         | 9,559          | 10,526         | 9,540          | 9.31%         | 9.31%         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>   | <b>180,770</b> | <b>183,433</b> | <b>191,065</b> | <b>194,355</b> | <b>11.87%</b> | <b>11.87%</b> |

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Source: BDL

## ► Other Economic Indicators

|  | Q1 10     | Q2 10     | Q3 10     | Q4 10     | YoY     | TTM     |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| • <b>Consumer Price Index</b> (indexed from 01/01/2008)        | 109.5     | 109.1     | 111.0     | 114.1     | 4.58%   | 4.18%   |
| • <b>Coincident Indicator</b>                                  | 264.5     | 249.9     | 229.0     | 255.5     | 6.24%   | 12.02%  |
| • <b>Real Estate Indicators</b>                                |           |           |           |           |         |         |
| - Construction Permits Issued ('000 sqm)                       | 3,776     | 4,600     | 4,724     | 4,462     | -14.74% | 22.50%  |
| - Cement Deliveries ('000 tons)                                | 1,109     | 1,477     | 1,281     | 1,358     | 0.33%   | 2.96%   |
| • <b>Beirut Airport Indicators</b> (passengers)                |           |           |           |           |         |         |
| - Arrivals   | 512,246   | 738,891   | 848,163   | 660,174   | 9.66%   | 10.72%  |
| - Departures   | 551,530   | 606,699   | 955,888   | 638,844   | 8.47%   | 11.88%  |
| - Transfers  | 9,381     | 10,811    | 8,908     | 11,211    | 29.85%  | 23.89%  |
| • <b>Port of Beirut Indicators</b>                             |           |           |           |           |         |         |
| - Freight Incoming   | 1,349,629 | 1,506,232 | 1,280,870 | 1,368,043 | -0.67%  | -2.62%  |
| - Freight Outgoing   | 213,524   | 219,274   | 200,336   | 186,951   | 15.64%  | 22.59%  |
| - Transit and Freezone Freight                                 | 34,578    | 47,395    | 30,034    | 34,728    | -29.22% | -14.88% |
| • <b>Energy Indicators</b>                                     |           |           |           |           |         |         |
| - Electricity Production (millions of kWh)                     | 3,120     | 2,891     | 3,459     | 2,988     | 0.57%   | 4.51%   |
| - Imports of Petroleum Derivatives ('000 metric tons)          | 1,375     | 1,221     | 1,618     | 1,283     | 12.14%  | 5.61%   |
| • <b>Check Indicators</b>                                      |           |           |           |           |         |         |
| - Checks Cleared in Foreign Currencies                         | 2,228,703 | 2,347,490 | 2,432,279 | 2,384,679 | 2.81%   | 6.20%   |
| - Value of Checks Cleared in Foreign Currencies (millions USD) | 13,662    | 13,883    | 13,410    | 12,943    | -1.24%  | 19.04%  |
| - Checks Cleared in Lebanese Pounds                            | 838,146   | 864,280   | 890,015   | 919,371   | 5.17%   | 3.81%   |
| - Value of Checks Cleared in Lebanese Pounds (billions LBP)    | 4,885,402 | 4,880,095 | 5,208,773 | 5,399,827 | 18.95%  | 21.54%  |

Continued improvement in real sector in 2010

YoY figures represent the percent difference between the most recent quarter as compared to the same quarter of the previous year. TTM figures represent the percent difference in the cumulative amount from the most recent four quarters as compared to the same four quarters a year earlier.

Source: CAS, BDL, MoF, MoC

## ► Lebanon's Sovereign Credit Ratings

| Credit Rating Agency | Rating      |
|----------------------|-------------|
| • <b>Fitch</b>       | B - Stable  |
| • <b>Moody's</b>     | B1 - Stable |
| • <b>S&amp;P</b>     | B - Stable  |

Source: Fitch, Moody's, S&P

## ► Trade Indicators

| Billions LBP          | Q1 10  | Q2 10  | Q3 10  | Q4 10  | YoY     |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| • Exports             | 1,551  | 1,633  | 1,359  | 1,868  | 20.28%  |
| • Imports             | 6,611  | 6,323  | 6,947  | 7,199  | 12.32%  |
| • Trade Balance       | -5,059 | -4,690 | -5,588 | -5,331 | 9.78%   |
| • Balance of Payments | 1,474  | 506    | 2,452  | 579    | -87.43% |
| • Customs Revenue     | 688    | 741    | 716    | 701    | 0.29%   |

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TTM figures represent the percent difference in the cumulative amount from the most recent four quarters as compared to the same four quarters a year earlier.  
*Note: Exchange rate of 1,507.5 LBP = 1 USD used to convert between currencies.*  
*Source: BDL*

**Deficit ↑ despite solid export growth**

## ► Imports by Origin

| General Imports in Billions of LBP | Q1 10 | Q2 10 | Q3 10 | Q4 10 | YoY     |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| • United States                    | 677   | 449   | 706   | 1,108 | 31.16%  |
| • China                            | 571   | 622   | 700   | 598   | 4.84%   |
| • Italy                            | 560   | 495   | 517   | 574   | 14.94%  |
| • France                           | 427   | 434   | 474   | 497   | 2.85%   |
| • Germany                          | 435   | 508   | 519   | 473   | -5.08%  |
| • Turkey                           | 272   | 251   | 264   | 257   | -22.03% |
| • Great Britain                    | 200   | 189   | 232   | 246   | 13.59%  |
| • Switzerland                      | 232   | 132   | 266   | 213   | 51.70%  |
| • Japan                            | 253   | 259   | 234   | 203   | -17.88% |
| • Kuwait                           | 237   | 12    | 117   | 170   | 195.61% |
| • Rest of the World                | 3,009 | 3,044 | 3,069 | 3,109 | 20.03%  |

YoY figures represent the percent difference between the most recent quarter as compared to the same quarter of the previous year.  
*Source: Lebanese Customs*

## ► Exports by Destination

| General Exports in Billions of LBP | Q1 10 | Q2 10 | Q3 10 | Q4 10 | YoY     |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| • UAE                              | 80    | 99    | 25    | 337   | 396.95% |
| • Iraq                             | 171   | 198   | 176   | 193   | 9.65%   |
| • Switzerland                      | 141   | 113   | 78    | 186   | 77.57%  |
| • Saudi Arabia                     | 129   | 128   | 158   | 144   | 27.58%  |
| • Turkey                           | 199   | 278   | 157   | 122   | -69.63% |
| • Syria                            | 102   | 116   | 107   | 121   | 14.09%  |
| • South Africa                     | 103   | 92    | 85    | 94    | -14.47% |
| • Egypt                            | 65    | 94    | 76    | 87    | 119.76% |
| • Jordan                           | 96    | 102   | 85    | 86    | 63.78%  |
| • Belgium                          | 42    | 42    | 43    | 60    | 14.89%  |
| • Rest of the World                | 682   | 634   | 657   | 765   | 24.34%  |

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