

Lebanomics 1" Quarter of 2010



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General Macroeconomic Indicators

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Population (Millions)	3.754	3.759	3.759	3.808	3.857
• GDP ¹					
Nominal GDP (Billions LBP)	32,955	33,826	37,758	44,448	50,629
Nominal GDP (Millions USD)	21,861	22,438	25,047	29,485	33,585
GDP Deflator ²	678	692	718	776	811
- Nominal GDP per Capita (Thousands LBP)	8,779	8,999	10,045	11,673	13,125
- Real Growth Rate	2.50%	0.60%	7.50%	9.00%	9.00%
Percent Change in Nominal GDP	1.84%	2.64%	11.63%	17.72%	13.91%
- Inflation ³	0.52%	7.21%	5.96 %	6.36%	3.41%
• Reserves (Millions USD)					
Gross Foreign Currency Reserves	9,845	10,207	9,778	17,0 <mark>6</mark> 2	25,660
Gold	4,736	5,807	7,640	8 <mark>,</mark> 032	10,062
- Gold (Thousands of troy ounces)	9,222	9,222	9,222	9,222	9,222
Public Finance (Billions LBP)					
Government Revenues	7,405	7,295	8,749	10,553	12,705
Government Expenditures	10,203	11,877	12,587	14,957	17,167
Government Overall Deficit	-2,798	-4,582	-3,83 <mark>8</mark>	-4,404	-4,462
- Primary Deficit/Surplus⁴	737	-25	1,102	900	1,625
• Public Debt					
Net Domestic Debt (Billions LBP)	23,551	25,760	26,846	30,681	34,451
Public External Debt (Millions USD)	19,133	20,330	21,212	21,148	21,258
- Gross Public Debt as % of GDP ^s	176%	180%	168%	159%	152%
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Total Exports (Billions LBP)	2,835	3,442	4,247	5,246	5,383
Electricity Production (Millions of KWH)	10,581	10,214	10,548	11,189	11,920
- Cement Deliveries (Thousands of tons)	3,040	3,423	3,945	4,219	4,897
• Construction					
- Construction Permits Issued (Thousands of square meters)	9,213	8,693	9,038	16,024	14,338
• Commerce					
- Port of Beirut Ship Activity (Number of ships)	2,229	1,829	2,187	2,055	2,395
Port of Beirut Activity ('000s Incoming, Outgoing and Transit tons)	4,805	4,342	5,351	5,917	6,494
Beirut Airport Activity ('000s Arrivals, Departures and Transfers)	3,282	2,825	3,409	4,085	4,985
 All GDP figures for 2009 are IMF estimates and may be subject to change GDP Deflator is defined as = (Nominal GDP / Real GDP) * 100 Inflation reflects end of period consumer prices as estimated by IMF Surplus or deficit, excluding domestic debt Calculated using IMF estimate for GDP and may be subject to change 	1				
Note: Exchange rate of 1,507.5 LBP/1 USD used to convert between currencies.					
Source: IMF, BDL, MoF, Port of Beirut					
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IMF real GDP growth revised upwards for 2009: from 7% up to 9%					

Central Bank Balance Sheet

Billions LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	YTD
• Assets						
- Gold	12.060	12 020	15 160	15 410	20 710/	1 6 5 0/
- Foreign Currencies	13,060 31,084	13,939 34,988	15,169 38,682	15,419 40,953	20.71% 45.57%	1.65%
- Claims on Private Sector	320	329	333	352	12.59%	5.87%
- Loans to Banks and Financial Corporations	1,771	1,772	1,803	1,847	12.55%	2.45%
- Claims on Public Sector	326	315	292	280	-19.80%	-4.04%
- Securities Portfolio	16,036	15,297	15,525	16,101	1.95%	3.71%
- Fixed Assets	419	420	411	410	-1.41%	-0.21%
- Unclassified Assets ¹	8,172	8,856	8,812	9,263	3 <mark>3</mark> .34%	5.11%
Total Assets	71,189	75,916	81,027	84,625	27.70%	4.44%
• Liabilities						
- Currency in Circulation outside BDL	2,683	2,686	2,730	2,7 <mark>3</mark> 1	12.45%	0.04%
- Deposits of Banks and Financial Corporations ²	47,770	49,488	51,950	55 <mark>,</mark> 366	30.34%	6.58%
 Liabilities to the Private Sector 	35	39	36	32	11.30%	-9.95%
- Public Sector Accounts	5,081	6,916	8,932	9,075	31.81%	1.60%
 Valuation Adjustment 	4,591	5,532	6,761	6,959	64.78%	2.94%
 Securities Other than Shares³ 	3,015	3,015	3,015	3,015	-	-
- Foreign Liabilities	567	589	594	409	-24.69%	-31.11%
- Special Long-term Liabilities	2,597	2,558	2,52 <mark>0</mark>	2,503	-5.02%	-0.66%
- Capital Accounts	2,353	2,355	3, <mark>3</mark> 42	3,342	42.03%	-
- Unclassified Liabilities ^₄	2,495	2,738	1 <mark>,</mark> 149	1,193	-28.88%	3.85%
Total Liabilities	71,189	75,916	81,027	84,625	27.70%	4.44%

1. Unclassified assets include the following items: other debtor accounts, counterpart securities, accounts receivable, a regularization account, inventory and fixed assets.

2. Includes investment banks and financial institutions.

3. Certificates of Deposit issued by BDL in April 2005, for an amount of U.S.\$ 2 billion with a maturity of 10 years.

4. Unclassified liabilities include the following: notes payable, other creditor accounts and regularization accounts

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Source: BDL

BDL's foreign currencies BDL's foreign currencies still 企 in 2010 as still 企 in the LBP 企 confidence in the LBP

Public Revenues

Billions LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY I	ттм
• Total Revenues (a+b)	3,590	3,031	3,256	3,084	9.05%	18.86%
a. Treasury Receipts	199	145	182	170	18.88%	15.04%
b. Budget Revenues (i+ii)	3,391	2,886	3,074	2,914	8.53%	19.09%
i. Tax Revenues	2,573	2,150	2,231	2,361	17.23%	21.08%
- Taxes on Income, Profits & Capital Gains (including Income Tax on Profits, Wages and Salaries, Capital Gains and Dividends; Tax on Interest Income (5%); Penalties on Income Tax)	867	286	313	431	15.55%	16.59%
- Taxes on Property (including Built Property Tax, Real Estate Registration Fees)	165	191	283	275	61.76%	14.97%
 Domestic Taxes on Goods & Services (including Value Added Tax and Taxes on Goods and Services, especially Private Car Registration Fees and Passenger Departure Tax) 	783	860	854	867	13.63%	12.17%
- Taxes on International Trade (including Customs; Excises on Gasoline, Tobacco and Cars)	659	712	673	663	6.94%	42.03%
- Other Tax Revenue (namely fiscal stamp fees)	99	101	108	125	42.05%	18.31%
ii. Non-tax Revenues	818	736	843	553	-17.59%	13.20%
 Income from Public Institutions and Gov't Properties (including non-financial public enterprises such as Casino du Liban, Port of Beirut, National Lottery and Telecoms; transfer from BDL; Property Income, namely rent from RHIA; other interests) 	681	596	673	394	-22.13%	17.85%
 Administrative Fees & Charges (including fees for notaries, passports, public security, vehicle control, driving licenses and judicial fees; work permit fees; and more) 	112	113	145	132	-2.22%	-1.95%
- Penalties and Confiscations	1	2	2	2	-	-12.50%
- Other Non-tax Revenues (mostly retirement deductibles)	24	25	23	25	-10.71%	-

*: The hike in the international fuel prices during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2008, in the context of the domestic price capping regime prevailing throughout 2008 reduced significantly the petroleum excise rate, reaching 0 LL/liter of gasoline for 6 months in a row starting April 08. The substantial drop in international fuel prices by the end of 2008 provided an opportunity to the Government to uncap the retail price of gasoline and to fix the excise rate at an average of LL 470/liter (as per COM decision #9 dated January 23rd, 2009), restoring a regular stream of revenues to the Treasury.

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Source: MoF; Directorate General of Finance

Tax revenues û, derived from: ∂taxes on interest income ∂VAT receipts ∂real estate registrations

Public Expenditures

Billions LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	ттм
Total Expenditures	4,222	4,034	4,367	3,945	-13.07%	2.28%
a. Current Expenditures	3,149	3,159	3,461	3,046	6.69%	15.23%
i. Interest Payments (including local and foreign currency debt)	1,410	1,393	1,604	1,396	1.90%	10.98%
iii. Other Current Expenditures (including personnel costs; foreign debt principal repayment; materials and supplies; and more)	1,739	1,766	1,857	1,650	11.11%	19.01%
b. Capital Expenditures (including equipment and maintenance for ongoing infrastructure construction; and more)	131	117	152	173	15.33%	8.52%
c. Other Treasury Expenditures	930	748	736	713	-53.06%	-30.39%
i. Transfers to Electricite du Liban	426	232	516	505	-53.46%	-44.03%
ii. Other (including expenditures on guarantees and deposits; VAT refunds; High Relief Committee)	504	516	220	208	-52.07%	-3.31%
d. Unclassified Expenditures	1	1	1	1	-	33.33%
e. Customs Cashiers	11	9	17	11	-15.38%	2.13%

Note: Totals may be slightly off due to rounding

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Government Budget

Cumulative through Q1 10 - Billions LBP	Jan-Mar 09	Jan-Mar 10	% Change
• Revenues	2,828	3,084	9.05%
• Expenditures	4,537	3,945	-13.05%
• Balance	(1,709)	(861)	-49.62%
Source: MoF			

Public Debt

Billions LBP	2007	2008	2009	Q1 10	YTD
• Gross Public Debt (a+b)	63,350	70,888	77,019	77,588	0.74%
a. Local Currency Debt	31,373	39,007	44,973	45,653	1.51%
i. Central Bank (including REPOs and Loans to EDL to finance fuel purchases) ¹	9,052	8,781	10,334	10,408	0.72%
ii. Commercial Banks	16,847	24,320	27,286	27,758	1.73%
iii. Other Local Currency Debt (T-bills)	5,474	5,906	7,353	7,487	1.82%
b. Foreign Currency Debt ²	31,977	31,881	32,046	31,935	-0.35%
i. Bilateral, Multilateral and Foreign Private sector loans	2,953	2,802	2,620	2,552	-2.60%
ii. Paris II related debt (Eurobonds and Loans) ³	6,063	5,456	4,819	4,668	-3.13%
iii. Paris III related debt (Eurobonds and loans) ⁴	1,357	1,849	1,963	1,911	-2.65%
iv. Market-Issued Eurobonds	20,776	20,925	21,736	21,870	0.62%
v. Accrued interest on Eurobonds	410	430	460	487	5.87%
vi. Special Tbls in Foreign currency ⁵	419	419	447	447	-
Public sector deposits	4,527	8,326	10,522	10,655	1.26%
• Net debt	58,823	62,562	66,497	66,933	0.66%
• Gross Market debt ⁶	39,216	46,992	51,231	52,107	1.71%
Gross Market debt as % of Gross Public Debt	62%	66%	67%	67%	-

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 debt 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 Eurobond orginally issued at USD 1,870 billion to BDL in the context of Paris II conference.

Issued to Malaysia as part of its Paris III contribution, IBRD Ioan, UAE Ioan, first tranche of the French Ioan received in February 2008, IMF Ioans, first tranche EC/EU Ioan, and AMF Ioan disbursed in June 2009.

Special Tbs in Foreign currency (expropriation bonds)
 Gross market debt equals gross debt less the portfolios of the BDL, NSSF, bilateral and multilateral loans, Paris II and Paris III related debt.

YTD figures represent the percent difference between the most recent quarter as compared to the end of the previous year

Source: MoF

A shift from short to long maturities

Domestic Debt By Type of Instrument

Billions LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	YTD
• 3 Month T-Bills	154	162	152	97	-85.96%	-36.18%
• 6 Month T-Bills	601	923	1,510	1,224	-17.85%	-18.94%
• 12 Month T-Bills	1,272	1,609	2,073	1,794	55.73%	-13.46%
• Long Term Bonds*	36,726	38,870	40,842	42,140	16.49%	3.18%
• Loans	408	410	396	398	-13.48%	0.51%
• Total	39,161	41,974	44,973	45,653	14.22%	1.51%

* (Includes 24 month bonds and longer maturities)

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Public Debt By Type

Billions LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	YTD
External Debt (Millions USD)	21,384	21,313	21,258	21,184	-1.23%	-0.35%
Gross Domestic Debt	39,161	41,974	44,973	45,653	14.22%	1.51%
Net Domestic Debt	32,602	33,583	34,451	34,998	10.56%	1.59%
Net Total Debt	64,839	65,713	66,497	66,933	4.60%	0.66%

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Monetary Indicators

Billions LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	YTD
Currency in Circulation	2,219	2,311	2,335	2,265	10.63%	-3.00%
• M1 (Currency in circulation + sight deposits in LBP)	4,487	4,749	4,799	4,861	15.70%	1.30%
• M2 (M1+other deposits in LBP)	42,710	46,524	50,101	53,478	35.57%	6.74%
• M3 (M2+deposits in foreign currencies, other financial liabilities)	110,824	116,642	122,019	126,199	20.42%	3.43%
• M4 (M3+Treasury bills held by non-banking system)	117,112	123,494	128,902	133,703	20.61%	3.72%

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Commercial Banks' Balance Sheet

Billions LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	ΥοΥ	YTD
• Assets						
a. Reserves	49,167	50,912	53,575	56,919	29.64%	6.24%
i. Vault Cash	367	351	347	383	10.01%	10.43%
ii. Deposits with Central Bank	48,799	50,561	53,228	56,536	29.79%	6.21%
b. Claims on Private Sector	33,821	35,285	36,570	38,883	20.22%	6.33%
i. Claims on Private Sector in LBP	5,743	6,304	6,838	7,646	41.25%	11.83%
ii. Claims on Private Sector in Foreign Currencies	28,077	28,981	29,733	31,237	16.00%	5.06%
c. Claims on Public Sector	38,109	41,263	43,812	44,483	14.75%	1.53%
d. Foreign Assets	30,419	33,409	35,698	35,616	27.31%	-0.23%
e. Fixed Assets (land, buildings, vehicles, etc.)	4,223	4,239	3,783	4,497	6.79%	18.89%
f. Unclassified Assets	469	563	303	371	-15.40%	22.49%
Total Assets	156,208	165,671	173,740	180,770	22.44%	4.05%
• Liabilities						
a. Total Private Sector Deposits	108,499	114,387	119,383	123,713	20.34%	3.63%
i. Demand Deposits in LBP of Private Sector	2,302	2,364	2,410	2,581	24.32%	7.08%
ii. Time and Saving Deposits in LBP of Private Sector	38,037	41,595	45,328	48,285	36.17%	6.52%
iii. Private Sector Deposits in Foreign Currencies	68,161	70,428	71,645	72,847	11.62%	1.68%
b. Public Sector Deposits	1,478	1,475	1,590	1,580	10.54%	-0.62%
c. Non Resident Private Sector Deposits	20,812	23,089	24,984	24,226	30.54%	-3.03%
d. Non Resident Financial Sector Deposits	6,904	7,246	6,935	8,306	24.57%	19.77%
e. Other Financial Liabilities	99	102	143	141	41.19%	-0.98%
f. Capital Accounts (net result of international investment inflow)	11,323	11,430	11,977	11,910	10.61%	-0.56%
g. Unclassified Liabilities	7,093	7,940	8,728	1 <mark>0</mark> ,892	48.86%	24.80%

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Source: BDL

A surge in LBP denominated loans due to BDL incentives

Growth of CBP deposits Growth of CBP deposits 3X outpacing growth in USD Deposits

Other Economic Indicators

	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	ттм
Consumer Price Index (indexed from 01/01/2008)	105.5	106.7	109.1	109.5	4.68%	-
Real Estate Indicators						
- Construction Permits Issued (square meters)	4,012,925	2,830,775	5,234,038	3,776,2 <mark>6</mark> 4	67.05%	-1.69%
- Cement Deliveries (tons)	1,425,601	1,306,700	1,222,812	1,109,314	17.72%	17.84%
Beirut Airport Indicators (passengers)						
- Arrivals	675,657	798,514	602,032	512,246	23.14%	23.57%
- Departures	517,322	892,785	588,9 <mark>3</mark> 9	551,530	19.47%	23.04%
- Transfers	8,606	7,092	8,634	9,381	14.33%	-17.46%
Port of Beirut Indicators						
- Freight Incoming (tons)	1,450,213	1,476,456	1,377,222	1,349,62 <mark>9</mark>	0.06%	11.21%
- Freight Outgoing (tons)	166,502	182,000	161,661	213,5 <mark>2</mark> 4	34.44%	-5.30%
- Transit and Freezone Freight (tons)	44,268	41,137	49,062	34, <mark>5</mark> 78	-8.80%	7.53%
Energy Indicators						
- Electricity Production (millions of kWh)	2,911	3,287	2,971	3,120	13.41%	9.60%
- Imports of Petroleum Derivatives (metric tons)	1,311,162	1,290,309	1,144,369	1,375,480	-5.86%	13.06%
Check Indicators						
- Checks Cleared in Lebanese Pounds (number of checks)	829,524	870,865	874,201	838,146	3.71%	1.74%
- Checks Cleared in Lebanese Pounds (billions LBP)	3,926	4,317	4,539	4,885	22.77%	20.16%
- Checks Cleared in Foreign Currencies (number of checks)	2,135,152	2,309,691	2,319,416	2,228,703	7.14%	7.77%
- Checks Cleared in Foreign Currencies (millions USD)	10,385	12,231	13,106	13,662	43.00%	13.19%

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Source: CAS, BDL



Flourishing touristic activity with arrivals 23% higher in Q1 10 as compared to Q1 09

Trade Indicators

billions of LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	TTM
• Imports	6,920	6,270	6,409	6,611	35.34%	9.49%
• Exports	1,163	1,156	1,553	1,551	12.28%	2.17%
• Trade Balance	-5,757	-5,115	-4,856	-5,059	44.43%	11.58%
Customs Revenues	683	739	699	688	6.94%	40.54%

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Source: BDL, MoF

Imports by Country

General Imports in Millions of LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	ттм
United States	740,410	734,918	845,143	677,725	77.08%	18.33%
• China	568,345	567,445	570,629	571,387	17.22%	3.23%
• Italy	431,506	490,684	499,901	560,644	33.21%	22.24%
• Germany	477,380	497,843	498,793	435,080	1.68%	8.91%
• France	1,117,379	429,657	484,127	427,120	8.69%	27.01%
• Turkey	278,657	265,862	329,762	272,400	38.15%	-1.80%
• Japan	212,401	248,065	248,171	253,917	-12.89%	-17.69%
• Kuwait	274,415	98,174	57,821	237,648	2,613.81%	-9.24%
Switzerland	141,980	228,645	140,895	232,279	122.11%	-18.84%
• Russia	241,893	104,816	116,035	210,297	14.92%	12.72%

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Exports by Country

General Exports in Millions of LBP	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	YoY	ТТМ
• Switzerland	181,459	173,711	402,528	199,619	-51.96%	37.21%
• UAE	161,830	139,760	176,135	171,450	29.26%	5.72%
South Africa	757	2,454	104,953	141,722	10,110.52%	1,354.86%
• Iraq	134,345	115,354	113,192	129, 5 98	-24.88%	-17.75%
• Syria	101,695	108,556	110,807	104,010	4.08%	-7.58%
• Saudi Arabia	134,041	106,222	106,349	102,970	-1.91%	4.84%
• Turkey	39,325	49,930	53,061	96,979	323.99%	-21.74%
France	49,522	20,017	67,876	80,915	81.35%	28.08%
• Egypt	24,509	33,976	40,030	65,744	112.45%	-2.51%
• Spain	18,765	13,829	11,469	64,330	536.49%	43.70%

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