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## HIGHLIGHTS

- By the end of June 2007, gross public debt reached US\$ 39.76 billion, registering an decrease of 1.48 \% over the end-December 2006 debt level.
- Local currency debt amounted to US\$ 19.56 billion, decreasing by 2.42 \% over the end-December 2006 level. This decrease is largely due to the redemption of US\$1.57 billion worth of T-bills held by the central bank using proceeds resulting from the re-evaluation of the BDL's gold reserves.
- By end-June 2007 foreign currency debt amounted to US\$ 20.21 billion, decreasing slightly by $0.55 \%$ over the end-December 2006 level.
- On May 31, 2007, Lebanon successfully issued a $\$ 400$ million Eurobond to the market. The transaction was issued through a reopening of the series 39 June 2013- 8.625\% coupon USD Eurobond.
- As part of Malaysia's contribution to the Paris III conference, a debt re-profiling transaction was undertaken on July 20, 2007 relating to US\$ 500 million worth of Eurobonds held by that country. The re-profiling extended maturities and grace periods, lowered the interest rate charged to $3.75 \%$, and resulted in debt service savings for Lebanon equal to $\$ 60$ million.


## THE LEBANESE ECONOMY

GDP and GDP growth


CPI \% change (1998 base year)


[^0]Source: 2000-2003 are National Accounts Committee figures
2004-2006 are Banque Du Liban (BDL) figures
2007 Figures are as per latest IMF estimates

## OVERALL DEBT DATA

Gross Public Debt


Historical Debt Evolution
(billions of US\$)


Source: MOF

Fiscal Performance


Gross Debt of $\$ 39.76$ billion as of end June 2007 (by currency composition)


Source: MOF

| Public Debt <br> (in billions of US\$) | Dec 04 | Dec 05 | Dec 06 | Jun 07 | \% change <br> Dec 06 - Jun 07 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Gross public debt | 35.88 | 38.46 | 40.36 | 39.76 | $-1.48 \%$ |
| Local currency debt | 17.49 | 19.33 | 20.04 | 19.55 | $-2.42 \%$ |
| a. Central Bank (including REPOs and Loans to EDL to finance | 7.07 | 7.75 | 6.36 | 5.48 | $-13.88 \%$ |
| b. Commercial Banks | 8.11 | 9.37 | 10.94 | 10.49 | $-4.09 \%$ |
| c. Other Local Currency Debt (T-bills) | 2.32 | 2.21 | 2.74 | 3.58 | $30.83 \%$ |
| o/w Public entities | 1.45 | 1.62 | 2.20 | 3.06 | $39.09 \%$ |
| Foreign currency debt | 18.38 | 19.13 | 20.32 | 20.21 | $-0.55 \%$ |
| a. Bilateral, Multilateral and Foreign Private sector loans | 1.99 | 1.85 | 1.89 | 1.90 | $0.63 \%$ |
| b. Paris II related debt (Eurobonds and Loans) | 2.53 | 2.44 | 2.47 | 2.44 | $-1.05 \%$ |
| c. BDL Eurobond (Paris II) | 1.87 | 1.87 | 1.87 | 1.87 | $0.00 \%$ |
| d. Market Eurobonds | 11.73 | 12.42 | 13.53 | 13.45 | $-0.61 \%$ |
| e. Accrued Interest on foreign currency debt | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.27 | $-5.30 \%$ |
| f. Special Tbls in Foreign currency** | 0.00 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Public sector deposits | 2.89 | 3.71 | 2.95 | 2.32 | $-21.20 \%$ |
| Net debt | 32.98 | 34.76 | 37.41 | 37.44 | $0.07 \%$ |
| Gross Market debt*** | 21.13 | 23.03 | 25.65 | 25.08 | $-2.22 \%$ |
| $\%$ of total debt | $59 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $63 \%$ |  |

Source: MOF, BDL
Notes:

* 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 govemment guaranteed.
** Special Tbs in Foreign currency (expropriation bonds)
*** Gross market debt = gross debt less the portfolios of the BDL, NSSF, bilateral and multilateral loans, \& Paris II related debt.
${ }^{* * * *}$ Figures for Dec04- Dec05 -Dec06 may have changed from previously published information due to the exchange rate of Euro


## FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

Foreign Currency Debt Outstanding US $\$ 20.21$ billion as of end-June 2007 (in billions of US\$)


Source: MOF

Yields for Republic of Lebanon Eurobonds and Comparables
(as of July 20, 2007)


Source: Credit Suisse

| Lebanon Secondary Issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 23-Oct-07 | Price |  | Yield | Z-Spread |  |  |
|  | Bid | Ask | Bid | Ask | Bid | Ask |
| Lebanese Issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Euro |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEB 7.250 09 | 99.25 | 100.25 | 7.7 | 7.06 | 308 | 245 |
| LEB 5.875 12 | 92.5 | 93.5 | 7.87 | 7.59 | 324 | 298 |
| US Dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEB 7.375 08 | 98.625 | 99.625 | 9.58 | 7.95 | 478 | 317 |
| LEB 10.125 08 | 101 | 102 | 8.73 | 7.4 | 398 | 266 |
| LEB 10.250 09 | 102 | 103 | 9.1 | 8.54 | 459 | 403 |
| LEB FRN 09 | 98.5 | 99.5 | 8.61 | 8.08 | 411 | 357 |
| LEB 7.000 09 | 96.00 | 97.00 | 9.1 | 8.56 | 458 | 405 |
| LEB 7.125 10 | 96.125 | 97.125 | 8.98 | 8.49 | 447 | 398 |
| LEB 7.875 11 | 96.625 | 97.625 | 9 | 8.66 | 440 | 406 |
| LEB 4.000 17 Av Life | 78.75 | 79.75 | 9.38 | 9.08 | 454 | 423 |
| LEB 7.750 12 | 95 | 96 | 9.04 | 8.77 | 432 | 405 |
| LEB 8.625 13 | 97.75 | 98.75 | 9.14 | 8.91 | 437 | 414 |
| LEB 7.375 14 | 91.75 | 93 | 9.09 | 8.82 | 426 | 399 |
| LIEB 10.000 15 | 103.75 | 104.75 | 9.29 | 9.11 | 441 | 423 |
| LEB 8.500 16 | 94.125 | 95.125 | 9.54 | 9.36 | 461 | 443 |
| LEB 11.625 16 | 111.875 | 112.875 | 9.56 | 9.4 | 463 | 447 |
| LEB 8.250 21 | 90.25 | 91.25 | 9.55 | 9.41 | 445 | 430 |

Source: Credit Suisse
Note: This table is intended for general information purposes only.

| Lebanon Sovereign Debt Rating |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agency | Long -term tenor rating | Short-term tenor rating | Outlook |
| Fitch IBCA Ltd | B- | B | Stable |
| Moody's Investor Services Ltd | B3 |  | Negative |
| Standard and Poor's | B- | C | Negative |



## FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

| Recent Covernment Eurobond Issuance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Issue Date | Series (Tranche) | Term (years) | Maturity <br> Date | Coupon <br> Rate | Issuance Yield | Amount issued | ISIN Code |
| 20-Jul-07 | 47 | 5 | Jul-2012 | 3.750 | 3.750 | USD 200 MN * | XS0312416778 |
| 20-Jul-07 | 46 | 10 | Jul-2017 | 3.750 | 3.750 | USD 300 MN * | XS0312416000 |
| 6-Jul-07 | 17 (2) | 10 | Dec-2017 | 4.000 | 9.250 | USD 137.511 MN ** | XS0160503347 |
| 31-May-07 | 39 (2) | 6 | Jun-2013 | 8.625 | 8.750 | USD 400 MN | XS0222794249 |
| 26-Feb-07 | 42 (3) | 14 | Apr-2021 | 8.250 | 8.750 | USD $431 \mathrm{MN}^{\star *}$ | XS0250882478 |
| 26-Feb-07 | 32 (2) | 1 | Mar-2008 | 6.375 | 6.375 | USD $569 \mathrm{MN}^{* *}$ | XS0205838435 |
| 27-Dec-06 | 44 (2) | 3 | Aug-2009 | 7.500 | 9.250 | USD \$145 MN** | XS0263573817 |
| 2-Aug-06 | 44 | 3 | Aug-2009 | 7.500 | 9.250 | USD \$206.591 MN** | XS0263573817 |
| 2-Aug-06 | 45 | 5 | Aug-2011 | 7.500 | 7.500 | USD \$450 MN** | XS0263574112 |

* Paris I/I conference Malaysia contribution
** Initial Issuance to BDL


Source: MOF

## CONCESSIONAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

Concessional Project Finance Loans breakdown by currency
(breakdown as of end-August 2007)


Total US\$ 1.9 billion

Concessional Project Finance Loans breakdown by sector (breakdown as of end-August 2007)


Total US\$ 1.9 billion $^{17}$
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## DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEBT DATA



Source: MOF, BDL

| Upcoming Govemment Treasury Bill Auctions |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Auction Date | Tenors to be auctioned (in months) |
| 3 -Nov-07 | 12 MN |
| $5-\mathrm{Nov}-07$ | $24 \mathrm{MN}, 36 \mathrm{MN}$ |
| 12 -Nov- -07 | $3 \mathrm{MN}, 6 \mathrm{MN}$ |
| $17-$ Nov-07 | 12 MN |

Source: MOF, BDL

T-Bill Auction Results by Holder During Q II-2007


## DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEBT DATA



Primary Market Rates for T-Bills (June 30, 2007)


LIST OF FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

| Publication |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Public Finance Monitor- June | Week of Release |
| Quarterly Public Finance Report- QI 2007 | 1st week of September |
| Monthly Fiscal Performance for August | 4th week of September |
| Note on Budget 2007 | 4th week of September |
| Public Finance Monitor- July | 1st week of October |
| Paris III Conference- Third Progress Report | 1st week of October |
| Ministry of Finance Internal Reforms | 1st week of October |
| Debt and Debt Markets- QIII 2007 | 2nd week of October |

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