## DEBT AND DEBT MARKETS

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- At end-2014, gross public debt stood at LL 100,345 billion (US\$ 66.56 billion), a 4.84 percent increase compared to end-2013.
- Net public debt registered LL 86,380 billion (US\$ 57.30 billion) at end-2014, an increase of 7.69 percent from the end-2013 level.
- Domestic currency debt reached LL 61,752 billion at end-2014, an increase of 9.66 percent compared to end-2013.
- On yearly basis, commercial banks captured 31.69 percent of total subscriptions of Treasury bills and bonds in 2014 while BdL subscription stood at 38.47 percent. Public institutions shares reached 18.87 percent of the total subscriptions.
- On 06 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance issued at auction, on an ad hoc basis, the value of LBP 978 billion 10YR LBP Treasury Bonds with a coupon of 7.98 percent.
- On 13 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance issued 5YR LBP-denominated contractor bonds totaling LL 13.1 billion with a coupon of 5.25 percent (pursuant to Law no. 69 dated April 23rd, 2009) to settle the changes in the cost of construction materials.
- During QIV 2014, primary market rates on regular Treasury bills and bonds issued remained unchanged compared to end QIII 2014 levels.
- Foreign currency debt totaled LL 38,593 billion (US\$ 25.60 billion) at the end-2014, a 2.04 percent decrease from the end-2013 level.

THE LEBANESE ECONOMY

GDP and GDP growth


Source: National Accounts
Notes:
1- GDP 2006-2013: Lebanese National Accounts - CAS revised estimates - Comments and Tables 2004-2013. Published in December 2014.
2- GDP 2014: Computed based on 2013 CAS estimate and using the IMF growth rate and deflator published on WEO - October 2014.

THE LEBANESE ECONOMY

Trade Statistics (as of end-period)

Fiscal Performance


Source: MOF
Note: Revenues are calculated from the latest Public Finance Monitor published and are based on actual cash transfers made to MoF and thus different from the Fiscal Performance on the MoF website. For further details refer to the September 2014 Public Finance Monitor

## OVERALL DEBT DATA



Source: Ministry of Finance, National Accounts
Notes:
1- GDP 2006-2013: Lebanese National Accounts - CAS revised estimates -
Comments and Tables 2004-2013. Published in December 2014.
2- GDP 2014: Computed based on 2013 CAS estimate and using the IMF growth rate and deflator published on WEO - October 2014.

Historical Debt Evolution


Source: MOF, BDL
Note: Debt data may be subject to slight modification due to the revision of the Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS).

Outstanding Debt by Currency Composition (as of end-period)


Source: MOF
Note: Excluding accrued interest .

Interest Payments


## Source: MOF

Note:1- Revenues are calculated from the latest Public Finance Monitor published and are based on actual cash transfers made to MoF and thus different from the Fiscal Performance on the MoF website. For further details refer to September 2014 Public Finance Monitor.
2- Interest payments include debt service payments made on EDL loans.

Aggregate Debt Amortization Profile
(as of end-December 2014)


Source: MOF, BDL
The data used for the amortization schedule is based on outstanding and not on committed amounts

Public Debt Table ${ }^{(1)}$
(as of end-December 2014)

| Public Debt (in LL billion) | Dec-07 | Dec-08 | Dec-09 | Dec-10 | Dec-11 | Dec-12 | Dec-13 | Dec-14 | Change <br> Dec 13 - <br> Dec 14 | \% Change <br> Dec 13 - <br> Dec 14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross Public Debt (A + B) | 63,364 | 70,941 | 77,112 | 79,298 | 80,887 | 86,959 | 95,710 | 100,345 | 4,635 | 4.8\% |
| A. Local currency debt | 31,373 | 39,007 | 44,973 | 48,255 | 49,340 | 50,198 | 56,312 | 61,752 | 5,440 | 9.7\% |
| 1. Central Bank (including REPOs) | 9,052 | 8,781 | 10,334 | 13,130 | 16,374 | 15,049 | 17,171 | 19,855 | 2,684 | 15.6\% |
| 2. Commercial Banks | 16,847 | 24,320 | 27,286 | 27,214 | 25,177 | 27,267 | 29,905 | 31,468 | 1,563 | 5.2\% |
| 3. Other local debt (T-bills) | 5,474 | 5,906 | 7,353 | 7,911 | 7,789 | 7,882 | 9,236 | 10,429 | 1,193 | 12.9\% |
| o/w Public entities | 4,796 | 5,062 | 6,078 | 6,268 | 6,538 | 6,479 | 7,117 | 7,701 | 584 | 8.2\% |
| o/w Contractor bonds | - | - | - | - | 41 | 134 | 134 | 180 | 46 | 34.3\% |
| *Accrued interest included in debt | 730 | 1,029 | 999 | 867 | 788 | 789 | 877 | 1,029 | 152 | 17.3\% |
| B. Foreign currency debt | 31,991 | 31,934 | 32,139 | 31,043 | 31,547 | 36,761 | 39,398 | 38,593 | (805) | -2.0\% |
| 4. Eurobonds | 27,099 | 26,817 | 27,142 | 26,738 | 27,490 | 32,789 | 35,533 | 34,850 | (683) | -1.9\% |
| Of which, Paris II at preferential rates ${ }^{(2)}$ | 5,156 | 4,708 | 4,192 | 3,677 | 3,161 | 2,646 | 2,130 | 1,615 | (516) | -24.2\% |
| Of which, Paris III at preferential rates ${ }^{(3)}$ | 754 | 754 | 754 | 709 | 663 | 317 | 271 | 226 | (45) | -16.7\% |
| Of which, market-issued Eurobonds | 20,780 | 20,925 | 21,736 | 21,870 | 23,258 | 29,427 | 32,688 | 32,584 | (103) | -0.3\% |
| * Accrued Interest on Eurobonds | 410 | 430 | 460 | 483 | 407 | 400 | 444 | 425 | (19) | -4.3\% |
| 5. Loans | 4,473 | 4,698 | 4,550 | 4,231 | 3,977 | 3,860 | 3,729 | 3,622 | (107) | -2.9\% |
| 5.1 Paris II loans | 907 | 748 | 627 | 460 | 351 | 279 | 208 | 128 | (80) | -38.5\% |
| 5.2 Paris III loans ${ }^{(4)}$ | 603 | 1,095 | 1,210 | 1,147 | 1,060 | 997 | 915 | 760 | (156) | -17.0\% |
| 5.3 Bilateral loans (non-Paris II and III) | 759 | 731 | 716 | 723 | 766 | 832 | 821 | 1,187 | 367 | 44.7\% |
| 5.4 Multilateral loans (non-Paris II and III) | 2,118 | 2,069 | 1,971 | 1,877 | 1,781 | 1,738 | 1,691 | 1,493 | (198) | -11.7\% |
| 5.5 Foreign Private Sector Loans | 86 | 54 | 27 | 24 | 18 | 14 | 94 | 54 | (40) | -42.6\% |
| 6. Other debt | 419 | 419 | 447 | 74 | 80 | 112 | 136 | 121 | (15) | -11.0\% |
| 6.1 Special Tbls in Foreign currency ${ }^{(5)}$ | 419 | 419 | 447 | 74 | 80 | 112 | 136 | 121 | (15) | -11.0\% |
| Public sector deposits | 4,527 | 8,326 | 10,522 | 11,419 | 10,984 | 12,916 | 15,495 | 13,965 | $(1,530)$ | -9.9\% |
| Net debt | 58,837 | 62,615 | 66,590 | 67,879 | 69,903 | 74,043 | 80,215 | 86,380 | 6,165 | 7.7\% |
| Gross Market debt ${ }^{(6)}$ | 39,219 | 46,992 | 51,231 | 51,308 | 50,191 | 58,623 | 65,386 | 67,380 | 1,995 | 3.1\% |
| \% of total debt | 61.9\% | 66.2\% | 66.4\% | 64.7\% | 62.1\% | 67.4\% | 68.3\% | 67.1\% | -1.2\% | -1.7\% |

Source: Ministry of Finance, Banque du Liban
Notes:
${ }^{(1)}$ Due to revisions in the Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS):
1- Debt data for December 2007 and December 2014 may be subject to slight modification.
2- Figure of Gross Public Debt in this report may differ from the figure in September 2014 PFM report to be published.
${ }^{(2)}$ Paris II related Eurobonds including the outstanding of the Eurobond orginally issued at USD 1,870 billion to BDL in the context of Paris II conference.
${ }^{\text {(3) }}$ Issued to Malaysia as part of its Paris III contribution.
${ }^{(4)}$ IBRD loan, UAE loan and French loan of which the first tranche was received in February 2008 and the second tranche in September 2012
${ }^{(5)}$ Special Tbs in Foreign currency (expropriation and contractor 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

## FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

Outstanding Foreign Currency Debt by Holder (as of end-December 2014)


Source: MOF, BDL
Note: Does not include accrued interest.

Yields for Republic of Lebanon Eurobonds and Comparable [USD Eurobonds] (as of March 02, 2015)


| Lebanon Secondary Issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Price |  | Yield |  | Z-Spread |  |  |
|  | Bid | Ask | Bid | Ask | Bid | Ask |  |
| EURO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEB 5.350 18 | 105.00 | 106.00 | 3.94 | 3.67 | 366.36 | 339.35 |  |
| US Dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEB 8.500 15 | 102.88 | 103.25 | 3.60 | 2.99 | 329.93 | 268.21 |  |
| LEB 8.500 16 | 105.00 | 105.50 | 3.61 | 3.14 | 315.75 | 268.88 |  |
| LEB 11.625 16 | 110.00 | 111.00 | 4.01 | 3.30 | 342.57 | 272.00 |  |
| LEB 4.750 16 | 101.63 | 102.63 | 3.82 | 3.27 | 301.44 | 245.59 |  |
| LEB 9.000 17 | 110.00 | 111.00 | 4.23 | 3.79 | 327.00 | 282.49 |  |
| LEB 5.000 17 | 101.00 | 102.00 | 4.61 | 4.23 | 341.07 | 302.85 |  |
| LEB 5.150 18 | 100.75 | 101.75 | 4.91 | 4.59 | 350.23 | 318.68 |  |
| LEB 6.000 19 | 103.25 | 104.25 | 5.16 | 4.91 | 354.46 | 329.32 |  |
| LEB 5.450 19 | 101.00 | 102.00 | 5.22 | 4.98 | 349.00 | 325.90 |  |
| LEB 5.800 20 | 102.00 | 103.00 | 5.36 | 5.14 | 357.63 | 336.02 |  |
| LEB 6.375 20 | 105.13 | 106.13 | 5.23 | 5.02 | 347.09 | 325.59 |  |
| LEB 8.250 21 | 114.75 | 115.75 | 5.44 | 5.27 | 355.16 | 337.73 |  |
| LEB 6.100 22 | 101.75 | 102.75 | 5.82 | 5.66 | 375.15 | 359.16 |  |
| LEB 6.000 23 | 100.75 | 101.75 | 5.88 | 5.73 | 378.83 | 363.20 |  |
| LEB 7.000 24 | 106.75 | 107.75 | 6.08 | 5.95 | 388.05 | 375.03 |  |
| LEB 6.600 26 | 103.00 | 104.00 | 6.24 | 6.12 | 393.17 | 381.35 |  |
| LEB 6.750 27 | 103.75 | 104.75 | 6.32 | 6.21 | 397.84 | 386.63 |  |
| Source: CS as of 31 December 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| US Dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEB 8.500 15 | 101.63 | 102.13 | 4.55 | 3.37 | 425.19 | 307.76 |
| LEB 8.500 16 | 103.38 | 102.38 | 4.50 | 5.66 | 405.80 | 521.54 |
| LEB 11.625 16 | 108.13 | 109.13 | 4.50 | 3.68 | 393.28 | 311.36 |
| LEB 4.750 16 | 100.38 | 101.38 | 4.51 | 3.88 | 373.78 | 311.24 |
| LEB 9.000 17 | 108.00 | 109.00 | 4.84 | 4.35 | 391.15 | 342.03 |
| LEB 5.000 17 | 100.38 | 101.38 | 4.84 | 4.43 | 369.84 | 328.89 |
| LEB 5.150 18 | 100.13 | 102.00 | 5.11 | 4.48 | 375.79 | 313.64 |
| LEB 6.000 19 | 102.25 | 103.25 | 5.39 | 5.13 | 381.64 | 355.33 |
| LEB 5.450 19 | 100.00 | 101.00 | 5.45 | 5.21 | 377.24 | 353.07 |
| LEB 5.800 20 | 100.50 | 101.50 | 5.68 | 5.46 | 394.31 | 371.58 |
| LEB 6.375 20 | 103.25 | 104.25 | 5.62 | 5.40 | 389.49 | 366.78 |
| LEB 8.250 21 | 112.25 | 113.25 | 5.83 | 5.65 | 395.29 | 377.00 |
| LEB 6.100 22 | 101.50 | 102.50 | 5.85 | 5.69 | 381.62 | 365.25 |
| LEB 6.000 23 | 100.38 | 101.38 | 5.94 | 5.78 | 387.48 | 371.48 |
| LEB 7.000 24 | 106.75 | 107.75 | 6.07 | 5.94 | 387.76 | 374.45 |
| LEB 6.200 25 | 100.25 | 100.75 | 6.17 | 6.10 | 395.87 | 389.07 |
| LEB 6.600 26 | 102.75 | 103.75 | 6.26 | 6.15 | 396.48 | 384.56 |
| LEB 6.750 27 | 103.75 | 104.75 | 6.32 | 6.20 | 398.20 | 386.96 |
| LEB 6.650 30 | 100.75 | 101.75 | 6.57 | 6.47 | 415.95 | 405.49 |

Source: CS as of 02 March 2015

| Lebanon Sovereign Debt Rating |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agency | Foreign Currency <br> As of March 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}, 2015$Long - term tenor <br> rating |  |  |
| Short - term tenor <br> rating | Outlook |  |  |
| Fitch Ratings * | B | B | Negative |
| Moody's Investor Services Ltd ** | B2 | - | Negative |
| Standard and Poor's *** | B- | B | Stable |

* Fitch's reaffirmed its ratings on 12 December 2014
** On 16 December 2014, Moody's downgraded Lebanon's government bond rating to B2 from B1 and maintained the negative outlook.
*** Standard and Poor's reaffirmed its ratings on 10 October 2014

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA


* These bonds have a long first interest period for the first coupon payment.
**The Eurobond restructured in the context of the Paris III conference have an amortized principal repayment structure.
${ }^{* * *}$ Eurobonds issued in the context of the Paris II conference are redeemable in 20 equal semiannual payments starting from year 6 (grace period of 5 years from issue date).
Euro exchange rate (US\$/Euro) (30 December 2014): 1.217


## FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

| Recent Government Eurobond Issuances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Issue Date | Series (Tranche) | Term (years) | Maturity Date | Coupon Rate | Issuance Yield | Amount issued | ISIN Code |
| 26-Feb-2015 | 74 | 15.0 | 26-Feb-2030 | 6.650 | 6.650 | USD 1400 MN | XS1196419854 |
| 26-Feb-2015 | 73 | 10.0 | 26-Feb-2025 | 6.200 | 6.200 | USD 800 MN | XS1196417569 |
| 2-May-2014 | 72(3) | 6 (Short) | 14-Apr-2020 | 5.800 | 5.800 | USD 100 MN | XS1052421150 |
| 2-May-2014 | 61 (6) | 12.6 | 27-Nov-2026 | 6.600 | 6.700 | USD 75 MN | XS0707820659 |
| 14-Apr-2014 | 72(2) | 6.0 | 14-Apr-2020 | 5.800 | 5.800 | USD 341.431 MN | XS1052421150 |
| 14-Apr-2014 | 72 (1) | 6.0 | 14-Apr-2020 | 5.800 | 5.800 | USD 258.569 MN | XS1052421150 |
| 14-Apr-2014 | 61 (5) | 12.6 | 27-Nov-2026 | 6.600 | 6.700 | USD 354.711 MN | XS0707820659 |
| 14-Apr-2014 | 61 (4) | 12.6 | 27-Nov-2026 | 6.600 | 6.700 | USD 445.289 MN | XS0707820659 |
| 4-Sep-2013 | 63 (2)* | 4 (Long) | 12-Oct-2017 | 5.000 | 5.750 | USD 175 MN | XS0769530238 |
| 20-Jun-2013 | 71** | 7.0 | 19-Jun-2020 | 6.150 | 6.150 | USD 600 MN | XS0944226637 |
| 23-Apr-2013 | 70* | 6.0 | 23-Apr-2019 | 5.500 | 5.500 | USD 500 MN | XS0922623755 |
| 23-Apr-2013 | 69* | 3.0 | 22-Apr-2016 | 4.500 | 4.500 | USD 600 MN | XS0922623912 |
| 17-Apr-2013 | 68 (3) | 15 (Short) | 29-Nov-2027 | 6.750 | 6.700 | USD 500 MN | XS0859366899 |
| 17-Apr-2013 | 67 (3) | 10 (Short) | 27-Jan-2023 | 6.000 | 6.150 | USD 600 MN | XS0859367194 |

* Series 69-70-63(2) were issued as a part of a Debt Replacement Agreement between the Ministry of Finance and Banque du
**Series 71 issued to Banque du Liban (BdL)


## Foreign Currency Debt

(Eurobonds, loans, and all others)


Source: MOF, BDL
The data used for the amortization schedule is based on outstanding and not on committed amounts.

## FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS DATA

Bilateral and Multilateral Loans (concessional and otherwise) Breakdown by currency (as of end-December 2014)


Bilateral and Multilateral Loans (concessional and otherwise) Breakdown by sector
(as of end-December 2014)


Total Outstanding LL 3,622 billion

## DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEBT DATA

Amortization Schedule of Domestic T-bills and Bonds (as of end-December 2014)


| Upcoming Government Treasury Bill and Bond Auctions |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Auction Date | Value Date | Tenors to be auctioned |
| 02-Mar-15 | 05-Mar-15 | $6 \mathrm{MN}, 3 \mathrm{YR}$ |
| 09-Mar-15 | 12-Mar-15 | $3 \mathrm{MN}, 12 \mathrm{MN}, 5 \mathrm{YR}$ |
| 16-Mar-15 | 19-Mar-15 | $6 \mathrm{MN}, 2 \mathrm{YR}, 10 \mathrm{YR}$ |
| 23-Mar-15 | 26-Mar-15 | $3 \mathrm{MN}, 12 \mathrm{MN}, 5 \mathrm{YR}$ |
| 30-Mar-15 | 02-Apr-15 | $6 \mathrm{MN}, 3 \mathrm{YR}$ |

T-Bill and Bond Subscription Results by Holder During QIV 2014

October 2014


November 2014


December 2014


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## DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEBT DATA

Domestic T-bills and Bonds Outstanding by Tenor Type (as of end-period)


Source: MOF, BDL
Notes:
1- Only treasury bills with maturities less than 24 months are issued at a discount to their face value.
2- The 5 YR bonds figure includes LL 180 billion contractor bonds issued in Nov 2011, May 2012, Aug 2012, Jan 2014 and Nov 2014.



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Time Series of Primary Market Rates for T-Bills and Bonds (end-December 2014)


[^1] were $7.5 \%, 7.8 \%, 7.98 \%$ and $8.74 \%$ respectively.


[^0]:    Source: MOF, BDL

[^1]:    Source: BdL
    Note: Primary rates for 7-8-10-12 year T-bonds issued by the Lebanese government

