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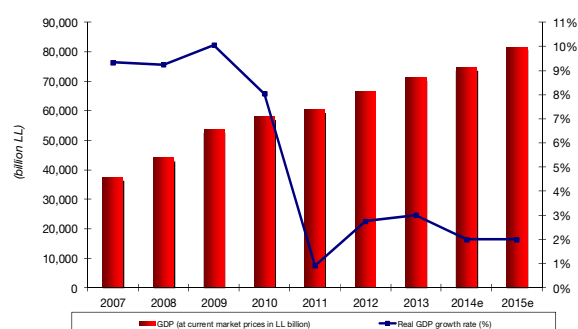
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HIGHLIGHTS

- By the end of QIV 2015, gross public debt stood at LL 105,994 billion (US\$ 70.31 billion), a 5.62 percent increase compared to end-2014.
- Net public debt registered LL 92,767 billion (US\$ 61.54 billion) at end of QIV 2015, an increase of 7.38 percent from the end-2014 level.
- Domestic currency debt reached LL 65,195 billion at end of QIV 2015, an increase of 5.58 percent compared to end-2014.
- Commercial banks captured 41.8 percent of total subscriptions of Treasury bills and bonds in QIV 2015 while BdL subscription stood at 30.5 percent. Public institutions shares reached 15.6 percent of the total subscriptions.
- During QIV 2015, primary market rates on regular Treasury bills and bonds issued remained unchanged compared to end QIII 2015 levels.
- Foreign currency debt totaled LL 40,799 billion (US\$ 27.06 billion) at the end of QIV 2015, a 5.69 percent increase from the end-2014 level.
- On 4 November 2015, the Lebanese Republic issued an equivalent of US\$ 1.6 billion as a result of a voluntary debt exchange transaction and issuance of new notes. The resulting series and their terms are available on page 6. The aggregate participation in the exchange was 42.44 percent. The new notes issued via the voluntary exchange offer amounted to US\$318,336,000 while the additional notes for cash amounted to US\$1,281,664,000. The transaction was jointly lead managed by Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Standard Chartered Bank, Fransabank S.A.L., and Société Générale de Banque au Liban S.A.L.

THE LEBANESE ECONOMY

GDP and GDP growth



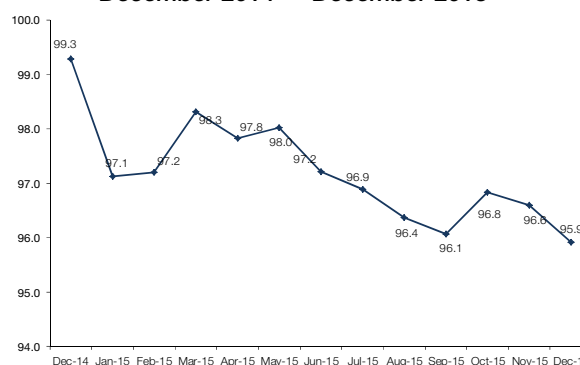
Source: National Accounts

Notes:

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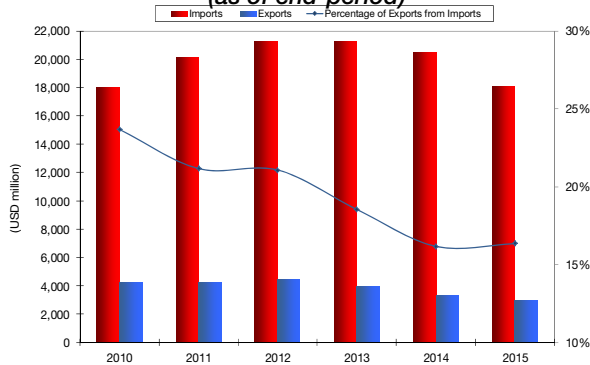
CPI Index
December 2014 – December 2015



Source: Central Administration of Statistics / CPI - Dec 2013= 100.

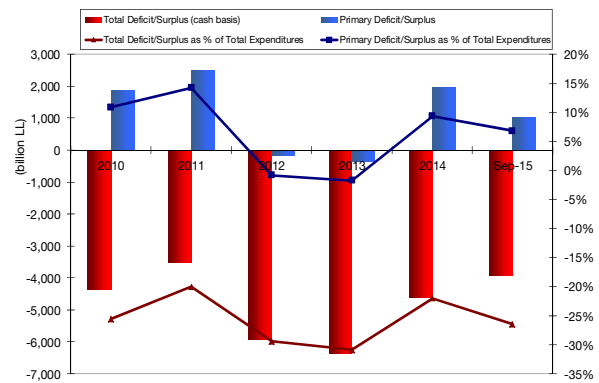
THE LEBANESE ECONOMY

Trade Statistics (as of end-period)



Source: MoF, Directorate of Customs

Fiscal Performance

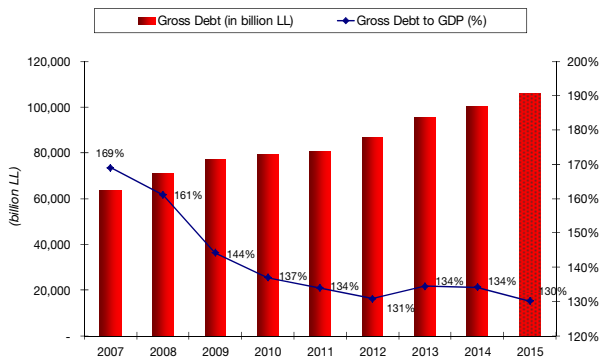


Source: MOF

Note: Revenues are calculated from the latest Fiscal Performance published and are based on actual cash transfers made to MoF. For further details refer to the Ministry of Finance website.

OVERALL DEBT DATA

Gross Public Debt

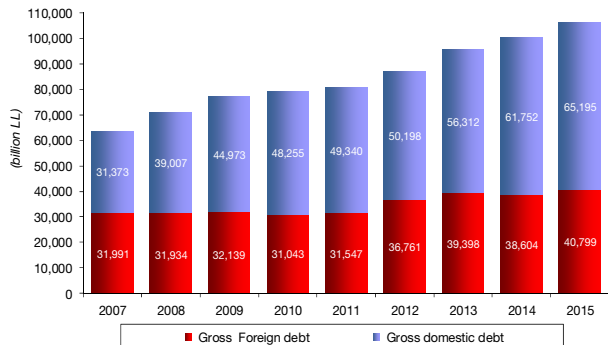


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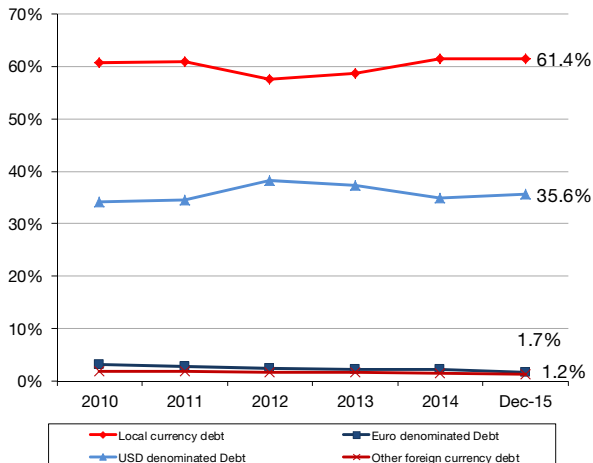
Historical Debt Evolution (as of end-period)



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).

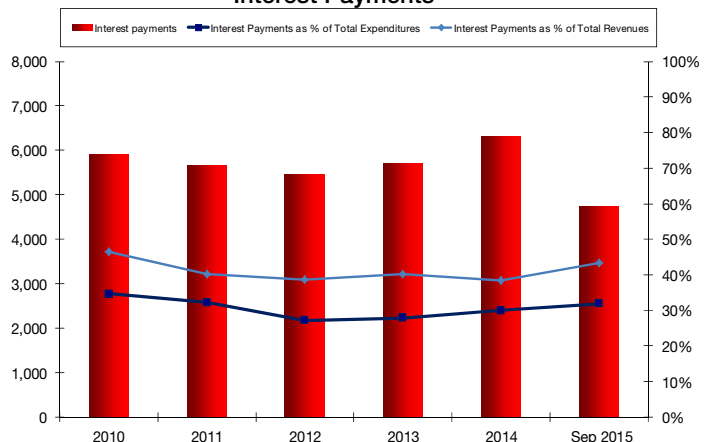
Outstanding Debt by Currency Composition (as of end-period)



Source: MOF

Note: Excluding accrued interest.

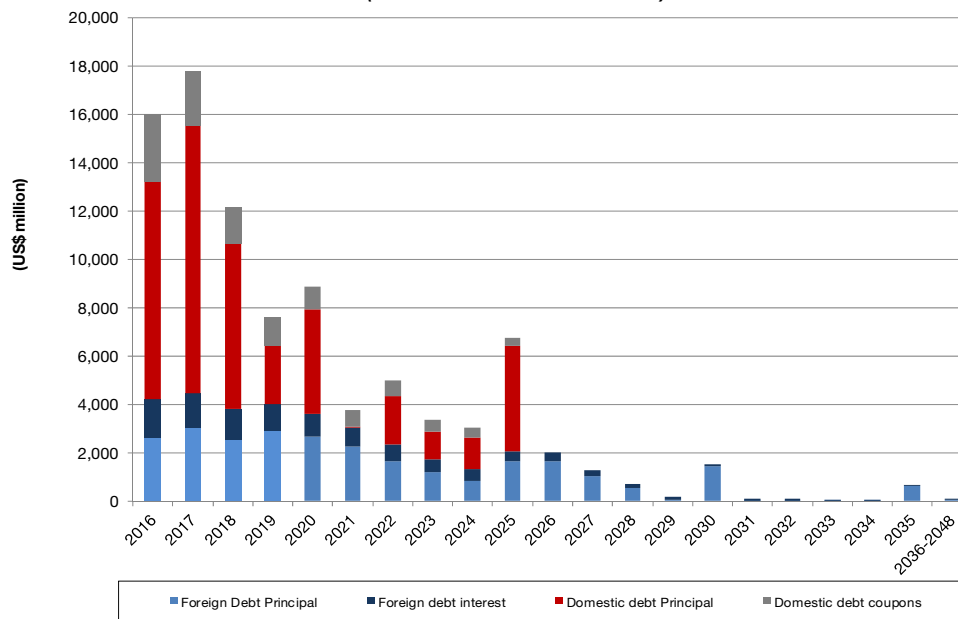
Interest Payments



Source: MOF

OVERALL DEBT DATA

Aggregate Debt Amortization Profile (as of end-December 2015)



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 2015)

Public Debt (in LL billion)	Dec-10	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14	Dec-15	Change Dec 14 - Dec 15	% Change Dec 14 - Dec 15
Gross Public Debt (A + B)	79,298	80,887	86,959	95,710	100,356	105,994	5,638	5.6%
A. Local currency debt	48,255	49,340	50,198	56,312	61,752	65,195	3,443	5.6%
1. Central Bank (including REPOs)	13,130	16,374	15,049	17,171	19,855	24,308	4,453	22.4%
2. Commercial Banks	27,214	25,177	27,267	29,905	31,468	29,878	(1,590)	-5.1%
3. Other local debt (T-bills)	7,911	7,789	7,882	9,236	10,429	11,009	580	5.6%
o/w Public entities	6,268	6,538	6,479	7,117	7,701	8,461	760	9.9%
o/w Contractor bonds	-	41	134	134	180	180	-	0.0%
*Accrued interest included in debt	867	788	789	877	1,029	997	(32)	-3.1%
B. Foreign currency debt	31,043	31,547	36,761	39,398	38,604	40,799	2,195	5.7%
4. Eurobonds	26,738	27,490	32,789	35,533	34,850	37,561	2,711	7.8%
Of which, Paris II at preferential rates ⁽²⁾	3,677	3,161	2,646	2,130	1,615	1,099	(516)	-31.9%
Of which, Paris III at preferential rates ⁽³⁾	709	663	317	271	226	181	(45)	-20.0%
Of which, market-issued Eurobonds	21,870	23,258	29,427	32,688	32,584	35,846	3,262	10.0%
* Accrued Interest on Eurobonds	483	407	400	444	425	435	10	2.4%
5. Loans	4,231	3,977	3,860	3,729	3,640	3,170	(470)	-12.9%
5.1 Paris II loans	460	351	279	208	128	83	(45)	-35.2%
5.2 Paris III loans ⁽⁴⁾	1,147	1,060	997	915	760	629	(131)	-17.3%
5.3 Bilateral loans (non-Paris II and III)	723	766	832	821	1,192	1,037	(155)	-13.0%
5.4 Multilateral loans (non-Paris II and III)	1,877	1,781	1,738	1,691	1,506	1,397	(109)	-7.2%
5.5 Foreign Private Sector Loans	24	18	14	94	54	24	(30)	-55.6%
6. Other debt	74	80	112	136	114	68	(46)	-40.4%
6.1 Special Tbls in Foreign currency ⁽⁵⁾	74	80	112	136	114	68	(46)	-40.4%
Public sector deposits	11,419	10,984	12,916	15,495	13,965	13,227	(738)	-5.3%
Net debt	67,879	69,903	74,043	80,215	86,391	92,767	6,376	7.4%
Gross Market debt⁽⁶⁾	51,308	50,191	58,623	65,386	67,373	68,799	1,426	2.1%
% of total debt	64.7%	62.1%	67.4%	68.3%	67.1%	64.9%	-2.2%	-3.3%

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 2010 and December 2015 may be subject to slight modification.

2- Figure of Gross Public Debt in this report may differ from the figure in September 2015 PFM report to be published.

⁽²⁾ Paris II related Eurobonds including the outstanding of the Eurobond originally issued at USD 1,870 billion to BDL in the context of Paris II conference.

⁽³⁾ Issued to Malaysia as part of its Paris III contribution.

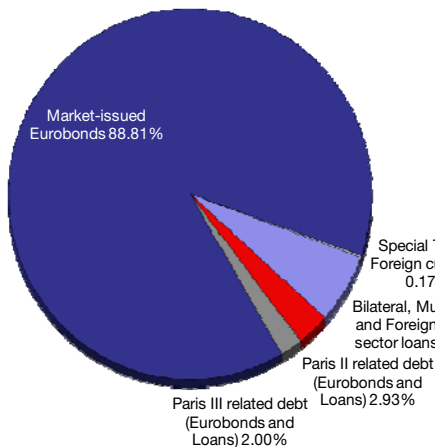
⁽⁴⁾ IBRD loan, UAE loan and French loan of which the first tranche was received in February 2008 and the second tranche in September 2012

⁽⁵⁾ Special Tbls 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.

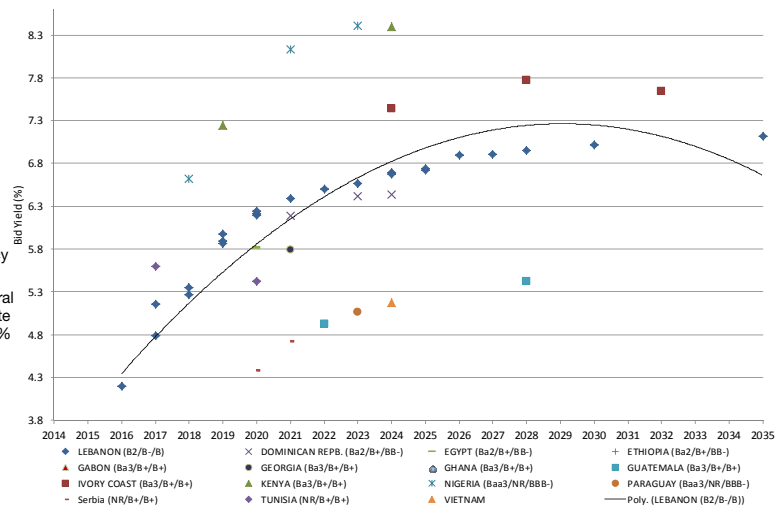
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

Outstanding Foreign Currency Debt by Holder
(as of end-December 2015)



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

Yields for Republic of Lebanon Eurobonds and Comparable [USD Eurobonds]
(as of February 24, 2016)



Source: DB, MOF

Lebanon Secondary Issues						
	Price		Yield		Z-Spread	
	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
EURO						
LEB 5.15 2018	103.00	104.00	4.23	3.86	419	381
US Dollars						
LEB 4.5 2016	100.30	100.47	3.46	2.90	284	228
LEB 11.625 2016	102.75	102.96	3.67	3.10	302	245
LEB 4.75 2016	100.50	101.21	4.12	3.25	330	243
LEB 9 2017	104.88	105.88	4.80	3.97	386	304
LEB 5 2017	99.75	100.75	5.15	4.55	403	344
LEB 5.15 2018	99.50	100.50	5.37	4.93	408	364
LEB 5.15 2018	99.25	100.25	5.43	5.05	404	366
LEB 5.5 2019	99.25	100.25	5.75	5.41	427	394
LEB 6 2019	100.75	101.75	5.75	5.42	427	394
LEB 5.45 2019	98.75	99.75	5.81	5.52	425	395
LEB 6.375 2020	101.25	102.25	6.03	5.76	443	415
LEB 5.8 2020	99.13	100.13	6.03	5.76	441	414
LEB 6.15 2020	100.38	101.38	6.05	5.80	441	415
LEB 8.25 2021	109.38	110.38	6.14	5.93	440	419
LEB 6.1 2022	98.65	99.65	6.35	6.16	444	425
LEB 6 2023	97.75	98.75	6.40	6.22	446	428
LEB 6.25 2024	98.13	99.13	6.53	6.38	446	431
LEB 7 2024	103.13	104.13	6.53	6.39	447	431
LEB 6.2 2025	97.50	98.50	6.57	6.42	448	432
LEB 6.25 2025	97.50	98.50	6.61	6.46	450	435
LEB 6.6 2026	98.75	99.75	6.76	6.63	458	444
LEB 6.75 2027	99.50	100.50	6.81	6.69	458	445
LEB 6.65 2028	98.38	99.38	6.84	6.72	458	445
LEB 6.65 2030	98.00	99.00	6.87	6.76	457	445
LEB 7.05 2035	99.63	100.63	7.08	6.99	467	457

Source: DB 31st December 2015

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EURO						
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US Dollars						
LEB 4.5 2016	100.11	100.39	3.73	1.96	325	145
LEB 11.625 2016	101.70	102.01	3.30	1.88	273	130
LEB 4.75 2016	100.36	101.28	4.20	2.84	321	185
LEB 9 2017	104.32	105.29	4.79	3.88	366	275
LEB 5 2017	99.75	100.75	5.16	4.51	423	359
LEB 5.15 2018	99.75	100.75	5.26	4.80	446	399
LEB 5.15 2018	99.50	100.50	5.35	4.95	450	410
LEB 5.5 2019	98.88	99.88	5.89	5.54	501	465
LEB 6 2019	100.38	101.38	5.87	5.52	498	463
LEB 5.45 2019	98.25	99.25	5.97	5.67	503	473
LEB 6.375 2020	100.63	101.63	6.20	5.91	523	494
LEB 5.8 2020	98.50	99.50	6.21	5.94	523	495
LEB 6.15 2020	99.63	100.63	6.25	5.98	524	497
LEB 8.25 2021	108.00	109.00	6.39	6.17	532	510
LEB 6.1 2022	97.88	98.88	6.50	6.31	528	509
LEB 6 2023	96.88	97.88	6.57	6.38	531	513
LEB 6.25 2024	97.13	98.13	6.69	6.53	530	514
LEB 7 2024	102.13	103.13	6.67	6.52	529	514
LEB 6.2 2025	96.50	97.50	6.72	6.57	532	516
LEB 6.25 2025	96.63	97.63	6.74	6.59	532	516
LEB 6.6 2026	97.75	98.75	6.90	6.76	539	525
LEB 6.75 2027	98.75	99.75	6.91	6.78	535	522
LEB 6.65 2028	97.50	98.50	6.95	6.83	535	523
LEB 6.65 2030	96.75	97.75	7.02	6.90	537	525
LEB 7.05 2035	99.25	100.25	7.12	7.03	535	525

Source: DB 24th February 2016

Lebanon Sovereign Debt Rating

Agency	Foreign Currency		
As of February 24 th , 2016	Long – term tenor rating	Short – term tenor rating	Outlook
Fitch Ratings *	B	B	Negative
Moody's Investor Services Ltd **	B2	-	Negative
Standard and Poor's ***	B-	B	Negative

* Fitch's reaffirmed its ratings on 21 December 2015

** Moody's reaffirmed its ratings on 24 June 2015

*** Standard and Poor's affirmed its rating at B/B on 11 September 2015 but revised the outlook of Lebanon from stable to negative

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

List of Outstanding Eurobonds (values as of December 31, 2015)

ISIN CODE	Eurobond	Outstanding Amount (in original cur)	Outstanding Amount (USD)	No. of tranches	Currency	Coupon Rate	Mat. Date mm/dd/yy	Years to maturity
US52238PAJ84	USD 750 MN - January 2016	431,664,000	431,664,000	1	USD	8.500%	01/19/16	0.05
XS0922623912	USD 600 MN - April 2016	600,000,000	600,000,000	1	USD	4.500%	04/22/16	0.31
XS0128547147	USD 400 MN - May 2016	400,000,000	400,000,000	1	USD	11.625%	05/11/16	0.36
XS0655338555	USD 500 MN - November 2016*	500,000,000	500,000,000	1	USD	4.750%	11/02/16	0.84
XS0418193917	USD 1,500 MN - March 2017	1,500,000,000	1,500,000,000	2	USD	9.000%	03/20/17	1.22
XS0769530238	USD 775 MN - October 2017	775,000,000	775,000,000	2	USD	5.000%	10/12/17	1.78
XS0793155838	USD 700 MN - June 2018	700,000,000	700,000,000	1	USD	5.150%	06/12/18	2.45
XS0559237952	USD 1,025 MN - November 2018	1,025,000,000	1,025,000,000	3	USD	5.150%	11/12/18	2.87
XS0707821467	EUR 445 MN - November 2018	445,000,000	486,073,184	2	EUR	5.350%	11/28/18	2.91
XS0922623755	USD 500 MN - April 2019	500,000,000	500,000,000	1	USD	5.500%	04/23/19	3.31
XS0629509943	USD 650 MN - May 2019	650,000,000	650,000,000	1	USD	6.000%	05/20/19	3.39
XS0707819727	USD 1,500 MN - November 2019	1,500,000,000	1,500,000,000	3	USD	5.450%	11/28/19	3.91
XS0493540297	USD 1,200 MN - Mar 2020	1,200,000,000	1,200,000,000	1	USD	6.375%	03/09/20	4.19
XS1052421150	USD 700 MN - April 2020	700,000,000	700,000,000	3	USD	5.800%	04/14/20	4.29
XS0944226637	USD 600 MN - June 2020	600,000,000	600,000,000	1	USD	6.150%	06/19/20	4.47
XS0250882478	USD 2092.469 MN - April 2021	2,092,469,000	2,092,469,000	3	USD	8.250%	04/12/21	5.28
XS0559237796	USD 1,540 MN - October 2022	1,540,000,000	1,540,000,000	4	USD	6.100%	10/04/22	6.76
XS0859367194	USD 1,100 MN - January 2023	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	3	USD	6.000%	01/27/23	7.08
XS0471737444	USD 250 MN - December 2024	250,000,000	250,000,000	1	USD	7.000%	12/03/24	8.93
XS0793155911	USD 800 MN - June 2025	800,000,000	800,000,000	1	USD	6.250%	06/12/25	9.45
XS0707820659	USD 725 MN - November 2026	1,600,000,000	1,600,000,000	6	USD	6.600%	11/27/26	10.92
XS0859366899	USD 500 MN - November 2027	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	3	USD	6.750%	11/29/27	11.92
XS1196417569	USD 1000 MN Notes - February 2025	800,000,000	800,000,000	1	USD	6.200%	02/26/25	9.16
XS1196419854	USD 1000 MN Notes - February 2030	1,400,000,000	1,400,000,000	1	USD	6.650%	02/26/30	14.17
XS1313647841	USD 500 MN Notes - November 2025	500,000,000	500,000,000	2	USD	6.250%	11/04/24	8.85
XS1313675974	USD 500 MN Notes - November 2028	500,000,000	500,000,000	2	USD	6.650%	11/03/28	12.85
XS1313654623	USD 600 MN Notes - November 2035	600,000,000	600,000,000	1	USD	7.050%	11/02/35	19.85
EUROBONDS ISSUED IN THE CONTEXT OF PARIS III								
XS0312416000	USD \$300 MN - July 2017	120,000,000	120,000,000	1	USD	3.750%	07/20/17	1.13
EUROBONDS ISSUED IN THE CONTEXT OF PARIS II								
XS0160456322	USD 950 MN - Dec 2017	130,000,000	130,000,000	1	USD	5.000%	12/27/17	1.15
XS0160503347	USD 2,007.511 MN - Dec 2017	401,502,200	401,502,200	2	USD	4.000%	12/31/17	1.15
XS0164502352	USD 700 MN - Mar 2018	175,000,000	175,000,000	1	USD	5.000%	03/07/18	1.17
XS0169203048	USD 200 MN - May 2018	50,000,000	50,000,000	1	USD	5.000%	05/27/18	1.34
						Average Time to Maturity (in years, of December 31, 2015):	6.09	
						Weighted average coupon rate:	6.44%	

* 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).

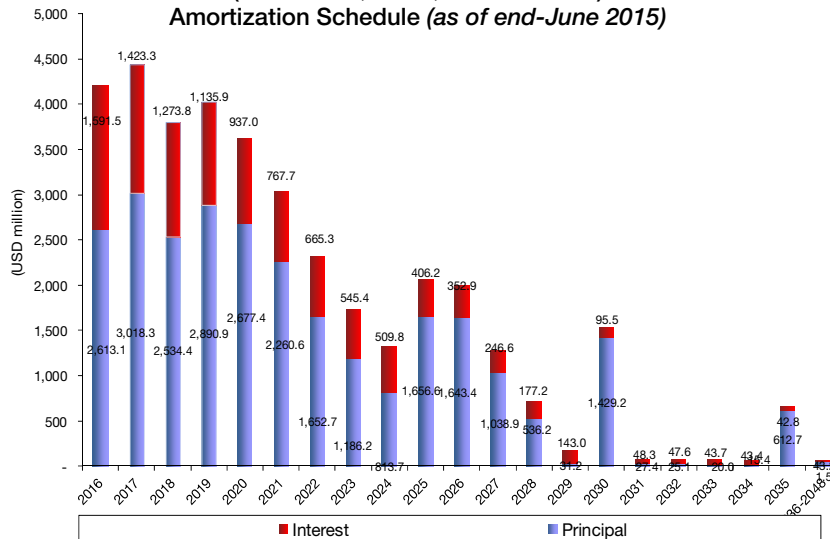
Euro exchange rate (US\$/Euro) (31 Dec 2015): 1.092

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEBT DATA

Recent Government Eurobond Issuances							
Issue Date	Series (Tranche)	Term (years)	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Issuance Yield	Amount issued	ISIN Code
19-Jan-2016	76 (3)*	13 (Short)	3-Nov-2028	6.650	6.650	USD 393.197 MN	XS1313675974
19-Jan-2016	75 (3)*	9 (Short)	4-Nov-2024	6.250	6.250	USD 38.467 MN	XS1313647841
4-Nov-2015	77	20.0	2-Nov-2035	7.050	7.050	USD 600 MN	XS1313654623
4-Nov-2015	76(2)	13.0	3-Nov-2028	6.650	6.650	USD 282.417 MN	XS1313675974
4-Nov-2015	76 (1)	13.0	3-Nov-2028	6.650	6.650	USD 217.583 MN	XS1313675974
4-Nov-2015	75 (2)	9.0	4-Nov-2024	6.250	6.250	USD 399.247 MN	XS1313647841
4-Nov-2015	75(1)	9.0	4-Nov-2024	6.250	6.250	USD 100.753 MN	XS1313647841
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

* Re-opening of Series 75 and 76 through a "Purchase Agreement" dated 18 December 2015 between the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Banque du Liban (BdL).

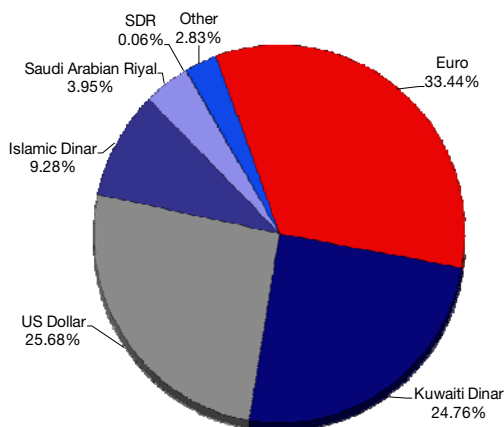
Foreign Currency Debt (Eurobonds, loans, and all others)
Amortization Schedule (as of end-June 2015)



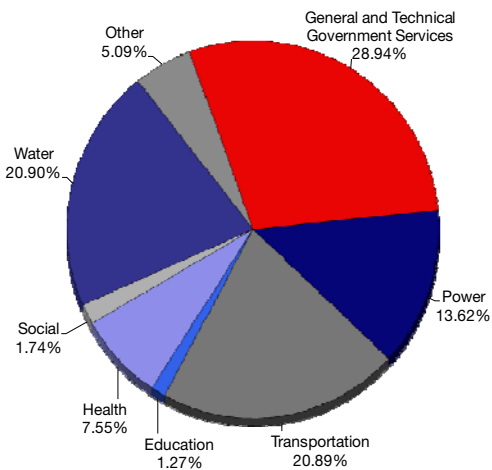
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FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS DATA

Bilateral and Multilateral Loans (concessional and otherwise)
Breakdown by currency (as of end-December 2015)



Bilateral and Multilateral Loans (concessional and otherwise)
Breakdown by sector (as of end-December 2015)

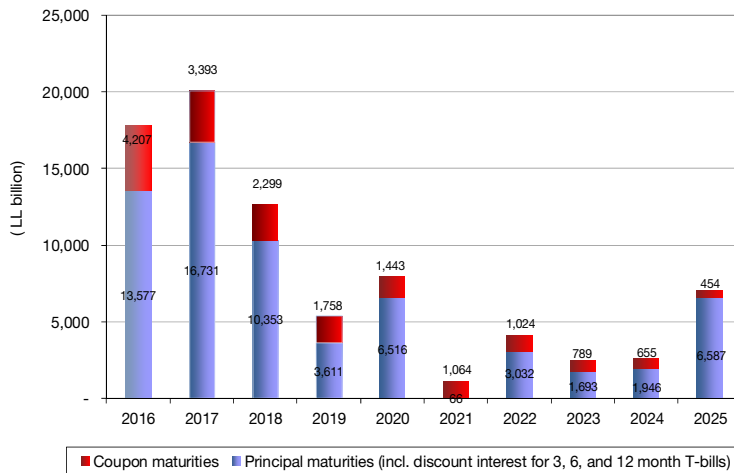


Source: MOF, BDL

Total Outstanding LL 3,170 billion

DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEBT DATA

**Amortization Schedule of Domestic T-bills and Bonds
(as of end-December 2015)**



As of end-December 2015	
Average Time to Maturity of Domestic Currency T-bills and Bonds (in years)	3.32
Weighted Average Coupon Rate of Domestic Currency T-bills and Bonds	7.00%

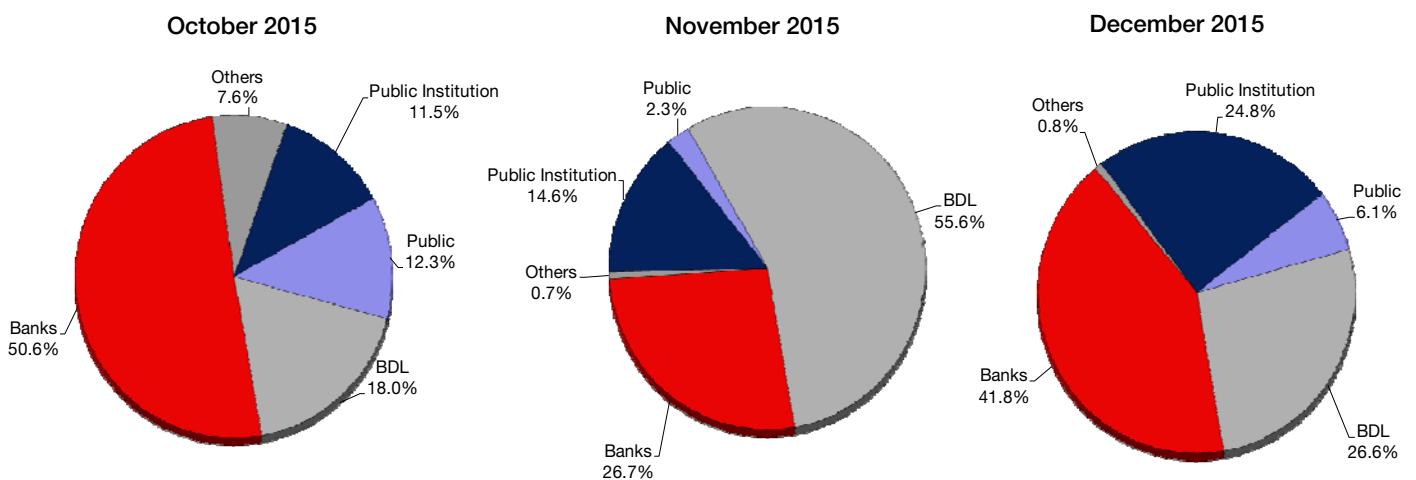
Source: MOF, BDL

The data used for the amortization schedule is based on outstanding and not on committed amounts.

Upcoming Government Treasury Bill and Bond Auctions		
Auction Date	Value Date	Tenors to be auctioned
29-Feb-16	03-Mar-16	12MN, 5YR
07-Mar-16	10-Mar-16	3MN, 2YR
14-Mar-16	17-Mar-16	1YR, 5YR, 15YR
21-Mar-16	24-Mar-16	6MN, 3YR
28-Mar-16	31-Mar-16	12MN, 7YR

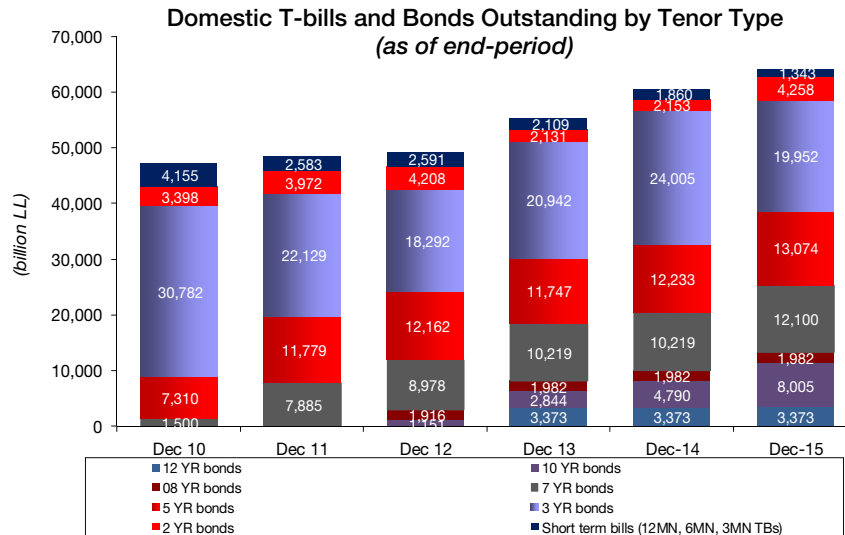
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T-Bill and Bond Subscription Results by Holder During QIV 2015



Source: MOF, BDL

DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEBT DATA

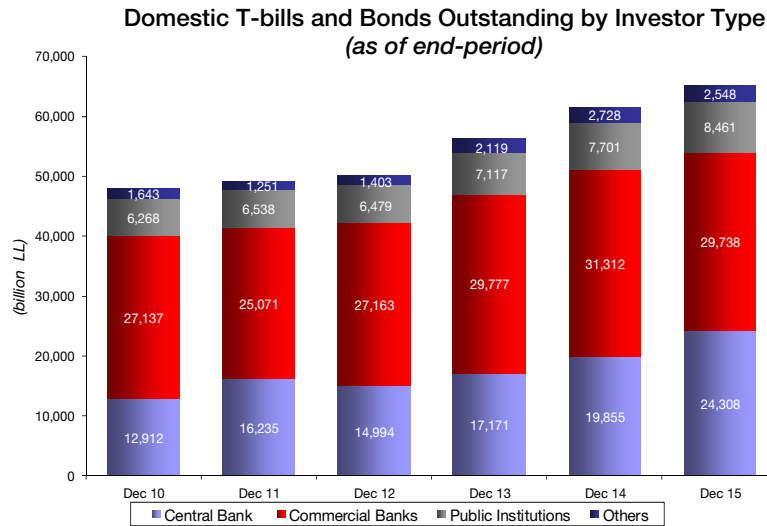


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Notes:

1- Only treasury bills with maturities less than 24 months are issued at a discount to their face value.

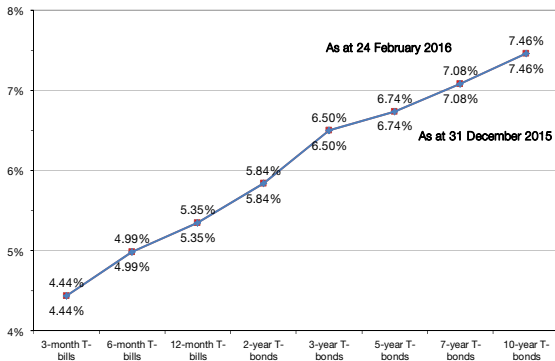
2- The 5 YR bonds figure includes LL 180 billion contractor bonds issued in Nov 2011, May 2012, Aug 2012, Jan 2014 and Nov 2014.



Source: MOF, BDL

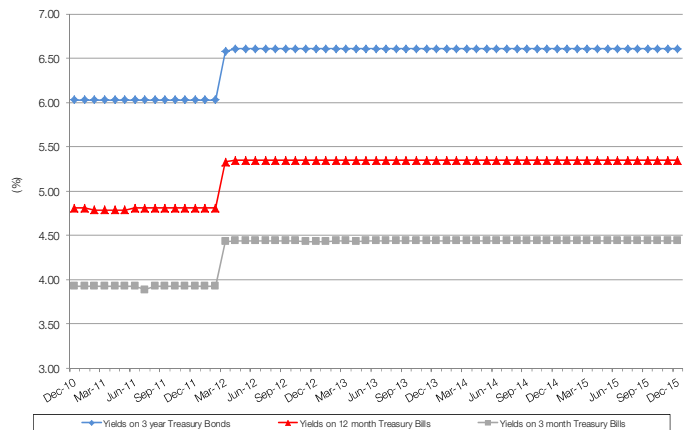
Note: Central Bank figures include the amounts of repurchase agreements.

Yield Curve for Regularly Auctioned T-Bills and Bonds



Source: MoF

Time Series of Primary Market Rates for T-Bills and Bonds (end-December 2015)



Source: BdL

Note: Primary rates for 7-8-10-12 year T-bonds issued by the Lebanese government were 7.08%, 7.8%, 7.46% and 8.74% respectively.

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