

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

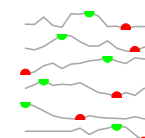


## Lebanon

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
50.7	4.5	11,149.3	6.4	123.0

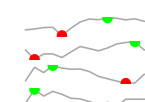
### Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	5.6	2.2	0.9	2.0	2.0	2.5
Current account balance	-17.0	-22.7	-26.6	-26.7	-21.2	-21.9
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-11.7	-8.3	-9.4	-6.6	-7.2	-7.0
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	22.5	15.4	18.2	16.2	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	111.6	97.7	96.6	101.2	96.5	96.5
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.8	6.6	5.6	1.1	-3.2	—



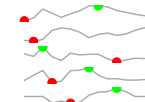
### Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	24.4	29.1	28.1	28.7	27.3	26.8
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	23.9	29.4	30.4	30.8	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	12.1	7.2	6.1	6.2	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	49.8	29.2	NA	—	—	—



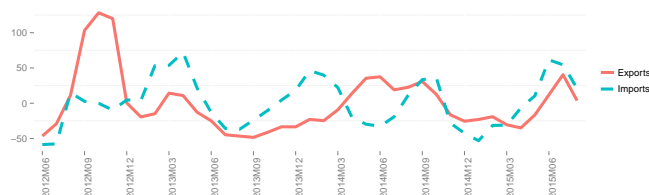
### Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	68.83	71.61	70.29	68.97	67.94	68.56
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-23.94	-23.53	-22.87	-20.99	-19.73	-19.03
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	10.66	-4.86	-0.50	3.20	2.50	5.30
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	7.43	0.79	-1.20	-1.50	-0.60	2.40
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	13.09	18.72	16.77	—	—	—



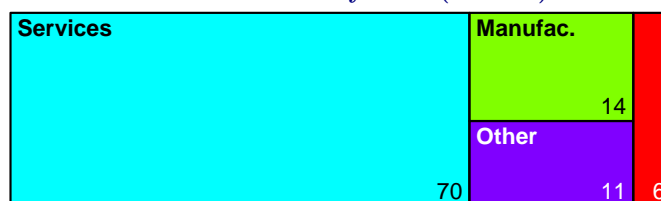
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

### Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

### Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold)	Other non-ferrous base metal waste	Books, pamphlets, maps and globes, Diamonds (other than sorted)	Generating sets
11	4	3	3

### Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	Intermediate goods	Capital goods
57	22	13
		Raw materials
		8

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

### Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	129	130	-1
Ease of Doing Business Rank	121	123	-2
Enforcing Contracts	134	135	-1
Getting Credit	105	109	-4
Getting Electricity	111	116	-5
Paying Taxes	44	45	-1
Protecting Minority Investors	133	134	-1
Registering Property	99	103	-4
Resolving Insolvency	135	134	1
Starting a Business	108	114	-6
Trading Across Borders	147	147	0

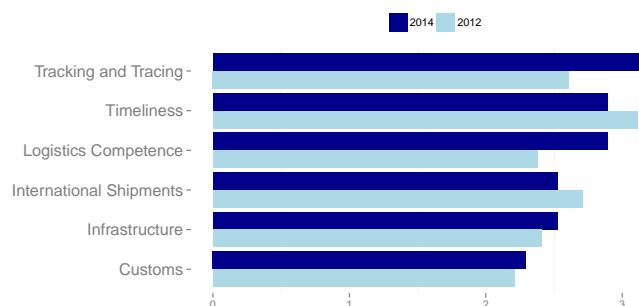
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

## WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



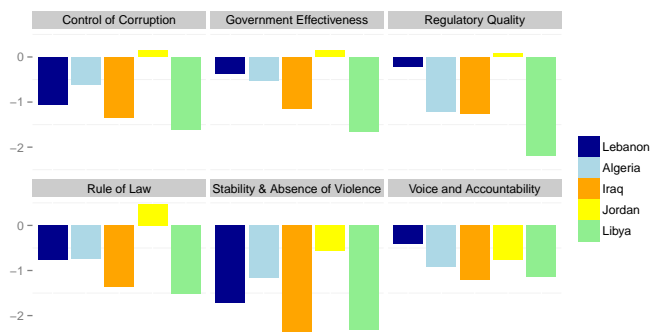
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

## World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## Trade Policy

	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	5.8
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	12.3
Import duties collected (% , 2011-2013) [1]	1.6
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	15.1
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	4.4
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	5.8
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

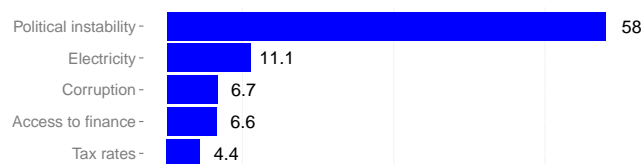
## Private Sector's Views

### Enterprise Survey 2013

	Middle East and North Africa	Lebanon	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	17.60	50.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	25.60	57.30	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	13.60	32.90	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	72.70	61.70	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	9.10	4.10	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015