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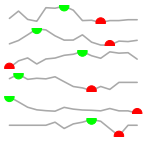
Lebanon

GDP (US$ billions) (2017)	Population (millions) (2017)	Income per capita (current US$) (2017)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
52.1	4.5	11,635.0	6.4	123.0

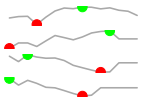
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP growth (annual %)	5.3	0.9	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
Current account balance	-17.4	-26.6	-26.7	-21.2	-21.9	-20.2
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-11.4	-9.4	-6.6	-7.2	-7.0	-9.8
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	21.8	18.2	16.2	—	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	110.5	96.6	101.2	96.5	96.5	91.9
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	4.3	5.6	1.1	-3.2	NA	—



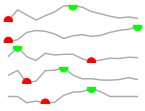
Investment indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	24.8	28.1	28.8	27.3	26.8	24.3
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	24.4	30.4	30.8	—	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	11.7	6.1	6.2	—	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	47.9	NA	—	—	—	—



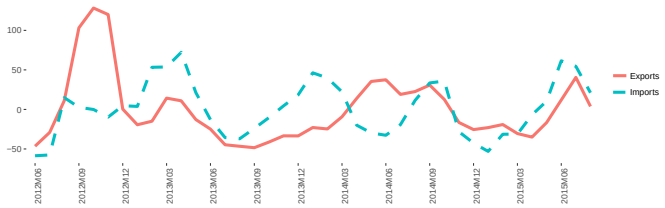
Trade Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	69.0	70.3	69.0	67.9	68.6	67.8
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-23.9	-22.9	-21.0	-19.7	-19.0	-17.3
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	9.4	-0.5	3.2	2.5	5.3	4.5
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	6.9	-1.2	-1.5	-0.6	2.4	-0.5
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	13.8	16.8	—	—	—	—



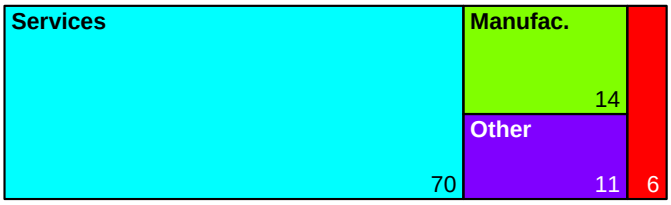
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



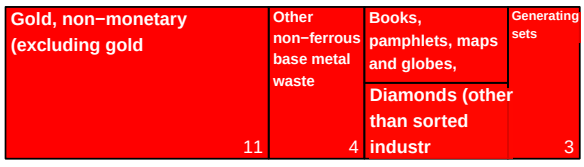
Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014



Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

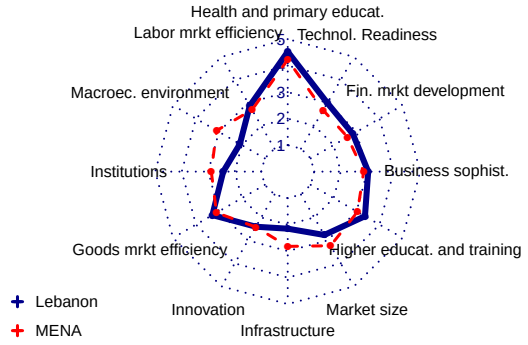
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

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

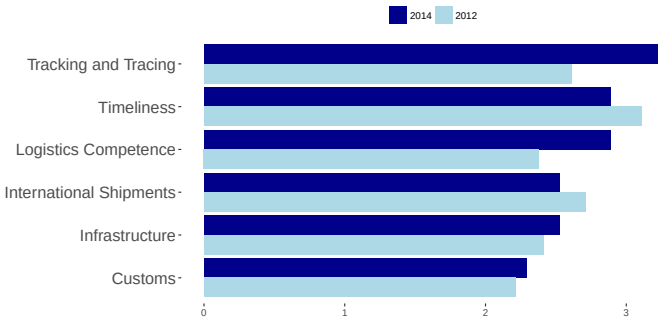
Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

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



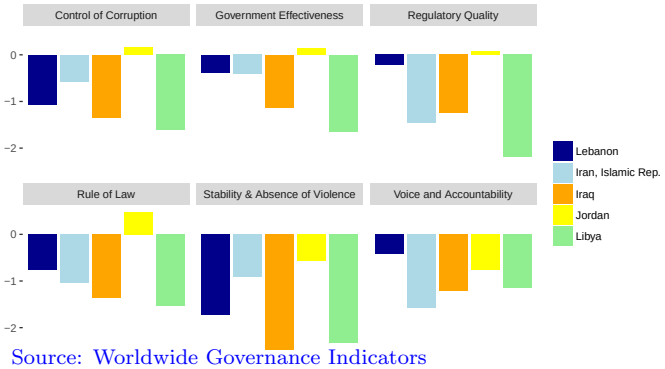
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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

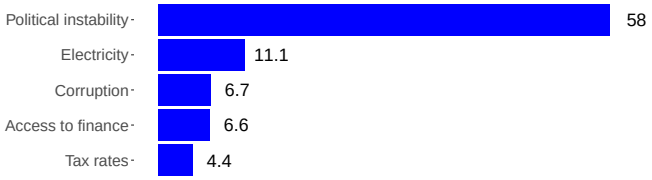
Private Sector's Views

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

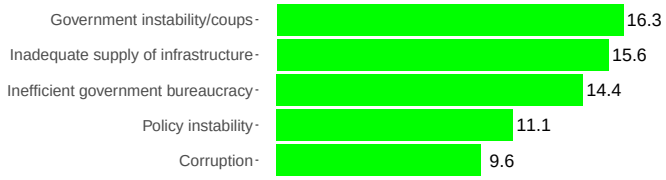
Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013
(% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

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



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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Most Recent

Product	Document Date
Lebanon - Promoting poverty reduction and shared prosperity	2015-06-23

Planned

Product	Concept Review Date	Board Date
None		

WB Lending Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Begin Appraisal	Commitment (US$M)	Latest Sort Overall Risk Rating	FY Expenses (US$K)	Cum Expenses (US$K)	FY Prob
None										

WB Portfolio

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Undisbursed Balance (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	Overall Risk	Months in Problem Status
None											

Closed

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	IEG Outcome Rating
None									

WB ASA

Active

Task ID	Task Name	Team Leader	Management Approval Date	Product Line	RAS (Y/N)	Current Expenditure BB (US$K)	Current Expenditure Total (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure BB (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure Total (US$K)
P155546	Lebanon Jobs Program	Peter J. Mousley	2016-06-20	TA	N	113	187	230	305

Closed

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None									

IFC ASA

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval Date	Expected End Date	Approval Value (in US$K)	Total Expenditures (in US$K)	Current FY Expenditure (in US$K)
585847	Simplification and Automation Lebanon	El Zayat, Amina Khaled	2012-02-07	2016-06-30	1,050	998	16
569967	ADR Lebanon	Khouzami, Carol	2011-08-30	2015-04-30	1,094	1,048	32

Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval Date	Expected End Date	Approval Value (in US$K)	Total Expenditures (in US$K)	Current FY Expenditure (in US$K)
600898	Lebanon Simplification and Automation Phase 2	Hussein, Maha Abdelhamid Mohamid Tawfik	—	2017-10-31	1,734	160	160

Closed

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval Date	Expected End Date	Approval Value (in US$K)	Total Expenditures (in US$K)	Current FY Expenditure (in US$K)
546425	Admn. Barriers, Sectoral Procedures, Lebanon	Forneris, Xavier	2006-04-06	—	0	0	0
539184	Business Registration Simplification P2	Moullier, Thomas	2006-01-23	2008-06-30	440	487	0
539175	D Bus Better P1	Moullier, Thomas	2005-10-27	—	0	0	0