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Amid a fresh wave of US-Iran military escalation and lingering concerns of local spillovers, and after signing the strategic Lebanon-UAE MoU to strengthen trade and investment cooperation, and in line with the World Bank's projection of a fiscal surplus in Lebanon this year, the country's capital markets saw this week sovereign bond prices hold firm around six-month highs, while equities remained on a downward path, and the LP maintained its stability against the US dollar on the parallel FX market. In detail, Eurobond prices held firm near their highest levels since early-March 2026, ranging between 27.38 and 29.75c on Friday against 27.38-29.63c at the end of last week. This followed the landmark Lebanon-UAE MoU, which helped send a message of confidence to international institutional investors. Market sentiment was further boosted by the World Bank's forecast of a fiscal surplus of 1.3% of GDP this year despite the war, driven by collection of the excise tax on gasoline since last February and continued fiscal discipline. On the equity market, the BSE posted extended price declines of 2%, while the total turnover reached US$ 3.8 million this week, compared with US$ 4.0 million last week. Finally, the LP traded within narrow margins of 89,600–89,700 against the US dollar, while BDL's liquid FX reserves reached US$ 11,566 million at end-August 2026, which marks a contraction of US$ 329 million in the first eight months of the year.

LEBANON MARKETS: AUGUST 31 TILL SEPTEMBER 06 2026

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ECONOMY

JULY CPI YEARLY INFLATION AT 15.7% AS PER CAS AND AT 14.0% AS PER CRI

The Central Administration for Statistics has just released its CPI inflation rate for July 2026 whereby it sees a 15.67% yearly relative to July 2026. The elevated CAS inflation figure is driven by the rise in international oil prices as a result of the US/Iran war spillovers, in particular the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. As a matter of fact, the CAS statistics show an annual rise in Transport prices by 27.60% in July 2026 relative to the same period in 2025.

In parallel, the Consultation & Research Institute's index of consumer prices has significantly increased by 13.23 percent this July compared to results of July 2025. All nine main indices registered increases this July. The most significant increases were registered by the "Education" category (21.40 percent), followed by the "Transportation and Telecommunications" category (18.58 percent), then by the "Other Goods and Services" category (17.49 percent), and the "Food and Beverages" category (13.97 percent).

The CRI July 2026 year-on-year "Food and Beverages" index has increased by 13.97 percent since July 2025. All of its four main indices registered increases this month, especially the "Food" category (14.83 percent), followed by the "Nonalcoholic Beverages" category (7.85 percent), then by the "Alcoholic Beverages" category (3.44 percent), and the "Tobacco Products" category (1.98 percent).

Apparel year-on-year prices registered 2.90 percent increase in July 2026. This was the result of the increase in the "Clothing and Sewing Materials" category (5.57 percent); whereas, the "Footwear" category (-2.40 percent) witnessed a decrease this month. This was mainly due to the sole increase registered in the "Household Energy" category (4.70 percent); whereas, the remaining categories kept unchanged this July.

Four out of eight indices witnessed increases this July, namely those of the "Miscellaneous Household Products" category (13.06 percent), the "Cleaning Products and Services" category (6.21 percent), the "Appliances" category (3.86 percent) and the "Household Furnishings" category (0.93 percent). Another three categories witnessed decreases this July: the "Glassware" category (-24.32 percent), the "Kitchenware" category (-1.47 percent) and the "Linens" category (-0.42 percent). The "Housekeeping Services" category remained unchanged in July 2026.

The healthcare index has increased by 9.92 percent since July 2025. This is due to the increases registered in the "Outpatient Services" category (11.76 percent), the "Health Insurance" category (11.00 percent), the "Inpatient Services" category (7.97 percent) and the "Medications and Medical Accessories" category (1.66 percent).

The CPI component for "Transportation and Telecommunications" has surged by 18.58 percent (year-on-year) in July 2026; due to the increase registered in the "Transportation" category (18.93 percent). The "Telephone Services" category kept stable this July.

The index for education has increased by 21.40 percent from the previous year, due to the significant increase in the "Tuition Fees" category (26.91 percent). On the other hand, the "Educational Books and Supplies" category (-11.24 percent) witnessed a decrease in July. Whereas, the "School Transportation" category was unchanged this year.

The index for recreation has increased this July by 7.61 percent; reflecting the increases witnessed in the "Movies and Restaurants" category (8.52 percent) and the "Reading Materials and Photography" category (5.83 percent).

The index of "Other Goods and Services" has significantly increased by 17.49 percent since July 2025. This was basically due to the increases in the "Jewelry" category (22.64 percent) and the "Personal Care" category (13.53 percent) compared to the same month last year. The "Travel" and the "Financial Services" categories remained unchanged in July 2026, as per CRI.

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LEBANON'S 2027 DRAFT BUDGET TARGETS ZERO DEFICIT AS SPENDING RISES TO US$ 6.9 BILLION

Lebanon's 2027 draft budget submitted from the Ministry of Finance to the Cabinet last week, targets a zero fiscal deficit, with expenditures estimated at around US$ 6.8 billion to US$ 6.9 billion, up by approximately 13% from US$6.1 billion in the 2026 budget. The government is basing its projections on 3% economic growth and plans to finance expenditures through regular revenues without resorting to borrowing or exceptional financing.

Government revenues are projected at around US$ 7.3 billion, representing an increase of approximately US$ 990 million compared with 2026. Tax revenues are expected to account for around 86% of total revenues, supported by stronger collection and measures aimed at reducing tax evasion through digitalization and greater electronic connectivity between public institutions.

The draft also introduces additional environmental duties ranging between 1% and 3% on a wide range of imported goods, including construction materials, vehicles and spare parts, electrical and medical equipment, plastics, chemicals, clothing and industrial machinery. It also proposes changes to the taxation of foreign digital services and tighter tax-compliance requirements. Current expenditures are expected to account for around 89% of total spending, reflecting continued spending on public-sector wages, social benefits, healthcare and government operations, while investment expenditure remains relatively limited.

IDAL SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN LEBANON'S INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT THROUGH UAE COOPERATION

Lebanon's Investment Development Authority (IDAL) participated in a three-day official visit to Dubai aimed at drawing on the UAE's experience in digital transformation, reducing bureaucracy, artificial intelligence and improving government services.

The initiative forms part of broader efforts to improve Lebanon's business and investment environment, simplify procedures and strengthen public institutions' ability to attract domestic and international investment.

IDAL is also working to expand its role beyond investment promotion by facilitating investors' entry into the Lebanese market, identifying investment opportunities and supporting the establishment of new projects, while encouraging public-private partnerships and greater capital flows into productive sectors.

LEBANON PLANS US$100 MILLION REVIVAL OF PUBLIC HOUSING LOANS

Lebanon's Ministry of Finance submitted the preliminary 2027 draft budget to the Council of Ministers, including plans to reactivate the Public Housing Establishment and resume housing lending after new applications were suspended following the 2019 financial crisis.

The proposed plan would allocate around US$ 100 million to the institution, with housing loans potentially offered at an interest rate of 3.5%. Under the new framework, the Public Housing Establishment would grant loans from its own funds, rather than primarily acting as an intermediary for subsidized loans provided through commercial banks.

The 2027 draft budget is also expected to introduce a medium-term fiscal framework, in line with IMF recommendations for strengthening public-finance management. Further tax increases could also be considered to finance higher public spending, although the draft budget has not yet been made public.

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LEBANON'S ELECTRICITY SECTOR LOSSES ESTIMATED AT US$ 50 MILLION PER MONTH

Lebanon's parliamentary Public Works, Transport, Energy and Water Committee discussed the country's electricity sector and the development of a new policy framework aimed at addressing persistent financial and operational challenges.

Losses and waste across the electricity sector were estimated at around US$ 50 million per month, amid declining bill collection, technical losses, network violations and higher fuel, transportation and insurance costs.

Authorities are also working to secure around 150 MW of electricity from Syria, alongside potential cooperation with Jordan and Kuwait. Discussions additionally addressed Lebanon's outstanding obligations to Iraq, estimated at around US$ 1.8 billion, while the committee plans to hold weekly working sessions to follow up on reforms and improve the sector's performance.

BDL LAUNCHES FORENSIC AUDIT OF FOREIGN ASSET TRANSACTIONS

Banque du Liban (BDL) announced the launch of a forensic audit by Alvarez & Marsal covering selected transactions related to the central bank's foreign assets, following the completion of a public procurement process.

The audit covers the period from October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023 and includes subsidy programs for essential goods, selected banking and public-sector transfers, as well as letters of credit related to fuel imports. The review will trace the flow of related funds and examine the procedures used to execute these transactions, based on records and documentation from BDL, government ministries, commercial banks and other relevant parties. The audit forms part of efforts to strengthen transparency and accountability and document BDL's financial rights related to foreign-currency funds used during the period.

LEBANON SEEKS TO EXPAND AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO QATAR

Lebanon's Ministry of Agriculture discussed opportunities to expand the marketing of Lebanese agricultural products in Qatar, following talks with a Qatari company interested in locally produced crops and agricultural goods.

The discussions focused on developing new commercial channels to the Qatari market, potentially providing Lebanese farmers and producers with additional export opportunities. The Ministry is also working to improve post-harvest infrastructure, including cooling, sorting, packaging and processing facilities, with the aim of reducing agricultural losses, improving product quality and strengthening the competitiveness of Lebanese produce in domestic and international markets.

LEBANON ADVANCES AGRICULTURAL STRATEGY AND FARMER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Lebanon's Ministry of Agriculture signed a memorandum of understanding with the Inmaa Baladati Association aimed at strengthening cooperation with farmers, municipalities and agricultural cooperatives and supporting agricultural development, including training and awareness initiatives.

The Ministry is implementing its National Agriculture Strategy 2026–2035, focusing on farmer capacity building, sustainable agriculture, improving the sector's economic contribution and strengthening partnerships. It is also working to introduce a full traceability system for agricultural products, aimed at improving quality and facilitating access to local and international markets. Around 87,000 farmers have been registered in the national farmers registry, compared with an estimated 120,000 to 125,000 farmers across Lebanon. Registered farmers will receive electronic identification linked to information on their land and agricultural activities, supporting future improvements in production, cooling, transportation and packaging.

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SURVEYS / REPORTS

UNHCR ASSESSES NEW PROTECTION MONITORING SITUATION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

Since 2019, UNHCR – in partnership with multiple organizations – has conducted monthly Protection Monitoring (PM) surveys with Syrian refugees across Lebanon. As of January 2024, this activity was centralized and implemented by INTERSOS, with a representative sampling methodology based on the presence of the Syrian refugee population at both national and governorate levels. PM surveys aim to gather information on refugees' situation, analyze protection trends, assess gaps, and inform responses. This supports evidence-based advocacy and programming under the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) and incorporates UNHCR's Age, Gender, and Diversity approach to identify vulnerabilities. Referrals for specialized services are made based on the needs identified.

The new report analyzes protection trends affecting Syrian refugees in Lebanon during the second quarter of 2026 (April-June). The PM data was gathered through two primary methodologies:

• Household Surveys (HHS): 2,506 HHS were conducted across all governorates in Lebanon, covering 12,250 household members including youth, women-headed households, and households with older persons or persons with disabilities (PwD). Of these, 26% were in person and 74% remote via phone.
• Key Informant Interviews (KII): 208 KIIs (67% male, 33% female) were conducted to verify findings, complement quantitative data, and provide deeper qualitative insights.

Additionally, PM outcomes are validated by triangulation with community sources, field expert insight, protection observations, UNHCR monitoring of protection incidents, also displacement and cross-border movements, and a range of secondary data published by other UN or INGO partners during the reporting period.

The escalation of hostilities on 2 March 2026 resulted in the displacement of refugee households (HHs) across Lebanon, with families seeking safety and support in other parts of the country or, in some cases, returning to Syria. The displaced refugees were systematically reached through UNHCR's Displacement Refugees Tracking Tool (DRTT) where their needs were identified and addressed through referrals to humanitarian assistance and hence this group was not covered through the PM surveys. This approach was introduced in Q12026 and continued throughout Q2 2026, with data collection divided between regular PM surveys and DRTT surveys. The analysis of DRTT data is included in the present report, to illustrate the specific needs and protection situation of secondarily displaced refugees. In total, 470 HHs have been assessed under DRTT in Q2.

Legal residency remains the most critical protection concern, with 82% of refugees aged 15+ lacking valid legal residency, limiting freedom of movement, access to livelihoods and services, and increasing fears of arrest, detention, and deportation.

The March 2026 escalation has evolved into a protracted protection crisis: an estimated 136,000 Syrian refugees were displaced in Lebanon, and by the end of Q2, 42% remained displaced, highlighting continued obstacles to return and recovery.

Returns to Syria remain cautious despite significant cross-border movements: more than 491,000 Syrian nationals departed Lebanon for Syria between March and June 2026, yet intentions to return fell from 15% in January to 7% in June. Conditions inside Syria, particularly access to housing (34%) and livelihoods (33%), remain key determinants of return decisions.

Economic vulnerability remains widespread and is driving protection risks: while 74% of Households reported income-generating activities, employment remains largely informal and insecure. 79% of HHs were unable to meet more than half of their basic needs, 45% relied on debt, and 91% carried outstanding debt.

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Access to shelter and essential services remains constrained: More than half (52%) of renting HHs were unable to pay their latest rent installment, while 53% of HHs could not access healthcare, primarily due to cost (95%). Food, shelter, and healthcare remain the most urgent needs.

Child protection concerns persist despite a decline in reported child labor: the proportion of HHs reporting child labor fell from 26% to 20%. School attendance also declined from 42% to 40%, while school dropouts increased from 2% to 4%.

Community relations remain generally stable: most HHs (94%) reported no increase in tensions with host communities, while support from host communities increased from 8% in Q1 to 23% in Q2. However, localized tensions related to employment, housing, services, and aid distribution persist.

FITCH SOLUTIONS PROJECT THAT LEBANON'S MEDICAL DEVICE MARKET WILL GROW AT A 2025-2030 CAGR OF 7.1%

A new report on Lebanon's medical device sector has just been issued by Fitch Solutions. According to them, the medical device sector in Lebanon will record high single-digit growth of 7.1% over 2025-2030, although this growth rate may be slightly exaggerated due to elevated inflation levels within the market. Key factors contributing to growth include the demographic increase resulting from the influx of Syrian refugees, a rising prevalence of chronic illnesses, the expansion of medical tourism, the dominance of private healthcare providers, high import reliance and enhancements in market regulation. However, a fragile economic and political landscape poses substantial risk.

In detail, Fitch Solutions project that Lebanon's medical device market will grow at a 2025-2030 CAGR of 7.1% in both local currency and US dollar terms, reaching LBP29.1trn (US$325.5mn) by 2030. While underlying demand drivers - including demographic trends, rising chronic disease prevalence, and private sector provision - remain intact, growth will be constrained by macroeconomic instability, import dependency, and limited foreign currency availability.

The market will remain under significant pressure from heightened geopolitical tensions and conflict-related disruption, with intensified hostilities in early 2026 contributing to weaker economic activity, rising import costs, and delayed procurement and investment, particularly for high-value equipment.
Fitch Solutions expect the Lebanese economy to contract in 2026, reflecting the physical destruction and economic losses associated with the latest escalation between Israel and Hezbollah. Broader regional tensions have disrupted economic activity, ending a sevenmonth expansion in private sector output and triggering a sharp decline in tourism and aviation activity, significantly weakening foreign currency inflows.

Political and security risks will remain elevated as per Fitch Solutions, with limited progress on structural reforms and ongoing tensions surrounding Hezbollah increasing the risk of further escalation. This will continue to weigh on investor confidence, delay external financial support, and limit the pace of recovery in the healthcare sector.

As per the report, the medical device market benefits from key drivers:

• Strong Fundamentals: Reasonably good democratic credentials; further financial aid to help Lebanon face the refugee crisis; and Beirut used as an important trading hub.
• Healthcare Drivers: The demographic boost provided by the influx of Syrian refugees; the ageing population; the increasing incidence of chronic diseases; the expanding healthcare system; medical tourism; the predominance of private healthcare providers; the abundance of private diagnostic centres and laboratories; and the supply of a high number of doctors and the availability of good technicians. • Market Drivers: Import reliance; stronger market regulation and follow-up resources; global partnerships that are boosting research and development capabilities; and the country used as a regional entry platform to cover the Levant market.

In parallel, the report says market growth will be constrained by:
• Weak Fundamentals: The political crisis; regional instability, therefore weak security perceptions across the region; tensions between Israel and Hezbollah; security threats; and currency depreciation as well as problems with the exchange rate under the US dollar peg will restrict market growth in US dollar terms.

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CORPORATE NEWS

FRESH US$ CHECK CLEARING MORE THAN DOUBLES YEAR-ON-YEAR IN 7M-2026

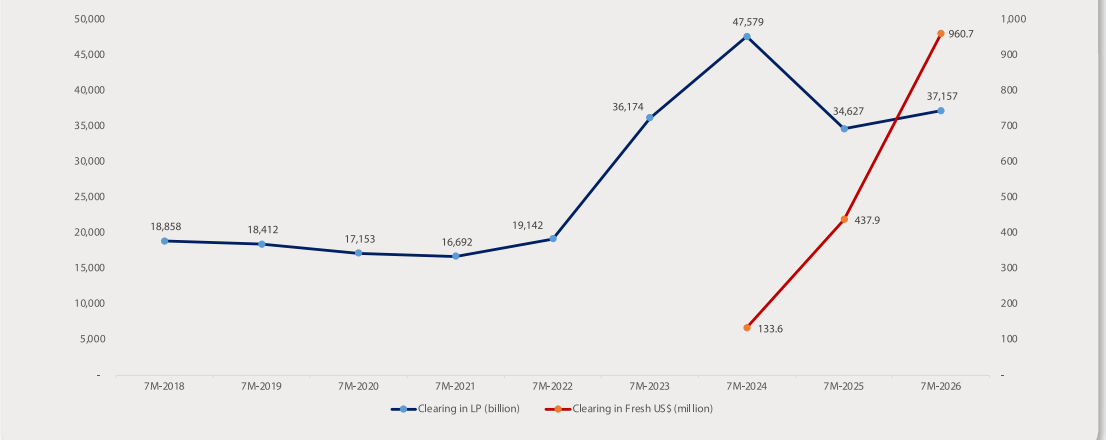
The total value of cleared checks in fresh US$ recorded US$ 178.9 million in July 2026, more than doubling year-on-year. The value of cleared checks in fresh US$ has marginally increased by 1.3% between June 2026 and July 2026.

As such, the total value of cleared checks in fresh US$ more than doubled between 7M-2025 and 7M-2026 reaching US$ 960.7 million in 7M-2026, up from US$ 437.9 million in the same period the year prior.

The value of cleared checks in Lebanese Pounds increased by 7.3% year-on-year in the first seven months of 2026 (7M-2026) against the same period the year prior mirroring an increase in spending in LP during the above-mentioned period. Checks cleared in LP recorded LP 37,157 billion (US$ 415.2 million) in 7M-2026, up from LP 34,627 billion (US$ 386.9 million) in 7M-2025. Additionally, the figure recorded in 7M-2026 stands 21.9% below levels recorded in the same period of 2024.

Looking at the total value of cleared checks (LP + Domestic dollars + Fresh US$) in 7M-2026, the total value reached US$ 680.2 million during the period. This figure shows a year-on-year drop in total value of cleared checks by 16.5% down from US$ 814.9 million in the same period the year prior.

MEA'S SHARE IN BIA ACTIVITY



Sources: BIA, Bank Audi Group's Research Department

LEBANON AND GREECE SEEK TO EXPAND PRIVATE-SECTOR INVESTMENT TIES

The Lebanese-Greek Business Council discussed initiatives aimed at strengthening private-sector cooperation and expanding trade and investment between Lebanon and Greece.

The council highlighted a recent increase in Lebanese investors directing investments toward Greece, alongside opportunities to further develop bilateral investment and commercial activity. Several initiatives are expected to be pursued in coordination with business organizations and relevant institutions in both countries, with the council seeking to facilitate new partnerships and investment opportunities between Lebanese and Greek companies.

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UAE-LEBANON BUSINESS COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN BEIRUT

The newly established UAE-Lebanon Joint Business Council held its first meeting in Beirut, following its creation during the recent UAE-Lebanon Business Forum.

The council established its operational framework, objectives and priorities, with a focus on identifying investment opportunities and connecting Lebanese and Emirati companies to develop potential projects and partnerships. The initiative aims to provide a permanent private-sector platform for strengthening trade and investment ties between Lebanon and the UAE, while working with authorities in both countries to facilitate business and investment activity.

ASKLEX EXPANDS LEBANESE LEGAL AI SERVICES TO CHATGPT AND CLAUDE

Lebanese legal technology platform askLex has expanded its services to ChatGPT and Claude, allowing users to access information grounded in verified Lebanese laws, legal procedures and court practices directly through the AI assistants. The service is available free of charge.

The platform, which launched publicly earlier in 2026, also provides contract analysis, due diligence tools, legal templates and referrals to lawyers, notaries and legal translators, with its legal content validated by qualified lawyers.

During its first eight weeks, askLex attracted more than 850 registered users and answered over 1,000 legal questions. The company is also planning to extend its legal AI services to Gemini, Perplexity and Grok, further expanding access to Lebanese legal information across major AI platforms.

LEBANESE-BRAZILIAN BUSINESS CHAMBER SEEKS TO EXPAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT TIES

The Tripoli and North Lebanon Chamber of Commerce discussed establishing a cooperation framework with the newly created Brazilian-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and Services, aimed at strengthening business and investment relations between Lebanon and Brazil.

The new chamber seeks to provide a platform connecting companies, investors and businesspeople in both countries, while helping Lebanese companies access opportunities in Brazil and potentially expand into wider Latin American markets. The two chambers are also considering a Memorandum of Understanding that would define areas of cooperation and establish mechanisms for developing bilateral trade, investment and private-sector partnerships.

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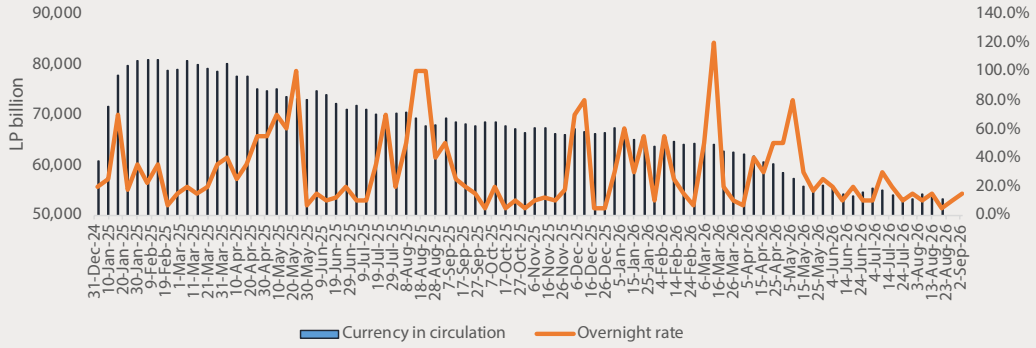
CAPITAL MARKETS

MONEY MARKET: FURTHER CONTRACTION IN TOTAL RESIDENT DEPOSITS WEEK-ON-WEEK

The overnight rate, which is a non-cash rate, rose from 10% at the end of last week to 15% on Friday, in a sign of relatively reduced local currency liquidity on the money market.

In parallel, the latest monetary aggregates released by the Central Bank of Lebanon for the week ending 20th of August 2026 showed that total resident banking deposits contracted further by LP 6,124 billion. This is mainly attributed to a weekly fall in foreign currency resident deposits of LP 6,311 billion (the equivalent of US$ 70.5 million as per the official rate of LP 89,500), while total LP resident deposits rose slightly by LP 187 billion amid a LP 433 billion increase in LP saving deposits and a LP 246 billion retreat in LP demand deposits. Within this context, the money supply in its broadest sense (M4) contracted by LP 6,400 billion over the covered week amid a fall in the currency in circulation of LP 277 billion and relative stability in the non-banking sector Treasury bills portfolio.

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY



FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET: BDL'S LIQUID FX RESERVES SLIGHTLY DOWN IN SECOND HALF OF AUGUST

The LP held steady against the US dollar on the parallel FX market this week, hovering around 89,600-89,700. Meanwhile, the Central Bank of Lebanon's latest bi-monthly balance sheet ending August 31, 2026 showed that BDL's liquid foreign reserve assets reached US$ 11,566 million at end-August compared to US$ 11,615 million mid-August, representing a decrease of US$ 49 million during the second half of the month. In this context, the Central Bank's foreign currency reserves accumulated a net decline of US$ 329 million in the first eight months of 2026.

Within this context, it is worth mentioning that BDL saw its foreign exchange reserves draw down by an average of US$ 41 million per month since the beginning of the year 2026. This mild contraction occurred despite substantial cash outflows, with BDL disbursing roughly US$ 220 million monthly under basic circulars 158 and 166, which underscores the scale of the Central Bank's active foreign currency purchases and parallel market interventions at large.

EXCHANGE RATES

	04/09/2026	28/08/2026	26/12/2025	
LP/US$	89,500.00	89,500.00	89,500.00	→
LP/£	121,191.95	121,594.70	120,690.75	↑
LP/¥	572.47	560.99	572.07	↓
LP/SF	110,698.82	111,290.72	113,319.83	↑
LP/Can$	64,850.37	64,592.96	65,409.63	↓
LP/Euro	104,016.90	104,231.70	105,341.50	↑

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Concurrently, BDL's gold reserves moved from US$ 40,085 million mid-August 2026 to US$ 40,956 million at end-August (9.2 million ounces at US$ 4,452 per ounce), marking a rise of US$ 871 million in the second half of August. That being said, BDL's gold reserves reported a net expansion of US$ 582 million over the first eight months of 2026.

STOCK MARKET: BSE DIPS DEEPER INTO RED THIS WEEK

The Beirut Stock Exchange dipped deeper into the red this week, with the price index contracting by 2.0%. Four out of five traded stocks posted price falls, while one stock reported price gains week-on-week.

A closer look at individual stocks shows that Solidere "A" share price edged up by 0.4% to US$ 70.45. Solidere "B" share price retreated by 0.6% to US$ 70.10. As to banking stocks, Bank Audi's "listed" share price shed 11.2% to US$ 1.75. Amongst industrials, Ciments Libanais' share price dropped by 2.0% to US$ 50.00. Ciments Blancs' share price contracted by 71.2% to US$ 10.50.

As to trading volumes, the BSE total turnover contracted by 5.6% week-on-week, moving from US$ 4.0 million last week to US$ 3.8 million this week, noting that Solidere shares captured the lion's share of activity (94.84%). On a cumulative basis, the BSE total trading value contracted by 14.1% year-on-year over the first eight months of 2026 to reach US$ 165 million. Concurrently, the BSE market capitalization contracted by 9.7% between end-August 2025 and end-August 2026. Within this context, the total turnover ratio, measured by the annualized trading value to market capitalization, reached 1.4% over the first eight months of 2026 compared to a turnover of 1.5% during the corresponding period of 2025.

AUDI INDICES FOR BSE

22/1/96=100	04/09/2026	28/08/2026	26/12/2025	
Market Cap. Index	721.90	736.75	816.33	↓
Trading Vol. Index	35.25	46.65	32.56	↓
Price Index	151.55	154.67	171.37	↓
Change %	-2.02%	-1.87%	1.55%	↓

	04/09/2026	28/08/2026	26/12/2025	
Market Cap. $m	17,126	17,479	19,366	↓
No. of shares traded (Exc. BT)	77,452	65,278	56,062	↑
Value Traded $000 (Exc. BT)	3,811	4,037	2,847	↓
o.w. : Solidere	3,614	4,027	2,789	↓
Banks	40	10	58	↑
Others	156	0	0	↑

BOND MARKET: LEBANESE EUROBOND PRICES STABILIZING AROUND SIX-MONTH HIGHS

Lebanon's Eurobond market reported marginal price movements this week. Prices of Lebanese sovereigns stabilized around six-month highs, hovering between 27.38 and 29.75 cents on the US dollar on Friday compared with 27.38-29.63 cents on the dollar at the end of last week. This followed the newly signed trade and investment Memorandum of Understanding with the UAE, which sent positive message to international institutional investors, and came in line with positive fiscal projections from the World Bank. As a result, Lebanese Eurobonds recorded a net price increase of 21% to 28% since the end of 2025, when they were trading at around 23.10 cents on the US dollar.

EUROBONDS INDICATORS

	04/09/2026	28/08/2026	26/12/2025	
Total tradable size $m	31,793	31,793	31,793	→
o.w.: Sovereign bonds	31,314	31,314	31,314	→
Bid price (cents per US dollar)	27.38-29.75	27.38-29.63	23.15-23.24	→
Yield on US 5-year note	4.52%	4.48%	3.71%	↑

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INTERNATIONAL MARKET INDICATORS

	04-Sep-26	28-Aug-26	31-Dec-25	Weekly change	Year-to-date change
EXCHANGE RATES					
YEN/$	156.26	160.09	156.72	-2.4%	-0.3%
$/£	1.352	1.354	1.348	-0.1%	0.3%
$/Euro	1.161	1.159	1.175	0.3%	-1.1%
STOCK INDICES					
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	53,414.25	53,559.99	48,063.29	-0.3%	11.1%
S&P 500	7,718.60	7,711.76	6,845.50	0.1%	12.8%
NASDAQ	26,506.99	26,402.42	23,241.99	0.4%	14.0%
CAC 40	8,278.77	8,401.18	8,149.50	-1.5%	1.6%
Xetra Dax	26,046.40	26,569.99	24,490.41	-2.0%	6.4%
FT-SE 100	10,831.09	10,824.26	9,931.38	0.1%	9.1%
NIKKEI 225	65,020.94	66,405.56	50,339.48	-2.1%	29.2%
COMMODITIES (in US$)					
GOLD OUNCE	4,429.98	4,455.11	4,319.37	-0.6%	2.6%
SILVER OUNCE	66.21	66.38	71.66	-0.3%	-7.6%
BRENT CRUDE (per barrel)	96.28	88.10	60.85	9.3%	58.2%
LEADING INTEREST RATES (%)					
Term SOFR 1-month	3.76	3.68	3.69	0.08	0.07
US Prime Rate	6.75	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
US Discount Rate	3.75	3.75	3.75	0.00	0.00
US 10-year Bond	4.78	4.72	4.17	0.06	0.62

Sources: Bloomberg, Bank Audi's Group Research Department

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