Introduction
Lebanon is a country located in the Middle East on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. It is bordered by Syria and Israel. Lebanon's rugged terrain and location at the crossroads of the Mediterranean Basin and the Arabian hinterland has helped isolate, protect, and develop numerous factional groups within the country. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Lebanon is a member of the League of Arab States (Arab League).

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI): Upper Middle Income
Level of Development: Developing
GDP, PPP (current international $): $80.15 billion (2021)
GDP growth (annual %): -7.00% (2021)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international $): $14,330.52 (2021)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US$): $66,893,314,415.10 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP): 1.43% (2021)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %): 154.76% (2021)
Labor force, total: 1,866,554 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force): 12.64% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US$): $12.21 billion (2021)
Exports of goods and services (current US$): $6.02 billion (2021)

GDP Composition %

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*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

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Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: D - A high-risk political and economic situation and an often very difficult business environment can have a very significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is very high.

Business Climate rating: D - The business environment is very difficult. Corporate financial information is rarely available and when available usually unreliable. The legal system makes debt collection very unpredictable. The institutional framework has very serious weaknesses. Intercompany transactions can thus be very difficult to manage in the highly risky environments rated D.

Strengths

- Strategic geopolitical location, in the middle of three continents
- Possibility to attract international aid in case of a commitment by the government on fiscal reforms
- Offshore gas potential
- Tourism potential

Weaknesses

- After defaulting in March 2020, access to external funding remains problematic
- Dependence on foreign funds to finance the external deficit
- High-inflation environment, weak local currency
- Loss of an important part of local infrastructure after the Beirut explosion in 2020
- Persistent political uncertainty
- Difficulty to restore tourism flows due to social tensions resulting from the economic crisis and low levels of vaccination

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