

17. MIDCLEAR AND MONEY EXCHANGE

MIDCLEAR and money exchange in Lebanon deals with bonds and with money exchangers in Lebanon by category.

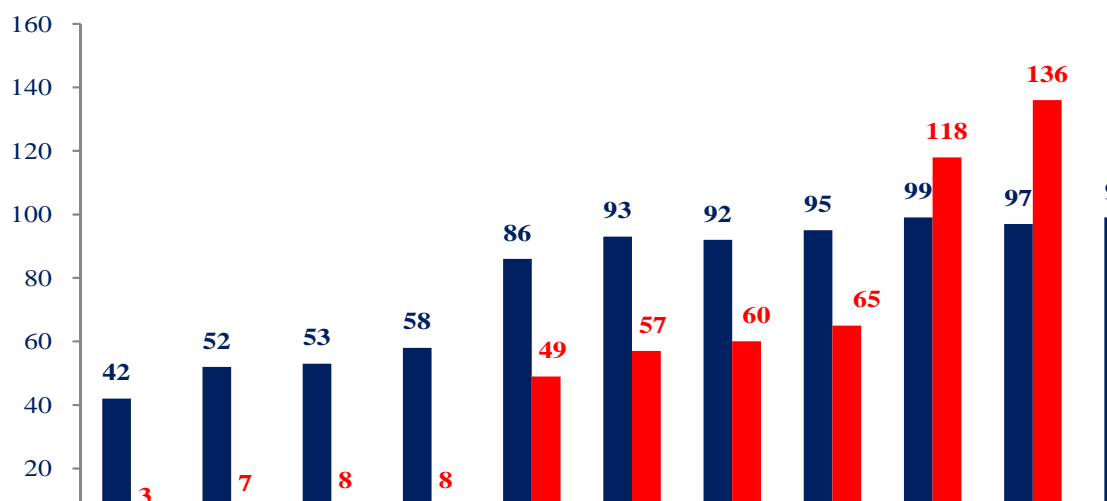
MIDCLEAR

The Central Bank of Lebanon established in June 1994 in Beirut, the Custodian and Clearing Center of financial instruments for Lebanon and the Middle East (MIDCLEAR S.A.L.). The aim was to develop the Lebanese financial market. MIDCLEAR provides investors with a variety of depository and clearing services which confirm to international standards recommended by the Group of Thirty (www.midclear.com.lb).

MIDCLEAR activity in 2009:

- Members: 103 members (increase of 145.2% compared to 1997).
- Companies: 124 companies (increase of 4,033% compared to 1997).
- Shareholders: 23,487 shareholders (increase of 809.3% compared to 1997).

Graph 17.1 – Members and companies. Number (1997-2009)



Graph made by CAS based on MIDCLEAR data (2009)

Traded and cleared bonds through MIDCLEAR in 2009:

- Value: 1,038,105,211 USD (increase of 62.2% compared to 1997).
- Value cleared: 2,076,210,422 USD (increase of 62.2% compared to 1997).
- Management of Registrars. Market Value of Shares: 12,884,544,994 USD (increase of 6,336% compared to 1997).

MIDCLEAR total assets under custody:

- December 2009: 27.4 billion USD.
- December 2005: 16.7 billion USD.
- December 2009 compared December 2005: increase of 61.4%.

MIDCLEAR balance sheet

MIDCLEAR balance sheet consists of total assets and total equity and liabilities.

Table 17.1 – Balance Sheet. LBP

Category	2001	2009	Change (2009/2001). %
Total assets	3,080,608,594	21,186,042,883	587.7
Non-current assets	323,277,907	8,558,360,080	2,547
Current assets	265,038,492	12,627,682,803	358.0
Total equity and liabilities	3,080,608,594	21,186,042,883	587.7
Total equity	2,618,150,029	19,394,557,013	640.8
Non-current liabilities	84,294,375	795,455,618	321.6
Current liabilities	104,390,333	996,030,252	263.8

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MIDCLEAR Income statement

MIDCLEAR income statement consists of gross profits and net profit for the year.

Table 17.2 – Income statement. LBP

Category	2001	2009	Change (2009/2001). %
<i>Gross profit</i>	<i>1,046,753,521</i>	<i>6,853,405,407</i>	<i>554.7</i>
Profit from operation	121,344,880	4,808,342,268	3,863
<i>Profit before income tax</i>	<i>340,445,762</i>	<i>4,798,090,834</i>	<i>1,309</i>
Net profit for the year	321,695,762	4,110,113,038	1,178

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MIDCLEAR Statement of Cash Flows

MIDCLEAR statement of cash flows consists of operating profit, net cash, and dividends.

Table 17.3 – Statement of cash flows. LBP

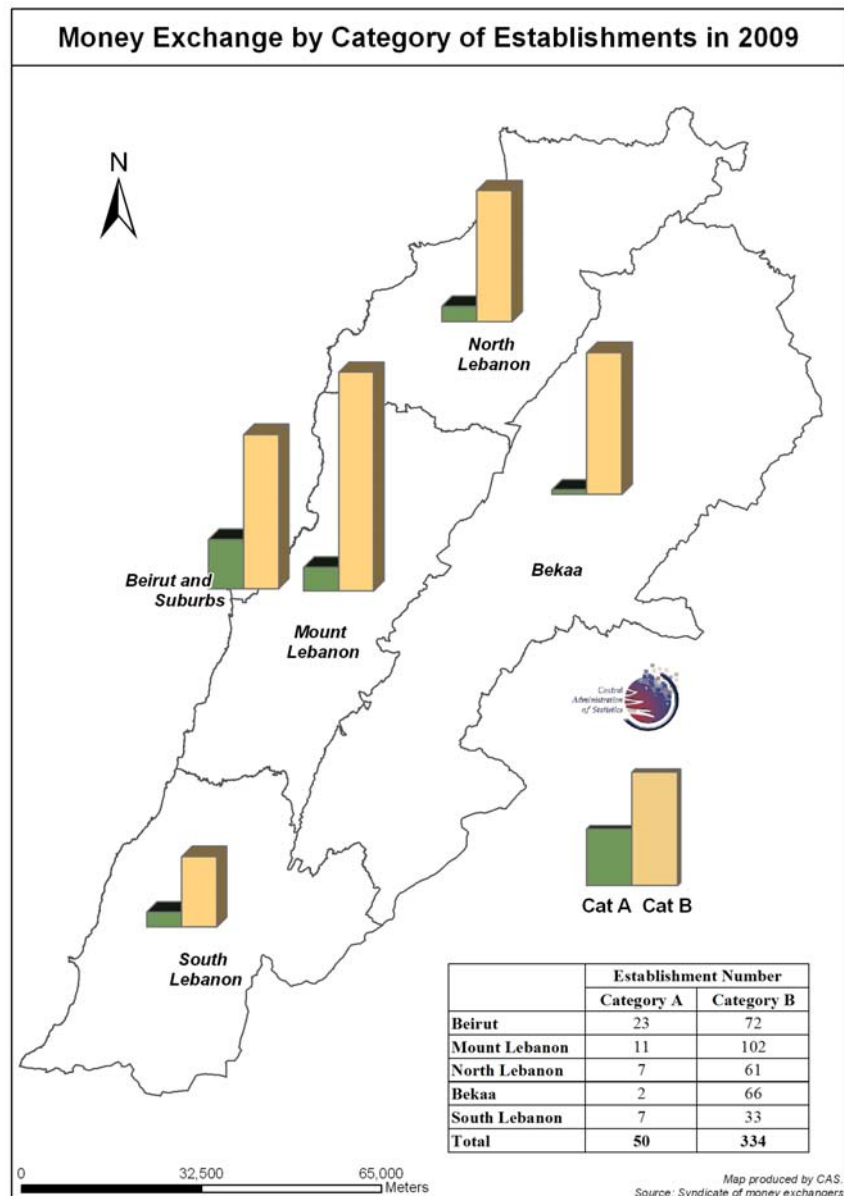
Category	2001	2009	Change (2009/2001). %
<i>Operating profit before working capital changes</i>	<i>441,564,421</i>	<i>5,042,326,344</i>	<i>1,042</i>
<i>Net cash from operations</i>	<i>410,216,181</i>	<i>4,925,002,194</i>	<i>1,101</i>
<i>Net cash from operating activities</i>	<i>409,528,495</i>	<i>4,079,833,805</i>	<i>896.2</i>
<i>Net cash used in investing activities</i>	<i>(61,881,239)</i>	<i>(3,024,511,141)</i>	<i>4,788</i>
<i>Dividends paid</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(500,697,400)</i>	
Increase/Decrease in cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	347,647,256	554,625,264	59.5
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2,492,292,195	11,582,717,960	364.7

Table made by CAS based on MIDCLEAR data (2009)

Money exchange by Mohafazat

Law 347/87 divided the money exchange establishments into two categories:

- Category A: buying and selling foreign currencies in exchange of any other foreign currency or the LBP even if it was a bank note or a coin; buying and selling metallic ingots, conversions, cheques and Travellers Cheques. The capital is equal to 250,000,000 LBP.
- Category B: buying and selling foreign currencies in exchange of any other foreign currency or the LBP even if it was a bank note or a coin; buying and selling metallic ingots, golden ingots below 1,000 conversions, cheques and Travellers Cheques within a cap defined by the Central Bank of Lebanon. The capital is equal to 100,000,000 LBP.



Money exchange establishments number in 2009: 384 establishments.

- Peak Mohafazat: Mount-Lebanon (29.4%).
- Category A: 13.0% of establishments.
- Category B: 87.0% of establishments.