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President's Desk

Strengthening Confidence, Driving Economic Reform, and Shaping Lebanon's Legal Private Sector

Over the past six months, RDCL has continued to assert its role as a leading voice for Lebanon's legal private sector, advancing structured dialogue with public authorities, international partners, and economic stakeholders. Through targeted working sessions, strategic advocacy, and high-level participation in national and international forums, RDCL has remained focused on restoring confidence, promoting reform, and strengthening the competitiveness of Lebanese businesses.

Looking ahead, RDCL will further reinforce member engagement and policy-driven initiatives, with a focus on priority reform files, practical economic solutions, and collaborative platforms that translate dialogue into action. RDCL's objective remains clear: transforming resilience into reform, and reform into measurable economic progress.

— Joumana Saddi Chaya
 President of RDCL

RDCL News - 2025 Q4 Highlights



RDCL convened a high-level **EU-EBRD Working Session on Financing the Legal Private Sector**, focused on access to financing and advisory mechanisms.

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RDCL President **Joumana Saddi Chaya** addressed economic reform priorities during the final **Power Breakfast of 2025** with **CCI France Liban**.

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RDCL's President represented the legal private sector in the **Beirut One Conference Productive Sectors Panel**, dedicated to Lebanon's industrial competitiveness and innovation.

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RDCL reinforced its commitment to rebuilding confidence and promoting reform by serving as a **Gold Sponsor** of the **Beirut One Conference**.

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RDCL members participated in an **ALI-ILO Meeting on the National Social Protection Strategy**, in discussions on labour activation and employment-driven reform pathways.

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RDCL discussed legal reform priorities with **H.E. the Minister of Justice, Adel Nassar**, including end-of-service indemnities, access to finance, and frameworks supporting economic recovery.

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RDCL organized an **Ease of Doing Business Session** at the **Lebanese Industry Expo 2025**, addressing competitiveness, governance modernization, and private sector reform.

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RDCL members gathered for **Whisky Live Beirut 2025**, a networking evening hosted by RDCL member **Joumana Damous-Salamé**, strengthening community ties.

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**Interview with Samir Saliba**

Samir Saliba is the Founder and CEO of Mike's Holding, a diversified group active for more than four decades across sports retail, real estate, and business development.

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"An economy without financing is like a car without fuel. You may have strong companies and capable entrepreneurs, but without access to financing, growth stalls, confidence erodes, and businesses are pushed into survival mode."

Jean-Marc Ingea,
RDCL Member,
& Former Board Member

 **Upcoming 2026 Events****RDCL Members' Gathering****End-of-Service
Indemnity Conference****Financial Crisis
& Financial Gap Conference**

RDCL members are kindly asked to stay attentive to the official WhatsApp group and email updates, as all important events will be communicated through these channels. Dates and details will be shared with members in due course.

 **New in 2026 - RDCL Afterwork**

Starting in 2026, RDCL will launch **RDCL Afterwork**, a bi-monthly after-work networking concept designed exclusively for members. Each edition will focus on one timely economic theme, offering an informal setting that encourages open dialogue, stronger connections, and practical exchange among RDCL members.

Quote of the Month

The best way to predict the future is to create it.

— Peter Drucker



Economic Insights



Beirut 1 – Rebuilding Confidence: A Turning Point for Lebanon's Economic Recovery

The “Beirut 1 – Rebuilding Confidence” conference marked a major national and economic milestone, reaffirming Lebanon’s capacity to recover through reform, investment, and international partnership. The strong participation of investors and institutions sent a clear signal that Lebanon remains a country of opportunity when properly positioned.

By Hicham El-Moukammal,
President of the Lebanese Tax Association & RDCL Member

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RDCL Members' Satisfaction Survey

As part of its commitment to transparency, accountability, and member-driven governance, RDCL is launching a **Members' Satisfaction Survey**, addressed exclusively to RDCL members. The survey will gather structured feedback on RDCL's activities, advocacy priorities, services, and engagement mechanisms. Insights collected will directly inform RDCL's programming, strategic initiatives, and policy advocacy for 2026.

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Founded in 1986, the Lebanese Business Leaders Association (RDCL) brings together entrepreneurs and executives from all sectors across Lebanon. RDCL's mission is to defend and strengthen Lebanon's legal private sector, promote sustainable and ethical economic development, and advocate for sound governance and reform. Acting as a unifying voice for business leaders, the association actively engages in policy dialogue and champions initiatives that foster innovation, growth, and investment for a stronger Lebanese economy.



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