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The dawning of a new decade is stirring positive expectations within the business community in Lebanon. The recent formation of a Cabinet of national accord and a ministerial policy statement that reflects a consensus for change are the prime factors that support these expectations.

The new Cabinet certainly comprises competent and dedicated ministers intent on making a constructive imprint within their field of responsibility. While that has mostly been the case in the past, this time around the country is blessed with an inspiring force that can lead the ministerial team toward new heights of achievement.

In holding the reins of responsibility, Lebanon's youthful prime minister is guided by a vision for the economy's progress and its regional role, by a will to instigate good governance through extensive reforms, and by a determination to prop public institutions with a view to creating a modern, rules-based state.

Such vision and determination at the leadership level fuels our confidence in our collective capacity to meet the many challenges of the coming decade no matter how intimidating they might now seem, no matter how divided we once were. ■