Syrian Currency

The Syrian Pound (or lira) is the official currency of Syria. The pound was originally issued in 1919. After Syrian independence, a new series of banknotes were printed in 1998.

October 2008 Exchange Rate:
1 Syrian Pound (SYP) = 0.02060 US Dollar
1 USD = 48.54563 SYP

50 Syrian Pounds
The Aleppo Citadel and ancient water wheel in Hama are displayed on the front of the 50 pounds banknote.

100 Syrian Pounds
Illustrated on the front of the Syrian 100 pounds banknote is a portrait of Philip the Arab next to a depiction of the Amphitheatre at Bosra.

The Hijaz Railway is featured on the reverse of the 100 pounds banknote.
200 Syrian Pounds
Saladin, a famous military general and sultan of Syria and Egypt is found on the front of the 200 pounds banknote, while the back highlights Syria’s cotton industry.

500 Syrian Pounds
Queen Xenobia graces the front of the 500 pounds banknote, along with the ruins of Palmyra (100 AD). The reverse side exhibits the Euphrates river dam.
1000 Syrian Pounds

Situated on the front of the Syrian 1000 pounds banknote is Hafez el Assad, former president of Syria.

Images from the Syrian Oil industry are emphasized on the back of the 1000 pounds banknote.