

Liquidity Coverage Ratio Disclosure – September 2018

Basel III Liquidity Coverage Ratio:

In December 2014, the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) issued a directive (2/RB/345/2014) to banks operating in Kuwait on the adoption of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) as part of the Central Bank's implementation of the Basel III reforms.

The objective of LCR is to enhance the management of liquidity risks in banks by ensuring that banks have an adequate stock of unencumbered high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) that can be converted easily and immediately in private markets into cash to meet their liquidity needs for a 30 calendar day liquidity stress scenario.

The LCR is reported and monitored at three organizational levels: Local level ABK Kuwait (Al Ahli bank of Kuwait) excluding its overseas branches, Bank-wide level including ABK Kuwait & its overseas branches, and Group Level including all overseas branches and subsidiaries (ABK Group).

Result analysis

The Bank maintained a comfortable HQLA at Group level during the business days in the three months ending September 30, 2018, averaging KD 658 million (post-haircut) against an average net cash-outflow of KD 287 million. Accordingly, the average LCR for the period was 230% against the CBK minimum requirement of 100%.

The HQLA comprised primarily "Level 1" assets which included balances with Central banks, treasury bills and Government bonds to support the LCR ratio.

The cash-outflows were primarily driven by unsecured wholesale funding. The unsecured wholesale funding constituted 64% of the total weighted cash-outflows.

Retail deposits (including deposits from small-sized business customers) and other contingent funding obligations (Guarantees, LCs, revocable credit and liquidity facilities, etc) contributed 17% and 6% of the total weighted cash-outflows, respectively.

Cash-flows related to derivatives mainly comprised interest rate swaps and foreign exchange contracts.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the ongoing ability to accommodate liability maturities and deposit withdrawals, fund asset growth and business operations and meet contractual obligations through unconstrained access to funding at reasonable market rates.

The Bank's projected liquidity needs are analysed and optimum alternatives to manage the liquidity risk are recommended. The Risk Management division identifies liquidity at risk, which

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is monitored and reported daily. Liquidity management policies and a contingency liquidity plan have been established, which is intended to provide a framework for effective responses to any potential liquidity crisis.

A liquidity stress test is conducted quarterly to assess the impact of the withdrawal of deposits and crystallisation of contingent liabilities in mild, medium and severe scenarios, under both Bank-specific and systemic scenarios. The concentration in deposits is monitored on a regular basis and reviewed by ALCO (Assets and Liability Committee).

Liquidity risk appetite has been put in place with the following parameters – liquid assets, total assets, loans to deposits; cumulative negative maturity mismatch; funding source diversification; stress testing under severe scenario; and capital consumption. These appetite parameters are used for driving liquidity risk and the exposure the Bank would be willing to take, and to manage risk levels within appetite levels.

Liquidity risk is further reduced by the Bank's adherence to the CBK's liquidity requirements, which comprise:

- Maturity ladder mismatch limits for specific time periods: 10 per cent. for seven days or less; 20 per cent. For one month or less; 30 per cent. for three months or less; and 40 per cent. for six months or less;
- a requirement to hold 18 per cent. of KD customer deposits booked in the Bank, in Kuwaiti government treasury bills and bonds, current account/deposit balances with the CBK and/or any other financial instruments issued by CBK; and
- a requirement to keep sufficient funding against loan generation, as required by the CBK under its loan to deposit ratio requirements.

Under Pillar II, liquidity risk is assessed for Bank-specific and general market scenarios, and capital is provided to manage the risk.

Quantitative information on the Liquidity Coverage Ratio is provided in the table below. The values are calculated as the simple average of daily observations over the period between 1st July 2018 and 30th September 2018 for the Bank.

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Table No (6): LCR Disclosure Form			
		"KD thousand"	
Sr	Statement	Value before applying the flow rates (average)**	Value after applying the flow rates (average)**
High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA):			
1	Total HQLA (before adjustments)		658,243
Cash Outflows:			
2	Retail Deposits and small businesses	1,449,307	149,324
3	* Stable Deposits	-	-
4	* Less Stable Deposits	1,449,307	149,324
5	Unsecured wholesale deposits and funding with the exception of the small business customer deposits	1,041,190	564,995
6	* Operational Deposits	-	-
7	* Non-Operational Deposits (Other unsecured liabilities)	1,041,190	564,995
8	Secured Funding		-
9	Other Cash Outflows Including:	120,660	120,660
10	* Resulted from derivatives	120,660	120,660
11	* Resulted from securities and commercial papers backed by assets (assuming inability to re-finance)	-	-
12	* Credit lines and committed liquidity	-	-
13	Other future contingent funding liabilities	1,069,012	53,451
14	Other contractual cash outflows	-	-
15	Total cash outflows		888,429
Cash Inflows:			
16	Secured Lending Transactions	-	-
17	Cash inflows resulted from performing loans	516,161	481,761
18	Other cash inflows	119,884	119,884
19	Total cash inflows	636,045	601,645
LCR			Value after adjustments (22)
20	Total of HQLA (after adjustments)		658,243
21	Net of cash outflows		286,785
22	LCR		230%

* Quarterly Statement.

** Simple Average for all the working days during the period for which the form is prepared.