

Basel III Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR):

Introduction

In October 2015, the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) issued a directive (2/BS/356/2015) to banks operating in Kuwait on the adoption of the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) as part of the Central Bank's implementation of the Basel III reforms.

The main objective of the NSFR is to promote the resilience of the banking system by improving the funding profile of banks by ensuring they have sufficient level of stable funding in relation to their assets and off-balance sheet activities.

NSFR is defined as the amount of available funding relative to the required stable funding. This ratio should be maintained at least 100% on an ongoing basis.

Available Stable Funding (ASF) figure is measured according to the relative stability of Capital & Liabilities based on their duration and behavioral characteristics of funding sources.

Required Stable Funding (RSF) is defined as the portion of assets and off-balance sheet (OBS) exposures expected to be funded on an ongoing basis over a one-year horizon. The amount of such stable funding required of a specific institution is a function of the liquidity characteristics and residual maturities of the various assets held by that institution as well as those of its off-balance sheet exposures.

Central Bank require banks to prepare NSFR report on daily basis to be reported on monthly for all business days based on the position at the end of the month and the average of daily ratio for all business days during the month for which reports are reported.

The NSFR 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 stable funding buffer at Group level during the business days in the **three months** ending **MARCH 31, 2020**.

Available Stable Funding (ASF) at ABK Group level as of end of **MARCH 2020** was around **KD 3,549 Million** against **KD 3,291 Million** of Required Stable Funding (RSF), resulting in NSFR of **107.8%** against CBK minimum requirement of 100%.

The Available stable Funding comprises mainly adequate capital base, Retail deposit base and long-term funding from non-financial corporate, PSEs and institutional clients.

The capital base formed around **21%**, retail deposits (including deposits from small-sized business customers) formed **38%**, and wholesale funding formed **31%** of the total Available Stable Funding after applying the relevant weights.

The Required Stable Funding comprised primarily lending to companies, businesses, corporates, retail clients and financial institutions and the off balance sheet exposures.

Net Stable Funding Ratio Disclosure – 31 MARCH 2020



Performing loans comprised almost **85%** of the total Required Stable funding and rest of the components include High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA), Non HQLA qualifying investments, commitment, off-balance sheet exposures, Other Assets and Intangibles which constitute remaining **15%** of the total Required Stable Funding for the Bank after applying relevant weights.

Quantitative information on Net Stable Funding Ratio as on **MARCH 2020** is provided in the table below:

Table 4: NSFR Disclosure Form during the period ending **MARCH 2020**

Net Stable Funding Ratio Disclosure – 31 MARCH 2020



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Sr.	Item	Values (before applying factors) according to residual maturity				Value after applying NSFR factors
		No specified maturity	Less than 6 months	More than 6 months and less than one year	Over one year	
Available Stable Funding (ASF):						
1	Capital:					
2	• Regulatory capital	737,639	0	0	0	737,639
3	• Other capital instruments	0	0	0	0	0
4	Deposits provided by retail & SME customers					
5	• Stable deposits:	0	0	0	0	0
6	• Less stable deposits:	0	1,138,820	278,377	86,560	1,362,038
7	Deposits provided by other than retail customers					
8	• Operational deposits	-	11,781	-	-	5,891
9	• Other deposits provided by other than retail customers	-	2,118,658	235,874	54,887	1,101,633
10	Other liabilities					
11	• Net derivative liabilities	1,728	0	0	0	0
12	• Other liabilities (not included in the categories above):	95,069	826	327	341,095	341,517
13	Total ASF (sum of items 1 to 7)	834,435	3,270,085	514,578	482,543	3,548,717
Required Stable Funding (RSF):						
14	Total HQLA	644,010	0	0	6,566	35,284
15	Deposits held at other financial institutions for operational purposes	0	0	0	0	-
16	Performing loans and securities					
17	• Performing loans to financial institutions where the loan is secured by Level 1 HQLA	0	0	0	0	0
18	• Performing loans to financial institutions where the loan is secured by HQLA other than Level 1, and non-secured performing loans to financial institutions	-	431,364.89	31,146.32	102,879.51	183,157.41
19	• Performing loans to non-financial institutions, loans to retail and SME customers, loans to government entities, central banks, and public sector entities including:	-	1,106,772	249,225	1,983,957	2,590,733
20	– Loans with a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% as per Basel III CAR	-	-	-	7,475	4,859
21	• Performing residential loans including:	-	-	-	-	-
22	– Loans with a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% as per Basel III CAR	-	-	-	-	-
23	• Unencumbered securities that are not in default and exchange-traded equities in cases where the issuer is not in default	0	0	0	0	0
24	Other Assets:					
25	Physical traded commodities, including gold	0	0	0	0	-
26	Assets posted as initial margin for derivative contracts and cash or other assets provided to contribute to the default fund of a CCP	0	0	0	0	-
27	Derivative assets	1,660	-	-	-	2,364
28	20% of derivative liabilities before deducting variation margin posted	345.5562787	0	0	0	345.56
29	Other assets not included in the above categories	232,131	79,444	6,119	137,549	412,461
30	Off-balance sheet items	352,176	462,609	215,410	226,768	62,848
29	Total RSF	1,230,322	2,080,190	501,901	2,465,195	3,291,348
32	NSFR (%)	67.8222%	157.201%	102.526%	19.574%	107.8%