

Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) Disclosure – 31 March 2021

Introduction

The public disclosure relating to Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) has been prepared in accordance with the circular (2BS/356/2015) dated 25 October 2015 issued by Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) as part of Basel III reforms and complementary to the existing liquidity guidelines.

The main objective of NSFR is to promote stable and long-term funding sources for asset financing and reduce reliance on less stable, short-term sources of funding.

In accordance with the CBK circular No.2/BS/IBS/454/2020 issued on 2 April 2020 and circular No. 473/BS/IBS/2021 issued on 16 February 2021, the minimum regulatory NSFR limit was amended from 100% to 80%. These amendments shall remain valid until 30 June 2021 and shall be reviewed by CBK by that time.

Definition

The NSFR is defined as the ratio of *Available amount of Stable Funding (ASF)* to *Required amount of Stable Funding (RSF)*.

Available Stable Funding (ASF) is defined as the portion of capital and liabilities expected to be reliable over the time horizon considered by the NSFR, which extends to one year.

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 by the bank 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.

Liquidity Governance

The liquidity governance framework is guided by the Liquidity Policy of the Bank which is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The policy outlines the roles and responsibilities within the Bank with respect to liquidity risk management and provides an overview of the processes including stress testing under various scenarios, for monitoring and managing liquidity risk as per CBK and internal guidelines.

The responsibility for managing liquidity in compliance with internal & external directives rests with Treasury under the oversight of Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO). The liquidity policy also covers the liquidity contingency / crisis planning which specifies the early warning indicators, the roles and responsibilities within the Bank in the event of a liquidity crisis and the actions to be undertaken by each business unit in order to address the crisis.

Funding Strategy

Gulf bank's strategy is to maintain stable and well-diversified sources of funds, with a focus on further raising long-term deposits from consumer banking clients, while continuing to grow and diversify the wider depositor base in order to meet its long-term assets funding requirements, thus maintaining a healthy ratio.

Besides having well established relationships with a variety of domestic, regional and international counterparties that regularly provide long-term funding, the Bank has also been able to obtain long-term funding from the debt market through the issuance of 10-year KWD 100 million Tier 2 Subordinated Bonds back in May 2016, confirming the Bank's ability to obtain longer-term funding from the Debt Capital Markets if and when required. Subsequent to 31 March 2021, CBK has approved the call option to redeem these bonds and to issue new Tier 2 Subordinated Debt Bonds at a maximum of KWD 50 million. The Bank is in the process for the issuance of these Bonds.

The Asset and Liability Committee regularly reviews the macroeconomic indicators and market conditions to provide guidance on liquidity management.

Result Analysis and Main Drivers

The Bank's Available Stable Funding (ASF) as of 31 March 2021 was KD 4.254 billion and Required Stable Funding (RSF) as KD 3.868 billion with NSFR of 109.98%.

ASF is mainly comprised of Capital as per Basel III CBK regulations, Retail and SME deposits, Corporate deposits, deposits from Banks and OFIs and other liabilities after applying the available stable funding factors. Retail deposits (including SME deposits), Corporate deposits and Capital contributed 43.43%, 30.03% and 19.78% of the total weighted ASF amount.

RSF is primarily comprised of Corporate, Retail and SME loans, Investments, and off-balance sheet items after applying the required stable funding factors. Performing loans to non-financial customers and financial institutions contributed 78.37% and 10.32% of the total weighted RSF amount.

Net Stable Funding Ratio for Conventional Banks						
Table 4: NSFR Common Disclosure Template For tRe Period ending on 31/03/2021						
Bank Name		Gulf Bank				
Level:		UnweigRted Values (before applying NSFR factors)				
Sr.	Item	No specified maturity	Less than 6 montRs	More than 6 montRs and less tRan one year	One year or more	Value after applying tRe NSFR factors
Available Stable Funding (ASF)						
1	Capital:	841,477	-	-	-	841,477
2	Regulatory Capital	841,477	-	-	-	841,477
3	OtRer Capital Instruments	-	-	-	-	-
4	Retail Deposits and deposits from small business customers:	-	1,872,322	173,320	6,191	1,847,269
5	Stable deposits	-	-	-	-	-
6	Less Stable deposits	-	1,872,322	173,320	6,191	1,847,269
7	Wholesale Funding:	-	2,622,403	734,382	24,378	1,277,287
8	Operational Deposits	-	49,714	-	-	24,857
9	Other wholesale funding	-	2,572,689	734,382	24,378	1,252,429
10	Other liabilities:	2	10,812	1,612	287,793	287,793
11	NSFR Derivative Liabilities	2	-	-	-	-
12	All other liabilities not included in the above categories	-	10,812	1,612	287,793	287,793
13	Total ASF	841,479	4,505,537	909,314	318,362	4,253,826
Required Stable Funding (RSF)						
14	Total NSFR high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)	811,635	-	-	-	25,401
15	Deposits held at other financial institutions for operational purposes	-	-	-	-	-
16	Performing loans and securities:					
17	Performing loans to financial institutions secured by Level 1 HQLA	-	-	-	-	-
18	Performing loans to financial institutions secured by non-Level 1 HQLA and unsecured performing loans to financial institutions	-	853,126	47,847	247,340	399,232
19	Performing loans to nonfinancial corporate clients, loans to retail and small business customers, and loans to sovereigns, central banks and PSEs, of which:	-	893,531	712,602	2,665,584	3,031,353
20	With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% as per the Capital Adequacy Ratio – Basel 3 guidelines	-	-	-	187,299	121,744
21	Performing residential mortgages, of which:	-	-	-	-	-
22	With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under the CBK Capital Adequacy Ratio – Basel III Guidelines	-	-	-	-	-
23	Unpledged Securities and exchange-traded shares in case the issuers of such instruments were not in default.	-	-	-	58,755	49,942
24	Other assets:					
25	Physical traded commodities, including gold	-	-	-	-	-
26	Assets posted as initial margin for derivative contracts and contributions to default funds of CCPs	-	-	-	-	-
27	NSFR derivative assets	-	-	-	-	-
28	20% NSFR derivative liabilities before deduction of variation margin posted	14	-	-	-	14
29	Other assets not included in the above categories	55,880	30,707	-	167,443	238,677
30	Off-balance sheet items	-	2,400,581	-	66,253	123,342
31	Total RSF	867,529	4,177,945	760,449	3,205,375	3,867,960
32	NSFR (%)					109.98%