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Net Stable Funding Ratio Disclosures - 31 March 2021

In August 2018, the Central Bank of Bahrain issued the regulations on the implementation of the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) in the Liquidity Module to be applied to banks operating in Bahrain effective from 31 December 2019. The objective of the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) is to promote the resilience of bank's liquidity risk profiles and to incentivize a more resilient banking sector over a longer time horizon. The NSFR will require banks to maintain a stable funding profile in relation to the composition of their assets and off-balance sheet activities. A sustainable funding structure is intended to reduce the likelihood that disruptions to a bank's regular sources of funding will erode its liquidity position in a way that would increase the risk of its failure and potentially lead to broader systemic stress. The NSFR limits over-reliance on short-term wholesale funding, encourages better assessment of funding risk across all on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet items, and promotes funding stability. As per CBB Disclosure requirements, consolidated NSFR is to be published on a quarterly basis.

NSFR is defined as the amount of available stable funding relative to the amount of required stable funding. This ratio must be equal to at least 100 percent. However, as per Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) letters ' OG/106/2020 ' dated 17 March 2020, 'OG/318/2020 ' dated 21 September 2020 and 'OG/431/2020' dated 29 December 2020, the minimum NSFR ratio has been revised to 80 percent until 31 December 2021 in view of the potential liquidity stress due to the COVID -19 situation.

'Available Stable Funding' is defined as the portion of capital and liabilities expected to be reliable which is determined by various factor weights according to the nature and maturity of liabilities with liabilities having maturity of 1 year or more receiving 100% weight. 'Required Stable Funding' is defined as the portion of on balance sheet and off balance sheet exposures which requires to be funded on an ongoing basis. The amount of such stable funding required is a function of the liquidity characteristics and residual maturities of the various assets held.

AUB maintained comfortable stable funding buffers on 31 March 2021. Available Stable Funding at AUB Group level was USD 25.0 billion against USD 21.6 billion of Required Stable Funding, resulting in a consolidated NSFR of 115.9%. NSFR as on 31 December 2020 was 117.0%.

The main drivers behind the Available Stable Funding are the adequate capital base, sizeable retail deposit base, and funding from non-financial companies and long term funding from institutional clients. The capital base formed around 22.3%, retail deposits (including deposits from small-sized business customers) formed 27.1%, and wholesale funding formed 48.5% of the total Available Stable Funding, after applying the relevant weights.

The Required Stable Funding primarily comprised lending to corporates, retail clients and financial institutions. The stock of High-Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA), which includes cash and reserve balances with the CBB and other central banks, government debt issuances in domestic and foreign currencies as well as debt issuances by highly-rated companies was USD 10.0 billion. Due to their high quality and liquid characteristic, these assets require no or low amount of stable funding. Accordingly, the HQLA constituted only 7.3% of the Required Stable Funding after applying the relevant weights. Performing loans to both non-financial and financial institutions constituted 64.1% of the total RSF after applying the relevant weights while Non-HQLA investments contributed 13.5% of the total RSF. Other assets and Contingent funding obligations, such as committed credit facilities, guarantees and letters of credit (LCs) constituted the remaining 15.1% of the Required Stable Funding.

The NSFR is supplemented by Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) which measures the Bank's availability of HQLA to support short term liquidity stress situation as defined in the CBB rules. As of 31 March 2021, the Bank's consolidated LCR was 231.4% against a minimum limit of 80%.

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Quantitative information on Net stable Funding Ratio is provided in the table below.

		on Disclosure 2 od Ending on 31				
			Unweighted Values (i.e. before applying relevant factors)			
No.				More than 6		
	Item			months and		Total weighted
		No specified	Less than 6	less than one		value in USD
		maturity	months	year	Over one year	('000)
Avail	able Stable Funding (ASF):					()
1	Capital					
2	Regulatory Capital	5,121,278			475,133	5,596,411
3	Other Capital Instruments				-	-
4	Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers:					
5	Stable deposits		974,966	52,208	526	976,341
6	Less stable deposits		5,149,769	625,918	601,504	5,799,622
7	Wholesale funding:					
8	Operational deposits		52,513			26,256
9	Other wholesale funding		16,100,593	5,244,695	3,876,304	12,108,761
10	Other liabilities:					
11	NSFR derivative liabilities	86,361				-
12	All other liabilities not included in the above categories		601,361	225,787	534,664	534,664
13	Total ASF (2+3+5+6+8+9+11+12)					25,042,055
	ired Stable Funding (RSF):					
14	Total NSFR high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)					1,576,183
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					
	Performing loans to financial institutions secured by non-					
18	level 1 HQLA and unsecured performing loans to financial	-	1,991,719	415,717	306,210	812,826
	institutions					
	Performing loans to non- financial corporate clients, loans to					
19	retail and small business customers, and loans to sovereigns,	-	10,590,681	1,871,897	7,385,085	12,397,266
	central banks and PSEs, of which:			-		
20	- With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% as per				556,724	361,870
	the CBB Capital Adequacy Ratio guidelines				-	
21	Performing residential mortgages, of which: With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under the					
22					974,695	633,552
	CBB Capital Adequacy Ratio Guidelines Securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA,					
23	including exchange-traded equities		341,804	112,739	2,941,162	2,922,267
24	Other assets:					
24	Physical traded commodities, including gold					
	Assets posted as initial margin for derivative contracts and					
26	contributions to default funds of CCPs	174,058				147,949
27	NSFR derivative assets	124,532				124,532
	NSFR derivative liabilities before deduction of variation					
28	margin posted	118,078				118,078
29	All other assets not included in the above categories	2,458,498	-	-	-	2,458,498
30	OBS items	8,197,950	-	-	-	409,897
	Total RSF					
31	(14+15+17+18+19+22+23+25+26+27+28+29+30)					21,601,048
32	NSFR (%)					115.9%

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