

Ahli United Bank B.S.C.(c)
Liquidity Disclosures - Basel III
31 March 2024

Net Stable Funding Ratio Disclosures - 31 March 2024

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.

'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 2024. Available Stable Funding at AUB Group level was USD 17.5 billion against USD 14.8 billion of Required Stable Funding, resulting in a consolidated NSFR of 117.90%. NSFR as on 31 December 2023 was 120.76%.

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 29.6%, retail deposits (including deposits from small-sized business customers) formed 26.8%, and wholesale funding formed 41.7% 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 sukuk issuances in domestic and foreign currencies as well as sukuk issuances by highly-rated companies was USD 11.8 billion. Due to their high quality and liquid characteristic, these assets require no or low amount of stable funding. Accordingly, the HQLA constituted only 13.1% of the Required Stable Funding after applying the relevant weights. Performing financing to both non-financial and financial institutions constituted 51.1% of the total RSF after applying the relevant weights while Non-HQLA investments contributed 23.5% of the total RSF. Other assets and Contingent funding obligations, such as committed credit facilities, guarantees and letters of credit (LCs) constituted the remaining 14.3% 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 2024, the Bank's consolidated LCR was 267.77% against a minimum limit of 100%.

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

NSFR Common Disclosure Template

As at 31-March-24

No.	Item	Unweighted Values (i.e. before applying relevant factors)				Total weighted value in USD ('000)
		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	4,964,231			209,423	5,173,654
3	Other Capital Instruments				-	-
4	Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers:					
5	Stable deposits		766,874	55,834	167,992	949,565
6	Less stable deposits		3,108,421	834,097	194,493	3,742,759
7	Wholesale funding:					
8	Operational deposits		3,000			1,500
9	Other wholesale funding		10,391,227	1,765,360	3,683,967	7,293,565
10	Other liabilities:					
11	NSFR derivative liabilities	-				-
12	All other liabilities not included in the above categories		485,282	183,869	338,289	338,289
13	Total ASF (2+3+5+6+8+9+11+12)					17,499,332
Required Stable Funding (RSF):						
14	Total NSFR high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)					1,951,426
15	Deposits held at other financial institutions for operational purposes					
16	Performing financing and securities:					
17	Performing financing to financial institutions secured by Level 1 HQLA					
18	Performing financing to financial institutions secured by non-level 1 HQLA and unsecured performing financing to financial institutions	-	1,061,592	194,683	92,584	349,165
19	Performing financing to non-financial corporate clients, financing to retail and small business customers, and financing to sovereigns, central banks and PSEs, of which:	-	3,799,547	1,667,560	4,500,242	6,464,082
20	- With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% as per the CBB Capital Adequacy Ratio guidelines				473,385	307,700
21	Performing residential mortgages, of which:					
22	With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under the CBB Capital Adequacy Ratio Guidelines				720,599	468,389
23	Securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA, including exchange-traded equities		79,801	116,579	3,927,277	3,491,471
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	305,359				259,555
27	NSFR derivative assets	304,415				304,415
28	NSFR derivative liabilities before deduction of variation margin posted	25,267				25,267
29	All other assets not included in the above categories	1,386,877	-	-	-	1,386,877
30	OBS items	2,830,330	-	-	-	141,517
31	Total RSF (14+15+17+18+19+22+23+25+26+27+28+29+30)					14,842,164
32	NSFR (%)					117.90%