

**Introduction:**

Under the directive (2/RBA/357/2015) issued by the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) dated 25 October 2015, Islamic Banks licensed in the State of Kuwait adopted the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) as part of CBK's continuous implementation of Basel III reforms.

The objective of the NSFR is to promote resilience of the bank's liquidity risk profiles. 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 ratio's numerator, Available Stable Funding (ASF), is defined as the portion of capital and liabilities expected to be reliable over specific time horizons whereas the denominator, Required Stable Funding (RSF), is defined as the portion of assets and off-balance sheet exposures expected to be funded on an ongoing basis over similar time horizons.

The NSFR limits overreliance on short-term wholesale funding, encourages better assessment of funding risk across all on- and off-balance sheet items, and promotes funding stability. Its two components, ASF and RSF, contrast durational and behavioral characteristics for available funding sources with liquidity, quality and tenor characteristics for required funding to properly assess the funding ratio.

Scope of reporting and monitoring occurs at both local and banking group level, KFH Kuwait and KFH Group respectively.

Results Analysis and Main Drivers

KFH Group's total weighted value of Available Stable Funding (ASF) stood at KD 13.467 billion while the total weighted value of Required Stable Funding (RSF) stood at KD 12.070 billion as of the end of December 31, 2018. Furthermore, the NSFR for the stated period was 111.58 %.

The ASF portfolio is driven mainly by a robust capital base and substantial retail deposit base along with reliable wholesale funding. After applying relevant factors, the contribution of the capital base, retail deposits and wholesale funding to the ASF portfolio stood at 14%, 64%, 19% respectively.

The RSF portfolio is driven mainly by financing various stakeholders including but not limited to financial institutions (FIs), non-financial corporate clients, retail and small business customers, sovereigns, central banks and PSEs.

KFH Group's High-Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA), detailed in the LCR disclosure¹, requires minimal funding due to its highly-rated nature and liquidity thus after applying relevant factors it makes up merely 2% of the RSF portfolio whereas performing financing makes up 70% and other assets the remainder 28%.

Other assets (Sr. 29) not detailed in the NSFR Common Disclosure Template on the following page includes sukuk issued or guaranteed by banks and FIs, investments in real estate, uncategorized listed and unlisted investments, NPFs and all other assets. Much of the required funding after applying relevant factors is distributed between unlisted investments and all other assets categories, 38% & 25% respectively.

¹ Available under the Economic Reports section at <https://kfh.com/en/home/Personal/Investor-Relations.html>

Quantitative information on the Net Stable Funding Ratio is provided in the table below where values are as December 31st 2018 for KFH Group.

Table 4: NSFR Common Disclosure*

"KWD '000s"

Sr.	Item	Unweighted Values (i.e. before applying relevant factors)				Total weighted value
		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	1,948,206	-	-	-	1,948,206
3	* Other Capital Instruments	-	-	-	-	-
4	Retail deposits and deposits and investment accounts from small business customers:					
5	* Stable deposits	-	1,080,672	10,396	713	1,037,227
6	* Less stable deposits	-	6,751,898	931,331	651,094	7,566,000
7	Wholesale funding:					
8	* Operational deposits and investment accounts	-	299,643	-	-	149,821
9	* Other wholesale funding	-	3,958,206	810,002	637,623	2,400,026
10	Other liabilities:					
11	* NSFR Shari'ah-compliant hedging contract liabilities	10,445	-	-	-	-
12	* All other liabilities not included in the above categories	1,248,672	149,310	2,259	179,073	365,684
13	Total ASF	3,207,322	12,239,729	1,753,987	1,468,503	13,466,964
Required Stable Funding (RSF):						
14	Total NSFR Shari'ah-compliant high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)	4,064,495	-	-	169,312	270,953
15	Deposits and investment accounts 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	-	1,325,415	131,268	62,693	327,139
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:	-	3,039,348	1,162,829	5,586,309	7,658,577
20	- With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% as per the Capital Adequacy Ratio – Basel 3 guidelines	-	-	-	-	-
21	* Performing residential financing, of which:					
22	- With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under the CBK Capital Adequacy Ratio – Basel III Guidelines	-	-	-	595,298	386,943
23	* Securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA, including exchange-traded equities	-	-	-	16,954	14,411
24	Other assets:					
25	* Physical traded commodities, including gold	38,155	-	-	-	32,432
26	* Assets posted as initial margin for Shari'ah-compliant hedging contracts and contributions to default funds of CCPs	-	-	-	-	-
27	* NSFR Shari'ah-compliant hedging contract assets	3,329	-	-	-	3,329
28	* NSFR Shari'ah-compliant hedging contract liabilities before deduction of variation margin posted	-	-	-	-	-
29	* All other assets not included in the above categories	2,377,969	613,257	33,862	406,491	3,108,019
30	Off-balance sheet items	3,686,966	939,537	379,853	348,472	267,741
31	Total RSF	10,170,914	5,917,557	1,707,811	7,185,529	12,069,545
32	NSFR (%)					111.6%

* Quarterly Statement.