

**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 roughly KD 16.618 billion while the total weighted value of Required Stable Funding (RSF) stood at roughly KD 14.165 billion as of the end of March 31, 2021. Furthermore, the NSFR for the stated period was 117.3 %.

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 & SMEs deposits and wholesale funding to the ASF portfolio stood at 13%, 68%, 14% 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 4.2% of the RSF portfolio whereas performing financing makes up 68.5% and other assets 20.2%.

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 performing financing and all other assets categories, 68% & 20% 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 31st March 2021 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	2,135,860	-	-	-	2,135,860
3	* Other Capital Instruments	-	-	-	-	-
4	Retail deposits and deposits and investment accounts from small business customers:					
5	* Stable deposits	-	1,941,667	10,970	1,276	1,856,281
6	* Less stable deposits	-	8,583,944	1,189,732	691,247	9,487,557
7	Wholesale funding:					
8	* Operational deposits and investment accounts	-	604,331	-	-	302,165
9	* Other wholesale funding	-	4,429,181	942,608	386,917	2,075,275
10	Other liabilities:					
11	* NSFR Shari'ah-compliant hedging contract liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
12	* All other liabilities not included in the above categories	1,260,589	428,484	41,200	618,578	761,502
13	Total ASF	3,396,449	15,987,607	2,184,510	1,698,018	16,618,640
Required Stable Funding (RSF):						
14	Total NSFR Shari'ah-compliant high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)	5,490,462	-	151,605	368,563	590,222
15	Deposits and investment accounts held at other financial institutions for operational purposes	330,587	-	-	-	165,293
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	-	1,410,277	300,882	481,252	843,234
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:	-	2,776,045	1,245,939	7,061,176	8,865,706
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	-	-	-	740,843	481,548
23	* Securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA, including exchange-traded equities	-	-	-	211,000	179,350
24	Other assets:					
25	* Physical traded commodities, including gold	39,187	-	-	-	33,309
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	-	-	-	-	-
28	* NSFR Shari'ah-compliant hedging contract liabilities before deduction of variation margin posted	6,287	-	-	-	6,287
29	* All other assets not included in the above categories	1,942,754	781,164	36,987	514,632	2,866,461
30	Off-balance sheet items	1,672,199	554,434	185,562	263,387	133,779
31	Total RSF	9,481,475	5,521,921	1,920,976	9,640,853	14,165,189
32	NSFR (%)					117.3%

* Quarterly Statement.