

Eskan Bank B.S.C (c)

Liquidity Disclosures - Basel III

30-Sep-21

Introduction:

In August 2018, the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) issued its regulations on Liquidity Risk Management (LM). Amongst other things, the LM regulations mandate banks to implement Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) by end of June 2019. The main objective of the LCR is to promote short-term resilience of the liquidity risk profile of banks by ensuring that they have sufficient level of high-quality liquid assets (HQLAs) to honor net cash outflows and survive a significant stress scenario lasting for a period of up to 30 days. As per CBB LM regulations, banks must meet the minimum LCR of not less than 100 percent on a daily basis*.

The below table provides information on Eskan Bank Consolidated LCR for the quarter ended 30th September 2021

Licensee Name: Eskan Bank

Period ended (30/09/21):

BD '000/ US \$'000

Consolidated LCR		Total Unweighted Value (average)	Total Weighted Value (average)
HIGH-QUALITY LIQUID ASSETS			
1	Total HQLA		42,146
CASH OUTFLOWS			
2	Retail Deposits		
3	Stable deposits		-
4	Less stable – retail deposits*	490	49.03
5	Unsecured Wholesale Funding, of which:		
6	Deposits from Financial Institutions and other legal entity corporations.	2,240	2,240
7	Secured Funding		
8	Other Cash Outflow		
9	Credit and liquidity facilities given by bank to retail and small business customers	3,500	175.00
10	Other contractual cash outflows	8,094	8,094.19
11	Total Cash Outflow		10,558
CASH INFLOWS			
12	Secured lending		
13	Other inflows by		
14	Retail and small business customer	1,868	934
15	Financial institutions and central banks	341	341
16	Other contractual cash inflows	-	-
17	Total Cash Inflows		1,275
		TOTAL ADJUSTED VALUE	
18	TOTAL HQLA		42,146
19	TOTAL NET CASH OUTFLOW		9,283
20	LIQUIDITY COVERAGE RATIO (LCR)		454%

*As part of COVID 19 stimulus measures, the LCR limit was reduced by the CBB from 100% to 80% starting March 2020 until Dec 2021.

*As per CBB LM Module, the consolidated LCR of 454% reported above in line 20 is the simple average of daily LCR during Q3 2021.

Results Analysis and Main Drivers:

Eskan Bank has consistently maintained a robust portfolio of High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLAs) and diversified funding sources to honor all its obligations on a timely basis. During the third quarter of 2021, the average HQLAs amounted to BD 42 million. Eskan Bank's HQLAs portfolio consists primarily of "Level 1" assets, which represent the highest quality HQLAs, and consists of cash and balances with the Central Bank of Bahrain.

Introduction:

The CBB's Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) regulations became effective on 31st December 2019. The objective of the NSFR is to promote the resilience of banks' liquidity risk profile and to incentivise a more resilient banking sector over a longer time horizon. The NSFR requires banks to maintain a stable funding profile in relation to assets and off-balance sheet activities. A sustainable funding structure is intended to reduce the likelihood of disruptions to a bank's regular sources of funding that 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.

Banks are required to meet a minimum NSFR of 100% on a continuous basis. This ratio was relaxed to 80% due to the pressures within the banking sector following the COVID pandemic, However, Eskan Bank still seeks to maintain the original higher 100% requirement.

The below table provides information on Eskan Bank Consolidated NSFR as of 30th September 2021:

Level: Local / Bank-wide / Consolidated		BHD '000				BHD '000
		Unweighted Values (before applying factors)				
Sr.	Item	No Specified maturity	Less than 6 months	More than 6 months and less than one year	Over one year	Total Weighted Value
Available Stable Funding (ASF)						
1	Capital:					
(a)	Common equity tier 1	344,749				344,749
(b)	Additional tier 1 capital					-
(c)	Tier 2 Capital				1,713	1,713
2	Stable Deposits:					
3	Less stable deposits:					
(a)	Demand deposits and saving deposits that are not fully-insured and provided by retail customers		2,600			2,340
(b)	Demand deposits and saving deposits that are not fully-insured and provided by small business customers		98			88
4	Secured and unsecured funding:					
(d)	Other deposits and funding from:					
	1. Central Banks					-
	2. Financial Institutions		10,000	-	45,000	45,000
	3. Other					-
5	Other liabilities (not included in the categories above):					
(c)	Other liabilities and equity not included in the above categories		28,858	-	476,730	476,730
6	Total ASF					870,621
Required Stable Funding (RSF)						
7	Coins and banknotes	133				-
8	All claims on central banks		68,096			-
9	Unencumbered Level 1 HQLA					
(a)	Marketable securities that are unencumbered (or encumbered for a period of less than 6 months) representing claims on or guaranteed by:					
	1. Government of Bahrain or the Central Bank of Bahrain	745				37
10	Loans:					
(a)	Unencumbered Loans to non-financial corporate clients					-
(b)	Unencumbered Loans to retail and small business customers, and loans to sovereigns and PSEs		14,780	15,156		14,968
(c)	Unencumbered residential mortgages with a risk weight of less than or equal to 35%				696,522	452,739
(d)	Other unencumbered loans and deposits with a risk weight of less than or equal to 35%					-
(e)	Other unencumbered performing loans and not included in the above categories, excluding loans to financial institutions, with a risk weight of than or equal to 35%				4,468	3,798
(f)	Unencumbered loans to and deposits with financial institutions.		161			24
11	Unlisted investments not included in the above categories					
(a)	Investment in Subsidiaries	8,401				8,401
(b)	Investment in Associates	4,250				4,250
(c)	Other unlisted investments	3,552				3,552
12	Listed investments not included in the above categories					-
13	Non-performing loans	31,693				31,693
14	All other assets including fixed assets, items deducted from regulatory capital, insurance assets and defaulted securities.	70,010				70,010
Off-Balance Sheet exposures						
15	Guarantees and letters of credit unrelated to trade finance obligations					
16	All other off-balance sheet exposures not included above	30,005				1,500
17	Total RSF					590,973
18	NSFR(6/17)					147%

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Results Analysis and Main Drivers:

Eskan Bank NSFR was at a very comfortable level during the quarter ended 30th September 2021. As end of September 2021, the Available Stable Funding (ASF) stood at BD 871 million compared to the Required Stable Funding (RSF) of BD 591 million, resulting in a NSFR of 147%.

The main drivers behind the Eskan bank strong available stable funding (ASF) are the healthy capital base (40% of the Bank ASF), stable Government account balances and long term borrowing (60% of the Bank ASF). The NSFR ratio of 147% at 30 Sep 2021 increased from 146% at 31 December 2020, due to an increase in Government deposits and a consistently strong capital base.