

Al Khaliji France S.A. – UAE operations

Basel III Pillar 3 Disclosures For the quarter ended 31 March 2023

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1. Introduction and overview

Legal status and activities

Al Khaliji France S.A, UAE operations (the “Bank” or “AKF UAE”) is a branch of a foreign French registered bank with its Head Office in Paris, France (the “Head Office”). It commenced its operations in the United Arab Emirates in 1973 as a retail bank and currently has two branches, one each in the Emirate of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Masraf Al Rayan and Al Khalij Commercial Bank, the latter being 100% shareholder of Al Khaliji France S.A Paris, have completed a merger on 1 December 2021.

The Bank’s regional office in Dubai is responsible for managing the operations of the United Arab Emirates Branches. The regional office’s registered address is P.O. Box 4207, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The principal activities of the Bank include accepting deposits, investments in bonds, granting loans and advances and providing other banking services to customers in the United Arab Emirates.

Purpose and basis of preparation

The Bank is regulated by Central Bank of United Arab Emirates (“CBUAE”) and follows the Pillar 3 disclosure requirement guidelines issued by the CBUAE.

In February 2017, new Basel III capital regulations issued by CBUAE came into effect for all Banks in the UAE.

This document presents Pillar 3 disclosures which complements the Basel III minimum capital requirements and the supervisory review process of the Bank. These disclosures have been prepared in line with the disclosure templates introduced by the CBUAE guidelines on disclosure requirements (vide Notice No. CBUAE/BSN/2020/4980, Notice No. CBUAE/BSN/2021/5508, Notice No. CBUAE/BSN/2022/1887, Notice No. CBUAE/BSN/2022/5280) published in 12 November 2020, 30 November 2021, 09 May 2022 and 30 December 2022 respectively.

These disclosures are being done on the financial figures of AKF UAE operations only.

Applicability of Pillar 3 disclosure templates

Below is the list of the CBUAE prescribed Pillar 3 disclosure templates which are applicable for semi-annual publication and comparison to the disclosure included in this document.

Topic	Table	Information overview	Status
Overview of risk management and RWA	KM1	Key metrics	Included
	OV1	Overview of Risk Weighted Assets	Included
Leverage Ratio	LR2	Leverage ratio common disclosure template	Included
Liquidity	LIQ1	Liquidity Coverage Ratio	Not applicable
	LIQ2	Net Stable Funding Ratio	Not applicable
	ELAR	Eligible Liquid Assets Ratio	Included
	ASRR	Advances to Stable Resources Ratio	Included

For not applicable status, related templates have not been disclosed as part of the disclosure report.

2. Key metrics (KM1)

An overview of the bank's prudential regulatory metrics.

Sn.	Description	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-22	30-Sep-22	30-Jun-22	31-Mar-22
	Available capital (amounts)	AED'000	AED'000	AED'000	AED'000	AED'000
1	Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	500,482	501,370	546,170	545,788	545,993
1a	Fully loaded ECL (Excepted Credit Losses) accounting model	500,482	501,370	546,170	545,788	545,993
2	Tier 1	500,482	501,370	546,170	545,788	545,993
2a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model Tier 1	500,482	501,370	546,170	545,788	545,993
3	Total capital	508,399	508,287	553,285	552,879	553,244
3a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model total capital	508,399	508,287	553,285	552,879	553,244
	Risk-weighted assets (amounts)					
4	Total risk-weighted assets (RWA- for details refer to table 3- OV1)	725,510	647,812	677,917	675,760	689,706
	Risk-based capital ratios as a percentage of RWA					
5	Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (%)	68.98%	77.39%	80.57%	80.77%	79.16%
5a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model CET1 (%)	68.98%	77.39%	80.57%	80.77%	79.16%
6	Tier 1 ratio (%)	68.98%	77.39%	80.57%	80.77%	79.16%
6a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model Tier 1 ratio (%)	68.98%	77.39%	80.57%	80.77%	79.16%
7	Total capital ratio (%)	70.07%	78.46%	81.62%	81.82%	80.21%
7a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model total capital ratio (%)	70.07%	78.46%	81.62%	81.82%	80.21%
	Additional CET1 buffer requirements as a percentage of RWA					
8	Capital conservation buffer requirement (2.5% from 2019) (%)	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
9	Countercyclical buffer requirement (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10	Bank D-SIB additional requirements (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
11	Total of bank CET1 specific buffer requirements (%) (rows 8 + 9 + 10)	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
12	CET1 available after meeting the bank's minimum capital requirements (%)	59.57%	67.96%	71.12%	71.32%	69.71%
	Leverage Ratio					
13	Total leverage ratio measure	1,468,310	1,449,110	1,502,947	1,542,010	1,555,742
14	Leverage ratio (%) (row 2/row 13)	34.09%	34.60%	36.34%	35.39%	35.10%
14a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model leverage ratio (%) (row 2A/row 13)	34.09%	34.60%	36.34%	35.39%	35.10%
14b	Leverage ratio (%) (excluding the impact of any applicable temporary exemption of central bank reserves)	34.09%	34.60%	36.34%	35.39%	35.10%

2. Key metrics (KM1) (continued)

An overview of the bank's prudential regulatory metrics.

Sn.	Description	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-22	30-Sep-22	30-Jun-22	31-Mar-22
		AED'000	AED'000	AED'000	AED'000	AED'000
	Liquidity Coverage Ratio¹					
15	Total HQLA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
16	Total net cash outflow	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
17	LCR ratio (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Net Stable Funding Ratio¹					
18	Total available stable funding	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19	Total required stable funding	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20	NSFR ratio (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	ELAR					
21	Total HQLA	516,289	510,703	644,846	689,545	681,734
22	Total liabilities	822,021	820,973	791,901	813,502	820,991
23	Eligible Liquid Assets Ratio (ELAR) (%)	62.81%	62.21%	81.43%	84.76%	83.04%
	ASRR					
24	Total available stable funding	1,212,690	1,128,309	1,228,144	1,254,551	1,255,367
25	Total Advances	455,907	421,400	394,707	431,496	450,651
26	Advances to Stable Resources Ratio (%)	37.59%	37.35%	32.14%	34.39%	35.90%

¹ LCR and NSFR are not applicable (NA) for the Bank as per CB UAE regulations, instead the Bank in replacement is disclosing ELAR & ASRR;

The capital ratio as of 31 Mar 23 is well-buffered and above the total capital required under ICAAP of 19.4% yet decreased (as compared to Dec 22) due to movement in bank's asset items at different risk weight %;

The Bank has started to report leverage ratio requirements from 31 Dec 21 and remains comfortably above the minimum 3%;

Liquidity ratios (ELAR and ASRR) remain well-buffered and trend comfortably against the minimum requirements of 10% and 100% respectively.

3. Overview of Risk Weighted Assets (OV1)

An overview of total RWA forming the denominator of the risk-based capital requirements

Sn.	Description	RWA		Minimum capital requirements
		31-Mar-23	31-Dec-22	31-Mar-23
		AED'000	AED'000	AED'000
1	Credit risk (excluding counterparty credit risk)	633,322	553,394	66,499
2	Of which: standardised approach (SA)	633,322	553,394	66,499
3				
4				
5				
6	Counterparty credit risk (CCR)	-	-	-
7	Of which: standardised approach for counterparty credit risk	-	-	-
8				
9				
10				
11				
12	Equity investments in funds - look-through approach	-	-	-
13	Equity investments in funds - mandate-based approach	-	-	-
14	Equity investments in funds - fall-back approach	-	-	-
15	Settlement risk	-	-	-
16	Securitisation exposures in the banking book	-	-	-
17				
18	Of which: securitisation external ratings-based approach (SEC-ERBA)	-	-	-
19	Of which: securitisation standardised approach (SEC-SA)	-	-	-
20	Market risk	1,411	3,640	148
21	Of which: standardised approach (SA)	1,411	3,640	148
22				
23	Operational risk	90,778	90,778	9,532
24				
25				
26	Total (1+6+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+20+23)	725,510	647,812	76,179

The Credit Risk weighted assets (CRWA) of the Bank witnessed an increase during Q1'23 on the back of increase in commercial assets;

Market Risk Weighted assets (MRWA) decreased during Q1'23 due to a decrease in Net Open short position;

Operational Risk Weighted Assets (ORWA) continue to be a function of annual revenue as per Standardized Approach.

5. Leverage Ratio (LR2)

To provide a detailed breakdown of the components of the leverage ratio denominator, as well as information on the actual leverage ratio, minimum requirements and buffers.

Sn.	Description	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-22
On-balance sheet exposures		AED'000	AED'000
1	On-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives and securities financing transactions (SFTs), but including collateral)	1,334,829	1,319,764
2	Gross-up for derivatives collateral provided where deducted from balance sheet assets pursuant to the operative accounting framework	-	-
3	(Deductions of receivable assets for cash variation margin provided in derivatives transactions)	-	-
4	(Adjustment for securities received under securities financing transactions that are recognised as an asset)	-	-
5	(Specific and general provisions associated with on-balance sheet exposures that are deducted from Tier 1 capital)	-	-
6	(Asset amounts deducted in determining Tier 1 capital)	(989)	(327)
7	Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives and SFTs) (sum of rows 1 to 6)	1,333,840	1,319,437
Derivative exposures			
8	Replacement cost associated with <i>all</i> derivatives transactions (where applicable net of eligible cash variation margin and/or with bilateral netting)	-	-
9	Add-on amounts for PFE associated with <i>all</i> derivatives transactions	732	829
10	(Exempted CCP leg of client-cleared trade exposures)	-	-
11	Adjusted effective notional amount of written credit derivatives	-	-
12	(Adjusted effective notional offsets and add-on deductions for written credit derivatives)	-	-
13	Total derivative exposures (sum of rows 8 to 12)	732	829
Securities financing transactions			
14	Gross SFT <i>assets</i> (with no recognition of netting), after adjusting for sale accounting transactions	-	-
15	(Netted amounts of cash payables and cash receivables of gross SFT assets)	-	-
16	CCR exposure for SFT assets	-	-
17	Agent transaction exposures	-	-
18	Total securities financing transaction exposures (sum of rows 14 to 17)	-	-
Other off-balance sheet exposures			
19	Off-balance sheet exposure at gross notional amount	221,053	219,250
20	(Adjustments for conversion to credit equivalent amounts)	(87,315)	(90,406)
21	(Specific and general provisions associated with off-balance sheet exposures deducted in determining Tier 1 capital)	-	-
22	Off-balance sheet items (sum of rows 19 to 21)	133,738	128,844

5. Leverage Ratio (LR2) (continued)

To provide a detailed breakdown of the components of the leverage ratio denominator, as well as information on the actual leverage ratio, minimum requirements and buffers.

Sn.	Description	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-22
		AED'000	AED'000
	Capital and total exposures		
23	Tier 1 capital	500,482	501,370
24	Total exposures (sum of rows 7, 13, 18 and 22)	1,468,310	1,449,110
	Leverage ratio		
25	Leverage ratio (including the impact of any applicable temporary exemption of central bank reserves)	34.09%	34.60%
25a	Leverage ratio (excluding the impact of any applicable temporary exemption of central bank reserves)	34.09%	34.60%
26	CBUAE minimum leverage ratio requirement	3.00%	3.00%
27	Applicable leverage buffers	0.00%	0.00%

6. Liquidity

6.1 Eligible Liquid Assets Ratio (ELAR)

Breakdown of bank's available high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) according to the CBUAE Liquidity Regulations.

Sn.	Description	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
1	High Quality Liquid Assets	Nominal amount	Eligible Liquid Asset
		AED'000	AED'000
1.1	Physical cash in hand at the bank + balances with the CBUAE	516,289	
1.2	UAE Federal Government Bonds and Sukuks	-	
	Sub Total (1.1 to 1.2)	516,289	516,289
1.3	UAE local governments publicly traded debt securities	-	
1.4	UAE Public sector publicly traded debt securities	-	
	Subtotal (1.3 to 1.4)	-	-
1.5	Foreign Sovereign debt instruments or instruments issued by their respective central banks	-	-
1.6	Total	516,289	516,289
2	Total liabilities		822,021
3	Eligible Liquid Assets Ratio (ELAR)		62.81%

ELAR of the Bank continues to operate at levels comfortably above the 10% minimum requirement as currently prescribed by the CBUAE.

6. Liquidity

6.2 Advances to Stable Resources Ratio (ASRR)

Present the breakdown of a bank's advances to Stables Resource ratio as per the Liquidity regulations.

Sn.	Description	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-22
		Amount	Amount
1	Computation of Advances	AED'000	AED'000
1.1	Net Lending (gross loans - specific and collective provisions + interest in suspense)	347,533	313,627
1.2	Lending to non-banking financial institutions	-	-
1.3	Net Financial Guarantees & Stand-by LC (issued - received)	-	-
1.4	Interbank Placements	108,374	107,773
1.5	Total Advances	455,907	421,400
2	Calculation of Net Stable Resources		
2.1	Total capital + general provisions	534,230	522,694
	Deduct:		
2.1.1	Goodwill and other intangible assets	989	327
2.1.2	Fixed Assets	2,283	2,169
2.1.3	Funds allocated to branches abroad	-	-
2.1.5	Unquoted Investments	-	-
2.1.6	Investment in subsidiaries, associates and affiliates	-	-
2.1.7	Total deduction	3,272	2,496
2.2	Net Free Capital Funds	530,958	520,198
2.3	Other stable resources:		
2.3.1	Funds from the head office	-	-
2.3.2	Interbank deposits with remaining life of more than 6 months	-	-
2.3.3	Refinancing of Housing Loans	-	-
2.3.4	Borrowing from non-Banking Financial Institutions	16,351	16,101
2.3.5	Customer Deposits	665,381	592,010
2.3.6	Capital market funding/ term borrowings maturing after 6 months from reporting date	-	-
2.3.7	Total other stable resources	681,732	608,111
2.4	Total Stable Resources (2.2+2.3.7)	1,212,690	1,128,309
3	Advances TO STABLE RESOURCES RATIO (1.6/ 2.4*100)	37.59	37.35

ASRR of the Bank continues to operate at levels comfortably below the 100% ceiling as currently prescribed by CBUAE.

9. Acronyms

Sn.	Abbreviations	Description
1.	AKF	Al Khaliji France S.A. (Head office in France and its Branches in the UAE)
2.	ALCCO	Asset, Liability and Capital Committee
3.	ASRR	Advances to Stable Resources Ratio
4.	AT1	Additional Tier 1
5.	BBB	Bankers Blanket Bond
6.	BCBS	Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
7.	BCM	Business Continuity Management
8.	BIA	Business Indicator Approach
9.	CB UAE	Central Bank of U.A.E.
10.	CCF	Credit Conversion Factor
11.	CCP	Central Counterparty
12.	CCR	Counterparty Credit Risk
13.	CET1	Common Equity Tier 1
14.	CIC	Credit and Investment Committee
15.	CRM	Credit Risk Mitigation
16.	CSA	Control Self-Assessment
17.	D&O	Directors & Officers
18.	D-SIB	Domestic Systemically Important Banks
19.	EAD	Exposure At Default
20.	ECL	Expected Credit Losses
21.	ELAR	Eligible Liquid Asset Ratio
22.	EVE	Economic Value of Equity
23.	FVOCI	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income
24.	GALCCO	Group Asset, Liability and Capital Committee
25.	GCRC	Group Compliance & Risk Committee
26.	GDP	Gross Domestic Product
27.	GORM	Group Operational Risk Manager
28.	GRC	Group Risk Committee
29.	Group	Masraf Al Rayan Doha (MAR Doha or Qatar)
30.	HNWI	High Net-Worth Individuals
31.	H.O	Al Khaliji France Paris (AKF Paris or France)
32.	HQLA	High Quality Liquid Assets
33.	ICAAP	Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process
34.	IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards
35.	KCI	Key Control Indicators
36.	KPI	Key Performance Indicators
37.	KRI	Key Risk Indicators
38.	LC	Letter of Credit
39.	LCR	Liquidity Coverage Ratio
40.	LGD	Loss Given Default
41.	LR	Leverage Ratio
42.	MRA	Moody's Risk Advisor
43.	MVE	Market Value of Equity
44.	NPL	Non-Performing Loans
45.	NSFR	Net Stable Funding Ratio

9. Acronyms

Sn.	Abbreviations	Description
46.	OLD	O perational L oss D atabase
47.	OLEM	O ther L oans E specially M entioned
48.	ORM	O perational R isk M anagement
49.	PD	P robability of D efault
50.	PFE	P otential F uture E xposure
51.	PI	P rofessional I ndemnity
52.	RCSA	R isk and C ontrol S elf- A ssessment
53.	RSA	R ate S ensitive A ssets
54.	RSL	R ate S ensitive L iabilitys
55.	RWA	R isk W eighted A ssets
56.	SA	S tandardized A pproach
57.	SFT	S ecurities F inancing T ransactions
58.	SICR	S ignificant I ncrease in C redit R isk

10. Glossary

1. **Capital conservation buffer**

A capital buffer prescribed by BCBS and CBUAE under Basel III and designed to ensure banks build up capital buffers outside periods of stress which can be drawn down as losses are incurred. Should the bank's CET1 capital fall within the capital conservation buffer range, capital distributions will be constrained by the regulators.

2. **Countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB)**

The countercyclical capital buffer is part of a set of macro prudential instruments, designed to help counter pro-cyclicality in the financial system. CCyB as defined in the Basel III standard provides for an additional capital requirement of up to 2.5 per cent of risk-weighted assets.

3. **Counterparty credit risk (CCR)**

The risk that a counterparty defaults before satisfying its obligations under a derivative, a securities financing transaction (SFT) or a similar contract.

4. **Credit Conversion Factor (CCF)**

As prescribed by CBUAE, an estimate of the amount the Group expects a customer to have drawn further on a facility limit at the point of default.

5. **Credit risk adjustment (CRA)**

This includes impairment allowances or provisions balances, and changes in ECL.

6. **Credit risk mitigation (CRM)**

Credit risk mitigation is a process to mitigate potential credit losses from any given account, customer or portfolio by using a range of tools such as collateral, netting agreements, credit insurance, credit derivatives and guarantees.

7. **Domestic systemically important banks (D-SIB)**

Domestic systemically important banks are deemed systemically relevant for the domestic financial system in which they operate. The CBUAE and the BCBS have developed a framework for identifying and dealing with D-SIBs. The Central Bank of the UAE annually assesses national banks at their consolidated group level and foreign banks at their UAE branch level; to designate banks whose failure could escalate to systemic risk for the UAE banking sector and eventually impact the economy.

8. **Economic Value of Equity (EVE)**

The economic value of equity (EVE) is a cash flow calculation that takes the present value of all asset cash flows and subtracts the present value of all liability cash flows. Unlike earnings at risk and value at risk (VAR), a bank uses the economic value of equity to manage its assets and liabilities. This is a long-term economic measure used to assess the degree of interest rate risk exposure—as opposed to net-interest income (NII), which reflects short-term interest rate risk.

10. Glossary (continued)

9. Fully Loaded ECL

Means Bank's regulatory capital compared with a situation where the transitional arrangement for IFRS 9 had not been applied. CBUAE introduced transitional arrangements as per circular no. 04/2020 "Regulation Regarding Accounting Provisions and Capital Requirements - Transitional Arrangements".

10. Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP)

A requirement under Pillar 2 of the Basel framework to undertake a comprehensive assessment of their risks and to determine the appropriate amounts of capital to be held against these risks.

11. Key Control Indicators (KCI's)

Key Control Indicators or KCIs also referred to as Control Effectiveness Indicators are metrics that provide information on the extent to which a given control is meeting its intended objectives in terms of loss prevention, reduction, etc.

12. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Key Performance Indicators refer to a set of quantifiable measurements used to gauge a Bank's overall long-term performance. KPIs specifically help determine a Bank's strategic, financial, and operational achievements, especially compared to those of other businesses within the same sector.

13. Key Risk Indicators (KRIs)

Key Risk Indicators are used by financial firms to measure their exposure to a given risk at a particular time. By comparing an appropriate set of key risk indicators with internal limits and thresholds, banks can determine whether their operational risk exposures are within their risk appetite.

14. Leverage ratio

A ratio introduced under Basel III/CRD that compares Tier 1 capital to total exposures, including certain exposures held off-balance sheet as adjusted by stipulated credit conversion factors. Intended to be a simple, non-risk based backstop measure.

15. Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)

The ratio of the stock of high quality liquid assets to expected net cash outflows over the following 30 days. High quality liquid assets should be unencumbered, liquid in markets during a time of stress and, ideally, be central bank eligible.

16. Net stable funding ratio (NSFR)

The ratio of available stable funding (ASF) to required stable funding (RSF) over a one-year time horizon, assuming a stressed scenario. It is a longer-term liquidity measure designed to restrain the amount of wholesale borrowing and encourage stable funding over a one year time horizon.

17. Securities Financing Transactions (SFT)

Securities Financing Transactions are secured (i.e. collateralized) transactions that involve the temporary exchange of cash against securities, or securities against other securities, e.g. stock lending or stock borrowing or the lending or borrowing of other financial instruments, a repurchase or reverse repurchase transaction, or a buy-sell back or sell-buy back transaction.

10. Glossary (continued)

18. Standardized Approach (SA)

In relation to credit risk, a method for calculating credit risk capital requirements using External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAI) ratings and supervisory risk-weights. In relation to operational risk, a method of calculating the operational risk capital requirement by the application of a supervisory defined percentage charge to the gross income of eight specified business lines.