



**ITHMAAR BANK B.S.C. (C)**

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## **1. Background**

The public disclosures under this section have been prepared in accordance with the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) requirements outlined in its Public Disclosure Module (PD), CBB Rule Book, Volume II for Islamic Banks. The disclosures in this report are in addition to the disclosures set out in Ithmaar Bank B.S.C (C)'s (Ithmaar Bank/Bank/Group) consolidated financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2021, presented in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards (FAS) issued by the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) and applicable rules and regulations issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain ("CBB") including the circulars issued by the CBB during 2020 and 2021 on regulatory concessionary measures and treatment of modification losses and financial assistance received from the government and/ or regulators in response to its COVID-19.

## **2. Basel III Framework**

CBB has issued Basel III guidelines for the implementation of Basel III capital adequacy framework for Banks incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Basel III framework provides a risk based approach for calculation of regulatory capital. The Basel III framework is expected to strengthen the risk management practices across the financial institutions.

The Basel III framework is based on three pillars as follows:-

- Pillar I: Minimum capital requirements including calculation of the capital adequacy ratio
- Pillar II: Supervisory review process which includes the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process
- Pillar III: Market discipline which includes the disclosure of risk management and capital adequacy information.

## **3. Capital management**

Ithmaar Bank's Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) policy provides the required guidelines and methodologies to assess the Bank's capital requirements for Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 risks and thereby ensures that the Bank meets the capital requirements as mandated by the CBB in line with the Capital Adequacy (CA) module for Pillar 1 risks and the ICAAP Module for all pillar 2 risks. Capital management also ensures that

The Bank adopts a Pillar I + Pillar II approach for capital estimation as recommended under CBB guidelines. Under this approach, the Bank calculates the Pillar I capital or minimum regulatory capital requirements in accordance to CBB's capital adequacy guidelines as prescribed in the CA module of the CBB rulebook. Secondly, additional capital or pillar II capital requirement is calculated separately based on an "add-on" approach, where the additional capital requirements are added onto the calculated Pillar I capital requirements, to arrive at the Bank's internal capital requirements as per CBB guidelines. To ensure that the business model is thoroughly examined and subject to sufficient analysis, ICAAP is supported with comprehensive Stress Testing.

A comprehensive risk assessment of the Business and Budget Plans is independently performed by the Risk Management Department (RMD), which among others, assesses the capital requirement of Ithmaar Bank supporting both current and future activities. Ithmaar Bank's capital position is monitored on a regular basis and reported to the Asset Liability Management Committee (ALCO), the Audit, Governance and Risk Management Committee (AGRMC) and the Board of Directors.

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**3. Capital management (continued)****Capital Adequacy Methodology:**

As per the requirements of CBB's Basel III capital adequacy framework, the method for calculating the consolidated capital adequacy ratio for the Group is summarized as follows:

- Line by line consolidation is performed for the risk exposures and eligible capital of all the Financial Institutions subsidiaries within the Group with the exception of the Bank's banking subsidiaries incorporated outside Kingdom of Bahrain which are operating under Basel III compliant jurisdictions, where full aggregation is performed of the risk weighted exposures and eligible capital as required under CA module of CBB rulebook.
- All significant investments in commercial entities are risk weighted if these are within 15% of the capital base at individual level and 60% at aggregate level. Any exposure over and above the threshold of 15% are risk weighted at 800%.
- All exposures exceeding the large exposure limit as per Credit Risk Management (CM) module of CBB rulebook are risk weighted 800%.

**4. Approaches adopted for determining regulatory capital requirements**

The approach adopted for determining regulatory capital requirements under CBB's Basel III guidelines is summarised as follows:

Credit Risk	Standardised approach
Market Risk	Standardised approach
Operational Risk	Basic Indicator approach

**5. Regulatory Capital components****Step 1: Disclosure of Balance Sheet under Regulatory scope of Consolidation**

The Bank's subsidiaries (consolidated line by line for accounting purposes) have the following treatment for regulatory purposes

Name	Total assets	Total Equity	Ownership	Country of Incorporation	Principal business activity	Regulatory Treatment
Faysal Bank Limited	1,855,589	137,563	67%	Pakistan	Banking	Aggregation
Dilmunia Development Fund I L.P.	77,746	57,218	91%	Cayman Islands	Real estate	Risk weight

**The reconciliation from published financial information to regulatory return is as follows:**

Balance sheet as per published financial statements	3,380,381
FAS 30 Transitional impact	21,630
Modification loss transitional impact	18,403
Aggregation	48,844
<b>Balance sheet as in Regulatory Return</b>	<b>3,469,258</b>

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**5. Regulatory Capital components (continued)**
**Step 2: Reconciliation of published financial balance sheet to regulatory reporting as at 30 June 2021**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>As per published financial statements</b>	<b>As per Consolidated PIRI</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	213,062	213,062	
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	148,553	148,553	
Murabaha and other financings	1,309,448	1,309,448	
Musharaka financing	458,893	458,893	
Sukuk and investment securities	879,207	879,207	
Investment in associates	3,718	3,718	
Assets acquired for leasing	151,319	151,319	
Other assets	63,926	63,926	
Investment in real estate	2,346	2,346	
Development Properties	71,065	71,065	
Fixed assets	55,635	55,635	
Intangible assets	23,209	23,209	
FAS 30 Transitional impact	-	21,630	
Modification loss transitional impact	-	18,403	
Aggregation	-	48,844	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,380,381</b>	<b>3,469,258</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Unrestricted Investment Accounts (URIA)</b>			
Unrestricted Investment Accounts	1,330,955	1,330,955	
Other liabilities	1,938,154	1,938,154	
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; URIA</b>	<b>3,269,109</b>	<b>3,269,109</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Minority Interest</b>	<b>57,231</b>	<b>57,231</b>	
<b>Owners' Equity</b>			
Share capital	100,000	100,000	
Reserves	(30,652)	(30,652)	
of which eligible for CET1	-	(24,768)	
Accumulated losses	(15,307)	(15,307)	
of which eligible for CET1	-	(39,381)	
FAS 30 Transitional impact	-	21,630	
Modification loss transitional impact	-	18,403	
Aggregation	-	48,844	
<b>Total Owners' Equity</b>	<b>54,041</b>	<b>142,918</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities + Owners' Equity</b>	<b>3,380,381</b>	<b>3,469,258</b>	

**5. Regulatory Capital components (continued)**

**Step 3: Common disclosure template as at 30 June 2021**

<b>Common Equity Tier 1 capital: instruments and reserves:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Directly issued qualifying common share capital (and equivalent for non-joint stock companies) plus related stock surplus	100,000
Retained earnings	(39,381)
of which Modification loss including ECL provisions relating to stage 1 & 2	18,403
Expected Credit Losses (ECL) Stages 1 & 2	(52,762)
of which FAS 30 Transitional impact	21,630
Reserves	(24,768)
Aggregation & deductions	108,754
<b>Common Equity Tier 1 capital before regulatory adjustments</b>	<b>131,876</b>
<b>Total regulatory adjustments to Common equity Tier 1</b>	<b>131,876</b>
<b>Tier 1 capital (T1 = CET1 + AT1)</b>	<b>131,876</b>
<b>Tier 2 capital: instruments and provisions:</b>	
FAS 30 Transitional impact	11,041
<b>Tier 2 capital (T2)</b>	<b>11,041</b>
<b>Total capital (TC = T1 + T2)</b>	<b>142,917</b>
<b>Total Risk Weighted Assets (RWA)</b>	<b>1,100,194</b>
<b>Capital ratios and buffers:</b>	
<b>Common Equity Tier 1 (as a percentage of risk weighted assets)</b>	<b>11.99%</b>
<b>Tier 1 (as a percentage of risk weighted assets)</b>	<b>11.99%</b>
<b>Capital Adequacy Ratio (CaR)</b>	<b>12.99%</b>
Institution specific buffer requirement (minimum CET1 requirement plus capital conservation buffer plus countercyclical buffer requirements plus D-SIB buffer requirement, expressed as a percentage of risk weighted assets)	
of which: capital conservation buffer requirement	2.5
of which: bank specific countercyclical buffer requirement	N/A
of which: D-SIB buffer requirement	N/A
<b>National minimum including CCB (where different from Basel III)</b>	
CBB Common Equity Tier 1 minimum ratio	9.0
CBB Tier 1 minimum ratio	10.5
CBB total capital minimum ratio	12.5

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**6. Tier one capital ratios and Total capital ratios:**

	<b>Tier One Capital Ratio (including conservation buffer)</b>	<b>Total Capital Ratio (including conservation buffer)</b>
Bank's consolidated	11.99%	12.99%
Significant Bank subsidiaries whose regulatory capital amounts to over 5% of group consolidated regulatory capital whether on a stand-alone or sub-consolidated basis are as follows:		
Faysal Bank Limited	16.25%	18.71%

## **7. Risk Management**

### **7.1 Risk Management Objectives**

Risk is an integral part of Ithmaar Bank's business and managing it is critical to Ithmaar's continuing success and profitability. The essence of effective risk management is to enhance shareholders' and Investment Account Holders' value through business profits commensurate with the risk appetite of Ithmaar Bank and seek to minimize the potential adverse effects on its financial performance. Ithmaar Bank has over the years, developed risk management into a core competency and remains well positioned to meet imminent challenges. Risk Management at Ithmaar has always been prudent and proactive with the objective of achieving the optimum balance between risk and expected returns.

Ithmaar Bank has adopted an integrated risk management framework to proactively identify, assess, manage and monitor risks in its decisions and operations. The Bank's risk management framework is based on guidelines issued by the CBB, sound principles of risk management issued by Bank of International Settlements, international best practices and AAOIFI wherever applicable.

### **7.2 Strategies, Processes and Internal Controls**

#### **7.2.1 Risk Management Strategy**

Ithmaar Bank's Risk Management Charter lays the foundations for a risk governance structure. The risk strategy in terms of the overall risk appetite, risk tolerance levels and risk management methodologies are assimilated in the various risk policies and the ICAAP report of Ithmaar Bank. The risk strategy is reviewed annually in line with the Bank's business strategy. The Board also oversees the establishment and implementation of risk management systems and policies for all processes and risk exposure.

The process of risk management is carried out by an independent control function; the Risk Management Department (RMD) headed by the Chief Risk Officer with a direct reporting line to the AGRMC. The Department is mandated with identifying, quantifying and assessing all risks and recommending appropriate prudential limits and risk management methodologies within the parameters of the overall risk management strategy approved by the Board.

A well-defined governance structure is implemented where authority levels are clearly laid down for all transactions. Furthermore, the culture of risk is embedded in the business through a rigorous set of controls, checks and balances. As part of Ithmaar Bank's continuous improvement initiatives, Ithmaar Bank reviews existing risk policies and procedures and develops new policies and procedures by benchmarking the same to changes or new requirements in the regulatory and external environment. The Board reviews and approves the Business Discretionary Powers policy which establishes the approval authorities and limits for specific transactions.

#### **7.2.2 Equity Risk in Banking Book**

Ithmaar Bank's exposure to equity risk in the Banking book relates to its investment exposures. Ithmaar Bank has a dedicated Asset Management Department for managing the existing investments. The Board has established an Asset Management Policy which establishes the guidelines relating to management of investments.

All investment exposures are reviewed annually and presented to the management committee or Board level committees depending on the asset value.

#### **7.2.3 Material Transactions- Board Approval**

All financing and investment exposures above a defined value requires the approval of the Board. Additionally, all related party transactions and irrespective of their value require the approval of the Board.



**7. Risk Management (continued)**

**7.3 Risk Measurement and Reporting System**

The risk appetite of Ithmaar Bank is approved by the Board. To enable the effective monitoring of the activities of the Bank and to be compliant with the risk appetite approved by the Board, appropriate measurement processes, monitoring of exposures vis-à-vis limits as provided in the various risk management policies are in place. The risk policies set guidelines to limit concentration risk within the portfolio by large exposure, connected counterparty, country, industry, tenor and products. Ithmaar Bank uses a robust management information system to monitor its exposures and concentrations by various dimensions. Exceptions to the limits as provided in the policies are escalated to the appropriate authority.

**7.4 Credit Risk**

Capital charge for credit risk is computed under the Standardized Approach.

**7.4.1 Credit Risk Management Structure**

Credit risk management structure in Ithmaar Bank includes all levels of authorities, organizational structure, people and systems required for the smooth functioning of Credit risk management processes.

The Bank has a well-defined organizational structure with clearly articulated roles and responsibilities for the Credit risk management function in the Bank.

The Bank has proper processes in place, not only to apprise but also regularly monitor credit risk. Ithmaar Bank has established a General Financing Policy which details the core business principles, which are central to the Bank's Credit culture, as well as general guidelines for permitted and restricted transactions. The policy states the Credit assessment methodology and the detailed standards for documentation of client information.

Ithmaar Bank manages its Credit risk arising from its banking exposures by implementing robust policies and procedures with respect to identification, measurement, mitigation, monitoring and controlling the risks.

## **7. Risk Management (continued)**

### **7.4.1.1 Corporate credit risk (including financial institutions)**

Corporate credit risk represents the potential financial loss as a consequence of a customer's inability to honor the terms and conditions of the credit facility. Corporate credit risk is managed by proper assessment of risks inherent in an individual credit proposal and also ongoing review of the corporate credit portfolio to ensure its compliance to the credit risk appetite of Ithmaar Bank. In addition to the rigorous credit analysis, the covenants for each facility are strictly monitored by the Credit Administration Department.

Ithmaar Bank has proper processes in place, not only to appraise but also regularly monitor credit risk. Regular reviews are carried out for each account and risks identified are mitigated in a number of ways, which includes obtaining collateral, assignment of receivables and counter-guarantees. The corporate accounts are rated on a internal credit risk rating model, this enhances the process of credit review and ensures timely identification of any deterioration of the corporate's status and corrective actions can be implemented. The internal credit risk rating model incorporates both quantitative and qualitative risk parameters for the grading and classification of corporate customers. The Bank has in place policy guidelines to map the external ratings to internal ratings.

A centralized credit risk management system is in place where all corporate credit and financial institutions proposals are independently reviewed by the Risk Management Department (RMD) before the same are approved by appropriate approval authorities.

All credits exposures are at least reviewed and rated annually and appropriate provisions are maintained for any classified account as per the provisioning policy in line with relevant CBB guidelines. However, each investment exposure is evaluated individually for impairment assessment on its merits, strategy, and estimated recoverability.

In respect of corporate performing accounts, provisioning based on the guidelines of FAS30 – Expected Credit Losses (ECL) is provided. The Bank has in place an automated application for the computation of ECL based on risk parameters configured in the application.

All provisioning requirements for financing and investment exposures are discussed and approved by the Provisioning Committee of the Bank.

### **7.4.1.2 Retail credit risk**

Retail credit is offered to customers primarily based on approved product programs which defines the risk acceptance criteria. Overdue amounts in the retail credit portfolio are closely monitored to mitigate the possibility of the individual accounts from slipping into non-performing status. The retail credit product programs are regularly reviewed to ensure their compliance with existing regulatory guidelines and enhance marketability.

The retail credit portfolio is reviewed at monthly intervals.

In respect of retail performing accounts, provisioning based on the guidelines of FAS30 – Expected Credit Losses (ECL) is provided. The Bank has in place an automated application, for the computation of ECL based on risk parameters configured in the application.

### **Unrestricted FUM assets**

The Funds under Management Policy provides detailed guidelines for the assets suitable for funding by unrestricted investment accounts, it clearly provides that the funds in unrestricted investment account will be used for funding low risk assets.

### **7.4.2 Concentration Risk**

The risk policies set guidelines to limit concentration risk within the portfolio by larger exposure, connected counterparty, country, industry, tenor and products. Ithmaar Bank uses a robust management information system to monitor its exposures and concentrations by various dimensions. The Risk Appetite Framework is in place, this policy provides guidelines on the threshold limits. As per CBB's single obligor regulations, banks incorporated in Bahrain are required to obtain CBB's prior approval for any proposed exposure to a single counterparty, or group of connected counterparties, exceeding 15% of the regulatory capital base.

## **7. Risk Management (continued)**

### **7.4.3 Credit Portfolio Management**

Portfolio management is an integral part of the credit risk management process that enables Ithmaar Bank to limit concentrations, reduce volatility, increase liquidity and achieve optimum earnings. It does so by incorporating portfolio strategy and planning, performance assessment and reporting functions into one comprehensive management process. The Risk Management Department is responsible for carrying out the activities in relation to credit risk portfolio management in coordination with business and support departments. The Risk Management Department seeks information from different business and support units on a regular basis to perform this function. The Risk Management Department undertakes the review, monitoring and control of limits structures based on the portfolio diversification parameters.

### **7.4.4 Country Exposure**

The Risk Appetite Framework provides exposure limits for countries; the limits are based on the ratings assigned to the country by the External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAIs). Exposure vis-à-vis limits assigned to the countries are monitored on an on-going basis and status thereof is submitted to the AGRMC at quarterly intervals.

### **7.4.5 Credit Risk Mitigation**

Ithmaar Bank uses a variety of tools to mitigate its credit risk, the primary one being that of securing the exposure by suitable collaterals. While the existence of collaterals is not a precondition for credit, exposures are fully or partially collateralized as a second line of defense. The Bank has in place a Credit Risk Mitigation policy which provides guidelines on the types of assets that may be accepted as collateral and the methodology of valuation of these assets. In general, all collaterals are valued periodically depending on the collateral type. The legal validity and enforceability of the documents used for collateral have been established by qualified personnel, including lawyers and Sharia scholars.

Ithmaar Bank's credit portfolio is supported by various types of collateral such as real estate, listed equity, cash and guarantees. Ithmaar prefers liquid and marketable credit collateral; however other types of collateral are accepted provided that such collateral can be reasonably valued. Third party guarantees are accepted as collateral only after analyzing the financial strength of the guarantors.

The following types of collateral are accepted by the Bank:

- Primary Collaterals
- Collateral Support

Primary Collaterals constituting assets of the type Real Estate properties, fixed charge over Moveable properties and Cash Collaterals are required to meet the following essential conditions:

- It is a tangible or an intangible (financial) asset;
- A ready secondary market is easily identifiable;
- A monetary-value can be easily attached to the asset;
- Can be easily converted into cash without incurring additional costs (such as dismantling costs);
- Can be legally assigned or mortgaged to the Bank within applicable laws; and
- The Bank can maintain unquestionable control over the asset.

In case of assets pledged as part of Ijara contracts, the Bank considers the pledged assets as collateral at a value determined post the valuation of the assets. The valuation guidelines and the haircuts applied on the pledged assets are as per the Credit Risk Mitigation Policy of the Bank.

Collateral Support are assets that do not meet the essential conditions stipulated in Primary Collaterals above. These assets may be accepted by the Bank as means to control the counterparty's exposure rather than basing credit decisions on their values.

## **7. Risk Management (continued)**

### **7.4.5 Credit Risk Mitigation (continued)**

These following assets are considered as Collateral Support:

- Pledge or mortgage of saleable goods or plant and machinery provided the charge can be legally registered;
- Fixed charges over moveable assets, not legally registered or difficult to reasonably value;
- Second charge on real estate properties and moveable assets;
- Pledge of unlisted securities such as shares, bonds and debentures;
- Registered assignment of life insurance endowment policies - to the extent of cash surrender-value;
- Third-party or Corporate guarantees issued by individuals / institutions other than banks;
- Assignment of contract proceeds, lease, or rent;
- Investments in Restricted Investment Accounts managed by the Bank other than those already obtained as collateral against existing exposures.

#### **7.4.5.1 Collateral valuation**

Collaterals when taken are identified as having reasonable value, their value would however change over a period of time due to prevailing economic conditions, plant and machinery becoming obsolete due to technological advancements, due to passage of time and due to increase in availability of similar collateralized securities. Listed securities are valued at quarterly intervals, unlisted securities are valued at annual intervals, Real estate properties are valued at least once in two years' intervals, and special assets of the nature of marine vessels and aircrafts are valued at annual intervals. Value of collaterals are accounted post assigning various levels of haircuts depending on the type of collateral, the same are provided in the Credit Risk Mitigation Policy.

#### **7.4.5.2 Guarantees**

Guarantees are taken from individuals and Corporates. In cases where a letter of guarantee from the counterparty's parent company or from a third party is offered as credit risk mitigant, it is ensured that the guarantees must be irrevocable and unconditional, If the guarantor is located outside Bahrain, legal opinion is obtained from a legal counsel domiciled in the country of guarantor (overseas) regarding the enforceability of the guarantee, further the financial position of the guarantor is adequately analyzed to determine the value and commercial viability of the guarantee.

#### **7.4.5.3 Collateral Concentration**

Ithmaar Bank has established internal limits to avoid over concentration on certain class of collaterals. Prudent maximum limits have been set for the acceptance of collaterals as credit risk mitigation.

#### **7.4.5.4 Collateral Management**

Documents related to collaterals provided to Ithmaar Bank is managed by the Credit Administration department. Appropriate policies and procedures are in place for the management of the collateral, in respect of valuation, maintenance of the original documents, temporary release and permanent release of such collaterals. An adequate MIS supporting the management of the collateral is in place.

The Bank has defined practices for disposal or enforcement of collateral. On the Debtors default, the Bank (i.e. the secured party) can either take possession of the collateral or file a case against the debtor for enforcement of security. The Bank sends a reasonable authenticated notification of disposal through the court. The notice is intended to provide the debtor and other interested parties , an opportunity to monitor the disposition of the collateral. A specific amount of time is normally given to the borrowers during which they can pay off the debt or the property will be sold through the court. The final settlement of the matter will be in line with the decision taken by the court/judge.

**7. Risk Management (continued)**

**7.4.6 Classification of credit exposures**

The Bank has in place a detailed policy for Classification Provisioning and Write-Off, this policy provides detailed guidelines for classification and provisions of credit facilities.

All credit exposures are classified as past due and impaired when any installment is past due for 90-days or more. However, each investment exposure is evaluated individually for impairment assessment on its merits, strategy, and estimated recoverability. Accounts with past dues over a 90 days' period are classified into categories Sub-Standard, Doubtful and Loss assets. Appropriate provisions are maintained for any classified account as per the provisioning policy in line with relevant CBB guidelines. Ithmaar Bank follows, except the subsidiary entities which may follow their own regulatory guidelines, a time-based criteria of past due days to estimate the specific provisioning requirements, and past due accounts are reviewed periodically.

In respect of General Provisions, the Bank has subscribed to the provisions of FAS30 for the computation of Expected Credit Losses (ECL), as per the directives of Central Bank of Bahrain. In order to enable the computation of the ECL, a detailed policy 'FAS30 Expected Credit Policy' is in place. The Bank has automated the computation of the ECL by implementing a software application called the Loan Impairment Calculator with effect from 1 January 2018.

**7.4.7 Counterparty Credit Risk**

Counterparty is defined as an individual, legal entity, guarantor being financed by Ithmaar Bank. Definition also includes Issuer of securities held as collateral by Ithmaar Bank. The Bank had adopted the Standardized Approach to allocate capital for counterparty credit risk. The Credit Risk Mitigation Policy provides guidelines for securing the exposures to Counterparties. Limits for Connected Counter parties of Ithmaar Bank and Country and Industry limits are also in place. In case of deterioration in the counterparty's credit rating, additional collateral may be called for or the exposure to the counterparty is reduced. The Classification, Provisioning and Write-off Policy provides detailed guidelines for classification and provisioning for exposures to counterparty's which are classified.

Policy guidelines for expected credit losses is enumerated in the 'FAS30 – Expected Credit Losses' policy of the Bank.

**7.4.8 ECAI Ratings**

Ithmaar Bank has subscribed to the CBB guidelines for the utilization of external ratings, where available, by External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAI) for the purpose of risk assessment. In case multiple ECAI ratings are available for a single counterparty, the lowest of them is taken to assign the relevant risk category. Standard and Poors, Moodys and Fitch ratings are considered while assigning the corresponding risk weights for the exposures. The Bank complies with all the qualitative requirements stipulated by the CBB for the recognition process and eligibility criteria of ECAI rating in the Credit Risk Management policy. ECAI ratings are applied, where applicable, to all credit and investment exposures.

**7. Risk Management (continued)**

**7.4.9 Related party transactions**

As per the Bank's policies, connected counterparties' includes companies or persons connected with the Bank, including, in particular; controllers of the Bank (and their appointed board representatives) as defined in Chapter GR-5 of the CBB Rulebook; subsidiaries, associates and related parties of the Bank as defined by IFRS; holders of controlled functions in the Bank as defined by Module LR-1A of the CBB Rulebook and their close family members as defined by IFRS - IAS 24; members of the Shari'a Supervisory Board.

The erstwhile Ithmaar Bank B.S.C. (now Ithmaar Holding B.S.C.) has undergone major reorganization in 2017. As part of this reorganization, Ithmaar Holding B.S.C. and its wholly owned subsidiaries Ithmaar Bank B.S.C. (C) and IB Capital B.S.C.(C) have executed certain contracts between three entities and as most of the Directors are common for all three entities, there is an apparent conflict of interest as these contracts were approved by Directors who represented both entities who were party to the contracts. Given the reorganization requirements, ownership structure and Directors being common, contracts between these entities are considered as related party transactions but the conflict of interest is not considered to be applicable to ensure minimum quorum for voting.

**Declarations of Interest:**

On taking office, Members of the Board of Directors of the Bank are required to disclose all interests and relationships which could or might be seen to affect their ability to perform their duties as a Member of the Board of Directors. Any such interests declared shall be recorded in the Board of Director's Register of Interests, which are maintained by the shareholders affairs unit. This declaration of interest is updated on an annual basis.

**Approval of Related Party Transactions:**

- All related party transactions are approved by the Board of Directors.
- Where applicable, persons who have interests in the transaction under discussion abstain from voting on the approval of the proposed related party transaction, except where the transaction is required as part of the reorganization.
- Approval of a transaction shall be considered irrespective of the settlement method, whether settled in cash or otherwise.
- Certain related party transactions may require advance notice to and approval by the CBB and / or any other applicable regulatory authority as per CBB rulebook and the Limit Management Policy of the Bank.
- In particular, Members of the Board of Directors of the Bank disclose all relevant information which might give rise to a conflict of interest, or a perceived conflict of interest. Each Member of the Board of Directors inform the Bank when there are changes in his / her interests, and the Shareholders affairs unit update the Register of Interests at least on an annual basis.

During 2021, Directors having conflict of interests in the transaction under discussion abstained from voting on the approval of the proposed related party transaction, except where the transaction is required as part of the reorganization.

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**8. Disclosure of the regulatory capital requirements for credit risk under standardized approach:****Exposure funded by Self Finance**

	<u>Risk weighted assets</u>	<u>Capital requirement</u>
Claims on banks	37,300	4,663
Claims on corporate portfolio	41,606	5,201
Investments in equity securities	3,551	444
Holding of real estate	45,079	5,635
Regulatory retail portfolio	203	25
Past due facilities	10	1
Other assets	15,773	1,972
Aggregation	612,230	76,529
<b>Total</b>	<b>755,752</b>	<b>94,470</b>

**Exposure funded by Unrestricted Investment Accounts (URIA)**

	<u>Risk weighted assets</u>	<u>Capital requirement</u>
Claims on corporate portfolio	35,085	4,386
Regulatory retail portfolio	79,894	9,987
Past due facilities	12,574	1,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,553</b>	<b>15,945</b>

URIA assets are risk weighted as per the counterparty classification in line with CBB regulations using alpha factor of 30% in accordance with CA module CA-1.1.11.

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**9. Gross credit exposures:**

	<b>Gross credit exposure</b>	<b>Average gross credit exposure</b>
<b>Credit risk exposure relating to on balance sheet assets are as follows:</b>		
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	213,062	226,197
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	148,553	117,083
Murabaha and other financings	1,309,448	1,328,393
Musharaka financing	458,893	404,657
Assets acquired for leasing	151,319	148,333
Investments	885,271	821,406
Other assets	63,926	55,940
Development Properties	71,065	72,212
Fixed assets	55,635	38,955
Intangible assets	23,209	24,406
<b>Total on balance sheet credit exposure</b>	<b>3,380,381</b>	<b>3,237,582</b>
<b>Credit risk exposure relating to off balance sheet items are as follows:</b>		
Financial guarantees and irrevocable letters of credit, acceptance and endorsements	301,689	274,608
Financing commitments, Undrawn facilities and other credit related liabilities	691,779	686,623
<b>Total off balance sheet credit exposure</b>	<b>993,468</b>	<b>961,230</b>
<b>Total credit exposure</b>	<b>4,373,849</b>	<b>4,198,812</b>
<b>Total credit exposure financed by URIA</b>	<b>1,832,006</b>	<b>1,727,929</b>
<b>Total credit exposure financed by URIA (%)</b>	<b>41.89%</b>	<b>41.15%</b>

The average gross credit exposure represent average balances for 2020 and 30 June 2021

Exposures amounting to BD3.6 million are covered by guarantee.



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**10. Geographical distribution of credit exposures:**

	<b>Asia</b>	<b>Middle East</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>On-balance sheet items</b>					
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	143,313	55,415	8,828	5,506	213,062
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	22,894	125,659	-	-	148,553
Murabaha and other financings	386,579	916,835	5,815	219	1,309,448
Musharaka financing	458,893	-	-	-	458,893
Assets acquired for leasing	-	151,319	-	-	151,319
Investments	784,072	101,199	-	-	885,271
Other assets	31,171	32,515	240	-	63,926
Development Properties	-	71,065	-	-	71,065
Fixed assets	45,714	9,921	-	-	55,635
Intangible assets	4,692	18,517	-	-	23,209
<b>Total on balance sheet items</b>	<b>1,877,328</b>	<b>1,482,445</b>	<b>14,883</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>3,380,381</b>
<b>Off balance sheet items</b>	<b>966,398</b>	<b>27,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>993,468</b>
<b>Total credit exposure</b>	<b>2,843,726</b>	<b>1,509,515</b>	<b>14,883</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>4,373,849</b>

The Group uses the geographical location of the credit exposures as the basis to allocate to the respective geographical region as shown above.

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**11. Industrial distribution of credit exposures:**

	<b>Banks and Financial Institutions</b>	<b>Trading and manufacturing</b>	<b>Property and construction</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Individuals</b>	<b>Textile</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>On-balance sheet items</b>								
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	213,062	-	-	-	-	-	-	213,062
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	148,553	-	-	-	-	-	-	148,553
Murabaha and other financings	648,774	262,593	39,449	25,342	284,163	29,086	20,041	1,309,448
Musharaka financing	61,331	238,437	10,472	44,822	67,807	27,917	8,107	458,893
Assets acquired for leasing	-	1,610	1,163	77	148,469	-	-	151,319
Investments	876,540	7,748	115	536	-	-	332	885,271
Other assets	42,957	14,467	6,103	-	-	-	399	63,926
Development Properties	-	-	71,065	-	-	-	-	71,065
Fixed assets	45,714	-	9,921	-	-	-	-	55,635
Intangible assets	23,209	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,209
<b>Total on balance sheet items</b>	<b>2,060,140</b>	<b>524,855</b>	<b>138,288</b>	<b>70,777</b>	<b>500,439</b>	<b>57,003</b>	<b>28,879</b>	<b>3,380,381</b>
<b>Off balance sheet items</b>	<b>224,367</b>	<b>527,562</b>	<b>2,992</b>	<b>36,494</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>69,276</b>	<b>132,765</b>	<b>993,468</b>
<b>Total credit exposure</b>	<b>2,284,507</b>	<b>1,052,417</b>	<b>141,280</b>	<b>107,271</b>	<b>500,451</b>	<b>126,279</b>	<b>161,644</b>	<b>4,373,849</b>

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**12. Contractual Maturity breakdown of credit exposures & funding liabilities:**

	<b>Up to 1 Month</b>	<b>1-3 Months</b>	<b>3-12 Months</b>	<b>1-5 Years</b>	<b>5-10 Years</b>	<b>10-20 Years</b>	<b>Over 20 Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>On-balance sheet items</b>								
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	213,062	-	-	-	-	-	-	213,062
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	141,269	2,239	5,045	-	-	-	-	148,553
Murabaha and other financings	54,557	83,069	743,345	218,286	208,906	1,285	-	1,309,448
Musharaka financing	43,367	50,806	63,178	217,104	38,710	19,938	25,790	458,893
Assets acquired for leasing	212	-	344	2,415	8,140	63,495	76,713	151,319
Investments	223,848	205,309	57,710	199,514	198,890	-	-	885,271
Other assets	22,104	138	22,426	14,044	5,214	-	-	63,926
Development Properties	-	-	-	-	71,065	-	-	71,065
Fixed assets	-	-	3,670	12,764	39,201	-	-	55,635
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	4,601	15,763	2,845	23,209
<b>Total on balance sheet items</b>	<b>698,419</b>	<b>341,561</b>	<b>895,718</b>	<b>664,127</b>	<b>574,727</b>	<b>100,481</b>	<b>105,348</b>	<b>3,380,381</b>
<b>Off balance sheet items</b>	<b>519,228</b>	<b>143,942</b>	<b>236,332</b>	<b>90,726</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>993,468</b>
<b>Total credit exposure</b>	<b>1,217,647</b>	<b>485,503</b>	<b>1,132,050</b>	<b>754,853</b>	<b>577,967</b>	<b>100,481</b>	<b>105,348</b>	<b>4,373,849</b>
Customers' current accounts	754,261	-	-	-	-	-	-	754,261
Due to banks, financial and other institutions	213,165	110,934	80,022	96,252	1,845	-	-	502,218
Due to investors	345,232	70,023	105,120	1,682	-	-	-	522,057
Equity of unrestricted investment accountholders	697,590	130,682	355,456	147,227	-	-	-	1,330,955
	<b>2,010,248</b>	<b>311,639</b>	<b>540,598</b>	<b>245,161</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,109,491</b>

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**13. Related-party balances under credit exposure:**

A number of banking transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. The related party balances included under credit exposure at 30 June 2021 were as follows:

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Affiliated companies	597,539
Directors & key management	291
<b>Total</b>	<b>597,830</b>

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**14. Past due and impaired financings and related provisions for impairment:**

	<b>Gross exposure</b>	<b>Impairment provisions</b>	<b>Net exposure</b>
<b>Analysis by industry</b>			
Manufacturing	44,258	32,717	11,541
Agriculture	4,256	3,294	962
Construction	2,639	2,574	65
Finance	32,140	30,761	1,379
Trade	35,804	22,638	13,166
Personal	18,109	2,841	15,268
Real estate	1,313	1,259	54
Other sectors	11,774	3,796	7,978
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,293</b>	<b>99,880</b>	<b>50,413</b>

**Ageing analysis**

Over 3 months up to 1 year	37,114	28,306	8,808
Over 1 year up to 3 years	35,252	17,361	17,891
Over 3 years	77,927	54,213	23,714
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,293</b>	<b>99,880</b>	<b>50,413</b>

<b>Details of impairment provisions at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>Relating to owners</b>	<b>Relating to unrestricted investment accounts</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>At 1 January</b>	<b>75,916</b>	<b>15,624</b>	<b>91,540</b>
Charge for the period	2,772	3,765	6,537
Write back during the period	(411)	(3,540)	(3,951)
Utilised during the period	-	(4,273)	(4,273)
Exchange differences and other movements	7,859	2,168	10,027
<b>At 30 June 2021</b>	<b>86,136</b>	<b>13,744</b>	<b>99,880</b>

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**15. Past due and impaired financings by geographical areas:**

Analysis by Geography	Gross exposure	Impairment Provisions	Net exposure
Asia	79,096	62,786	16,310
Middle East	71,197	37,094	34,103
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,293</b>	<b>99,880</b>	<b>50,413</b>

**16. Details of credit facilities outstanding that have been restructured during the period ended 30 June 2021:**

Restructured financings during the period ended 30 June 2021 aggregated to Nil (31 December 2020: BD2.7 million). This restructuring had Nil impact (31 December 2020: BD0.1 million) on present earnings during the period ended 30 June 2021. Further, this restructuring is expected to have Nil impact (31 December 2020: BD0.2 million) on the Group's future earnings. Extension of maturity dates was the basic nature of concessions given to all the restructured facilities.

**17. Credit exposures which are covered by eligible financial collateral:**

**Exposure funded by Self Finance**

	Gross Exposure	Eligible Financial Collateral
Corporate portfolio	252,651	5,804
Regulatory retail portfolio	319	48
Past due financings	10	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>252,980</b>	<b>5,852</b>

**Exposure funded by Unrestricted Investment Accounts**

	Gross Exposure	Eligible Financial Collateral
Corporate portfolio	456,382	13,866
Regulatory retail portfolio	427,976	17
Past due financings	33,364	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>917,722</b>	<b>13,891</b>

**Counterparty Credit Risk (CCR)**

	Gross Positive Fair Value of Contracts	Netting Benefit	Credit Risk Mitigation	Net Value Exposure at Default	Risk Weighted Assets
Profit Rate Contracts	14	-	-	14	5
Foreign Exchange Contracts	4,365	-	-	4,365	2,901
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>2,906</b>

## **18. Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk of potential loss arising from change in the value of any exposure due to adverse changes in the underlying benchmark market rates, i.e. foreign exchange rates, equity prices and profit rates.

The Market Risk Management Policy address all aspects of market risk. Implementation of the policy, procedures and monitoring of regulatory and internal limits for Ithmaar Bank is the responsibility of the relevant business units with oversight by the Asset-Liability Committee (ALCO) and the AGRMC.

The capital charge for market risk is computed as per the standardized approach.

### **18.1 The key market risk factors that the Bank is exposed to are discussed below**

#### ***18.1.1 Foreign exchange risk:***

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the foreign currency positions taken may be adversely affected due to volatility in foreign exchange rates. The responsibility for management of foreign exchange risk rests with the Treasury Department. Foreign exchange risk management in Ithmaar Bank is ensured through regular measurement and monitoring of open foreign exchange positions.

#### ***18.1.2 Profit rate risk:***

Profit rate risk is the risk that Ithmaar Bank will incur a financial loss as a result of mismatch in the profit rate on the assets, investment account holders and customer liabilities. The profit distribution is based on profit sharing agreements instead of guaranteed return to investment account holders. However, the profit sharing arrangements will result in displaced commercial risk when Ithmaar Bank's results may not allow Ithmaar to distribute profits in line with the market rates.

#### ***18.1.3 Price risk:***

Investment price risk is the risk of reduction in the market value of Ithmaar Bank's portfolio as a result of diminution in the market value of individual investment.

#### ***18.1.4 Commodity risk:***

The Bank does not have exposure to the commodity market.

### **18.2 Market risk management strategy**

The market risk strategy is approved by the Board and amendments to the policies are approved by the Board. The senior management is responsible for implementing the risk strategy approved by the Board, and continually enhancing the policies and procedures for identifying, measuring, monitoring and controlling risks.

#### **Strategies for market risk management includes:**

- 1 The Bank will comply with the provisions of the market risk strategy while assuming any market risk exposures.
- 2 A limit structure has been established to monitor and control the market risk in its portfolio.
- 3 Each new product/process is reviewed to manage the market risk.
- 4 Appropriate measurement techniques are in place to proactively measure and monitor market risk.
- 5 Stress testing is conducted regularly to assess the impact of changes in the market variables.
- 6 Sufficient capital will be held at all times to meet the capital requirements in line with CBB Basel III Pillar I requirements.

**18. Market Risk (continued)**

**18.3 Market risk management measurement and monitoring**

The various techniques used by the Bank for the purposes of measuring and monitoring of market risk are as follows:

- Overnight forex open positions
- Profit rate gap analysis
- Earnings at Risk
- Economic Value

Risk Management Department of the Bank monitors the positions vis-à-vis the limits approved by the Board.

**18.4 Limits monitoring**

Regulatory/In-House Policy Limits and guidelines as approved by the Board are strictly adhered to, deviations if any are immediately escalated and action taken wherever necessary.

**18.5 Portfolio review process**

As part of the risk review process, Risk Management Department monitors Ithmaar Bank's overall exposure to market risk. Reports of such review is submitted to the ALCO and the AGRMC.

**18.6 Management Information System**

Reports on market risk are a calendar item at the meetings of the ALCO and AGRMC. The reports provide Ithmaar Bank's ALCO and AGRMC an update on the market risk exposure in the books.

**18.7 Stress Testing**

Ithmaar Bank conduct stress testing of its portfolio as part of the ICAAP process in accordance with stress testing module of the CBB

The Bank's stress testing framework is embedded in the overall risk management process. The Bank has established an adequate governance process for effective oversight and implementation of the stress testing framework.



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**19. Disclosure of regulatory capital requirements for market risk under the standardized approach:**

	Risk weighted assets			Capital requirement		
	30 June 2021	Maximum Value	Minimum Value	30 June 2021	Maximum Value	Minimum Value
Foreign exchange risk	14,358	14,358	12,411	1,795	1,795	1,551
<b><u>Aggregation</u></b>						
Foreign exchange risk	657	657	15,232	82	82	1,904
Profit Rate Risk (Trading Book)	27,131	27,131	27,211	3,391	3,391	3,401
Equity Position Risk	27,831	27,831	893	3,479	3,479	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,977</b>	<b>69,977</b>	<b>55,747</b>	<b>8,747</b>	<b>8,747</b>	<b>6,967</b>

**20. Currency risk:**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Substantial portion of the Group's assets and liabilities are denominated in US Dollars, Bahraini Dinars, UAE Dirhams and Pakistani Rupee. Bahraini Dinars and UAE Dirhams are pegged to US Dollars and as such currency risk is minimal.

The Bank's investment in FBL is in Pak Rupees (PKR) and exposes the Bank to foreign exchange risk. The cumulative foreign exchange loss as of 30 June 2021 amounted to BD38.6 million (31 December 2020: BD39.3 million) (included in the foreign exchange translation reserve statement of changes in equity).

The significant net foreign currency positions at 30 June 2021 were as follows:

	<u>Long/(Short)</u>
Pakistani Rupee	226,130
United States Dollars	186,442

**21. Equity position in Banking book**

At 30 June 2021, the Group's sukuk and investment securities aggregated to BD745.1 million (31 December 2020: BD738.3 million). Out of the total investment securities, BD249.8 million (31 December 2020: BD258.5 million) were listed investment securities and the remaining BD495.3 million (31 December 2020: BD479.8 million) represented unlisted investment securities.

Cumulative realized loss from sale of investment securities during the period ended 30 June 2021 amounted to BD17.5 million (31 December 2020: BD42.8 million). Total unrealized loss recognized in the consolidated statement of changes in owners' equity amounted to BD8.9 million (31 December 2020: BD7.3 million).

At 30 June 2021, capital requirements using standardized approach aggregated to BD0.06 million (31 December 2020: BD0.3 million) for listed investment securities and BD0.1 million (31 December 2020: BD0.08 million) for unlisted investment securities after aggregation/pro-rata aggregation of investments in Banking and other financial entities.

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## **22. Profit Rate Risk in the Banking Book**

Profit rate risk in Ithmaar Bank's banking book is the risk of adverse changes in expected net earnings and economic value of the balance sheet resulting from the impact of changes in profit rates on mismatched maturity and repricing assets and liabilities in the banking book.

### **22.1. Following are the sources of profit rate risk:**

- Maturity mismatch: The non-alignment of maturities/re-pricing dates of assets and liabilities gives rise to profit rate risk. In the case of fixed profit rates, maturities are considered whereas for floating or variable profit rates the re-pricing/rollover dates are considered.
- Basis value risk: Assets and liabilities with similar maturities/re-pricing dates and highly, though imperfectly, correlated profit rate benchmarks (USD-LIBOR and BIBOR) are exposed to basis risk.
- Profit rate curve risk: Changes to the values, slope and shape of the profit rate curve that impact the assets and liabilities of Ithmaar Bank in a dissimilar manner gives rise to profit rate risk.
- Risk of counterparty's options underlying assets: The availability of options, with Ithmaar Bank's counterparties, to make prepayments or early withdrawals can leave Ithmaar Bank with excess or deficit funds that need to be invested or funded again at unknown profit rates.

### **22.2. Profit rate risk strategy**

The Board of Ithmaar Bank approves and reviews the profit rate risk strategy and amendments to the Market risk policies. The ALCO is responsible for implementing the profit rate risk strategy approved by the Board. As a strategy the following measures are initiated:

- Strive to maintain appropriate spread between cost of funds and yield on financing
- Reduce the maturity/repricing mismatch gap between assets and liabilities
- Review the profit rate offered on liabilities products to remain competitive in the market
- Identify profit rate sensitive products Ithmaar Bank wishes to engage in

### **22.3. Measurement of profit rate risk**

The Bank has adopted the following methods for profit rate risk measurement in the banking book:

- Re-pricing gap analysis: measures the gap between the Rate Sensitive Assets (RSAs) and Rate Sensitive Liabilities (RSLs).
- Economic value of equity (EVE) – Duration Gap: This measures the loss in value of the portfolio due a small change in profit rates. Ithmaar Bank will adopt EVE measure using duration (weighted-average term to-maturity of the security's cash-flows) estimates for various time bands. Assumptions for the computation of economic value are subscribed from Basel II guidelines and international best practices.
- Income Effect - Earnings-at-risk (EaR): Earnings perspective involves analyzing the impact of changes in profit rates on accrual or reported earnings in the near term. In the earnings perspective, the focus of analysis is the impact of changes in profit rates on accrual or reported earnings. Ithmaar Bank also performs a stress testing of the impact of 200 basis points on the capital of the Bank.

### **22.4. Profit rate risk monitoring and reporting**

Profit rate risk is monitored by reviewing the repricing profile of the Rate Sensitive Assets and Rate Sensitive Liabilities.

MIS on profit rate risk, including the impact of shift in profit rates on the earnings and economic value is presented to the ALCO and the AGRMC.

### **22.5. Disclosure of Profit rate risk:**

Profit rate risk is the risk that the value of the financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in the market profit rates. The impact of every 200 basis point change is as follows:

	<b>USD</b>	<b>PKR</b>	<b>AED</b>
Total profit rate exposure	120,460	173,378	123,839
Rate shock (assumed) (+/-)	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
<b>Total estimated impact (+/-)</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>2,477</b>

### **23. Operational Risk**

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events which includes but not limited to legal risk and Sharia compliance risk. This definition excludes strategic and reputational risks.

Ithmaar Bank cannot expect to eliminate all operational risks, but through a control framework and by monitoring and responding to potential risks, Ithmaar Bank is able to manage the operational risks to an acceptable level.

#### **23.1 Operational risk management strategy**

The Bank has in place a robust framework for the management of Operational Risk. Policies and Procedures on Operational Risk provide detailed guidelines for management of Operational Risks in Ithmaar Bank.

All new products and processes are reviewed to identify the operational risks therein and mitigants are put in place.

The approach to Operational Risk includes emphasis on:

- Establishment of an effective governance structure with clear reporting lines and segregation of duties.
- Maintenance of an effective internal control environment.
- Escalation and resolution of risk and control incidents and issues.

#### **23.2 Operational risk monitoring and reporting**

Report on Operational Risk events is submitted by the support and business departments, the events are reviewed and discussed, and shortcomings are resolved, external loss events are also recorded and reviewed in terms of its relevance to Ithmaar Bank's operations.

A robust Risk Control and Self-Assessment process has been implemented; whereby significant risks in a process are identified and evaluated taking into consideration the inherent risk and residual risk.

Key Risk Indicators (KRIs) for all the significant risk areas have been developed and trends thereof are being monitored. Ithmaar Bank has also established bank-wide Key Risk Indicators (KRI) which are constantly monitored to assess the overall operational risk profile.

The Bank has an Operational Risk Management Committee (ORMC) which supervises the effective implementation of the Operational Risk across all banking activities. Results of all Operational Risk monitoring and management activities and initiatives are presented to the ORMC

The AGRMC is periodically updated on the operational risk profile which include the review of the operational risk events, KRI monitoring and details of any operational risk event leading to financial or reputational loss.

#### **23.3 Operational risk mitigation and control**

The Operational Risk management process through RCSA, KRI and loss reporting is complemented by the department-level procedures which ensure that concerned staffs are well aware of their responsibilities and processes associated with their responsibilities.

The RCSA process also helps to identify the material operational risks and decision on appropriate controls to be implemented to mitigate the risks is arrived at. At times a decision is taken whether to accept the risks, reduce the level of activity involved, transfer the risk, or withdraw from the associated activity completely jointly by the Risk Management Department along with the concerned business/support department.

The Risk Management Department in consultation with the Legal department monitors the pending legal cases against Ithmaar Bank. Wherever required Risk Management Department in coordination with the Legal Department assesses the impact of legal cases on the Operational and Reputational risk profile.

### **23. Operational Risk (continued)**

#### **23.4 Business Continuity Plan**

Ithmaar Bank has in place a Business Continuity Policy which deals with policy initiatives to ensure that Ithmaar continues its critical activities following a disastrous event.

This provides the plan for continuity of business operations at all times in case of any potential disruptions resulting from unanticipated loss of services or infrastructure.

Disaster Recovery Sites has been set up at Galali Branch and West-Riffa Branch. The premises are well equipped with the required infrastructure. A Business Continuity Steering Committee has been set up, which oversee the implementation of the Business Continuity Plan in Ithmaar Bank.

#### **23.5 Information Security**

Ithmaar Bank's Information Security and compliance function within RMD role is to prevent disruptions of the Information Security systems as it would impact Bank's business objective, its operations and also impede the main pillars of Information Security (Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability).

The function continually strengthens and improves the overall capabilities of the information security management system by ensuring that Ithmaar Bank's Information Security process is complete, reliable and adhering to international standards.

It is also ensured that information security related operations continue to be carried out in line with international standards such as (IEC/ISO 27001 and PCI-DSS). It is also ensured that on-going training and awareness on information security is provided to the employees of the Bank. Towards this end on-line training and awareness sessions on information security is provided to the employees of the Bank.

The Bank is IEC/ISO 27001 and PCI-DSS certified, this reflects the importance assigned to information security by the Bank.

The Information Security Function actively performs various task in terms of:

- Cyber and Information security training
- Security Certification compliance and assurance
- Review and preparation of Information security policies and procedures
- Incident response management
- Active monitoring and auditing of Applications and systems
- Provides reports and assistance to the information security steering committee
- Engagement in Bank's on-going projects
- Bank's compliance with Bahrain Information security laws and Regulatory requirements

#### **23.6 Reputation Risk**

The Reputational Risk Management is defined as the risk arising from negative perception on the part of customers, counterparties, shareholders, investors, debt-holders, market analysts, other relevant parties or regulators that can adversely affect a bank's ability to maintain existing, or establish new, business relationships and continued access to sources of funding. Reputational risk is multidimensional and reflects the perception of other market participants. Furthermore, it exists throughout the organization and exposure to reputational risk is essentially a function of the adequacy of the bank's internal risk management processes, as well as the manner and efficiency with which management responds to external influences on bank-related transactions. Reputational risk also may affect a bank's liabilities, since market confidence and a bank's ability to fund its business are closely related to its reputation.

The Bank has developed a framework and has identified various factors that can impact its reputation. Management of reputation risk is an inherent feature of the Bank's corporate culture which is embedded as an integral part of the internal control systems. Besides identification and management of risks, the internal control system also incorporates as an ethos the maintenance of business practices of the highest quality towards its customers, shareholders, regulators, general public and fiduciary/nonfiduciary clients.

The Bank also adopts risk mitigation approaches that refer to shaping products, business transactions and other processes that may result in a reputational risk.

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#### **24. Disclosure of regulatory capital requirements for operational risk under the basic indicator approach:**

For regulatory reporting, the capital requirement for operational risk is calculated based on basic indicator approach. According to this approach, the Bank's average gross income over the preceding three financial years is multiplied by a fixed alpha coefficient.

The alpha coefficient has been set at 15% under CBB Basel III guidelines. The capital requirement for operational risk at 30 June 2021 aggregated to BD18.5 million (31 December 2020: BD18.3 million).

#### **25. Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that Ithmaar Bank is unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due, which could arise due to mismatches in cash flows.

Liquidity risk arises either:

- From the inability to manage unplanned decreases or changes in funding sources; or
- from the failure to recognize or address changes in market conditions that affect the ability to liquidate assets quickly and with minimal loss in value.

Liquidity risk management ensures that funds are available at all times to meet the funding requirements, Funding and liquidity management is performed centrally by the Treasury, with oversight from the ALCO. ALCO is responsible for setting the framework and for effective monitoring of Ithmaar Bank's liquidity risk. Ithmaar Bank's liquidity policies are designed to ensure it will meet its obligations as and when they fall due, by ensuring it is able to generate funds from the market, or have sufficient High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLAs) to sell and raise immediate funds without incurring unacceptable costs and losses. The Bank regularly monitors the concentration in the funding sources and ensures that the funding sources are adequately diversified.

The Liquidity Risk Management Policy also sets out the minimum acceptable standards for the management of Ithmaar Bank's assets and liabilities including maintenance of HQLAs, prudent assets and liabilities maturity mismatch limits, and a mechanism of monitoring liquidity risk in the Bank.

##### **25.1. Liquidity risk monitoring and reporting**

ALCO monitors liquidity risk, including liquidity mismatch limits, maintenance of regulatory and internal liquidity ratios including Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) and Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) and various other liquidity ratios as required under the provisions of the LM Module and the funding maturity profile on a regular basis. Risk Management Department submits a quarterly report to the AGRMC which includes an analysis of Ithmaar Bank's adherence to various liquidity risk metrics established in the Risk Appetite Framework of the Bank.

##### **25.2. Liquidity Stress Testing**

Stress testing of the liquidity risk profile of Ithmaar Bank based on certain Board approved parameters is also performed and presented to the AGRMC on a quarterly basis.

##### **25.3. Liquidity Contingency Management**

Ithmaar Bank has also a Liquidity Contingency Policy which provides guidelines to manage either temporary or longer-term disruptions in its ability to fund some or all of its activities in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost.

##### **25.4. Liquidity ratios:**

	<u>30 June 2021</u>
Liquid assets to total assets	25.03%
Short term assets to short term liabilities	64.80%
Leverage ratio	5.00%

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**25.5. Liquidity ratios:**

The consolidated LCR of Ithmaar Bank as of 30 June 2021 was 155%. The average 90 day LCR as of 30 June 2021 was 154%. The detailed breakdown of the average 90 day LCR as of 30 June 2021 is detailed below.

Description		Total Unweighted Value (average)	Total Weighted Value (average)
<b>HIGH-QUALITY LIQUID ASSETS (HQLA)</b>			
1	Total HQLA	-	516,060
<b>CASH OUTFLOWS</b>			
2	<b>Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers, of which:</b>		
3	Stable deposits	213,415	6,402
4	Less stable deposits	1,001,946	98,779
5	<b>Unsecured wholesale funding, of which:</b>	-	-
6	Operational deposits (all counterparties) and deposits in networks of cooperative banks	100,790	25,197
7	Non-operational deposits (all counterparties)	522,111	251,112
8	Unsecured debt	-	-
9	<b>Secured wholesale funding</b>	-	-
10	<b>Additional requirements, of which:</b>	-	-
11	Outflows related to derivative exposures and other collateral requirements	2,064	2,064
12	Outflows related to loss of funding on debt products	-	-
13	Credit and liquidity facilities	230,523	19,738
14	Other contractual funding obligations	62,334	62,334
15	Other contingent funding obligations	506,163	25,308
16	<b>TOTAL CASH OUTFLOWS</b>	-	<b>490,934</b>
<b>CASH INFLOWS</b>			
17	Secured lending (eg reverse repos)	7,599	-
18	Inflows from fully performing exposures	213,814	154,674
19	Other cash inflows	713	713
20	<b>TOTAL CASH INFLOWS</b>	<b>222,126</b>	<b>155,387</b>
21	<b>TOTAL HQLA</b>	-	<b>516,060</b>
22	<b>TOTAL NET CASH OUTFLOWS</b>	-	<b>335,549</b>
23	<b>LIQUIDITY COVERAGE RATIO (%)</b>	-	<b>154%</b>

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**25.6. Net Stable Funding Ratio:**

The consolidated Net stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) of the Bank as of 30 June 2021 was 123%. The detailed breakdown of the NSFR as of 30 June 2021 is detailed below.

No.	Item	Unweighted Values (i.e. before applying relevant factors)				Total weighted value
		Nov specified maturity	Less than 6 months	More than 6 months and less than one year	Over one year	
<b>Available Stable Funding (ASF):</b>						
1	<b>Capital:</b>	<b>131,876</b>	-	-	<b>11,042</b>	<b>142,918</b>
2	Regulatory Capital	131,876	-	-	-	131,876
3	Other Capital Instruments	-	-	-	11,042	11,042
4	<b>Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers:</b>	-	<b>1,345,853</b>	<b>280,390</b>	<b>136,443</b>	<b>1,614,818</b>
5	Stable deposits	-	273,069	22,066	9,731	290,110
6	Less stable deposits	-	1,072,784	258,324	126,712	1,324,708
7	<b>Wholesale funding:</b>	-	<b>488,490</b>	<b>357,658</b>	<b>383,677</b>	<b>699,937</b>
8	Operational deposits	-	-	-	-	-
9	Other wholesale funding	-	488,490	357,658	383,677	699,937
10	<b>Other liabilities:</b>	-	<b>285,769</b>	-	<b>6,872</b>	<b>6,872</b>
11	NSFR Shari'a-compliant hedging contract liabilities	-	19,239	-	-	-
12	categories	-	266,530	-	6,872	6,872
13	<b>Total Available Stable Funding (ASF):</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2,464,545</b>
<b>Required Stable Funding (RSF):</b>						
14	Total NSFR high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)	-	-	-	-	14,741
15	Deposits held at other financial institutions for operational purposes	-	-	-	-	-
16	<b>Performing loans and securities:</b>	-	<b>483,857</b>	<b>100,125</b>	<b>1,439,955</b>	<b>1,527,818</b>
17	Performing loans to financial institutions secured by Level 1 HQLA	-	-	-	-	-
18	Performing loans to financial institutions secured by non-Level 1 HQLA and unsecured performing loans to financial institutions	-	102,807	16,232	582,734	606,271
19	Performing loans to non-financial corporate clients, loans to retail and small business	-	381,050	83,893	657,170	791,065
20	'- With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% as per the CBB Capital Adequacy Ratio guidelines	-	-	-	178,695	116,152
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	-	-	-	20,123	13,080
23	Securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA, including exchange-traded equities	-	-	-	1,233	1,250
24	<b>Other assets:</b>	-	<b>417,003</b>	-	<b>1,233</b>	<b>417,003</b>
25	Physical traded commodities, including gold	-	-	-	-	-
26	Assets posted as initial margin for Shari'a-compliant hedging contracts and contributions to default funds of CCPs	-	-	-	-	-
27	NSFR Shari'a-compliant hedging assets	-	405	-	-	405
28	NSFR Shari'a-compliant hedging contract liabilities before deduction of variation margin posted	-	3,443	-	-	3,443
29	All other assets not included in the above categories	-	413,155	-	1,233	413,155
30	Off Balance Sheet items	-	797,673	-	-	39,884
31	<b>Total RSF</b>					<b>1,999,446</b>
32	<b>Net Stable Funding Ratio (%)</b>					<b>123%</b>

**26. Legal contingencies**

At 30 June 2021, the Group had contingent liabilities towards customer and other claims aggregating to BD80.6 million (31 December 2020: BD79.7 million). The management is of the view that these claims are not likely to result into potential liabilities.

**27. Displaced Commercial Risk**

Ithmaar Bank is exposed to rate of return risk in the context of its Profit Sharing Investment Accounts (PSIA) fund management. An increase in benchmark rates may result in Investment Account Holder (IAH)s' having expectations of a higher rate of return. As per mudaraba agreement, IAHs are eligible for the actual return earned on the assets and all losses in normal course of business on PSIA are borne by the IAHs, Ithmaar Bank may however, under market pressure pay a return that exceeds the rate that has been actually earned on assets funded by IAHs.

This increased rate of return risk may result in displaced commercial risk where Ithmaar Bank may forgo its share of profits as modareb to match the IAHs.

**27.1 The following mechanism / guidelines are followed to avoid the displaced commercial risk in the Bank:**

**Expected Rate of Returns to IAHs**

ALCO on periodic basis reviews the expected rates offered to IAHs to revise and adjust them with the benchmark rates. Business units offering PSIA products monitors benchmark rates being offered by the relevant competitors and overall trend and recommend changes in the expected rates offered by Ithmaar Bank. This pro-active approach of adjusting the expected profit rates minimizes the displaced commercial risk.

**Profit Equalization and Investment Risk Reserves (PER & IRR)**

A central principle of Islamic finance is that an investor participating in a Modaraba contract must bear all losses in normal course of business and are eligible for actual rate of returns earned on the assets. However, Ithmaar Bank, to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility or to match benchmark rates or to avoid displaced commercial risk, creates reserves to make good such losses or meet the shortfall in expected returns. These reserves may be in the form of Profit Equalization Reserve and Investment Risk Reserves for PSIA Funds.



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**28. Gross income from Mudaraba and profit paid to Unrestricted Investment Accountholders:**

	30 June 2021		31 December 2020		31 December 2019		31 December 2018		31 December 2017	
	Percentage to URIA assets	Amount	Percentage to URIA assets	Amount	Percentage to URIA assets	Amount	Percentage to URIA assets	Amount	Percentage to URIA assets	Amount
Income from unrestricted investment accounts	2.8%	51,998	5.6%	91,603	6.4%	82,551	5.9%	67,949	5.1%	62,190
Less: return to unrestricted investment accounts & provisions	-1.6%	<u>(29,601)</u>	-3.4%	<u>(55,655)</u>	-4.2%	<u>(54,359)</u>	-3.6%	<u>(40,959)</u>	-2.7%	<u>(33,214)</u>
Group's share of income from unrestricted investment accounts as a Mudarib	1.2%	<u><b>22,397</b></u>	2.2%	<u><b>35,948</b></u>	2.2%	<u><b>28,192</b></u>	2.4%	<u><b>26,990</b></u>	2.4%	<u><b>28,976</b></u>

For the period ended 30 June 2021 the return generated from unrestricted investment accountholders based on the average balance outstanding during the period stood at 2.2% per annum (2020: 4.9%). The return paid to unrestricted investment accountholders based on the average balance outstanding during the period at 1.3% per annum (31 December 2020: 3.2%).

**29. Average declared rate of return on General Mudaraba deposits:**

	30 June 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
30 Days	1.25	1.27	1.41	1.20	1.10
90 Days	1.50	1.55	1.81	1.60	1.60
180 Days	1.69	1.80	2.06	1.85	1.85
360 Days	2.34	2.45	2.80	2.50	2.50
3 Years	2.64	2.75	3.04	2.70	2.70

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**30. Movement in Profit Equalization Reserve and Investment Risk Reserve:****30 June 2021****Profit Equalization Reserve**

<b>As at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>4,335</b>
Utilised during the period	(435)
<b>As at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>3,900</b>

**Investment Risk Reserve**

Nil

At 30 June 2021, the ratio of profit equalization reserve and provisions against equity of unrestricted investment accountholders stood at 0.3% and 2% respectively.

30 June 2021, the ratio of financings to URIA stood at 87.8%.

**30 June 2021, the percentage of each type of Islamic financing to total URIA financing was as follows:**

	<u>Percentage Financing to Total URIA Financing</u>
Murabaha and other financings	57.79%
Musharaka financing	26.69%
Assets acquired for leasing	15.52%

The following table summarizes the breakdown of URIA and impairment provisions

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Exposure : Banks	334,068
Exposure : Non-Banks	1,497,938
Provisions : Non-Banks	(31,271)

**31. Performance ratios:**

	<b>31 March</b>	<b>31 December 2021</b>			
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Return on average assets	0.05%	-0.36%	0.08%	0.44%	0.19%
Return on average Shareholders' equity	0.51%	-23.71%	-1.64%	1.17%	1.02%
Cost to operating income Ratio	85.72%	83.36%	81.26%	83.65%	78.66%

**32. Other disclosures**

The audit fees charged and non-audit services provided by external auditors will be made available to the shareholders as and when requested. Such details will be made available to the Bank's shareholders as per their specific request provided that these disclosures would not negatively impact the Bank's interest and its competition in the market.

Deposits and Unrestricted Investment Accounts held with the Bank in the Kingdom are covered by the Regulation Protecting Deposits and Unrestricted Investment Accounts issued by the CBB in accordance with Resolution No.(34) of 2010.