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# 1 Executive Summary

Basel 3 based guidelines of the Central Bank of Bahrain ["the CBB"] outlining the capital adequacy framework for banks incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain became effective from January 1, 2015 in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This document encompasses the detailed public disclosure requirements and contains a description of following major aspects of Investors Bank ["the Bank" or "IB"]:

Capital Adequacy Policies and Practices; and

Risk Management

The Bank has adopted the Standardised Approach to determine the capital requirement for credit risk and market risk, and the Basic Indicator Approach for operational risk.

The disclosed Tier 1 and total capital adequacy ratios comply with the minimum capital requirements under the CBB's Basel 3 framework.

# 2 Management Discussion and Analysis

During the year 2015 the Bank did not undertake any new investment transactions. The Bank focused on generating liquidity through renting its buildings and reducing its expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 the Bank reported a net profit of US\$ 1,519,046 compared to a net loss of US\$ 1,733,640 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Financial ratios for five years:

Ratio name	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
ROAE	6.15	-6.93	-14.15	-15.34	-13.72
ROAA	4.07	-4.63	-10.59	-12.41	-11.48
STAFF COST/INCOME	29.61	39.45	187.95	64.69	294.85
COST/INCOME	9.67	209.70	967.95	454.00	1,672.43
EPS (\$)	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02

# 3 Corporate Governance

# 3.1 Ownership structure of the Bank

The ownership structure of the Bank is given below:

# 3.1.1 Distribution of ownership by Directors, Senior Managers, on an individual basis

The Bank's Board of Directors and Senior Managers do not own any shares in the Bank on an individual basis.

There has been no trading of the Bank shares held by Directors during the year.

# 3.1.2 Distribution of ownership by nationality

Country	No. Of Shares	Ownership %
Kuwait	198,149,182	81.75%
Bahrain	30,726,460	12.67%
Qatar	6,934,298	2.86%
UAE	5,266,423	2.17%
KSA	1,216,970	0.50%
Oman	130,909	0.05%
Total	242,424,242	100.00%

# 3.1.3 Distribution of ownership of shares by size of shareholder

Ownership size	No of shareholders	Total ownership
0-5%	105	37.96%
5-15%	2	12.70%
>15%	2	49.34%

The following table shows the names of the shareholders who own 5% or more in the Bank's capital:

Shareholder Name	No of shares	Total ownership
Ajal Holding Company	82,844,459	34.17%
International Investment Group	36,780,742	15.17%
Fahad Sultan Sons & Co.	15,709,091	6.48%
Gulf Monetary Group	15,069,091	6.22%
Total	150,403,383	62.04%

# 3.1.4 Ownership by Government

No sovereign Government owns any shares in the Bank.

#### 3.2 The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors ("BOD") is responsible for approving the Bank's overall business strategy, monitoring its operations, and taking critical business decisions. The Board, elected by the shareholders, is the ultimate decision making body of the Bank and has the following broad responsibilities, as enunciated in the Corporate Governance Manual of the Bank:

- Providing effective governance over the Bank's affairs for the benefit of its shareholders, employees, customers and other stakeholders;
- Overseeing the conduct of the Bank's business so that it is effectively managed in the long-term interest of shareholders;
- Selecting, evaluating and compensating the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and planning for CEO succession, as well as monitoring management's succession planning for other key executives;
- Reviewing, approving and monitoring the Bank's strategic plans and objectives;
- Approving the policies of the Bank with respect to various risks and for ensuring that the management takes the steps necessary to identify, measure, monitor, and control these risks. The Board shall also approve policies that identify lines of authority and responsibility for managing risk exposures;
- Monitoring the Bank's accounting and financial reporting practices and reviewing the Bank's financial and other controls;
- Overseeing the Bank's compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Approving the financial statements of the Bank; and
- Review of internal control processes and procedures.

The Board shall also ensure the integrity of the Bank's accounting and financial reporting system through regular independent review by internal and external auditors. The Audit Committee is responsible for review of the integrity of the Bank's financial reporting and report to the Board.

The BOD aspires to the highest standards of ethical conduct: doing what it says; reporting results with accuracy and transparency; and maintaining full compliance with the laws, rules and regulations that govern the Bank's business. The Board attempts to monitors compliance of the ethical conduct through periodic reviews by compliance and the internal audit functions.

Review of internal control, processes & procedure is carried out by internal Audit department where the Bank has outsourced its internal audit function to Protiviti, Bahrain.

As per the Articles of Association ("AOA") of the Bank, the Board should have not less than three and not more than 10 members. Currently the Bank has seven members on its Board of Directors, of which three are independent. The term of membership to the Board shall be three years which may be renewed.

Currently the Bank does not have a pre-defined process to induct, educate and orient new directors, which is going to be established soon.

#### 3.2.1 The election system of the Board of Directors

As per the AOA, The Ordinary General Assembly may appoint a number of members from amongst those who have experience and expertise in the Board of Directors from other than the founders of the Bank and the shareholders in the number and specialisation that the Board believes that the interest of the Bank so requires and in order to make available qualified, technical, management, academic and practical expertise.

# 3.2.2 Termination of Board's membership

As per the AOA, the membership of the director may terminate in the following cases:

- If he is appointed or elected in contrary to the provisions of the Memorandum and AOA.
- If he misuse his membership to carry out business in competition with the Bank or causes actual damages to it.
- If he fails to attend three consecutive meetings without legitimate cause and this issue is notified to the BOD in writing and the Board takes an appropriate action in respect thereof.
- If he resigns, relinquishes or is dismissed from his office provided that this done in an appropriate time otherwise he shall be required to compensate the Bank.
- If he occupies another position within the Bank for consideration other than the position that the BOD may resolve from time to time to pay a remuneration for the person who occupies such position due to its executive nature.

#### 3.3 Profiles of Members of the Board of Directors

# 1- Mr. Ali Saleh Ayesh Al Rashidi – Chairman / Independent / Non-Executive (Appointed on October 29, 2015)

Mr. Al Rashidi is a lawyer; he holds a Master degree in Law and has 14 years of experience in legislation. He is the chairman of Amar Holding Co. Kuwait; and deputy chairman of Remal Al Kuwait Real Estate Co. Kuwait. Currently Mr. Al Rashidi is the president of Salam Group Law Firm, Kuwait.

# 2- Mr. Falah Hajraf K. Al Hajraf - Vice Chairman / Non-Independent / Executive (Appointed on May 19, 2014)

Mr. Al Hajraf holds a Bachelor degree in Law from Cairo University, Egypt; he has over 13 years of experience in real-estate investment and logistics. Mr. Al Hajarf is also a lawyer, co-founder and owner of RHA Law Office in Kuwait; currently he is the chief executive officer of Grand Real Estate Projects Co. Kuwait.

# 3- <u>Sheikh Yousif Abdulla Al-Sabah – Member / Non-Independent / Non-Executive</u> (Appointed on May 19, 2014)

Sheikh Yousif Al-Sabah holds a Master degree in business administration from University of Kuwait; He also holds a Master degree in international studies & diplomacy from University of London, UK. He has over 19 years of experience, having worked in senior positions in both public and private sector. Currently, Mr. Al-Sabah is the chairman of Industry & Technology Co. – Kuwait; In addition, he is also the director general of Kuwait Ports Authority.

# 4- <u>Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali – Member / Non-Independent / Executive</u> (Appointed on May 19, 2014)

Mr. Al-Ali holds HND degree in Banking from Institute of Banking Studies, Kuwait, he has more than 22 years of experience in banking industry; and was the chief financial officer of Kuwait Real-Estate Bank. Currently his is the chairman of Grand Real Estate Projects Co. – Kuwait, and general manager of Wethaq Takaful Insurance Co. - Kuwait.

# 5- Mr. Abdulla Mohammad Al Rifaie – Member / Non-Independent / Executive (Appointed on May 19, 2014)

Mr. Al Rifaie is a lawyer, he graduated from University of Cairo, Egypt; and worked for Kuwait National Bank. Currently he is the chief executive officer of International Investment Group (IIG). Kuwait. Mr. Al Rifaie has over 11 years of experience in the law and legislation.

# 6- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed – Member / Independent / Non-Executive (Appointed on June 19, 2014)

Mr. Mohamed holds a Bachelor Degree in Economics from University of Texas at Austin, USA; he has over 27 years of experience in banking & Finance; he worked for many leading financial institutions in Bahrain.

# 7- Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane – Member / Independent / Non-Executive (Appointed on October 29, 2015)

Mr. Al Sane holds a Master degree in business administration - specialization in international treasury management, debt & currency management - from University of Illinois Springfield, USA. He has over 30 years of experience in investment & financial industry; having worked for Al Safat Investment Co., Securities Group, Al Ahlia Investment Co. and Ministry of Finance, Kuwait. Currently, Mr. Al Sane is the chief executive officer of Dasman Bilingual School – Kuwait.

#### 3.4 Board Committees

Consistent with the industry practices, the Board has established the following board sub-committees with defined roles and responsibilities:

#### 3.4.1 Executive Committee (EXCOM)

The EXCOM provides direction to the executive management on all business matters. The Executive Committee reviews and approves the recommendations for investment strategies, investment proposals, various products and services and where deemed necessary, also refers decisions to the Board of Directors.

The EXCOM is also responsible for business matters concerning risk management, strategy review and recommendation to the Board.

# **Executive Committee (EXCOM) Members:**

As of January 1, 2015:

- Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali Chairman (Non Independent)
- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Vice Chairman (Independent)
- Mr. Falah Hajraf K. Al Hajraf Member (Non Independent)

As of October 29, 2015:

- Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali Chairman (Non Independent)
- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Vice Chairman (Independent)
- Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane Member (Independent)

As of December 31, 2015

- Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali Chairman (Non Independent)
- Mr. Abdulla Mohammad Al Rifaie Vice Chairman (Non Independent)
- Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane Member (Independent)

#### 3.4.2 Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit Committee has the responsibility to assist the Board in discharging its oversight duties relating to matters such as risk and compliance, including the integrity of the Bank's financial statements, financial reporting process and systems, internal controls and financial controls. The Committee also liaises between the External Auditors and the Board. The information pertaining to the appointment / reappointment of external auditors and the related fees is available for the perusal of the shareholders; the same will be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

Details of audit fees and other services provided by the external auditor will be available at the request of the regulatory authorities of the CBB. It will also be available for the shareholders upon an official written request to Investors Bank provided that such matters shall not affect the interests of the bank or its competitiveness in the market.

#### Audit and Risk Committee Members:

As of January 1, 2015:

- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Chairman (Independent)
- Sheikh Yousif Abdulla Al-Sabah Vice Chairman (Non-Independent)
- Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali Member (Non-Independent)

As of 29 October 2015:

- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Chairman (Independent)
- Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane Vice Chairman (Independent)
- Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali Member (Non-Independent)

#### As of 31 December 2015

- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Chairman (Independent)
- Mr. Ali Saleh Avesh Al Rashidi Vice Chairman (Independent)
- Sheikh Yousif Abdulla Al-Sabah Member (Non-Independent)

Members of management, representatives of Internal and External Auditors, independent consultants and other specialists may be invited to attend meetings at the request of the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

#### 3.4.3 Nomination and Remuneration and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nomination and Remuneration and Corporate Governance Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the Board in discharging its oversight duties relating to:-

- Identifying individuals qualified to become the members of the Board of Directors and recommending to the Board nominees for the next Annual General Meeting.
- Review and approve a formal and transparent procedure for developing a remuneration policy for the Board Chairman, Directors, the CEO and the senior management, and
- Ensure that compensation offered is competitive in line with the market/per group and consistent with the responsibilities assigned.

# Nomination and Remuneration and Corporate Governance Committee Members:

As of January 1, 2015:

- Mr. Falah Hajraf K. Al Hajraf Chairman (Non Independent)
- Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali Vice Chairman (Non Independent)
- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Member (Independent)
- Mr. Abdulla Mohammad Al Rifaie Member (Non Independent)

#### As of 29 October 2015:

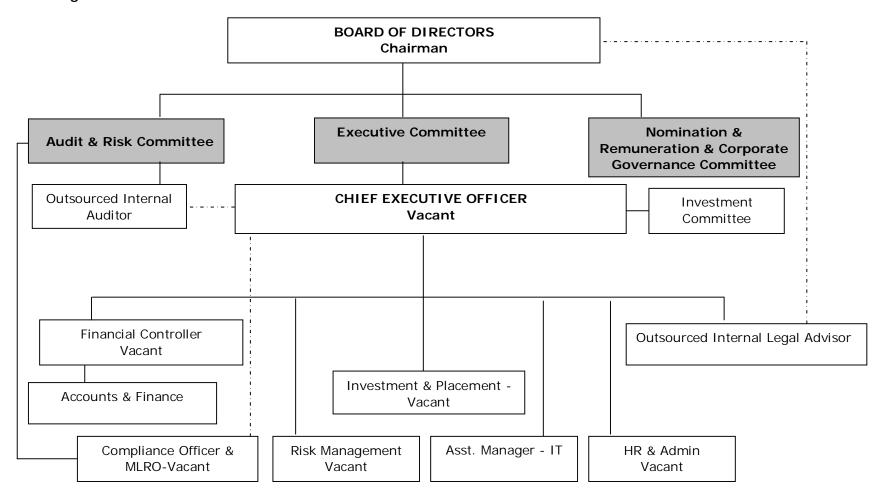
- Mr. Ali Saleh Ayesh Al Rashidi Member Chairman (Independent)
- Mr. Abdulla Mohammad Al Rifaie Vice Chairman (Non Independent)
- Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane Member (Independent)
- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Member (Independent)

#### As of 31 December 2015:

- Mr. Ali Saleh Ayesh Al Rashidi Member Chairman (Independent)
- Sheikh Yousif Abdulla Al-Sabah Vice Chairman (Non-Independent).
- Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed Member (Independent)

Striving to enhance the Corporate Governance practices, commensurate with the size of operations and feasibility, the Bank may introduce additional board sub-committees as well as management level committees to manage its affairs in an efficient and transparent manner.

# 3.5 Organisational Chart 2015



# 3.6 Board and Committees meetings

# **Board of Directors:**

As per the Corporate Governance Manual, the BOD should meet at least four times during a single year. The BOD held two meetings during 2015.

The dates and attendance details of the BOD meetings are given below:

	Date and location		
Names of directors	23/5	29/10	
	Bahrain	Bahrain	
Mr. Falah Hajraf K. Al Hajraf	(√)	(√) By Phone	
Sheikh Yousif Abdulla Al-Sabah	(√)	(√)	
Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali	(√)	(√)	
Mr. Abdulla Mohammad Al Rifaie	(√) By Phone	(√)	
Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed	(√)	(√) By Phone	
Mr. Ali Saleh Ayesh Al Rashidi	N/A	(√)	
Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane	N/A	(√)	

Attended:  $(\sqrt{})$  Absent: (X)

#### **Executive Committee:**

The committee should meet at least four times a year. The Committee held two meetings during 2015.

The dates and attendance details of the Committee meetings are given below:

	Date and location		
Names of directors	23/5	28/11	
	Bahrain	Bahrain	
Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali	(√)	(√)	
Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed	(√)	(√)	
Mr. Falah Hajraf K. Al Hajraf	(√)	N/A	
Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane	N/A	(√)	

Attended:  $(\sqrt{})$  Absent: (X)

#### **Audit and Risk Committee:**

The Committee should meet at least four times a year. The Committee held three meetings during 2015.

The date and attendance details of the Committee meeting are given below:

	Da	Date and location			
Names of directors	23/5	15/6	28/11		
	Bahrain	Bahrain	Bahrain		
Mr. AbdulNaser Ahmed Mohamed	(√)	(√)	(√)		
Sheikh Yousif Abdulla Al-Sabah	(√)	(X)	N/A		
Mr. Majed Yousef Ahmed Al-Ali	(√)	(√)	(√)		
Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane	N/A	N/A	(√)		

Attended:  $(\sqrt{})$  Absent: (X)

#### Nomination and Remuneration and Corporate Governance Committee:

The Committee must meet at least once a year. The Committee did not hold any meeting during 2015.

# 3.7 Approval authority structure

The materiality level for transactions that require Board approval varies for different activities and is governed by the Board approved delegation of authority document.

In addition as per the Board Charter, decisions made by the Board, other than those made at Annual General Meetings and Extra-ordinary General Meetings may be made through circulation. In all such cases:

- The Board secretary shall ensure and confirm circulation of necessary information and documentation;
- A decision through circulation will not be valid unless approved by more than half of the responding members, which should not be less than two;
- All Board members shall be required to respond to the Board Secretary within the following working week of circulation; and
- If the Board Secretary does not receive the response from any Board member within the following working week of circulation, his/her response shall be considered as approved.

#### 3.8 Code of Conduct

The Bank will adopt a Code of Conduct and other internal policies and guidelines designed to support the mission statement set forth above and to comply with the laws, rules and regulations that govern the Bank's business operations. The Code of Conduct will be documented, published and communicated throughout the Bank.

The Code of Conduct will apply to all employees of the Bank as well as to Directors, temporary workers and other independent contractors and consultants when engaged by or otherwise representing the Bank, so that the Board, senior management and staff understand the importance of conducting business based on good corporate governance values and understand their accountabilities to various stakeholders of the Bank.

The Board, senior management and staff will be informed of and be required to fulfil their fiduciary responsibilities to the Bank's stakeholders.

All will adopt and will adhere to the following code of conduct in respect to their behaviour:

- Ensure that their conduct in general is in the best interest of the Bank and its stakeholders
- To act only within the scope of their responsibilities
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest
- Ensure confidentiality of information

The Audit Committee shall monitor compliance with the Code of Conduct and other internal policies and guidelines.

#### 3.9 Evaluation of Board Performance

The Board shall, through the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, conduct an annual review of the Board's performance. This review shall include an overview of the talent base of the Board as a whole as well as an individual assessment of each director's qualification under corporate governance rules and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations regarding directors; consideration of any changes in a director's responsibilities that may have occurred since the director was first elected to the Board and such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be appropriate for review.

The Board of Directors shall review the performance of the Chairman and the CEO in order to ensure they are providing the best leadership for the Bank.

#### 3.10 Social Responsibility

The Bank discharges its social responsibility through donations to charitable causes and organisations. However, there were no donations to charitable causes and organisations during the year ended December 31, 2015 (2014: nil).

#### 3.11 Conflict of Interest

As per the Board Charter:

• Directors and employees of the Bank shall act ethically at all times and in accordance with the Bank's applicable Code of Conduct. If an actual or potential conflict of interest arises in respect of a director, the director shall promptly disclose such conflict to the Board.

- The Board will establish and disseminate to its members and management policies and procedures for the identification, reporting, disclosure, prevention or strict limitation of potential conflicts of interest. It is senior management's responsibility to implement these policies.
- Any decision to enter into transactions, under which Board members or any member of executive management may have a conflict of interest that is material, shall be formally and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Executive directors shall absent themselves from any discussions or decisionmaking that involve a subject where they are incapable of providing objective advice, or which involves a subject or (proposed) transaction where a conflict of interest exists.
- Directors shall disclose to the Board any potential conflict of interest in their activities with other organisations.
- All Board members and members of executive management must declare to the Board in writing, on an annual basis, all of their other interests in other institutions, whether as a shareholder of five percent (5%) or more of the voting capital of the company, a manager or other form of significant participation.

#### 3.12 Management Profile

As of 31 December 2015 the Bank's key control positions such as the Chief Executive Officer, financial controller, head of operation, head of Risk management, head of compliance, and head of Sharia are vacant.

#### 3.13 Managerial Committee

The Board had approved the formation of "Investment Committee" in October 2009.

The overall role of the Investment Committee as approved by the Board is to facilitate:

- the investment and credit business of the Bank in the most effective and efficient manner within the risk guidelines specified by the Board;
- to oversee and perform Asset Liability Management activities; and
- to oversee credit, market, liquidity, profit rate risk and other risks that the Bank is exposed to.

The Investment Committee is chaired by the Chief Executive Officer and comprise of Financial Controller and Assistant Manager – Information Technology with two in house advisors. However, the position of Chief Executive Officer and Financial Controller are currently vacant.

#### 3.14 Remuneration and Incentives

The remuneration to the BOD is governed by the AOA of the Bank, which states the following:

- The General Assembly shall determine the remunerations of the members of the BOD, provided that such remunerations shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the net profit in each financial year after deducting statutory reserves and after distributing a profit of not less than five percent (5%) of the Bank's paid capital to the shareholders. However, this provision shall not oblige the Bank to pay five percent (5%) of any other amount. Such remunerations shall be distributed to the members of the Board in proportion to their actual attendance of the meetings of the BOD and the committees connected to it as per the minutes of meetings approved by the Bank.
- The General Assembly may decide to pay an annual remuneration to the members of the BOD during the years in which the Bank does not post any profit or during the years in which it does not pay out dividends to the shareholders, subject to the approval of the Minister of Commerce.

The Bank provides fixed annual fees to the Shari'a Board and does not provide any performance linked incentives.

The remuneration to the employees of the Bank is on the basis of the employment contracts of the individuals. There is a system of annual appraisal based on which the terms of the contract are reviewed every year.

Any bonus/ex-gratia payment is purely at the discretion of the Bank. The AOA provides the guidelines for the employee incentive programme that has not been implemented.

#### 3.15 Corporate Governance Events

- On October 29, 2015 the following Board of Directors were appointed:
  - o Mr. Ali Saleh Ayesh Al Rashidi
  - o Mr. Adel Jassim Al Sane

#### 3.16 Communications Policy

The Bank has a Board approved communication strategy which is part of the public disclosure policy, in compliance with CBB regulations under PD Module of the Volume 2 of CBB Rulebook, to disclose material information about its activities to various stakeholders. As a policy, the Bank maintains at least three years of financial data on its website.

The communication policy applies to all modes of communication to the public including written, oral and electronic communications. These disclosures are made on a timely basis in a manner required by applicable laws and regulatory requirements.

Management seeks to respond to shareholders' questions and concerns on a prompt basis, subject to the limitations imposed by law and the confidentiality of certain information. The Bank maintains a website at <a href="www.investorsb.com">www.investorsb.com</a>, which includes information of interest to various stakeholders including the regulatory authorities. Information available on the website includes the Annual Report and reviewed quarterly financials of the Bank.

#### 3.17 Shari'a Compliance

All the transactions entered into by the Bank are presented to Shari'a Supervisory Board, which comprises of three Shari'a scholars, for review on an annual basis and to ensure that the respective agreements are in compliance with the principles of Shari'a. The internal legal advisor of the Bank is also the internal Sharia` a reviewer and Secretary to the Shari'a Board.

The Bank strives to make sure that it does not engage in non-Shari'a compliant earning. However if there are any non-compliant earnings, they are dealt with through cleansing principles as recommended by the Shari'a Board.

#### 3.18 Zakah Contributions

In the absence of appointment of the Bank to pay zakah on behalf of Shareholders, the responsibility of payment of zakah is on individual shareholders of the Bank.

#### 3.19 Compliance with CBB's Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Bank, during the year ended December 31, 2015 has reported non-compliance with the following sections of the CBB rule book volume 2 HC modules:

HC-1.9.1 to 1.9.4; Evaluation of the Board, Committee and Directors:

The Bank's Board does not conduct an annual review of its performance, the performance of committees nor each individual director. Further the Board did not report to the shareholders, at each annual shareholder meeting, the evaluations that have been done and its findings.

#### HC-1.3.3; Decision Making Process:

The Board must meet frequently to enable it to discharge its responsibilities effectively but in no event less than four times a year. All Directors must attend the meetings whenever possible and directors must maintain informal communication between meetings.

HC-9.2.4(b); Corporate Governance Committee shall comprise of A Shari'a scholar who is an SSB member:

A Shari'a scholar who is an SSB member for the purpose of leading the Corporate Governance Committee on Shari'a-related governance issues (if any), and also to coordinate and link the complementary roles and functions of the Corporate Governance Committee and the SSB.

#### 3.20 Financial Penalties

During year 2015 the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) imposed the followings financial penalties on the Bank in accordance with Chapter EN-6.2A (b) of the CBB Rule book – Volume 2

Nature of Financial Penalty	CBB Rulebook  – Volume 2	Date Submitted	Amount
	Reference	to CBB	
Failure to submit Annual Audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014 to the CBB by March 31, 2015.	BR 1.1.2	May 25, 2015	BD 2,750 Equivalent to US\$ 7,294
Failure to submit the group structure and the Bahrain's office organization chart for the year ended December 31, 2014 to the CBB by March 31, 2015.	BR-1.1.4(d)	September 2, 2015	BD 7,750 Equivalent to US\$ 20,557
Failure to submit report on the controllers of the licensee and the extent of their shareholders interest for the year ended December 31, 2014 to the CBB by March 31, 2015.	GR-5.1.9 and BR-1.1.4(k)	September 2, 2015	BD 7,750 Equivalent to US\$ 20,557
Failure to submit agreed upon procedures report concerning the completeness of disclosure required by Module PD for the period ended December 31, 2014 to the CBB by March 31, 2015.	BR-1.1.4 and AU-3.1.3	August 12, 2015	BD 6,700 Equivalent to US\$ 17,772
Failure to submit agreed upon procedure report for the PIRI for the period ended December 31, 2014 to the CBB by March 31, 2015.	BR-3.1.4	August 10, 2015	BD 8,150 Equivalent to US\$ 21,618

# 3.21 Types of Material Transactions that requires Board approval

Based on the Bank's approved list of delegation of financial and administration authorities, the following are samples of transactions which have to be approved by Board of Directors:

- Investment in listed equities which exceeds US\$ 3 million.
- Investment in Unlisted equities which exceeds US\$ 1.5 million.
- Investment in initial public offering (IPO) which exceeds US\$ 1 million.
- Other investment which exceeds US\$ 1.5 million.
- Write-off receivable in excess of US\$ 250,000.

# 4 Capital Adequacy and Management

The Bank follows the CBB guidelines for the capital requirements of the Bank and maintains sufficient capital to ensure compliance with the minimum capital requirements of the CBB.

# 4.1 Capital Structure

The Bank has capital in the form of equity and does not have any other equity related instrument including innovative, complex or hybrid capital instruments.

The Bank's regulatory capital position at December 31, 2015 was as follows:

Eligible Capital	December 31, 2015
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares Legal / Statutory Reserve Accumulated losses Current cumulative net income Accumulated other comprehensive income and losses (and other reserves)	80,000,000 7,561,420 (65,603,005) 1,519,046 909,705
Total CET1 capital prior to regulatory adjustments	24,387,166
Less: Investment in financial entity where ownership is < 10% the issued common share capital	(250,779)
Total Common Equity Tier 1 capital after regulatory Adjustments	24,136,387
Other Capital (AT1 & T2)	
Assets revaluation reserve – property, plant, and equipment *	657,476
Total Capital	24,793,863

<sup>\*</sup> The amount taken to this reserve relates to the Bank's "Properties fair value reserve" pertaining to investment in real estate.

# 4.2 Capital Adequacy

The Bank determines Risk Weighted Assets according to the Standardised Approaches for credit and market risk and Basic Indicator Approach for operational risk as per CBB guidelines that seek to reflect the varying levels of risk attached to the assets.

The Bank's policy is to maintain a capital adequacy ratio, at all times, in excess of the minimum required by CBB.

Risk Assets/ Categories	Risk Weighted Assets (RWA)	Capital Charge @ 12% of RWA
Credit Risk		
- Cash and balances with banks	622,436	74,692
- Equity investments	4,289,308	514,717
- Deferred payment sale receivables	7,903,310	948,397
- Investment in real estate	99,009,505	11,881,141
- Other assets	940,866	112,904
- Fixed assets	41,350	4,962
Total Credit Risk	112,806,775	13,536,813
Market Risk		
- Equity position risk	279,390	33,527
- Foreign exchange risk	215,557	25,867
Total Market Risk	494,947	59,394
Total Operational Risk	2,312,321	277,479
Total Risk Weighted Assets	115,614,043	
Total Eligible Capital	24,793,863	
Capital Equity Tier 1		20.88 %
Tier 1		20.88 %
Total Capital Adequacy Ratio (Total Capital)		21.45 %

#### 5 Risk Management

The Bank is exposed to the credit, market and liquidity risk during the course of its business along with other operational risks.

The Bank's Board of Directors has the overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Bank's risk management framework. The Board has established an Executive Committee (EXCOM), a board level subcommittee that is responsible for developing and monitoring the Bank's operations and policies across various functions including the risk management framework.

The Bank's Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring compliance with the risk management policies and procedures, and for reviewing the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Bank. The Audit Committee is assisted in these functions by outsourced Internal Audit function.

The Bank has established and implemented various exposure limits as well as set levels of risk that the Bank is willing to accept in relation to its available capital.

The limit structure includes single obligor level limits, large exposure limits, industry level limits, country level limits etc. All limits have been set as per CBB guidelines and Bank's internal limits and policy.

The risk management philosophy of the Bank, as enunciated in the Risk Management Manual, is to identify, capture, monitor and manage the various dimensions of risk with the objective of protecting asset values and income streams so that the interests of the Bank's shareholders (and the Bank's creditors / lenders) are safeguarded.

#### 5.1 Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial transaction does not discharge its obligations on due dates and causes the other party to incur a financial loss. Credit risk may arise from all products and services where counterparties of the Bank fail to meet their payment obligations in accordance with terms and conditions of the contract. This risk exists in all activities of the Bank, including the Banking Book and both "on" or "off" the balance sheet.

The Bank's credit risk arises mainly from balances with banks, due from a financial institution, deferred payment sale receivables and other assets.

The Bank manages its credit risk on bank balances by placing funds with reputable banks having good credit ratings.

The following table demonstrates Bank's credit risk exposure:

Credit Risk Exposure				
	Own capital and current account			
Portfolios	Total gross credit risk exposure	Average gross credit exposure over the period *		
Balances with banks	3,105,749	2,655,262		
Due from a financial institution	-	1,326,949		
Deferred payment sale receivables	3,680,203	3,680,203		
Other assets	892,165	891,418		
Total	7,678,117	8,553,832		

<sup>\*</sup> These have been computed based on the average of the quarter end balances.

As part of the Bank's credit risk strategy, the Bank has established a credit risk appetite which is quantified in terms of a limit structure for credit risk. The limit structure also helps the Bank's control over the credit risk and to maintain a proper diversification of its activities and thereby attempt to avoid concentration of risks for counterparty, country, sector, industry and region. The Bank manages credit risk of its exposures by constant monitoring of the limit structure. The updated limit structure, approved by the Board in October 2009, covers new investment exposures by the Bank.

The Bank continues to have certain exposures, originated in earlier years, that exceed the limit stipulated under the CBB guidelines and the internal limit structure of the Bank.

For "Balances with banks", the Bank uses ratings assigned by External Credit Assessment Institutions ["ECAI"] for risk assessment and calculating risk weighted equivalents. ECAIs considered by the Bank are Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch.

Analysis of Bank's exposure to Credit Risk (Past due and impaired):

	Banking and financial institutions	Investment Companies	Others	Total
Past due but not				
impaired Islamic				
financing contracts	887,733	3,680,203	-	4,567,936
Impaired financing				
contracts	16,088,102	6,125,125	11,267,312	33,480,539
Total	16,975,835	9,805,328	11,267,312	38,048,475

Aging of past due and impaired financing contracts:

	Banking and financial institutions	Investment Companies	Others	Total
Less than 3	-	-	-	-
months				
3 months – 1 year	-	1	-	-
1 year - 3 years	-	1	-	-
Over 3 years	16,975,835	9,805,328	11,267,312	38,048,475
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Total	16,975,835	9,805,328	11,267,312	38,048,475

Movement in specific provisions during the year:

	Banking and financial institutions	Investment Companies	Others	Total
Balance at the				
beginning of the				
year	16,088,102	6,125,125	11,267,312	33,480,539
Net provision for				
impairment for				
the year	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end	_			
of the year	16,088,102	6,125,125	11,267,312	33,480,539

Past due exposures are those on which payments are not being made on time and are behind schedule, although partial payments may have been made.

The management of the Bank analyses its credit risk portfolio on a periodical basis to assess its recoverability. Impairment provisions for assets are based on the management's assessment of the expected realisations. Specific impairments are identified by the Bank based on the various specific factors, which include financial health of the investee and any expected cash for in kind settlements.

The Bank does not maintain any collective impairment provisions as of December 31, 2015.

# 5.1.1 Credit Risk Mitigation

The Bank does not generally engage in lending against collateral and does so by exception. However, the Bank has designed guidelines (covered in the Credit policy approved in July 2010) for collateral valuation and management (wherever required) and will extend credit facilities only where it is supported by adequate tangible security and/or audited financial statements of its customers/counterparties.

Also the market value of security offered by prospective and existing customers/counterparties will be evaluated by the Bank based on market information.

#### 5.1.2 Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar economic activities or activities in the same geographic region or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. The Bank seeks to manage its concentration risk by establishing geographic and industry wise concentration limits. Presently, most of the Bank's assets are, however, in GCC region as this has strategic fit with Bank's overall business approach and also the current market imperatives. The Bank allocates exposure to a particular geographical area based on the location of the asset or on the location of the investee company.

The Bank's assets exposed to credit risk are distributed over the following geographical areas:

Own capital

Asset category	Geographic area				
	Bahrain	Kuwait	Other countries	Total	
Balances with banks	3,101,461	4,288	-	3,105,749	
Deferred payment sale receivables	3,680,203	-	-	3,680,203	
Other assets	888,290	1	3,875	892,165	
Total	7,669,954	4,288	3,875	7,678,117	

The Bank's assets exposed to credit risk by industry or counterparty is given below:

Own capital

	Industry sector				
Asset category	Banks and financial institutions	Investment companies	Others	Total	
Funded					
Balances with banks	3,105,749	-	-	3,105,749	
Deferred payment sale receivables	-	3,680,203	=	3,680,203	
Other assets	887,733	-	4,432	892,165	
Total	3,993,482	3,680,203	4,432	7,678,117	

The Bank does not have any unfunded exposures.

As required by CBB, the Bank must not incur an exposure to an individual counterparty or group of closely related counterparties, which exceeds 15% of the Bank's capital base without the prior written approval of the CBB. Also the Bank's shareholders with significant ownership of the Bank's capital are not allowed to obtain financing facilities from the Bank (i.e. a 0% limit).

The Bank's concentrations of exposure to individual counterparties and group of closely related counterparties in excess of 15% are given below:

Concentration of risk	
Counterparties	Own capital
	Total exposure
Counterparty # 1	3,680,203
Counterparty # 2	7,161,803
Counterparty # 3	6,204,244
Counterparty # 4	6,204,244
Counterparties – Closely Related – Including Counterparties 1	4,504,260

Additionally, Bank's past due exposures broken-down by geographical areas are given in the table below:

Impaired exposures, Past Due exposures and allowances				
Own capital				
Geographic area	Past due and Impaired Islamic financing contracts	Specific impairment provision		
Bahrain	10,874,745	6,306,809		
Kuwait	25,890,194	25,890,194		
Other countries	1,283,536	1,283,536		
Total	38,048,475	33,480,539		

#### 5.2 Market Risk

The Central Bank of Bahrain defines market risk as "the risk of losses in on and off-balance sheet positions arising from movements in market prices".

Market risk is the risk of changes in the value of the security or transaction due to changes in underlying market exposure. Market risk may arise from movements in market dynamics such as reference rates, foreign exchange markets, equity markets or commodity markets.

The Bank has following sources of market risk:

Equity price risk in the trading book (for listed equities); and

Currency risk on account of foreign currency denominated investments in the trading as well as banking book.

The Bank's trading book equity positions are listed in some GCC stock exchanges and have a ready market. The FX positions in the Banking book are structural in nature and have a ready market.

Additionally, as part of trading book, the Bank does not have exposure to assets that do not have a ready market.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in equity prices, with all other variables held constant, of the Bank's statement of income based on the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015:

Particulars	20% decrease	20% increase
Investments at fair value through statement of		
income	(27,939)	27,939

As part of the overall market risk strategy, the Bank attempts to proactively measure and monitor market risk in its portfolio using appropriate measurement techniques (standardised measurement methodology suggested by CBB). Additionally, in order to control market risk the Bank holds sufficient capital in line with Pillar 1 regulatory capital requirements of the CBB. The Bank has also established a limit structure to provide a ceiling on the market risk exposure that can be taken by the Bank.

Bank's capital requirements for Market Risk using the Standardised measurement method:

Particulars	Gross exposure as at December 31, 2015	Risk weighted assets (RWA) as at December 31, 2015	Capital requirement @ 12% of RWA as at December 31, 2015	Maximum capital requirement during the period	Minimum capital requirement during the period
Equity Position	139,695	279,390	33,527	45,918	33,527
Foreign Exchange Position	215,557	215,557	25,867	226,037	25,867

#### 5.2.1 Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Bank had the following net foreign currency exposures as at December 31, 2015:

	(104.5 : 1.1)
Currency	(US\$ Equivalent)
Bahraini Dinar	29,929,571
Kuwaiti Dinar	215,557
United Arab Emirates Dirham	1,462,630

# Sensitivity Analysis:

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in foreign exchange rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Bank's statement of income based on the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015:

Currency	5% decrease	5% increase
Kuwaiti Dinar	(10,778)	10,778

Note: Bahraini Dinar and UAE Dirham exposures are not considered to represent significant currency risk as both currencies are pegged to the US Dollars.

#### 5.3 Operational Risk

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss arising from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events which includes but is not limited to legal risk and Shari'a compliance risk. This definition excludes strategic and reputational risk.

The Bank has implemented an operational risk framework of the Basic Indicator Approach ["BIA"], as defined by the CBB guidelines. This framework includes measuring, monitoring and managing operational risk across the Bank. This framework uses tools like Risk and Control Self-Assessment and identification of Key Risk Indicators.

The operational risk framework will evolve with the changing needs of the Bank's businesses and regulatory guidance, taking into account internal and external operational risk events, business environment and internal control factors.

While individual units have direct responsibility for the control and mitigation of operational risk, the proposed framework provides a consistent methodology across the Bank. The Bank attempts to manage operational risk through appropriate controls, appropriate training to the employees, and internal checks and balances including internal audit and compliance.

#### 5.3.1 Risk and Control Self-Assessment

The Bank has established RCSA methodology to provide an annual, forward-looking process for identifying and assessing risks, evaluating controls, establishing thresholds for risks and controls and determining the appropriate level of risk mitigation.

This process will enable the Bank to better understand its risk profile and ensure that operational risk-taking is aligned with the Bank's risk appetite.

# 5.3.2 Operational Risk Loss Database

The Bank has a policy to collect loss events' information for preparing Operational Risk Loss Database. The functional units of the Bank have to map their risk events and collect/record related operational loss event data.

The Bank has embellished a disaster recovery site to ensure timely recovery of system and restoration of critical business process in the event of disaster.

# 5.3.3 Operational Risk capital charge

Bank's capital charge for Operational Risk using Basic Indicator Approach

Particulars	Average gross income	Risk weighted exposures	Capital charge
Operational risk	1,233,238	2,312,321	184,986

As required by CBB under section CA 6.2.3 of the CBB Rulebook, the operational risk capital charge is 15% of the average of annual gross income of last 3 years' profit. Figure for any year in which annual gross income is negative or zero has been excluded from both the numerator and denominator when calculating the average.

Bank's indicators of Operational Risk exposures for Basic Indicator Approach

Particulars	Amount
Gross Income	1,233,238
Amount of non-Shari'a-compliant income	None
Number of Shari'a violations that were identified and	
reported during the financial year	None

The non-Shari'a compliant income is the interest income on the Bank's current accounts and forms part of undistributed charity funds (as approved by the Shari'a Board).

As per the CBB rulebook, Gross income is defined as:

Net income from financing activities which is gross of any provisions, operating expenses, realised profits/losses from the sale of securities in the banking book, and depreciation of Ijarah assets;

Net income from investment activities; and Fee income (e.g. commission and agency fee) Less Investment account holders' share of income Takaful income

#### 5.3.4 Legal Risk - Current Litigations and Claims

The Bank has appointed external legal advisor(s) for advice on various legal issues including legal documentation.

The current litigations and claims of the Bank are given below:

On March 7, 2004, the Bank entered into a sale and purchase agreement with a financial institution to purchase shares of a related party for a total consideration of US\$ 5,811,957 including six-month deferred payment costs of US\$ 141,755. Concurrently the Bank has entered into an agreement with another related party to sell the same shares for a total consideration of US\$ 5,821,958 including deferred payment costs of US\$ 151,755, payable on September 30, 2004.

In accordance with the terms of the agreement, the Bank pledged certain own equity investments in addition to subsequent dividend shares received, in favour of the financial institution, the carrying value of which as at December 31, 2015 amounted to US\$ 2,646,246 (US\$ 3,380,467 as at December 31, 2014) and dividends receivable up to 2006 totalling US\$ 887,733.

As the date of signature of both agreements, the net remaining amounts due to the financial institution and due from the related party amounted to US\$ 3,670,202 and US\$ 3,680,203 respectively (excluding deferred payment costs). No further settlements were made and the agreement was terminated by the financial institution, which retained the Bank's pledged shares. The Bank's management considered that the agreement was wrongfully terminated and pledged shares were unlawfully retained. The Bank has filed a legal case before the Courts of Bahrain against the financial institution for repossession of the pledged share, which are currently under the custody of the Court with the related dividends discussed above. Further a cheque in the amount of US\$ 3,680,203 representing the amount due to the Bank on the deferred sale of shares was drawn by that related party and deposited at the Court.

In the opinion of the Bank's management, no provision is required to be made in the financial statements against the pledged shares or against any contingent liabilities that might arise on the final settlement.

• In 2004, a related party entered into a Murabaha financing agreement with a financial institution against the pledged of 18,840,341 equity shares, of which 8,352,705 owned by the Bank with a carrying value at that time of US\$ 5,760,487, and the remaining 10,487,636 shares owned by the borrowing related party and another related party.

Also on November 1, 2004 the Bank obtained from the above related party a one year financing totalling US\$ 3,229,064 including financing cost of US\$ 134,295 by virtue of a Murabaha contract.

Following the default of the related party, the case was brought to Court, which ruled in favour of the financial institution and ordered the settlement of the outstanding balance of BD 2,236,191 (US\$ 5,931,541) in addition to annual profit of 3% effective April 2011 and settlement of legal costs.

As no settlement was made by any of the parties that had pledged the shares in guarantee of the financing agreement as stated above, the Court appointed in 2013 a broker to auction all the 18,840,341 pledged shares in one bulk. A number of unsuccessful auctions were held at varying starting prices.

In recognition of the Bank's liability, the management decided to write down to zero the value of its 8,352,705 pledged shares and valued the remaining same shares (2,912,950 shares) in its portfolio at BD 0.100 (US\$ 0.2652) per share, being the lowest bidding price up to the 2014 year end. In April 2015, the 8,352,705 shares were liquidated at an auction price of BD 0.100 per share and the amount was directly awarded to the party to whom the shares were pledged to with no gain or loss being recognised by the Bank.

Subsequent to the auction, the remaining 2,912,950 unpledged shares were valued at BD 0.090 (US\$ 0.239) being the quoted price at December 31, 2015.

 There are two labour cases running against the bank from two former employees seeking compensations as a result of alleged unfair termination of their services with the bank. The Bank's legal position is strong and a material liability to the Bank is not expected from the cases.

The Bank has appointed external law firm(s) to deal with the above cases.

# 5.4 Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that funds will not be available to meet liabilities as they fall due.

It is the Bank's policy to keep a significant part of its assets in liquid assets such as investments at fair value through statement of income and investment at fair value through equity.

The Bank funds its exposures mainly from equity and does not take restricted or unrestricted deposits to fund its exposures.

The Bank has established a limit structure to monitor the prevailing liquidity position and to control negative mismatches that may affect the fulfilment of short term obligations of the Bank.

The maturity profile of for cash and cash equivalents, Murabaha payables has been presented using contractual cash flows.

For other balances, maturity profile is based on expected cash flows/ settlement profile.

				Total			
Period 2015	Up to 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 Months to 1 year	Within 1 year	1 to 3 years	No fixed maturity	Total
Assets			oo i you.	. <b>y</b> =	Jours		1000
Cash and							
balances with							
banks	3,107,075	-	-	3,107,075	-	-	3,107,075
Equity							
Investments	-	-	139,695	139,695	-	3,599,068	3,738,763
Deferred							
payment sale							
receivables	3,680,203	-	-	3,680,203	-	-	3,680,203
Investment in							
real estate	1	_	-	-	ı	24,265,592	24,265,592
Other assets	3,875	-	48,701	52,576	ı	901,553	954,129
Fixed assets	ı	-	-	-	ı	41,350	41,350
Total assets	6,791,153	-	188,396	6,979,549	-	28,807,563	35,787,112

Period 2015	Up to 1	1 to 3	3 Months	Total Within	1 to 3	No fixed	Total
	month	months	to 1 year	1 year	years	maturity	TOLAI
Liabilities							
Due to a financial							
institution	3,670,202	-	-	3,670,202	-	-	3,670,202
Murabaha							
payable	3,229,064	_	-	3,229,064	-	-	3,229,064
Payable against							
lease							
commitment	-	1,193,634	2,387,268	3,580,902	-	-	3,580,902
Other liabilities	58,979	44,313	141,497	244,789	ı	17,513	262,302
Total liabilities	6,958,245	1,237,947	2,528,765	10,724,957	-	17,513	10,742,470
Cumulative							
Liquidity Gap	(167,092)	(1,405,039)	(3,745,408)	(3,745,408)	(3,745,408)	25,044,642	

Following are the key liquidity ratios as at December 31, 2015:

Description	Ratio
Short Term Assets: Total Assets	19.5 %
Short Term Assets: Short Term Liabilities (Times)	0.65

#### 5.5 Rate of Return Risk

Rate of return risk arises due to different timing of re-pricing of the Bank's assets and liabilities. The Bank's exposure to rate of return risk is limited to balances with banks. The Bank does not have any assets which are exposed to rate of return risk.

#### 5.6 Equity Price Risk in the Banking book

Equity price risk is the risk that quoted equity investments will depreciate in value due to movements in the quoted equity prices. The Bank has a few listed equity exposures in the investments at fair value through equity portfolio. The price movement of these exposures are closely monitored by the Bank and reported to the management.

#### Sensitivity Analysis:

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in equity prices, with all other variables held constant, of the Bank's equity based on the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015:

	20%	20%
Particulars	decrease	increase
Investments at fair value through equity	(694,082)	694,082

# 5.6.1 Valuations Policy

The Bank measures the fair value of quoted investments using the market bid-prices in an active market for that instrument. Fair value for unquoted managed funds is the fund's net assets value as determined by the respective fund manager.

#### 5.6.2 Equity based financing

The Bank has the following investments classified as quoted on an active market or privately held:

Types And Nature of Investments				
	Publicly traded	Privately held		
Investment in shares	3,470,410	128,658		
Investment in managed funds	-	-		
Total	3,470,410	128,658		

Additionally the Bank has following cumulative realized gains or losses arising from sales or liquidations, total unrealized gains and losses recognized in the statement of financial position but not through the statement of income, and any unrealized gains and losses included in Tier 1 capital:

Particulars	Amount
Cumulative realized gains (losses) arising from sales or	
liquidations in the reporting period	-
Total unrealized gains (losses) recognized in the statement of	
financial position but not through the statement of income	909,705
Unrealized gains (losses) included in Tier One Capital	909,705

The Bank has following capital requirements broken down by equity groupings:

Equity grouping	Risk weighted assets (RWA)	Capital requirements @ 12% of RWA
Investment in shares	4,289,308	514,717
Investment in managed funds	-	-
Total	4,289,308	514,717

# 5.7 Displaced Commercial Risk

The risk when an Islamic bank is under pressure to pay its investors-depositors a rate of return higher than what should be payable under actual terms of the investment contract.

Since the Bank does not take deposits from outside parties, displaced commercial risk is not currently relevant for the Bank.

#### 5.8 Risks Mitigation

The Strategies used to mitigate the risks faced by the Bank have been effective throughout the reporting year.

#### 6 Restricted Investment Accounts

The Bank has not, as a focused business proposition, opened Investment Accounts or accepted Investment Account deposit (restricted or unrestricted) except for three specific transactions involving related parties and therefore does not have any formal policies and procedures for management of RIA accounts. The Bank accepted certain funds from a related party in 1999 under a Mudaraba arrangement which were deployed in a Murabaha with a non-related party. The Murabaha was partially repaid and the balance amount has been impaired. Appropriable impairment provisions have been made in the RIA.

Balance as of December 31, 2015 net of provision:

Exposures	No of units (000)	Average value per share US\$	Total US\$
Murabaha with Lotus Air Ltd *	-	_	-
Investments in International			
Investment Group K.S.C.C. **	12,887	-	_
Portfolio managed by the Bank ***	142,059	_	-
Total			-

<sup>\*</sup> The Bank accepted certain funds from a related party in 1999 under a Mudaraba arrangement which were deployed in a Murabaha with a non-related party. The Murabaha was partially repaid and the balance amount has been impaired. Appropriable impairment provisions have been made in the RIA.

This account does not have a specific maturity due to it being a subject of litigation in the Kingdom of Bahrain courts.

The Bank did not distribute any returns to the restricted investment account holders.

<sup>\*\*</sup> On the instructions of a restricted investment account holder, a related party, the Bank had entered into a deferred payment purchase agreement with a financial institution to acquire shares of International Investment Group K.S.C.C. ('IIG'). The Bank then entered into a deferred payment sale agreement with the restricted investment account holder for sale of these shares. However, due to a legal dispute with the financial institution, the Bank could not affect the transfer of the IIG shares to the restricted investment account holder.

#### \*\*\* Managed Portfolio

During 2004, the Bank signed a Portfolio Management Agreement with some related parties. The underlying assets of the portfolio comprise the shares of one of the related parties that is also a partial owner of the portfolio.

This portfolio may be liquidated on the instructions of the owners after due regulatory approvals are obtained and hence has no fixed maturity.

The Bank's Board of Directors had resolved to write down the value of these shares to zero in the latter part of 2013 based on the performance of these shares and / or the lack of information to support the carrying value of these shares.

# 7 Related party transactions

Related parties comprise major shareholders, directors of the Bank, Shari'a Supervisory Board members, entities owned or controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by them and companies affiliated by virtue of shareholding in common with that of the Bank.

Transactions with related parties are undertaken on terms agreed between the parties which may not necessarily be on arm's length basis.

As per the Investment Policy (approved in July 2010), adequate due-diligence should be carried out before undertaking any investment exposure (whether to a related party or an outside investment).

Additionally all the exposures to connected counterparties are justified only when undertaken for the clear commercial advantage for the Bank, when negotiated and

undertaken on terms agreed between the parties which may not be necessary be on an arm's length basis and when included in the policy statement agreed with CBB. The investments in related parties need to be approved by the BOD and a prior approval from the CBB is also required.

Significant balances with related parties at December 31 comprise:

	2015	2014
Assets	4,504,260	4,881,545
Liabilities	3,278,493	3,277,993
Restricted Investment Accounts	-	-

Significant transactions with related parties include:

	2015	2014
Expenses	55,310	84,462
Provision for impairment	377,285	-
Other comprehensive loss	_	-

The Group entities include those entities, which are subject to common control or influence of certain shareholders of the Bank.

Key management personnel of the Bank comprise key members of management having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Bank.

The key management personnel compensation is as follows:

	2015	2014
Salaries, short term benefits and post-employment		
benefits	-	140,541