

Standard Bank (Mauritius) Ltd
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) Disclosure – Quarter Ending March 2020

<i>(Consolidated in USD)</i>		TOTAL UNWEIGHTED VALUE (quarterly average of bimonthly observations) ¹	TOTAL WEIGHTED VALUE (quarterly average of bimonthly observations) ¹
HIGH-QUALITY LIQUID ASSETS			
1	Total high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)	299,070,858	295,804,405
CASH OUTFLOWS			
2	Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers, of which:	63,552,667	17,527,636
3	Stable deposits	-	-
4	Less stable deposits	63,552,667	17,527,636
5	Unsecured wholesale funding, of which:	1,323,340,721	832,239,984
6	Operational deposits (all counterparties)	-	-
7	Non-operational deposits (all counterparties)	1,323,340,721	832,239,984
8	Unsecured debt	-	-
9	Secured wholesale funding	-	-
10	Additional requirements, of which:	175,112,754	22,622,551
11	Outflows related to derivative exposures and other collateral requirements	915,009	915,009
12	Outflows related to loss of funding on debt products	-	-
13	Credit and liquidity facilities	174,197,745	21,707,541
14	Other contractual funding obligations	-	-
15	Other contingent funding obligations	30,942,255	1,547,113
16	TOTAL CASH OUTFLOWS	1,592,948,396	873,937,283
CASH INFLOWS			
17	Secured funding (e.g. reverse repos)	-	-
18	Inflows from fully performing exposures	734,176,229	720,075,561
19	Other cash inflows	-	-
20	TOTAL CASH INFLOWS	734,176,229	720,075,561
			TOTAL ADJUSTED VALUE
21	TOTAL HQLA		295,804,405
22	TOTAL NET CASH OUTFLOWS		218,484,321
23	LIQUIDITY COVERAGE RATIO (%)		135%
24	QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF DAILY HQLA		236,251,318

¹ The quarterly average of bimonthly observations for the period January 2020 to March 2020

² The quarterly average of daily HQLA is based on close of day figures over the period 03 Jan 2020 to 31 March 2020.

Overview

Banks in Mauritius are required to maintain the liquidity coverage ratio in accordance with the Guideline on Liquidity Risk Management. The objective of LCR is to promote short-term resilience of the liquidity risk profile of banks by ensuring that banks have an adequate stock of unencumbered High-Quality Liquid Assets (“HQLA”) to meet their 30 calendar days liquidity stress scenario. The minimum LCR, which is the ratio of high-quality liquid assets to total net cash outflows within the 30-day time horizon, of 60% was introduced on 30 November 2017. It increased to 70% on 31 January 2018 and to 80% on 31 January 2019 and reached 100% at 31 January 2020. Standard Bank Mauritius implemented the LCR requirements as from November 2017 and has maintained its liquidity position above the prudential requirement.

The LCR is calculated by dividing HQLA by the estimated net outflows assuming a stressed 30-day period, with the net outflows determined by applying prescribed factors to various categories of liabilities, such as deposits, unsecured and secured wholesale borrowings, unused lending commitments and other derivatives-related exposures. The outflows are partially offset by assumed inflows from assets maturing within 30 days. Similar to outflows, the inflows are calculated based on prescribed factors to various assets categories, such as loans, unsecured and secured wholesale lending.

To ensure a minimum level of liquid asset holdings, the prescribed amount of inflows that can offset outflows is capped at 75 per cent of total expected outflows.

Main drivers and changes in LCR

Standard Bank Mauritius maintained a healthy liquidity position with an average consolidated LCR of 135% for the first quarter of 2020, which was well above regulatory requirements of 100%. The main drivers of the LCR are

- i. movements in HQLA
- ii. movements in customer loans/deposits;
- iii. wholesale interbank lending/borrowing;
- iv. movements due to positions falling into or out of the LCR 30-day tenor and
- v. derivative cashflows

Composition of HQLA

The bank’s HQLA is primarily made up of cash, unrestricted balances with Central Bank, Sovereign and Central Bank Securities. These securities can be readily liquidated through sale or repurchase (“Repo”) transactions into cash to meet cash flow obligations under liquidity stress scenarios.

The HQLA figures reported are daily simple averages over the first quarter of 2020. The average weighted HQLA over the quarter ending March 2020 was US\$236.3m.

The composition of HQLA as at end of March 2020 was the central bank reserves in excess of the daily Cash Reserve Ratio requirement US\$19.2m (HQLA1), Government of Mauritius/Bank of Mauritius Treasury bills US\$12.5m and US Government Treasury bills US\$211.5m (HQLA 1).

Concentration of funding sources

Standard Bank Mauritius funding strategy is centred on maintaining a funding profile that is diversified by structure, tenor and currency in order to meet all obligations as they fall due. The primary funding sources for the bank are current and call accounts from financial institutions, global business companies and multi-national corporates. Customer assets are largely funded out of customer deposits, which are considered a stable source of funding and from group borrowings.

Balance Sheet structure and Net Stable Funding Ratio (“NSFR”) projections are regularly discussed in monthly Asset and Liability Committee (“ALCO”) meetings to ensure that the bank remains well-funded to support the business strategy. Internal metrics on depositor concentration are used to monitor funding risks.

Derivative exposures and potential collateral calls

The Bank deals in various type of over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives transactions both for trading and for hedging interest rate risk in the banking book. These derivatives transactions cover foreign currency and interest rate with group and third parties.

Currency Mismatch in the LCR

The Bank calculates and reports LCR for MUR, USD and on a consolidated basis. Other currencies are considered not material. The Bank hold liquidity mostly in USD, which can easily be converted to other currencies in stress situation. To minimise liquidity mismatches, including currency mismatches in the LCR, the Bank seeks to fund assets in the same currency and, at the same time, monitors the potential risk from foreign currency mismatches. If required, it can access the FX swap markets to manage any short-term currency mismatch.

Liquidity Risk Management Function:

Liquidity risk is managed through a standardised risk governance framework and in line with the Bank’s liquidity risk policy. The Asset and Liability Management (ALM) team manages the balance sheet with a view to achieve efficient allocation and utilisation of all resources. It assists management to review liquidity and funding risks to ensure their prudent management. Liquidity and funding risks are monitored on a day to day basis and reported to ALCO every month.