




GCC economic support measures summary & Q1 bank reporting deadlines – COVID 19

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Country	Bahrain	Kuwait	Oman	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	UAE
Announced by	CBB	CBK	CBO	QCB / SOQ	SAMA	CB UAE
Overall size of the package - USD	11.3 bn	Not announced	20 bn	20.5 bn	13.3 bn	27.2 bn
Customer relief (postponement of loan repayments)						
Customer eligibility	All customers (with some exceptions by product type and excluding expats in retail)	All retail and SME customers	Affected customers	Affected customers	SME	Private sector
Tenor of the extension	Six months	Six months	Six months	Six months	Six months	Six months
Capital and liquidity requirements (percentage reduction in the benchmarks)						
Capital Conservation Buffer	-	100%	50%	-	-	Up to 60%
DSIB Buffer	-	-	-	-	-	Up to 100%
Risk weights for Capital Adequacy (SMEs)	67%	67%	-	-	-	15%
LCR and NSFR Limits	20%	20%	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Liquidity Ratio	-	17%	-	-	-	-
Cash reserve ratio - retail banks	40%	-	-	-	-	-
Interest rate reductions						
Repo rates (with the Central Bank)	100% for next 6months	100 bps	75 bps	100% for next 6months	-	100% for next 6months
Deposit rates	-	100 bps	-	50 bps	-	-
Lending rates	-	-	-	100 bps	-	-
Tbill return/ BoE/ Promissory note	-	-	100bps – 125 bps	-	-	-
FCY Swaps	-	-	50bps	-	-	-

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Credit risk management						
DPD based SICR	Increased up to 74 days excl deferrals	-	-	-	-	-
Cooling off period from Stage 3 to Stage 2	12 to 3 months	-	-	-	-	-
Classification changes for impacted loans	-	-	No classification changes	-	-	-
Increase in maximum exposure for real estate sector loans	-	-	-	-	-	30% from 20%
Increase in lending / financing ratio	-	90% to 100%	87.5% to 92.5%	-	-	-
LTV ratios to mortgage loans	Relaxation of LTV ratio for new residential mortgages for Bahrainis.	Increase in LTV ratios by 1000 bps for RE financings	-	-	-	Increase in LTV ratios by 500 bps
Others key initiatives announced						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Fees of merchants for debit and credit cards including payment and settlement services — Liquidity mismatch ratios for each slab — Guidance on new loans pricing 	Merchant fees imposed by local acquirers on debit card transactions must be capped at 0.8%.	<p>Increase in cumulative liquidity mismatch by 1000bps under each slab</p> <p>Limit for contactless payments increased to KD 25 from KD 10 and fees on point of sales devices and ATM withdrawals suspended for three months</p>	Reduced Banking fees and not introducing new ones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – New loans to be granted at a maximum rate of 1.5% with no repricing for next 6 months – No fees and commissions on POS / ATM transactions – Guarantees of QR 3bn to local banks to support affected sectors 	SAMA will pay providers for a period of 3 months with amount exceeding SAR 800 MN	Waiver of fees for payment services

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**Q1 bank reporting
deadlines**



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Q1 bank reporting deadlines	<p>EXEMPTED</p> <p>CBB - Exemption for public shareholding companies and locally incorporated Bank for not preparing and publishing Q1 2020 FS and first reviewed FS for 2020 shall be for 6 months ending 30 June 2020</p>	<p>EXEMPTED</p> <p>CMA – All listed companies including the commercial banks are obliged not to publish FS for Q1 2020 and to publish 30 June 2020 FS by the applicable deadlines</p> <p>CBK – Local commercial banks are exempted from publishing Q1 2020 FS</p>	<p>EXTENDED</p> <p>CMA – Extension of time line for all listed companies to publish Q1 2020 FS till 30 June 2020</p>	<p>EXTENDED</p> <p>QCB - Extension of maximum 30 days from 30 April 2020 in time line for Q1 2020 FS of the Banks, on a case by case</p>	<p>EXTENDED</p> <p>CMA - Timeline for publishing Q1 results extended up to 22 June 2020 for the listed companies with financial year ending of 31 December</p>	<p>EXTENDED</p> <p>SCA - Extension of time line for all listed companies to publish Q1 2020 till 30 June 2020</p>

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**Source of
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Bahrain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CBB Circular OG/106/2020 dated 17 March 2020 and OG/124/2020 dated 30 March 2020 – Press release of Government of Bahrain dated 17 March 2020 https://www.bna.bh/en/GOVERNMENTOFBAHRAINANNOUNCESBHD4.3BILLIONECONOMICSTIMULUSPACKAGE.aspx?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwlzON1%2BDp6Z7IZ3o6%2BzWIZ1S8%2BYrsU%3D
Kuwait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CBK press releases dated 8 March 2020 and 16 March 2020 – CBK Circular 2/BS/IBS/454/2020 dated 2 April 2020 – CMA Circular no 30 of 2020 dated 18 March 2020
Oman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CBO circular BSD/CB/2020/001 dated 18 March 2020 – CMA press release dated 2 April 2020
Qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – QCB circular MG 2020 dated 22 March 2020 – Press release by Supreme Committee for Crisis Management of Qatar dated 15 March 2020 https://www.thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/15/03/2020/Qatar-to-stop-all-incoming-flights-shuts-public-transport-QR75bn-incentives-for-private-sector
Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SAMA press release dated 14 March 2020 – CMA press release dated 6 April 2020 on <i>An announcement From the CMA Regarding the Extending of the statutory deadline to disclose the financial statements for listed companies whose Interim Period ends on 29/7/1441, 29/2/2020 and 31/03/2020</i> – Tadawul stock exchange https://www.tadawul.com.sa/wps/portal/tadawul/knowledge-center/about/restriction-periods
UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CBUAE Targeted Economic Support Scheme Press Release dated 14 March 2020 – Securities and commodity authority circular 127/2020 dated 2 April 2020



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