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وفي هذا الشأن، نود أن ننوه إلى أن كابيتال إنتليجنس قامت بتثبيت التصنيفات الائتمانية للبنك، مع نظرة مستقبلية مستقرة. In this regard, we would like to inform that Capital Intelligence has confirmed the Bank's credit ratings with stable outlook.

Best regards,

مع أطيب التمنيات،


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Annex (8)

Disclosure of Credit Rating Form

Date	12 June 2025
Name of Listed Company	Commercial Bank of Kuwait (K.P.S.C)
Entity who issues the rating	Capital Intelligence
Rating category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long Term Foreign Currency Rating (LT FCR): A+ - Short Term Foreign Currency Rating (ST FCR): A1 - Bank Standalone Rating (BSR): bbb+ - Core Financial Strength (CFS): bbb+ - Extraordinary Support Level (ESL): High - Operating Environment Risk Anchor (OPERA): bbb
Rating implications	<p>Capital Intelligence applies special methodology when rating banks, the same can be found on the agency website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long Term Foreign Currency Rating (LT FCR): A+ High credit quality. Strong capacity for timely fulfillment of financial obligations. Possesses many favorable credit characteristics but may be slightly vulnerable to adverse changes in business, economic and financial conditions. The "+" indicates that the strength of the Bank is, respectively, slightly greater than that of similarly rated peers. - Short Term Foreign Currency Rating (ST FCR): A1 Superior credit quality. Highest capacity for timely repayment of short-term financial obligations that is extremely unlikely to be affected by unexpected adversities. - Bank Standalone Rating (BSR): bbb+ This provides a forward-looking view of the standalone credit strength of rated banks – that is, the ability of banks to meet financial obligations on an ongoing basis without requiring extraordinary external support and in the absence of extraordinary interference, including government-imposed transfer, convertibility, and deposit withdrawal restrictions. - Core Financial Strength (CFS): bbb+ Focus on the intrinsic financial, operational and business position of a bank relative to peers, with country risk and external support factors filtered out. - Extraordinary Support Level (ESL): High Indicate its expectation of the likelihood of a bank receiving sufficient and timely extraordinary external assistance from owners or the official



	<p>sector in the event of need.</p> <p>– Operating Environment Risk Anchor (OPERA): bbb This summarizes the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the operating environment in a single forward-looking indicator.</p>
<p>Rating effect on the status of the company</p>	<p>The ratings reflect the Bank’s financial credit strengths of excellent asset quality together with a substantial buffer including a high level of provisions, strong capitalization, good net profitability as well as large stock of liquid assets.</p>
<p>Out Look</p>	<p>Stable. The Stable Outlook indicates that the ratings are unlikely to be altered in the next 12 months, and reflects our expectation that CBK will maintain its current good financial profile.</p>
<p>Translation of the press release or executive summary</p>	<p>Capital Intelligence Ratings (CI Ratings or CI) today announced that it has affirmed the Long-Term Foreign Currency Rating (LT FCR) and Short-Term Foreign Currency Rating (ST FCR) of Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) at ‘A+’ and ‘A1’, respectively. At the same time, CI Ratings has affirmed CBK’s Bank Standalone Rating (BSR) of ‘bbb+’, Core Financial Strength (CFS) rating of ‘bbb+’ and Extraordinary Support Level (ESL) of High. The Outlook on the LT FCR and BSR remains Stable.</p> <p>In a separate rating action also published today, CI has affirmed the issue ratings assigned to the Bank’s Basel III-compliant Tier 2 subordinated bond (Tranche 1 and 2) at ‘BBB’ with a Stable Outlook.</p> <p>The Bank is very prudent in its provisioning policy (and aggressive in write-offs), with an extremely high level of general provisions in place. For the seventh year in a row, CBK had nil NPLs at end-2024, preferring to write off the small level of arising bad debt during the year. Despite nil NPLs, CBK’s general provisions represented a high 6.9% of gross loans at end-2024. Taking into account the Bank’s regulatory Tier 1 capital, together with its general provisions, NPLs could rise considerably but CBK’s coverage would still be very good.</p> <p>Q1 25 loan details show that the bank had an NPL ratio of 0.3%. In 2025, CBK revoked its long-held policy of maintaining Zero NPLs. loan-loss reserve coverage against NPLs was over 2,200% at Q1 25. Stage 2 Loans were a lower 10.5% of gross loans (2024:12.6%).</p> <p>Returns improved again in 2024 on the back of higher net interest income and provision release from the settlement of Boubyan Bank shares (CBK had conservatively booked large provisions against this case but received further proceeds in 2024). CBK’s ROAA was again the highest in the Kuwait peer group, as is its operating profit on average assets. Earnings strength is considered sound. Operating income has strengthened over the past few years, as it is at a good level relative to the Bank’s asset base. Margins remain healthy. Looking ahead, the low level of NPL accretion, together with the high level of general provisions, should allow the Bank</p>



to keep the cost of risk low – if it so chooses. Net profit was steady in Q1 25.

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