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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a bank incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain, United Gulf Bank B.S.C. (“UGB” or “the Bank”) has complied with the Basel II Capital Adequacy Framework effective 1 January 2008. This is in accordance with the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB’s) Basel II guidelines.

The Risk Management and Capital Adequacy Disclosures fulfill the Pillar 3 requirements of the Basel II Accord. The objective of implementing Pillar 3 is to improve market discipline through effective public disclosure, to complement the reporting templates under Pillar 1 and Pillar 2. The spirit of market discipline can be summed up in the phrase ‘accountability through transparency’. Accountability is based on the premise that the Bank’s management acts in the best interests of its external stakeholders – mainly the current and prospective holders of its equity and debt. Transparency is evident when a bank discloses sufficient information so as to allow the stakeholders to make informed judgments as to whether the bank is acting in their best interests.

The disclosures have been provided in accordance with the Public Disclosures (PD) section of the CBB’s Rulebook. They meet the requirements of Basel II (Pillar 3) and International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 7. The PD module sets out required disclosures to allow market participants to assess key pieces of information on the scope of application, capital structure, risk exposures, risk assessment processes, and the capital adequacy of the financial institution. The information provided in this document, is also in line with UGB’s Disclosure Policy that was approved by the Board of Directors in early 2008.

The Tier 1 and Total capital adequacy ratios of UGB as at 31 December 2009 are well over the CBB’s threshold of 12% with an additional 0.5% as a prudent measure. UGB’s BIS ratio for the year ended December 2009 was 14.5%, with total risk weighted assets being US\$ 3,254 Million. This comprises 83% for credit risk 8% for market risk and 9% for operational risk.

All figures in this report are as at 31 December 2009 (unless otherwise stated), and have been reported using International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), that are applicable at the consolidated level of UGB and its subsidiaries. Agreed upon procedures have been performed on the Public Disclosures Report by Ernst & Young (UGB’s external auditors) in accordance with module PD issued by CBB.



BACKGROUND

United Gulf Bank B.S.C. is a joint stock company incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 1980, under Commercial Registration (CR) number 10550. It is listed on the Bahrain and Kuwait Stock Exchanges. The Bank's registered office is UGB Tower, Diplomatic Area, P.O. Box 5964, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Bank operates in Bahrain under a Wholesale Banking License issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB). The principal activities of the Bank and its subsidiaries ('the Group') comprise investment and commercial banking. Investment banking includes asset and portfolio management, corporate finance, advisory, investment in quoted and private equity / funds, real estate, capital markets, international banking and treasury functions. Commercial banking includes extending loans and other credit facilities, accepting deposits and current accounts from corporate and institutional customers.

The Bank's parent and ultimate holding company is Kuwait Projects Company (Holding) K.S.C. (KIPCO), a company incorporated in the State of Kuwait and listed on the Kuwait Stock Exchange. The KIPCO Group is one of the biggest diversified holding companies in the Middle East and North Africa, with assets worth around US\$ 18.6 billion under management or control. The Group has substantial ownership interests in a portfolio of over 50 companies operating across 21 countries. The company's main business sectors are financial services and media. Through the subsidiaries and affiliates of its core companies, KIPCO also has interests in Real Estate, Industry, Healthcare and the Management & Advisory sector.

In accordance with the CBB's disclosure standards, the ownership of the Bank as at 31 December 2009 can be summarized as follows:

	No of shares	Percentage
Kuwait Projects (Holding) KSC	791,065,171	95.22%
Directors	636,000	0.08%
Management	1,043,735	0.13%
Public Shareholders	26,975,116	3.25%
Treasury shares	11,056,255	1.33%
Total	<u>830,776,277</u>	<u>100%</u>

The Group operates an equity-settled, share-based Employee Stock Option Plan (ESOP). Under the terms of the plan, share options are granted to permanent employees, which are exercisable in a future period. The Executive / Senior Management and other staff were granted 36.5 million share options under the Bank's Employee Stock Option Plan, as approved at the EGM held on 24 March 2004. The options vest at various dates and are expensed over the vesting period.



1. INTRODUCTION TO THE BASEL II FRAMEWORK

The new capital adequacy module of the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) rulebook was introduced with effect from 1 January, 2008. Its objectives are to strengthen capital levels across banks, provide a more risk sensitive approach to the assessment of risk and the calculation of regulatory capital, and strengthen risk management practices and processes within the financial industry.

The CBB's Basel II Framework can be summarized as follows:

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| Pillar 1 | Calculation of the capital adequacy ratio based on the charges for credit, market and operational risks stemming from its operations. |
| Pillar 2 | The supervisory review process including the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process ("ICAAP") to assess risks not covered under Pillar 1, identify capital relating to these risks and ensuring that the Bank has sufficient capital (generated from internal / external resources), to cover the relevant risks. |
| Pillar 3 | Market discipline through public disclosures that are designed to provide transparent information on capital structures, risk exposures, risk mitigation and the risk assessment process. |

The three pillars are designed to be mutually reinforcing and are meant to ensure a capital base that corresponds to the overall risk profile of the Bank.

1.1 Pillar 1 – Minimum Capital Requirements

Pillar 1 of the Basel II Accord published by the Bank of International Settlements, covers the minimum regulatory capital requirement that a bank is expected to maintain to cover credit, market and operational risks stemming from its operations. It sets out the basis for the consolidation of entities for capital adequacy reporting requirements, the definition and calculations of risk weighted assets and the various options given to banks to calculate these risk weighted assets.

The following table summarizes the approaches available for calculating risk weighted assets for each risk type, in accordance with the CBB's Basel II capital adequacy framework.



1 INTRODUCTION TO THE BASEL II FRAMEWORK (continued)

Methodologies available for determining regulatory capital requirements

Credit Risk	Market Risk	Operational Risk
Standardized approach	Standardized Approach	Basic Indicator Approach
Foundation Internal Ratings Based Approach (FIRB)	Internal Models Approach	Standardized Approach / Alternative Standardized Approach
Advanced Internal Ratings Based Approach (AIRB)		Advanced Measurement Approach

On a group-wide basis, UGB's capital management framework is intended to ensure that there is sufficient capital to support the underlying risks of the Bank's business activities, and to maintain a "well-capitalized" status under the CBB's regulatory requirements. The minimum consolidated capital adequacy ratio ("CAR") for banks incorporated in Bahrain is 12% compared to the Basel Committee's minimum ratio of 8%. There is also a requirement for banks to maintain a buffer of 0.5% above the minimum threshold. In the event that the capital adequacy ratio falls below 12.5%, additional prudential reporting requirements apply, and a formal action plan setting out the measures to be taken to restore the ratio above the target level, has to be submitted to the CBB. The CAR ratios need to be reported on a regular basis, until such time as the ratio exceeds the threshold.

UGB assesses its capital adequacy relative to the risks underlying its business activities and takes proactive measures to ensure that it operates above these. The approach adopted by the Bank for each type of risk is as follows:

- i) **Credit Risk** – UGB uses the standardised approach for determining the charge for credit risk. The standardised approach incorporates the use of external ratings to determine risk factors. Financial collaterals are used wherever applicable in order to mitigate the underlying risk. The risk weighted assets are determined by multiplying the credit exposure (less specific provisions) by a risk weight factor (determined in accordance with CBB regulations), that is a function of the type of counterparty, and the counterparty's external rating. A risk weight factor of 100% is used for all unrated exposures.
- ii) **Market Risk** – For regulatory reporting purposes, UGB uses the standardised approach. This incorporates a charge for general risk and specific risk on its equities, funds, and foreign exchange exposures.
- iii) **Operational Risk** – Under the CBB's Basel II framework, it is mandated that all banks incorporated in Bahrain, use the basic indicator approach for operational risk. The only exception is when specific approval is granted by the CBB to use the standardised or alternative standardised approach. UGB determines its charge for operational risk, by applying an alpha coefficient of 15% to the average gross income for the preceding three financial years.



1 INTRODUCTION TO THE BASEL II FRAMEWORK (continued)

1.2 Pillar 2 – Supervisory Review Process (SRP)

The second pillar of Basel II is aimed at encouraging financial institutions to develop self-control processes that enable them to:

- Identify any risks not previously considered in Pillar 1
- Identify capital relating to these risks
- Ensure that the business has sufficient capital (generated from internal / external resources), to cover the relevant risks.

Pillar 2 encompasses two processes – namely, the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) and a Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SRP). The ICAAP involves appropriate identification, assessment and measurement of residual risks, and ensures that the Bank has sufficient capital resources available to meet regulatory and internal capital requirements, even during periods of intensive economic or financial stress. Considerable work has been done by UGB to fulfill the requirements under Pillar 2.

1.3 Pillar 3 – Market Discipline

Pillar 3 of the Basel II Accord, imposes certain disclosure requirements which are extremely comprehensive. The objective of this is to ensure that there is greater transparency on the transactions and the risk strategy of a bank. It is assumed that the reactions of market participants (shareholders, creditors, counterparties and external rating agencies amongst others) will have a disciplining effect in terms of their assessment about the bank's risk profile and the level of capitalization. Under the current regulations, qualitative and quantitative analysis, need to be presented to comply with the prudential disclosure guidelines.



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES

The objective of this section is to set out the consolidation principles and the capital base of UGB for the purpose of disclosure with the Pillar 1 guidelines. It also describes the policies and the corporate governance processes that are applicable in the management and control of risk and capital.

2.1 Group Structure

The full legal name of the top corporate entity to which the disclosure requirements apply, is United Gulf Bank B.S.C. The Group produces consolidated financial statements. These are prepared and published on a full consolidation basis, with all principal subsidiaries being consolidated in accordance with IFRS. For capital adequacy purposes, all subsidiaries are included within the Group structure. However, the CBB's capital adequacy methodology accommodates both normal and aggregation forms of consolidation.

As mentioned in Note 2 to the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009, the principal subsidiaries for capital adequacy purposes are as follows:

<i>Name of the subsidiary</i>	<i>Country of incorporation</i>	<i>Effective ownership as at 31 December 2009</i>	<i>Effective ownership as at 31 December 2008</i>	<i>Year of incorporation</i>
<i>Held directly</i>				
Gulf Bank Algeria [formerly Algeria Gulf Bank]	Algeria	-	83%	2003
KIPCO Asset Management Company	Kuwait	86%	75%	1998
Tunis International Bank [TIB]	Tunisia	77%	77%	1982
United Gulf Bank Securities Company	Bahrain	96%	93%	1998
United Gulf Financial Services Company	Qatar	-	90%	2006
Hatoon Real Estate Company	Kuwait	98%	98%	2008
Syria Gulf Investment Company	Syria	99%	99%	2007
United Gulf Financial Services Company- North Africa	Tunisia	85%	83%	2008
<i>Held through KAMCO</i>				
Al-Nuzoul Holding Company K.S.C. (Closed)	Kuwait	60%	60%	2005
Al-Janah Holding Company K.S.C. (Closed)	Kuwait	60%	60%	2005
KAMCO Real Estate Company S.P.C.	Bahrain	100%	100%	2005
Advantage Management Consulting Company K.S.C. (Closed)	Kuwait	-	58%	2005
Al Zad Real Estate W.L.L.	Kuwait	100%	100%	2007
Al Dhiyafa United Real Estate Company	Kuwait	100%	100%	2007
First North Africa Real Estate Co. W.L.L.	Kuwait	100%	100%	2007
Al Raya Real Estate Projects Company W.L.L.	Kuwait	100%	100%	2007
Orange Real Estate Co. W.L.L.	Kuwait	100%	100%	2005
Al Rawabi International Real Estate Co.	Kuwait	100%	-	2009
First Homes Real Estate Co. W.L.L.	Kuwait	100%	-	2009



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.1 Group Structure (continued)

The investments in significant minority investments in banking, securities and other financial entities that are deducted from the Group's regulatory capital are as follows:

- Gulf Bank Algeria;
- Millennium Private Equity Limited;
- Manafae Investment Company;
- Royal Capital; and
- Syria Gulf Bank.

2.2 Risk Management Structure and Processes

UGB's risk management framework and governance structure are intended to provide comprehensive controls and ongoing management of the major risks inherent in the Bank's business activities. Its philosophy is based on the principles that reiterate:

- A sound knowledge base, experience and judgment of Senior Management and Risk Management staff, are the cornerstone of a successful risk mitigation program;
- Vigilance, discipline and attention to detail are mandatory; and
- Policies and procedures must be clear, well communicated, understood and implemented in letter and spirit.

The Board of Directors of UGB is the ultimate authority for setting overall risk parameters, limits, capital adequacy ratios and tolerances, within which the Bank operates. The Board reviews the Bank's overall risk profile, significant risk exposures as well as the policies, procedures and controls that have been incorporated. The Board has delegated day to day decision making to the Executive Committee (EC) that comprises four directors. EC meets in between Board meetings to approve all proposals that exceed the threshold of the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee comprising the Managing Director and four senior members of Management, is responsible for approving or recommending approval to the Executive Committee, limits for individual exposures, investments and concentrations towards banks, countries, industries, risk rating classes or other special risk asset categories.

Apart from the above, the Bank has a Risk and Compliance Committee that is responsible for the monitoring and assessment of risks facing the Bank, the review of compliance with internal and external guidelines, the review of risk frameworks and methodologies, and the assessment of the impact on the Bank from new regulatory requirements.



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.2 Risk Management Structure and Processes (continued)

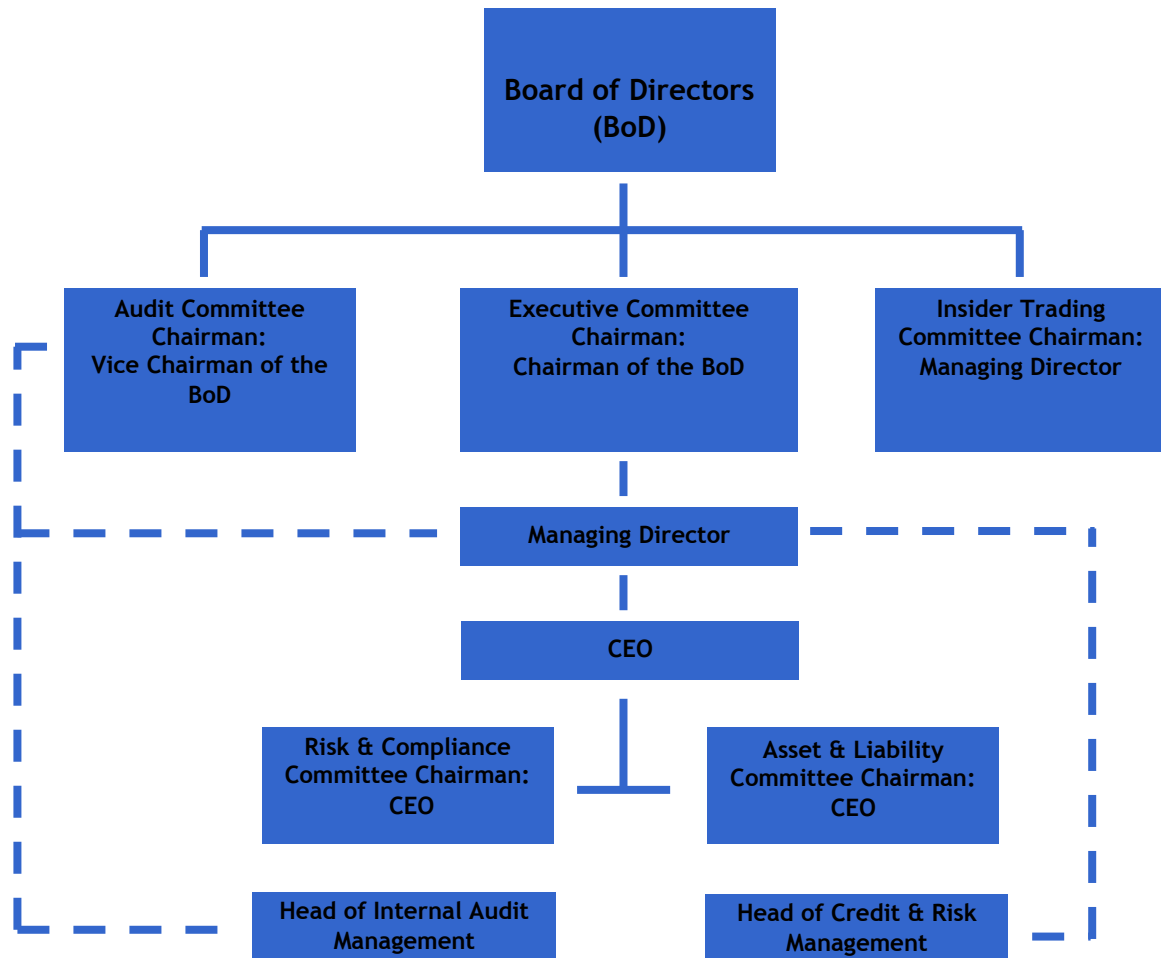
The Assets and Liabilities Committee (ALCO), provides a forum for the review of assets and liabilities on UGB's statement of financial position. It monitors the tenor and cost / yield profiles of the various components, and evaluates the Bank's statement of financial position both from interest rate sensitivity and liquidity points of view. Corrective adjustments based on perceived trends and market conditions, liquidity and foreign exchange exposures and positions are recommended.

The Internal Audit and Quality Assurance Department, provides the Board Audit Committee and Senior Management with an ongoing process of independent and objective assessment and assurance on effectiveness and quality of controls.

Additionally, in accordance with the CBB rules and to promote transparency with regard to the conduct of employees, the Board of Directors have constituted an Insider Trading Committee, to manage insiders' holdings and trading. The Committee consists of three members - namely the Managing Director, another member of the Board of Directors, and the Acting CEO. The main objective of the Committee is to ensure that all transactions were within the mandates provided by the CBB's rules on insider trading, and that all trading done by employees on their own account is properly disclosed.

2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

The governance structure for risk management can be depicted as follows:



2.3 Types of Risk

The major types of risk that UGB is primarily exposed to, include credit, market, operational, liquidity, funding and interest rate risks, concentration and legal/reputational risks. The first three comprise part of the Pillar 1 assessment, while the latter four are considered under Pillar 2.



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.4 Risks under Pillar 1

i) **Credit Risk** is defined as the risk that UGB's clients or counterparties will be unable or unwilling to pay interest, repay the principal or other due to fulfill their contractual obligations under loan agreements or other credit facilities. UGB adopts the standardised approach for calculating credit risk weighted assets. These are determined by multiplying the exposure by a risk weight factor that is a function of the counterparty's external rating issued by accredited external credit rating agencies approved by the CBB. The overall credit exposures as at 31 December 2009 can be summarized as follows:

	<i>Gross Exposures US\$ 000</i>	<i>Risk Weighted Exposures US\$ 000</i>
Demand and call deposits with banks	20,328	4,065
Time deposits with banks	176,203	35,575
Non-trading investments	346,228	508,769
Loans and advances	52,595	35,504
Other assets	42,527	42,527
Letters of credit	19,655	19,655
Letters of guarantee	1,815	1,815
	659,351	647,910

The year end position of gross credit exposure is representative of the average gross credit exposure of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2009.

Assigning risk ratings to an individual risk exposure is a subjective process. The factors that are considered while determining the rating are:

- Risk category / Issuer rating
- Investment size (per name or risk category)
- Industry sector
- Asset class (liquid-illiquid)
- Country / region
- Maturity / expected maturity
- Yield / Interest rate (fixed / floating, coupon / non-coupon bearing)

Although some of these criteria are more important than others, each is an integral part of the decision-making process for asset allocation.

A brief analysis of each category relative to UGB's Risk Asset Portfolio is as follows:



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

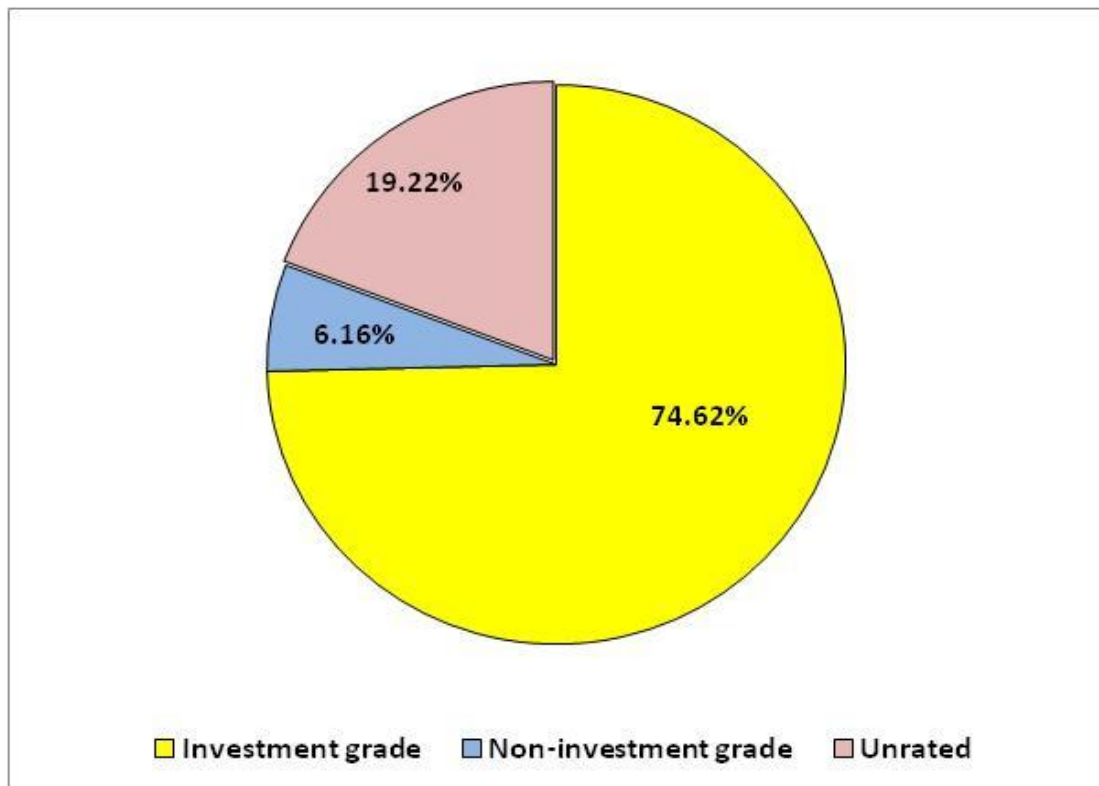
2.4 Risks under Pillar 1 (continued)

Risk Category/Issuer Rating

Whenever available, UGB uses ratings assigned by CBB accredited rating agencies – namely Moody's / Standard & Poor's / Fitch / Capital Intelligence. For unrated exposures, an internal rating is assigned based on subjective evaluation by the originating department, in consultation with Credit and Risk Management. However, internally assigned ratings are indicative and are not considered for capital adequacy purposes.

The rating system classifies ratings BBB- or greater as "Investment Grade", i.e. higher quality credits with AAA being of undoubted credit worthiness. Ratings ranging from BB+ to B / CCC/ D are designated as "Below Investment Grade", with D representing a defaulted investment. The individual rating influences the approval matrix, portfolio mix and diversification, the capital allocation to the business groups (ensuring the proper risk-return balance) and the investment review cycle.

Breakdown of the Credit Risk Asset Portfolio by rating as at 31 December 2009.





2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.4 Risks under Pillar 1 (continued)

Investment Size

The absolute exposure per issuer is determined by the CBB's guidelines on maximum exposure limits, that stipulate that aggregate outstandings to an individual counterparty or a group of closely related counterparties, should not exceed 15% of the bank's consolidated capital base. In accordance with CBB rules, the Bank has a Large exposure policy (approved by the Board of Directors), which stipulates guidelines for monitoring all existing large exposures. Further details on large exposures are disclosed in Section 8.3.

Industry Sector

UGB's risk policies and procedures define twelve industry groups that have been established for classifying its portfolio. These twelve categories represent a distillation of the Moody's standard industry classification guide. The emphasis on industry diversification is to ensure that UGB avoids undue concentration in any one or more industry groups that could be vulnerable to an economic downturn or a structural shift – "cyclical" industry sectors. The Bank's strategy also aims at achieving a wide balance across the industry category spectrum, based on the premise that more industries are better than a few. The Bank also avoids certain sectors that are historically known for a greater extent of volatility (e.g. airlines, shipbuilding, early stage high technology and venture capital—unless on a diversified fund basis). This is primarily because these industries are exposed to structural difficulties, an absence of industry comparisons, or cannot be adequately analyzed in terms of resident analytical expertise. Investments in sensitive industries like gambling and armaments are not permissible under the Bank's risk policy.

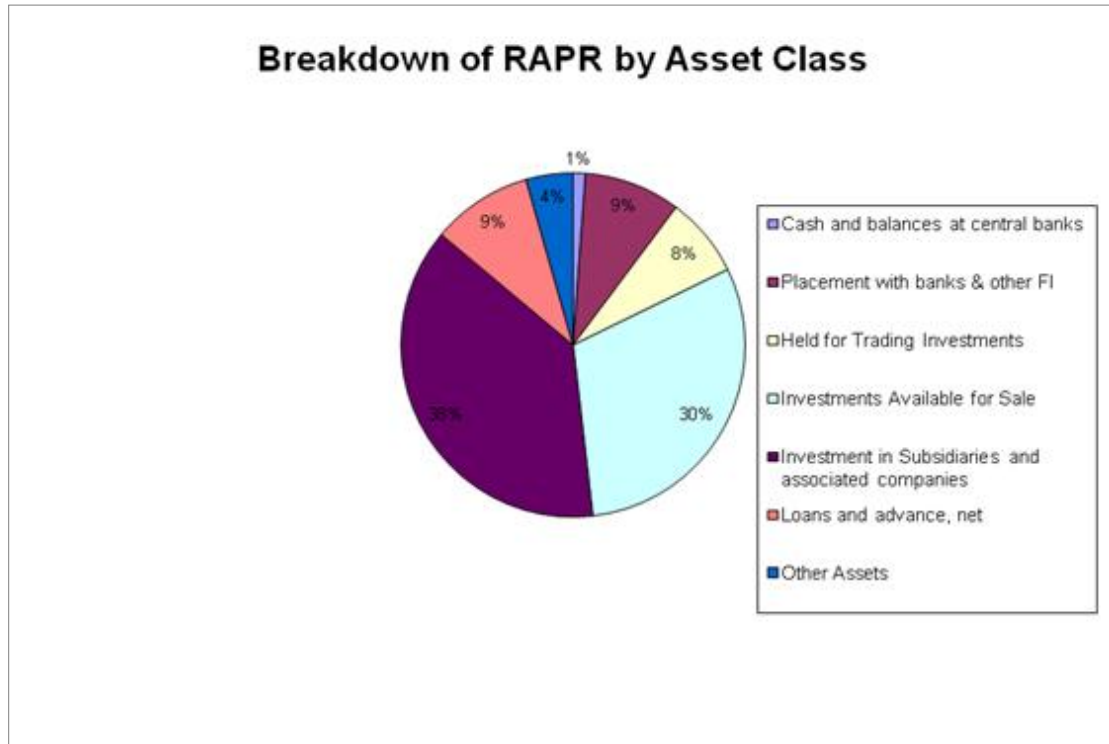
Asset Class

The asset class of the investment is usually determined by its ability to be sold or traded i.e. the extent of liquidity. If pricing is identical for the same risk but offered in a variety of asset classes, UGB's risk policy recommends its investment in a tradable security as opposed to a loan, for which an imperfect secondary market usually exists. In further defining this criterion, risk assets are categorized in terms of "liquid / marketable" and "illiquid". Liquid / marketable assets normally comprise publicly quoted debt securities and quoted equities that have the ability to be sold promptly at minimal or no price discount within 48 hours. A further sub-category of liquid / marketable is defined as "highly liquid". These assets comprise US Treasury bills and certain AAA Corporate bonds that can be sold "on the wire" i.e. instantly with little / no price discount risk. All other risk assets such as commercial customer loans, private subordinated debt, unquoted equities, private equity funds & direct investments and real estate are defined as illiquid. These assets are not readily traded or marketable other than over a long period of time and at a potential discount.

2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.4 Risks under Pillar 1 (continued)

Breakdown of the Risk Asset Portfolio Report (RAPR)_by assets as at 31 December 2009.



Where appropriate, UGB seeks to minimize its credit risk using a variety of techniques including, but not limited to:

- Operating under a sound credit and investment approval process;
- Maintaining appropriate credit administration, measurement and monitoring;
- Ensuring adequate controls over the credit risk process;
- Seeking third party guarantees of the counterparty’s obligations;
- Procuring collateral against the investment or facility; and
- Entering into netting agreements.

UGB actively manages and monitors credit risk in accordance with well defined credit policies and procedures that have been approved by the Board of Directors. Limits are set on the amount of risk that the Bank is willing to accept against individual counterparties, related parties and geographical and industry concentrations.



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.4 Risks under Pillar 1 (continued)

Continuous monitoring of the Bank's assets through various reports and reviews is key to timely and accurate identification of any impairment. A monthly risk asset review report is produced by the Credit and Risk Management Department in which all assets are assessed based on rating, industry, and geographic exposure in addition to a number of other parameters. The purpose of this report is also to ensure compliance with both external regulatory requirements and internal risk policy guidelines. Additionally, a semiannual review of all assets is prepared detailing performance and outlining recent developments and future outlook.

Detailed information on the Bank's credit risk exposures including geographical distribution, industry / sector allocation, details of collateral and other credit enhancements and bifurcation based on internal ratings has been provided in Note 4 of this Disclosure.

ii) Market Risk

Market risk is defined as the loss of the value of a financial instrument or a portfolio of financial instruments due to an adverse change in market prices or rates. Market Risk within UGB arises from the trading of equities and investment activities.

The categories of market risk to which UGB is exposed to are as follows:

- Equity risk that arises from exposures to changes in the price and volatility of individual equities or funds. UGB's equity risk principally arises from its trading activities which are largely focused on the Kuwait and the U.S. equity markets.
- Foreign exchange risks those results from exposure to change in the price and volatility of currency spot and forward rates.

UGB's policy guidelines for market risk have been vetted by the Board of Directors in compliance with the rules and guidelines provided by the CBB. The Bank seeks to manage the market risks it faces, through diversification of exposures across dissimilar markets, industries and products. In order to effectively manage market risk exposures in addition to the exercise of business judgment and management experience, the Bank utilizes limit structures including those relating to asset classes, capital markets and industry sectors.

iii) Operational Risk

Operational Risk is defined as the risk of loss arising from inadequate or failed internal processes, people, systems or external events. It is an inherent risk faced by all banks and covers various incidents including business interruption and systems failures, internal and external fraud, transaction execution and process management, employment practices and workplace safety, customer and business practices and damage to physical assets.



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.4 Risks under Pillar 1 (continued)

In a bid to mitigate operational risk, UGB has introduced internal controls and processes based on the principle of checks and balances and segregation of duties. The intention is to minimize the risk by ensuring that there is a culture of strong control throughout the organization. The management of operational risk in the Bank is the responsibility of every employee.

2.5 Risks under Pillar 2

In accordance with the ICAAP process, UGB assesses risks that are not part of the calculation of the regulatory capital adequacy ratio. Chief among these are:

i) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk stems from the inability to procure sufficient cash flow to meet UGB's financial obligations as and when they fall due. The risk arises due to the timing differences between the maturity profile of the Bank's assets and liabilities. In the wake of the global crises, liquidity risk has been of concern to regulators and financial institutions. This is evident when entities are forced to sell assets much below their intrinsic value / market price, their inability to raise deposits and their requirement to borrow funds at excessively high rates.

In order to ensure that the Bank can meet its financial obligations as they fall due, there is a close monitoring of UGB's assets and liabilities position. Besides other functions, an Asset and Liability Committee evaluates the balance sheet from a structural, liquidity and sensitivity point of view. The whole process is aimed at ensuring availability of sufficient liquidity to fund the Bank's ongoing business activities, effectively managing maturity mismatches between assets and liabilities, managing market sensitivities, and ensuring that the Bank has the capacity to fund its obligations as they fall due. Daily and weekly reports are generated to monitor key liquidity ratios, and to ensure the maintenance of a diversified funding base in terms of individual loans, and maturities.

UGB has established a funding strategy that provides effective diversification in the sources and the tenor of funding. It maintains an ongoing presence in its chosen funding markets. Strong relationships are also maintained with funds providers to promote the effective diversification of funding resources. During 2009, the Bank has repaid US\$ 54 million of a medium term facility that matured. As at year end 2009, the liquidity ratio of the Bank was 31.5 percent. This is strictly monitored to ensure that a cushion over the regulatory level of 25 percent is maintained at all times.



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.5 Risks under Pillar 2 (continued)

ii) Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book.

Interest rate risk on the banking book arises as a result of mismatches in the repricing or maturity of interest rate sensitive financial assets and liabilities. This is also known as repricing risk. Additionally, UGB is exposed to basis value risk which results from a change in the relationship between the yields / yield curves of long and short positions with the same maturity in different financial instruments. This in effect means that the long and short positions no longer fully hedge each other.

UGB identifies the sources of interest rate risk and the interest rate risk sensitive products and activities. It proactively measures and monitors the interest rate risk in the banking book. The Bank also periodically carries out stress testing to assess the effect of extreme movements in interest rates that could expose the Bank to high risks. A conscious effort is also made to match the amount of floating rate assets with floating rate liabilities in the banking book. UGB also enters into certain transactions in order to hedge exposures arising from day-to-day banking and investment activities. These hedge transactions may be instruments such as interest rate swaps (IRS) and floating rate notes (FRN), to convert a floating rate asset / liability into a fixed rate one or vice-versa. The Bank continuously monitors the effectiveness of the hedges.

iii) Concentration Risk

Concentration of exposures in credit portfolios is an important aspect of credit risk that is monitored separately by UGB. This risk can be considered from either a micro (idiosyncratic) perspective or a macro (systemic) perspective. The first type - name concentration, relates to imperfect diversification of risk in the portfolio either because of its small size or because of large exposures to specific individual obligors. The second type - sector concentration, relates to imperfect diversification across systemic components of risk, namely industry sectoral factors.

Concentration risk is captured in UGB's framework through the use of internal and external regulations that cap the maximum exposure to any single obligor. There are established limits in place that set thresholds for aggregate industry, asset classes and geography. The actual levels of exposure are monitored against approved limits and regularly reviewed by Senior Management and the Board of Directors.



2 GROUP STRUCTURE AND OVERALL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESSES (continued)

2.5 Risks under Pillar 2 (continued)

iv) Legal Risk

Legal risk is defined as the loss that may arise as a result of the inability to enforce contracts and agreements that the Bank has entered into with its counterparties. In order to mitigate this risk, UGB uses industry standard master agreements whenever available. Expert legal advice is sought on all legal structures and arrangements to which the Bank is a party. Proper execution and completion of all legal contracts is ensured prior to committing funds to the transactions. All legal documents are reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure their ongoing enforceability. These are also maintained under dual custody.

2.6 Monitoring and Reporting

The monitoring and reporting of risk is conducted on a daily basis for market and liquidity risks, on a monthly basis for credit risk and on a quarterly basis for operational risk. The regular forums, in which risk related issues are highlighted and discussed, are the weekly Management meetings, the quarterly Risk and Compliance Committee Meetings and the semi-annual investment reviews.

3. CAPITAL ADEQUACY

UGB's overall capital requirements under Pillar 1, is calculated by aggregating:

- the credit risk charge using the standardised approach;
- the market risk charge using the standardised approach; and
- the operational risk charge using the basic indicator approach.

The following table shows the Bank's overall minimum capital requirement and capital adequacy position under Pillar 1 as at 31 December 2009.

Total Minimum Capital Requirements	US\$ 000
Credit Risk (standardised)	326,027
Market Risk (standardised)	31,226
Operational Risk (basic indicator)	33,237
Total required capital	<hr/> 390,490 <hr/>
Total available capital	<hr/> 470,673 <hr/>
Excess capital over minimum regulatory capital requirements	<hr/> 80,183 <hr/>



3. CAPITAL ADEQUACY (continued)

3.1 Capital Structure and capital adequacy

The Bank maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Bank's capital is monitored using, the rules and ratios established by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision ("BIS rules / ratios") and adopted by the CBB.

The primary objectives of the Group's capital management are to ensure that the Group complies with capital requirements of the CBB and that the Group maintains strong credit ratings and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximize shareholders' value. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Bank may adjust the amount of dividend payment to shareholders, or issue capital securities.

The total eligible capital (Tier 1 and 2) calculated in accordance with CBB guidelines are as follows:

	Tier 1 Capital US\$ 000	Tier 2 Capital US\$ 000	Total US\$ 000
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares and perpetual non-cumulative preference shares	194,969	-	194,969
Disclosed reserves	-	-	-
General reserves	71,990	-	71,990
Legal / statutory reserves	91,505	-	91,505
Share premium	9,612	-	9,612
Retained profit brought forward	99,482	-	99,482
Others	50,783	-	50,783
Current interim profits	-	20,094	20,094
Unrealized gains arising from fair valuing equities	-	8,812	8,812
Subordinated term debt	-	100,000	100,000
Excess of total eligible provisions over total expected loss	-	5,500	5,500
Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	64,857	-	64,857
Less:			
Goodwill	55,168	-	55,168
Unrealized gross losses arising from fair valuing equity securities	37,067	-	37,067
Reciprocal cross-holdings of bank capital	1,632	-	1,632
	489,331	134,406	623,737
Deduction			
Significant minority investments in banking, securities and other financial entities unless pro-rata consolidated	72,977	72,977	145,954
Excess amount over maximum permitted large exposure limit	3,555	3,555	7,110
Net Available Capital	412,799	57,874	470,673

In accordance with the CBB's Basel II capital adequacy framework, certain assets are required to be deducted from regulatory capital. As at 31 December 2009, US\$ 153.1 Million was deducted from regulatory capital in relation to minority interests in banking, securities and other financial entities and excess amount over maximum permitted large exposure limit.



3. CAPITAL ADEQUACY (continued)

3.1 Capital Structure and capital adequacy

There are no impediments on the transfer of funds or regulatory capital between UGB and its subsidiaries, other than restrictions over transfers to ensure minimum regulatory capital requirements that are necessitated for subsidiary companies.

3.2 Capital adequacy ratio of consolidated group and significant subsidiaries

UGB's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to preserve investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain the future development of the business. The capital structure may be adjusted through the dividend payout, the issue of new equity, subordinated term finance, and Tier 1 capital securities.

The capital adequacy ratios of UGB and its principal subsidiaries as at 31 December 2009 were as follows:

	Consolidated US\$'000	KAMCO US\$'000	TIB US\$'000
Total eligible capital base	470,673	307,878	87,909
Credit risk weighted exposures	2,716,888	732,173	223,117
Market risk weighted exposures	260,218	36,806	1,298
Operational risk weighted exposures	276,978	111,107	39,190
Total risk weighted exposures	3,254,084	880,086	263,605
Total capital adequacy ratio	14.5%	35.0%	33.3%
Tier 1 ratio	12.7%	32.6%	28.6%

The CBB's current minimum total capital adequacy ratio for banks incorporated in Bahrain is set at a consolidated level of 12% with a buffer of 0.5%.

3.3 Capital requirements for credit risk

For regulatory reporting purposes, UGB calculates the capital requirements for credit risk based on the standardised approach. Under the standardised approach, on and off statement of financial position credit exposures are assigned to exposure categories, based on the type of counterparty or underlying exposure. The exposure categories are referred to in the CBB's Basel II capital adequacy framework as 'standard portfolios'. The primary standard portfolios are claims on sovereigns, claims on banks and claims on corporate. Under the standardised approach, the risk weightings are provided by the CBB and are determined based on the counterparty's external credit rating. The external credit ratings are derived from eligible external rating agencies approved by the CBB. UGB uses ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch and Capital Intelligence.



3. CAPITAL ADEQUACY (continued)

3.3 Capital requirements for credit risk (continued)

An overview of the exposures, Risk Weighted Assets (RWAs) and capital requirements for credit risk analyzed by the standardised approach is presented in the table below:

Capital Requirements for Credit Risk

	Total exposure US\$'000	Risk Weighted Assets US\$'000	Capital requirement US\$'000
Cash items	1,412	-	-
Total Claims on Sovereigns	33,688	-	-
Total Claims on PSEs	-	-	-
Total Claims on Banks	546,176	144,325	17,319
Claims on Corporates including Insurance Companies & Category 3 Investment Firms	157,649	157,649	18,918
Claims on investment firm	18,166	9,083	1,090
Past Due Exposure	19,848	19,848	2,382
Equity Investments			
Listed	251,849	251,849	30,222
Unlisted	959,516	1,439,273	172,713
Holding of Real Estate	327,647	640,588	76,871
Other Assets and Holding of Securitization Tranches	54,273	54,273	6,512
Total	2,370,224	2,716,888	326,027

3.4 Capital requirements for market risk

The Bank uses the standardised approach to calculate the regulatory capital requirements relating to general and specific market risk. The resultant measure of market risk is multiplied by 12.5, to determine the market risk-weighted exposure on a basis that is consistent with credit risk-weighted exposure.

The RWAs and capital requirements for market risk are presented in the table below:

Capital Requirements for Market Risk

	Risk Weighted Assets US\$ 000	Capital requirement US\$ 000
Equity position risk	49,800	5,976
Foreign exchange risk	210,418	25,250
Total	260,218	31,226



3. CAPITAL ADEQUACY (continued)

3.4 Capital requirements for Market Risk (continued)

The minimum and maximum values of capital requirements for equity position risk and foreign exchange risk over the last one year are as follows:

	Equity Position Risk US\$ 000	Foreign Exchange Risk US\$ 000
Minimum values	20,838	12,475
Maximum values	49,800	388,075

3.5 Capital requirements for operational risk

For regulatory reporting purposes, the capital requirement for operational risk is calculated according to the basic indicator approach. Under this approach, the Group'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 per cent in the CBB's Basel II capital adequacy framework. The capital requirement for operational risk as at 31 December 2009 amounted to US\$ 33.2 million.



4. CREDIT RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES

This section provides detailed disclosures on credit risk in accordance with the CBB's Basel II framework in relation to Pillar 3 requirements:

4.1 Categories of exposure classes

UGB's credit exposures are categorized as per the Basel II capital adequacy framework for the standardised approach for credit risk. The appropriate risk weights are used to derive the risk weighted assets.

Total Claims on PSEs

Public Sector Entities were risk weighted at 100% as none of these were rated.

Total Claims on Banks

The exposure under claims on banks is risk weighted based on their external credit ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch and Capital Intelligence.

Total Claims on Corporates

Claims on corporates are risk weighted according to their external credit ratings. A 100% risk weightage is assigned to all exposure pertaining to unrated corporates.

Total Claims on Investment Firms

The exposure under claims on investment firms, are risk weighted based on their external credit ratings.

Past Due Exposures

The Bank defines non-performing facilities as the facilities that are overdue for a period of 90 days or more. These exposures are placed on a non-accrual status with income being recognised to the extent that it is actually received. It is the Bank's policy that when an exposure is overdue for a period of 90 days or more, the whole financing facility extended is considered as past due, not only the overdue installments/payments.

All past due loan exposures, are assigned a risk weighting of either 100% or 150%, depending on the level of provisions maintained against them. The weightage is on the outstanding loan amount, net of provisions and interest in suspense.

Equity Investments

In accordance with CBB Basel II guidelines, all equity exposures are categorized into listed and unlisted categories, with corresponding risk weights of 100% or 150% for the purposes of determining the capital charge.



4. CREDIT RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES (continued)

4.1 Categories of exposure classes

Holding of Real Estate

All real estate related exposures are risk weighted at 200% for the purposes of calculating the capital charge. These include direct or indirect exposures to real estate / real estate related development and management companies.

Other Assets

Other assets are risk weighted at 100% as per Basel II and the CBB norms.

4.2 Categories of exposure by industry

The breakdown of the overall credit exposure by industry was as follows:

Gross credit exposure by industry	<i>Banks and</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>Trading</i>	<i>other</i>	<i>Construction</i>	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>Others</i>	
	<i>and</i>	<i>financial</i>	<i>and real</i>			
<i>manufacturing</i>	<i>institutions</i>	<i>estate</i>				
	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>
Demand and call deposits						
with banks	-	20,328	-	-	-	20,328
Time deposits with banks	-	176,203	-	-	-	176,203
Non-trading investments	-	346,228	-	-	-	346,228
Loans and advances	-	969	19,754	30,294	1,578	52,595
Other assets	2,000	1,538	21	41	38,927	42,527
Letters of credit	-	-	-	-	19,655	19,655
Letters of guarantee	-	1,815	-	-	-	1,815
Total	2,000	547,081	19,775	30,335	60,160	659,351



4. CREDIT RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES (continued)

4.3 Categories of exposure by geography and region

Given the Bank's track record, geographical exposures of UGB are limited to a strong focus on assets issued / incorporated in the GCC (in particular Kuwait) , Middle East and North Africa and a small exposure to European Union Countries.

Gross credit exposure by geographical

	<i>Gulf Co-operation Council countries (G.C.C.)</i>	<i>Middle East and North Africa (excluding G.C.C.)</i>	<i>European Union countries</i>	<i>North America</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>
Demand and call deposits with banks	15,857	1,233	1,856	1201	181	20,328
Time deposits with banks	108,562	7,323	47,000	13318	-	176,203
Non-trading investments	346,228	-	-	-	-	346,228
Loans and advances	21,294	2,663	26,638	2000	-	52,595
Other assets	39,772	1,024	1,522	197	12	42,527
Letters of credit	19,655	-	-	-	-	19,655
Letters of guarantee	1,815	-	-	-	-	1,815
Total	553,183	12,243	77,016	16,716	193	659,351

4.4 Categories of exposure by maturity

The Bank strives to construct a portfolio that is well-balanced in terms of anticipated cash flows originating from redemptions, maturities and exits. A disproportionate number of redemptions in any given fiscal year are discouraged in a view to avoid reinvestment risk (i.e. cash flows being reinvested in a different interest rate environment) and price volatility risk. The latter increases with a longer-term portfolio, as the longer the term of a security the more volatile the price. The bank also tracks expected maturities vs. actual maturities, as part of its normal risk management strategies.

Gross credit exposure by maturity

	<i>Up to 3 months</i>	<i>3 months to 1 year</i>	<i>1 to 5 years</i>	<i>5 to 10 years</i>	<i>10 to 20 years</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>	<i>US\$ 000</i>
Demand and call deposits with banks	20,275	-	-	-	53	20,328
Time deposits with banks	162,884	13,319	-	-	-	176,203
Non-trading investments	-	-	10,572	335,656	-	346,228
Loans and advances	18,763	30,550	3,282	-	-	52,595
Other assets	310	42,217	-	-	-	42,527
Letter of credit	-	19,655	-	-	-	19,655
Letter of guarantee	-	-	1,815	-	-	1,815
Total financial assets	202,232	105,741	15,669	335,656	53	659,351



4. CREDIT RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES (continued)

4.5 Categories of exposure by related parties

The related party exposures including off balance sheet items are analyzed as follows:

	<i>Major shareholders US\$ 000</i>	<i>Associates and joint ventures US\$ 000</i>	<i>Other related parties US\$ 000</i>	<i>Total 2009 US\$ 000</i>
Demand and call deposits with banks	-	6	1,792	1,798
Time deposits with banks	-	-	62,845	62,845
Investments carried at fair value through statement of income	999	-	42,426	43,425
Investments, carried at fair value through statement of income , in funds managed by related party	-	-	13,001	13,001
Non-trading investments	9,728	-	377,163	386,891
Loans and advances	-	17,091	7,577	24,668
Other assets	812	1,194	25,396	27,402
Due to banks and other financial institutions	-	(4,027)	(333,252)	(337,279)
Deposits from customers	(172,796)	(29,803)	(7,871)	(210,470)
loans payable	-	-	(121,705)	(121,705)
Other liabilities	(1,602)	(566)	(3,254)	(5,422)
<i>Off balance sheet items</i>				
Letters of credit	-	-	19,655	19,655
Guarantees	-	-	807	807
Funds managed or advised by the Group (including funds under management)	-	-	81,371	81,371

4.6 Specific and general provisions

The movement in provisions for losses of loans, non-trading investments (available for sale investments), and other assets and off balance sheet items and collective impairment provision is as follows:

	<i>Loans US\$ 000</i>	<i>Investments US\$ 000</i>	<i>Other Assets and Off- Balance Sheet Items US\$ 000</i>	<i>Collective impairment provision US\$ 000</i>
At beginning of the year	7,207	44,555	9,686	6,983
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Write backs / cancellation due to improvement	(1,472)	-	(1,468)	(44)
Additional provisions made	7,500	4,600	315	-
Exchange adjustment and other movements	(1,647)	(16,353)	(371)	-
Balance at reporting date	11,588	32,802	8,162	6,939



4. CREDIT RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES (continued)

4.7 Restructured loans

Where possible, the Group seeks to restructure loans rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions. Once the terms have been renegotiated, the loan is no longer considered past due. The carrying amounts of the loans, whose terms have been renegotiated as at 31 December 2009, were not material.

4.8 Exposure over the individual obligor limits

Under the CBB's rules governing maximum single exposure, banks incorporated in Bahrain are required to obtain the regulator's approval for any planned exposure to a single counterparty or group of connected counterparties that exceed 15% of the regulatory capital base.

4.9 Disclosure requirement for equity position in banking book

UGB's business model is focused on offering investment banking and commercial banking services through a network of financial services entities spread across the MENA region. These entities are treated as strategic assets of the Bank held with long term perspective, and contribute significantly towards the Bank's bottom line.

These strategic assets if treated as an associate are initially recognized at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post acquisition change in the Group's share of net assets of the investee, using the equity method. The Group recognises in the consolidated statement of income, its share of the total recognised profit or loss of the associate from the date that influence or ownership effectively commences, until the date that it effectively ceases. Distributions received from an associate reduce the carrying amount of the investment. Adjustments to the carrying amount may also be necessary for changes in the Group's share in the associate arising from changes in its equity that have not been recognised in the associate's profit or loss. The Group's share of those changes is recognised directly in equity. Unrealised gains on transactions with an associate are eliminated to the extent of the Group's share in the associate.

An assessment of an associate is performed when there is an indication that the asset has been impaired, or that impairment losses recognised in prior years no longer exist. Whenever the impairment requirements of IAS 36 indicate that investment in an associate may be impaired, the entire carrying amount of investment is tested by comparing its recoverable amount with its carrying value. The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Goodwill is included in the carrying amount of an investment in associate and is therefore not separately tested for impairment.

The reporting dates of the associate and the Group are identical and the associate's accounting policies conform to those used by the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances.



4. CREDIT RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES (continued)

4.9 Disclosure requirement for equity position in banking book (continued)

Additionally, the Bank also has a portfolio of opportunistic direct investments held in the banking book. These investments are held for medium to short term and mostly include private equity and hedge funds. For accounting purposes these are classified as Investments available for sale and investments held to maturity.

The Group classifies investments as held to maturity if the requirements of IAS 39 are met and in particular the Group has the intention and ability to hold these investments to maturity. After initial recognition, investments held to maturity are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment losses, if any.

Investments available for sale are those non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available for sale or are not classified as investment at fair value through the consolidated statement of income; investments held to maturity; or loans and advances. After initial recognition, investments available for sale are measured at fair value with gains and losses being recognised as a separate component of equity, until the investment is derecognised or until the investment is determined to be impaired at which time the cumulative gain or losses previously reported in equity is recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Investments whose fair value cannot be reliably measured are carried at cost less impairment losses, if any.

The breakdown of the Bank's equity, mutual funds and debt position in the banking book are as follows:

Equity position in banking book

	Banking book US\$ 000
Debt securities	360,171
Listed	-
Unlisted	360,171
Equity securities and mutual funds	409,490
Listed	113,021
unlisted	296,469
Managed funds	130,453
Total investments	900,114
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	
Cost	25,632
Market Value	26,793
INTEREST IN UNCONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES	-
INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES	702,620



4. CREDIT RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES (continued)

4.9 Disclosure requirement for equity position in banking book (continued)

Movements in fair value of non trading investments are as follows:

	US\$ 000
At beginning of the year	15,243
Exchange adjustment and other movements	27,483
Net unrealized gains / (losses)	<u>42,726</u>
Transfer to income statement:	
Impairment	(19,747)
Realized	(40,997)
Balance at reporting date	<u>(18,018)</u>

The realised / unrealised gain / losses on trading investments are as follows:

	US\$ 000
Net loss on trading investments	(2,329)

4.10 Collateral

The amount and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. Guidelines are implemented regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and valuation parameters.

The main types of collateral obtained are as follows:

- For commercial lending, cash margins, charges over real estate properties, inventory, trade receivables, bank guarantees; and
- For retail lending, mortgages over residential properties, claim over employees' end of service benefits etc.

The Group also obtains guarantees from companies for loans to their subsidiaries. The Bank monitors the market value of collateral and requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, during its review of the adequacy of the allowance of impairment losses.

There were no loans to highly leverage and other high risk counterparties.



5. MARKET RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES

Market risk is defined as the loss of the value of a financial instrument or a portfolio of financial instruments due to an adverse change in market prices or rates. This has the impact of a potential reduction in net income, or decrease in the value of UGB's balance sheet. The Bank's trading activities principally comprise trading equity securities, and foreign exchange. There are limits in place to monitor positions, volumes, concentrations, maturities and allowable losses.

As mentioned in Section 3.4, the Bank uses the standardised approach to determine the charge for market risk.

6. OPERATIONAL RISK – PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURES

UGB's Operational Risk Framework incorporates suitable risk management policies and procedures to enable the bank to identify, assess, monitor and control/mitigate operational risk. It transcends from best industry practices and Basel II regulatory requirements, and provides a means to develop key risk indicators (KRIs) and includes mapping of processes into lines of business. The Policy also provides procedures and sets responsibilities for day to day tracking and monitoring of operational risks, and outlines minimum reporting and analysis requirements.

7. OFF BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURE

UGB's non funded exposure for the purposes of determining credit risk weighted assets for the Basle II framework, comprise:

- Credit related contingent items: These are mainly guarantees, letters of credit and undrawn commitments to investments. For credit related contingent items, the nominal value is converted into an exposure at default using the appropriate credit conversion factor (CCF). The CCF factors range from 50% to 100% depending on the type of contingent item and its maturity. The objective is to convert off balance sheet notional amounts into an equivalent on balance sheet exposure, in order to capture risks relating to counterparty credit and/or liquidity.
- Derivative and foreign exchange instruments: These include forward contracts and interest rate swaps which have been used to hedge UGB's underlying positions.

Further information on off balance sheet items, is disclosed in Note 28 of the Financial Statements.



8. PILLAR 2 RISKS

8.1. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk stems from the inability to procure sufficient cash flow to meet UGB's financial obligations as and when they fall due. The risk arises due to the timing differences between the maturity profile of the Bank's assets and liabilities. Positions are monitored on a daily basis and proactive measures are taken to ensure that there is adequate liquidity at all times. Further details on the maturity profile of assets and liabilities, are included in Note 30.4 of the consolidated financial statements.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's consolidated statement of income based on the consolidated statement of financial position as of 31 December 2009.

Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book

<i>Currency</i>	<i>Increase in basis points 2009</i>	<i>Sensitivity of net interest income 2009 US\$ 000</i>
Kuwaiti Dinar	+ 25	(669)
United States Dollar	+ 25	(396)
Euro	+ 25	(74)
Pound Sterling	+ 25	1
Others	+ 25	2

The decrease in the basis points will have an opposite impact on the net interest income.

The sensitivity of the consolidated statement of income is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on the net interest income for one year, based on the floating rate financial assets and financial liabilities held at 31 December, 2009 including the effect of hedging instruments.

There are no material interest bearing securities in non trading investments and hence no sensitivity of equity has been disclosed.



8. PILLAR 2 RISKS (continued)

8.2. Disclosure concerning interest rate risk in the banking book

The details of interest rate sensitive assets, liabilities and off balance sheet exposures are as follows:

	Upto 3 months US\$ 000	3 months to 1 year US\$ 000	Over 1 year US\$ 000	Non- interest rate sensitive US\$ 000	Total US\$ 000
Assets					
Bank demand and call deposits	20,253	-	53	1,412	21,718
Time deposits	420,755	872	13,317	-	434,944
Securities held for trading	-	-	-	24,905	24,905
Funds held for trading	-	-	-	130,454	130,454
Investments available for sale	367,270	-	-	388,449	755,719
Investments held to maturity	-	1,840	12,103	-	13,943
Investment in associated companies	-	-	-	702,617	702,617
Loans and advance, net	38,656	44,097	70,264	41	153,058
Investment properties	-	-	-	26,794	26,794
Interest receivable and other assets	-	-	-	47,234	47,234
Properties and equipment	-	-	-	4,145	4,145
Goodwill	-	-	-	55,168	55,168
Total assets	846,934	46,809	95,737	1,381,219	2,370,699
Liabilities:					
Due to banks and other financial institutions	378,226	213,462	-	779	592,467
Deposits from customers	308,471	148,958	-	30	457,459
Long term loans	200,000	115,000	185,986	-	500,986
Bonds	100,000	-	68,888	-	168,888
Interest payable and other liabilities	-	-	-	78,574	78,574
Minority Interest	-	-	-	64,857	64,857
Shareholders Equity	-	-	-	507,468	507,468
Total liabilities and shareholders' Equity	986,697	477,420	254,874	651,708	2,370,699
On balance sheet gap	(139,763)	(430,611)	(159,137)	729,511	-
Cumulative gap	(139,763)	(570,374)	(729,511)	-	-
Off balance sheet items					
Interest rate Swaps	-	50,000	250,000	-	300,000
Forward foreign exchange contracts	522,813	88,508	-	-	611,321



8. PILLAR 2 RISKS (continued)

8.3. Concentration Risk

Concentration Risk is captured in UGB's framework through the use of internal and external regulations that cap the maximum exposure to any single obligor. There are established limits in place that set thresholds for aggregate industry, name lending and geography. Under the CBB's rules governing maximum single exposure, banks incorporated in Bahrain are required to obtain the regulator's approval for any planned exposure to a single counterparty or group of connected counterparties that exceed 15% of the regulatory capital base. As at 31 December 2009, the exposures that exceeded 15% of the capital base are:

	Current exposure	Risk Weighted Assets	Percentage of regulatory capital
	US\$ 000	US\$ 000	%
Counterparty A	413,727	535,894	66%
Counterparty B	190,444	190,444	31%
Counter Party C	104,795	104,795	17%
Total	<u>708,966</u>	<u>831,133</u>	

9. INTERNAL CAPITAL ADEQUACY ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Supervisory Review Process of the CBB requires banks to have an internal capital adequacy assessment process, that is aimed at capturing a charge for risks not covered under Pillar 1 (e.g. Interest rate risk in the banking book, Credit Concentration risk etc.). This is designed to ensure that UGB has sufficient capital to meet regulatory and internal capital requirements during periods of systemic / cyclical economic downturns or financial distress. Considerable work has been covered to date in order to meet the Pillar 2 requirements of the CBB.



10. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Pursuant to a master transfer agreement (MTA) with Burgan Bank, a related party, the Bank had, at 31 December 2008, classified its two subsidiaries Gulf Bank Algeria (AGB) and Tunis International Bank (TIB) and an associated company, Bank of Baghdad (BOB) as assets held for sale (disposal group) in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 5.

In March 2009, the Bank transferred the ownership of AGB and BOB to Burgan Bank, for a total consideration of US\$ 150,000 thousand.

The Group has a purchase commitment from Burgan Bank for the transfer of TIB. However the period required to complete the sale has been extended due to factors beyond the Group's control. The Group expects to conclude the transfer during 2010, subject to necessary regulatory approvals.

Past due and impaired loans are US\$ 19.8 million as at 31 December 2009 and relates to KAMCO and Tunis International Bank (disposal group subsidiary).

11. CONCLUSION

The Risk Management and Capital Adequacy Disclosures focus solely on the Pillar 3 requirements of the Basel II Accord. Further information on the Bank and its salient subsidiaries and associates, is available in the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2009. Both documents are available in the Financial Section of the Bank's website www.ugbbah.com

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