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All Conventional Retail banks
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

Exposures to Social Housing Schemes

Given the importance of addressing affordable housing needs of Bahrainis and the need to ensure that Bahrainis continue to get access to mortgages for housing under the Social Housing Schemes, the following amendment is made to Module CA, Capital Adequacy:

CA-3.2.19B The RW for residential mortgage exposure granted under the Social Housing Schemes of the Kingdom of Bahrain may be reduced to 35% subject to meeting conditions, (a) and (b) in CA-3.2.19A.

This requirement is effective immediately and shall be available in the CBB website under "Adhoc Communications" and will be incorporated in Module CA as part of the upcoming CBB Rulebook Volume 1 update.

Yours faithfully,


Khalid Hamad

cc: Bahrain Bankers Association