

Date: 08 February 2022

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To : Boursa Kuwait Company  
Dear Sir,

السادة/ شركة بورصة الكويت المحترمين  
تحية طيبة وبعد،

**Subject: Fitch Credit Rating Agency**

**الموضوع: التصنيف الصادر عن وكالة فيتش**

Reference to the Capital Markets Authority's Regulations concerning Disclosure of Substantial Information and the mechanism to announce the same, and to Chapter 4, Book (10), Article 4-1-1/18.

بالإشارة إلى تعليمات هيئة أسواق المال الكتاب العاشر الفصل الرابع مادة 4-1-1-18 بشأن الإفصاح عن المعلومات الجوهرية وآلية الإعلان عنها.

Please find attached the credit rating disclosure form related to KIB's credit rating by Fitch Ratings.

مرفق لكم طيه نموذج الإفصاح عن التصنيف الائتماني متضمنا التصنيف الائتماني لبنك الكويت الدولي من قبل وكالة فيتش للتصنيف الائتماني.

Best Regards,

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام ،،،



رائد جواد بوخمسين

**Raed Jawad Bukhamseen**



## Disclosure Form of Credit Ratings

<b>Date</b>	08 February 2022
<b>Listed Company</b>	Kuwait International Bank
<b>Rating Agency</b>	Fitch Ratings
<b>Ratings for KIB</b>	Downgraded Long-term IDR to 'A' from 'A+'; and revised Outlook to 'Stable' from 'Negative'. Short-term IDR affirmed at 'F1' Viability Rating affirmed at 'bb-'. Government Support Rating is 'a'
<b>Rating Denotations</b>	<p><b>1. Long-term IDRs at (A):</b> A High credit quality rating denotes expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings. The modifiers "+" or "-" may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories.</p> <p><b>2. Short-term IDRs at (F1):</b> The Highest short-term credit quality indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments</p> <p><b>3. Viability Rating at (bb-):</b> "bb" ratings denote moderate prospects for ongoing viability. A moderate degree of fundamental financial strength exists, which would have to be eroded before the bank would have to rely on extraordinary support to avoid default. However, the bank has higher vulnerability to adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time. The modifiers '+' or '-' may be appended.</p> <p><b>4. Government Support Rating at (a):</b> Very high probability of external support being forthcoming. The potential provider of support is very highly rated and has at least a high propensity to support to support the financial institution.</p>
<b>Reflection of Ratings on Company's Profile</b>	There is no impact on the bank, as this rating actions of downgrading Long-term IDR and revised Outlook follows a similar action on Kuwait's sovereign rating.
<b>Outlook</b>	Stable.

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### Executive Summary

Fitch Ratings revised the outlook for Kuwait International Bank from "Negative" to "Stable" and downgraded Long-term IDR from 'A+' to 'A', which follows a similar action by Fitch on Kuwait's sovereign rating on 27 January 2022 (AA-; Outlook Stable).

The bank's Viability Rating (VR) is unaffected.

Fitch's expectation of support from the authorities is underpinned by Kuwait's strong ability to provide support to domestic banks, as reflected by the sovereign rating (AA-; Outlook Stable) and a strong willingness to do so irrespective of the banks' size, franchise, funding structure and level of government ownership.

KIB's GSR of "a" reflects Fitch's view of an extremely high probability of support for the bank, if needed from Kuwaiti authorities.

Fitch Ratings mentioned that the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) operates a strict regime with active monitoring of banks, and has acted swiftly in the past to provide support where needed.

The Stable Outlook on KIB's Long-Term IDR mirrors that on the Kuwaiti sovereign rating.