

TRANSLATION

Date: 15 September 2019  
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Sirs, Boursa Kuwait

Greetings,

According to chapter four (Disclosure of Material Information) of rulebook ten (Disclosure and Transparency) of CMA Executive Bylaws of Law No. 7/2010 and its amendments.

Kindly find attached the Annex No. (9) Disclosure of Credit Rating Form covering the announcement issued by Moody's regarding the completion of a periodic review of ratings of Commercial Bank of Kuwait according to Moody's methodology.

Please note that there is no change from the previous credit rating as issued in November 2018.

Best Regards,

**Tamim Khaled Al Mean**  
GM, Compliance & CG



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*NOTE: This is a translation of the original for and binding Arabic text. In case of any difference between the Arabic and the English text, the Arabic text will be prevailing.*

Annex (9)

Disclosure of Credit Rating Form

<b>Date</b>	15 September 2019
<b>Name of Listed Company</b>	Commercial Bank of Kuwait (K.P.S.C)
<b>Entity who issues the rating</b>	Moody's Investors Service
<b>Rating category</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long-term Deposits: A3</li> <li>- Baseline Credit Assessment: ba1</li> </ul>
<b>Rating implications</b>	<p>Moody's use principal methodology for review when rating banks, the same can be found on the agency website.</p> <p>Moody's has completed a periodic review of the ratings of Commercial Bank of Kuwait K.P.S.C. and other ratings that are associated with the same analytical unit.</p> <p>According to Moody's, there is no change from the previous credit rating as issued in November 2018. <sup>4</sup></p>
<b>Rating effect on the status of the company</b>	No change / No effect
<b>Outlook</b>	Stable
<b>Translation of the press release or executive summary</b>	<p>Key rating considerations are summarized below:</p> <p>Commercial Bank of Kuwait K.P.S.C.'s (CBK) A3 long term deposit rating is driven by the bank's ba1 Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) and four notches of government support uplift. Moody's assumes a very high likelihood of government support from Kuwait (rated Aa2).</p> <p>The bank's ba1 BCA demonstrates elevated credit risks due to high credit concentrations, significant provisioning charges and write-offs in recent years as well as solid core profitability and efficiency, but weak net earnings. The BCA also reflects CBK's deposit-based funding structure, adequate liquidity buffers and strong capitalization.</p>