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Basis of preparation

This report presents the consolidated interim Pillar 3 disclosures of Lloyds Bank plc ('the Group') as at 30 September 2023 and should be read in conjunction with the Group's Q3 2023 Interim management statement.

These disclosures have been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure section of the PRA Rulebook. Pillar 3 templates required to be disclosed on a quarterly basis that have not been included in this report are listed in the table below along with the reason for exclusion.

PRA reference	Template name	Reason for exclusion
CCR7	RWA flow statements of CCR exposures under the IMM	Not applicable to the Group
MR2-B	RWA flow statements of market risk exposures under the IMA	Not applicable to the Group

The information presented in this Pillar 3 report is not required to be, and has not been, subject to external audit.

Interim Pillar 3 disclosures for the Group's large subsidiary (Bank of Scotland plc) are published separately on the Group's website, located at www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/investors/financial-downloads.

Key metric and overview of risk weighted exposure amounts

KMI: Key metrics¹

KMI Ref		30 Sep 2023	30 Jun 2023	31 Mar 2023	31 Dec 2022	30 Sep 2022
Available own funds (amounts)						
1	Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital (£m)	25,709	26,354	26,246	25,926	25,944
2	Tier 1 capital (£m)	30,728	31,372	31,264	30,194	30,212
3	Total capital (£m)	36,967	37,035	37,074	35,815	35,297
Risk-weighted exposure amounts						
4	Total risk-weighted exposure amount (£m)	180,311	178,534	174,916	174,902	173,192
Capital ratios (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)						
5	Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (%)	14.3%	14.8%	15.0%	14.8%	15.0%
6	Tier 1 ratio (%)	17.0%	17.6%	17.9%	17.3%	17.4%
7	Total capital ratio (%)	20.5%	20.7%	21.2%	20.5%	20.4%
Additional own funds requirements based on SREP (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)						
UK 7a	Additional CET1 SREP requirements (%)	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	2.1%
UK 7b	Additional AT1 SREP requirements (%)	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
UK 7c	Additional T2 SREP requirements (%)	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%
UK 7d	Total SREP own funds requirements (%)	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.7%
Combined buffer requirement (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)						
8	Capital conservation buffer (%)	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%
9	Institution specific countercyclical capital buffer (%)	1.896%	0.963%	0.938%	0.934%	0.004%
UK 10a	Other Systemically Important Institution buffer (%) ²	2.000%	2.000%	2.000%	2.000%	2.000%
11	Combined buffer requirement (%)	6.396%	5.463%	5.438%	5.434%	4.504%
UK 11a	Overall capital requirements (%)	17.4%	16.5%	16.4%	16.5%	16.2%
12	CET1 available after meeting minimum SREP own funds requirements (%) ³	8.1%	8.6%	8.8%	8.6%	8.4%
Leverage ratio						
13	Total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks (£m)	561,710	551,063	551,508	559,585	575,772
14	Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	5.5%	5.7%	5.7%	5.4%	5.2%
Additional leverage ratio disclosure requirements						
UK 14a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks(%)	5.4%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%
UK 14b	Leverage ratio including claims on central banks (%)	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%
UK 14c	Average leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%) ⁴	5.5%	5.7%	5.5%	5.4%	5.3%
UK 14d	Average leverage ratio including claims on central banks (%)	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%
UK 14e	Countercyclical leverage ratio buffer (%) ⁵	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Average Liquidity Coverage Ratio (weighted) (LCR)⁶						
15	Total high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)(Weighted value - average) (£m)	109,895	112,833	116,046	120,822	123,913
UK 16a	Cash outflows - Total weighted value - average (£m)	88,141	89,440	90,737	92,932	93,837
UK 16b	Cash inflows - Total weighted value - average (£m)	5,318	4,610	4,288	4,067	3,832
16	Total net cash outflows (adjusted value - average) (£m)	82,823	84,830	86,449	88,865	90,005
17	Average liquidity coverage ratio (%)	133%	133%	134%	136%	138%
Average Net Stable Funding Ratio⁷						
18	Total available stable funding (Weighted value - average) (£m)	483,227	483,752	486,250	489,174	
19	Total required stable funding (Weighted value - average) (£m)	387,651	388,940	391,454	391,452	
20	Average NSFR ratio (%)	125%	124%	124%	125%	

¹ The Group applies the full extent of the IFRS9 transitional arrangements for capital as set out under CRR Article 473a (revised). Specifically, the Group has opted to apply both paragraphs 2 and 4 of CRR Article 473a (static and dynamic relief) and in addition to apply a 100 per cent risk weight to the consequential Standardised credit risk exposure add-back as permitted under paragraph 7a of the revisions. The transitional arrangements for static relief ended on 1 January 2023 and therefore no static relief exists at 30 September 2023 (31 December 2022: £133 million). Dynamic relief under the transitional arrangements amounted to £202 million (31 December 2022: £278 million) through CET1 capital.

² The Group is subject to an Other Systemically Important Institution (OSII) Buffer of 2.0 per cent of risk-weighted exposure amounts which is designed to hold systemically important banks to higher capital standards so that they can withstand a greater level of stress before requiring resolution.

³ Represents, as a percentage, the level of CET1 capital left available to meet buffer requirements after subtracting the minimum amount of CET1 capital required to meet total Pillar 1 plus Pillar 2A capital requirements, also referred to as total SREP own funds requirements. The minimum CET1 requirement is equivalent to 4.5 per cent (Pillar 1) plus the additional CET1 SREP requirement (56.25 per cent of Pillar 2A). The Group's Pillar 2A capital requirement is around 3.0 per cent of risk-weighted assets, of which around 1.7 per cent is to be met with CET1 capital.

⁴ The average leverage exposure measure (excluding claims on central banks) for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023 amounted to £562,366 million.

⁵ The countercyclical leverage ratio buffer (CCLB) is required to be rounded to the nearest tenth of a percentage. The Group's total leverage ratio buffer at 30 September 2023 was 1.4 per cent (31 December 2022: 1.0 per cent), of which 0.7 per cent reflects the additional leverage ratio buffer (ALRB) applied to the Group and is based upon the O-SII Buffer.

⁶ The liquidity balances are calculated as the simple averages of month end observations over the 12 months preceding the end of each quarter.

⁷ The net stable funding balances are calculated as the simple averages of month end observations over the 4 quarterly averages preceding the end of each quarter.

Key metric and overview of risk weighted exposure amounts continued

IFRS 9–FL: Capital

Comparison of institutions' own funds and capital and leverage ratios with and without the application of transitional arrangements for IFRS 9 or analogous ECLs.

	30 Sep 2023	30 Jun 2023	31 Mar 2023	31 Dec 2022	30 Sep 2022
Available own funds (amounts)					
1 Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital (£m)	25,709	26,354	26,246	25,926	25,944
2 CET1 capital as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (£m)	25,508	26,129	26,068	25,515	25,648
3 Tier 1 capital (£m)	30,728	31,372	31,264	30,194	30,212
4 Tier 1 capital as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (£m)	30,526	31,148	31,086	29,783	29,916
5 Total capital (£m)	36,967	37,035	37,074	35,815	35,297
6 Total capital as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (£m)	36,848	36,883	37,094	35,855	35,364
Risk-weighted exposure (amounts)					
7 Total risk-weighted exposure amount (£m)	180,311	178,534	174,916	174,902	173,192
Total risk-weighted exposure amount as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (£m)	180,276	178,502	174,884	174,977	173,302
Capital ratios (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)					
9 Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (%)	14.3%	14.8%	15.0%	14.8%	15.0%
10 CET1 ratio as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	14.1%	14.6%	14.9%	14.6%	14.8%
11 Tier 1 ratio (%)	17.0%	17.6%	17.9%	17.3%	17.4%
12 Tier 1 ratio as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	16.9%	17.4%	17.8%	17.0%	17.3%
13 Total capital ratio (%)	20.5%	20.7%	21.2%	20.5%	20.4%
14 Total capital ratio as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	20.4%	20.7%	21.2%	20.5%	20.4%
Leverage ratio					
15 Total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks (£m)	561,710	551,063	551,508	559,585	575,772
16 Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	5.5%	5.7%	5.7%	5.4%	5.2%
17 Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	5.4%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%

Common Equity Tier 1

The Group's common equity tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio has reduced to 14.3 per cent at 30 September 2023 (31 December 2022: 14.8 per cent). Profit for the period was partially offset by risk-weighted asset increases (including CRD IV model changes), the full year payment of fixed pension deficit contributions made to the Group's three main defined benefit pension scheme and phased reductions in IFRS 9 transitional relief. The capital ratio reduction also reflects the impact of the interim ordinary dividend paid in September, the foreseeable ordinary dividend accrual and the acquisition of Tusker.

Total Capital

The Group's total capital ratio remained flat at 20.5 per cent (31 December 2022: 20.5 per cent) with AT1 and Tier 2 issuance offset by the reduction in CET1 capital, risk-weighted asset increases and other movements in Tier 2 capital instruments.

Risk-Weighted Assets

Risk-weighted assets have increased by £5.4 billion during the first nine months of the year to £180.3 billion at 30 September 2023 (31 December 2022: £174.9 billion). This includes an adjustment for part of the anticipated impact of CRD IV model updates. Excluding this, lending growth, a modest uplift from credit and model calibrations and other movements were partly offset by capital efficient securitisation activity and other optimisation activity. The CRD IV model updates reflect a further iteration of model development. The models remain subject to further development and final approval by the PRA. On that basis final impacts remain uncertain and further increases are likely to be required.

Leverage

The Group's UK leverage ratio increased to 5.5 per cent (31 December 2022: 5.4 per cent) reflecting an increase in the total tier 1 capital position. This was partially offset by the increase in the leverage exposure measure where reductions in securities financing transactions and off-balance sheet items were more than offset by other balance sheet asset increases.

Liquidity

The Group's liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) was 133 percent (based on a monthly rolling average over the previous 12 months) as at 30 September 2023 (31 December 2022: 136 per cent). The 3 percent decrease is due to a decrease in liquid assets, primarily from a decrease in customer deposits. Net cash outflows also decreased, primarily from a decrease in customer deposit outflows. The Group's net stable funding ratio (NSFR) remains strong at 125 per cent (based on a quarterly rolling average over the previous 4 quarters) as at 30 September 2023 (31 December 2022: 125 per cent).

Key metric and overview of risk weighted exposure amounts continued

OVI: Overview of risk-weighted assets

		Total RWA		Total own funds requirements
		30 Sep 2023	31 Dec 2022	30 Sep 2023
		£m	£m	£m
1	Credit risk (excluding CCR)	148,423	144,602	11,874
2	Of which the standardised approach	20,212	19,795	1,617
3	Of which the foundation IRB (FIRB) approach	27,923	29,099	2,234
4	Of which slotting approach	9,020	8,808	722
5	Of which the advanced IRB (AIRB) approach	85,165	81,066	6,813
	Of which: non-credit obligation assets ¹	6,103	5,834	488
6	Counterparty credit risk (CCR)	1,135	1,115	91
7	Of which the standardised approach	404	546	33
UK 8a	Of which exposures to a CCP	115	30	9
UK 8b	Of which credit valuation adjustment (CVA)	367	342	29
9	Of which other CCR	249	197	20
16	Securitisation exposures in the non-trading book (after the cap)	7,165	5,899	573
17	Of which SEC-IRBA approach	3,122	2,176	250
18	Of which SEC-ERBA approach (including IAA)	1,506	1,501	120
19	Of which SEC-SA approach	2,537	2,222	203
20	Position, foreign exchange and commodities risks (Market risk)	295	82	24
21	Of which the standardised approach	295	—	24
22	Of which IMA	—	82	—
23	Operational risk	23,293	23,204	1,863
UK 23b	Of which standardised approach	23,293	23,204	1,863
24	Memo: Amounts below the thresholds for deduction (subject to 250% risk weight)	1,548	1,864	124
29	Total	180,311	174,902	14,425
	Pillar 2A capital requirement ²			5,444
	Total capital requirement			19,869

1 Non-credit obligation assets (IRB approach) predominately relate to other balance sheet assets that have no associated credit risk.

2 As at 30 September 2023, the Pillar 2A capital requirement was around 3.0 per cent of risk-weighted assets, of which around 1.7 per cent was to be met with CET1 capital.

Credit risk

The table below summarises the movements of risk-weighted assets for credit risk exposures under the Internal Ratings Based (IRB) Approach. The table excludes counterparty credit risk exposures, securitisation exposures, other non-credit obligation assets and equity exposures.

CR8: Risk-weighted assets flow statements of credit risk exposures

		Total RWA quarter to 30 Sept 2023	Total RWA YTD 30 Sept 2023
		£m	£m
1	Risk weighted exposure amount as at the end of previous reporting period	120,590	118,973
2	Asset size (+/-)	278	1,443
3	Asset quality (+/-)	1,203	1,822
5	Methodology and policy (+/-)	(150)	2,552
6	Acquisitions and disposals (+/-)	—	(1,391)
7	Foreign exchange movements (+/-)	187	(156)
8	Other (+/-)	—	(1,135)
9	Risk weighted exposure amount at the end of the reporting period	122,108	122,108

Key movements 30 June to 30 September 2023

- Asset size movement predominantly driven by growth in our unsecured Retail portfolio.
- Asset quality movement predominantly driven by our Retail mortgage portfolio.
- Methodology and Policy movements driven by ongoing optimisation activity in Commercial Banking.
- Foreign exchange movements are principally driven by movement in the US Dollar impacting Commercial Banking.

Liquidity

The table below presents the breakdown of the Group's cash outflows and cash inflows, as well as its available high quality liquid assets, calculated as the simple averages of month end observations over the 12 months preceding the end of each quarter.

LIQ1: Liquidity Coverage Ratio

		Total unweighted value (average)				Total weighted value (average)			
		30 Sep 2023	30 Jun 2023	31 Mar 2023	31 Dec 2022	30 Sep 2023	30 Jun 2023	31 Mar 2023	31 Dec 2022
Number of data points used in the calculation of averages		12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
High-quality liquid assets (£m)									
1	Total high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)					109,895	112,833	116,046	120,822
Cash - outflows (£m)									
2	Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers, of which:	338,339	340,237	341,537	342,109	22,518	22,748	22,907	22,954
3	Stable deposits	261,108	261,873	262,426	262,815	13,056	13,094	13,121	13,141
4	Less stable deposits	77,231	78,364	79,111	79,294	9,462	9,654	9,786	9,813
5	Unsecured wholesale funding	92,583	95,530	98,178	100,947	46,010	47,035	47,830	49,137
6	Operational deposits (all counterparties) and deposits in networks of cooperative banks	25,847	30,160	34,626	36,854	6,462	7,540	8,656	9,213
7	Non-operational deposits (all counterparties)	63,137	61,616	59,266	59,331	35,949	35,741	34,888	35,162
8	Unsecured debt	3,599	3,754	4,286	4,762	3,599	3,754	4,286	4,762
9	Secured wholesale funding					76	49	41	19
10	Additional requirements	47,856	47,463	47,428	47,686	15,270	15,095	15,252	15,833
11	Outflows related to derivative exposures and other collateral requirements	8,279	7,842	7,803	8,725	8,279	7,841	7,804	8,725
12	Outflows related to loss of funding on debt products	855	1,071	1,295	1,076	856	1,071	1,295	1,076
13	Credit and liquidity facilities	38,722	38,550	38,330	37,885	6,135	6,183	6,153	6,032
14	Other contractual funding obligations	463	456	407	409	107	109	71	75
15	Other contingent funding obligations	87,394	88,817	89,314	89,854	4,160	4,404	4,636	4,914
16	Total cash outflows					88,141	89,440	90,737	92,932
Cash - inflows (£m)									
17	Secured lending (e.g. reverse repos)	14,803	15,673	15,373	15,101	299	299	259	239
18	Inflows from fully performing exposures	5,761	5,274	4,906	4,690	3,881	3,446	3,160	2,986
19	Other cash inflows	1,353	1,176	1,273	1,270	1,138	865	869	842
20	Total cash inflows	21,917	22,123	21,552	21,061	5,318	4,610	4,288	4,067
UK-20c	Inflows subject to 75% cap	21,543	21,833	21,431	20,996	5,318	4,610	4,288	4,067
Total adjusted value									
UK-21	Liquidity buffer (£m)					109,895	112,833	116,046	120,822
22	Total net cash outflows (£m)					82,823	84,830	86,449	88,865
23	Liquidity coverage ratio (%)					133%	133%	134%	136%

Liquidity continued**LIQB: Qualitative information on LCR**

The Group's Pillar 3 LCR disclosure (calculated as the simple average of month end observations over the 12 months preceding the end of each quarter) was 133 per cent as of 30 September 2023, unchanged from prior quarter. Liquid assets decreased primarily from a decrease in customer deposits, offset with a decrease in net cash outflows primarily from an associated decrease in customer deposit outflows.

The Group's funding and liquidity position is underpinned by its significant customer deposit base and is supported by strong relationships across customer segments. Funding concentration by counterparty, currency and tenor is monitored on an ongoing basis and where concentrations do exist, these are managed as part of the planning process and limited by the internal funding and liquidity risk monitoring framework, with analysis regularly provided to senior management.

The Group's liquidity buffer consists almost entirely of Level 1 assets. Level 1 assets are primarily held as central bank reserves and UK government bonds.

The Group's outflows related to derivative exposures and other collateral requirements include outflows for potential deterioration in credit rating and for the impact of an adverse market scenario on derivatives transactions.

The Group's liquidity risk management framework covers currency liquidity risk and ensures the currency denomination of LCR liquid assets is consistent with the distribution of net currency liquidity outflows. Granular LCR risk appetites by significant currency are set and monitored across tenors at Group committee level.

Forward-looking statements

This document contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the business, strategy, plans and/or results of Lloyds Bank plc together with its subsidiaries (the Lloyds Bank Group) and its current goals and expectations. Statements that are not historical or current facts, including statements about the Lloyds Bank Group's or its directors' and/or management's beliefs and expectations, are forward looking statements. Words such as, without limitation, 'believes', 'achieves', 'anticipates', 'estimates', 'expects', 'targets', 'should', 'intends', 'aims', 'projects', 'plans', 'potential', 'will', 'would', 'could', 'considered', 'likely', 'may', 'seek', 'estimate', 'probability', 'goal', 'objective', 'deliver', 'endeavour', 'prospects', 'optimistic' and similar expressions or variations on these expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements. These statements concern or may affect future matters, including but not limited to: projections or expectations of the Lloyds Bank Group's future financial position, including profit attributable to shareholders, provisions, economic profit, dividends, capital structure, portfolios, net interest margin, capital ratios, liquidity, risk-weighted assets (RWAs), expenditures or any other financial items or ratios; litigation, regulatory and governmental investigations; the Lloyds Bank Group's future financial performance; the level and extent of future impairments and write-downs; the Lloyds Bank Group's ESG targets and/or commitments; statements of plans, objectives or goals of the Lloyds Bank Group or its management and other statements that are not historical fact; expectations about the impact of COVID-19; and statements of assumptions underlying such statements. By their nature, forward looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend upon circumstances that will or may occur in the future. Factors that could cause actual business, strategy, plans and/or results (including but not limited to the payment of dividends) to differ materially from forward looking statements include, but are not limited to: general economic and business conditions in the UK and internationally; political instability including as a result of any UK general election and any further possible referendum on Scottish independence; acts of hostility or terrorism and responses to those acts, or other such events; geopolitical unpredictability; the war between Russia and Ukraine; the tensions between China and Taiwan; market related risks, trends and developments; exposure to counterparty risk; instability in the global financial markets, including within the Eurozone, and as a result of the exit by the UK from the European Union (EU) and the effects of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement; the ability to access sufficient sources of capital, liquidity and funding when required; changes to the Lloyds Bank Group's or Lloyds Banking Group plc's credit ratings; fluctuations in interest rates, inflation, exchange rates, stock markets and currencies; volatility in credit markets; volatility in the price of the Lloyds Bank Group's securities; tightening of monetary policy in jurisdictions in which the Lloyds Bank Group operates; natural pandemic (including but not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic) and other disasters; risks concerning borrower and counterparty credit quality; longevity risks affecting defined benefit pension schemes; risks related to the uncertainty surrounding the integrity and continued existence of reference rates; changes in laws, regulations, practices and accounting standards or taxation; changes to regulatory capital or liquidity requirements and similar contingencies; the policies and actions of governmental or regulatory authorities or courts together with any resulting impact on the future structure of the Lloyds Bank Group; risks associated with the Lloyds Bank Group's compliance with a wide range of laws and regulations; assessment related to resolution planning requirements; risks related to regulatory actions which may be taken in the event of a bank or Lloyds Bank Group or Lloyds Banking Group failure; exposure to legal, regulatory or competition proceedings, investigations or complaints; failure to comply with anti-money laundering, counter terrorist financing, anti-bribery and sanctions regulations; failure to prevent or detect any illegal or improper activities; operational risks; conduct risk; technological changes and risks to the security of IT and operational infrastructure, systems, data and information resulting from increased threat of cyber and other attacks; technological failure; inadequate or failed internal or external processes or systems; risks relating to ESG matters, such as climate change (and achieving climate change ambitions), including the Lloyds Bank Group's or the Lloyds Banking Group's ability along with the government and other stakeholders to measure, manage and mitigate the impacts of climate change effectively, and human rights issues; the impact of competitive conditions; failure to attract, retain and develop high calibre talent; the ability to achieve strategic objectives; the ability to derive cost savings and other benefits including, but without limitation, as a result of any acquisitions, disposals and other strategic transactions; inability to capture accurately the expected value from acquisitions; and assumptions and estimates that form the basis of the Lloyds Bank Group's financial statements. 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