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Basel IV

IN PRACTICE:

Implementation Challenges and Strategic Business Impact

(PRACTICAL STEPS FOR COMPLIANCE AND HOW BASEL IV
RESHAPES BUSINESS MODELS)

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**Strong banking systems
are built on
sound risk management,
resilient capital structures,
and confidence
in global standards.**

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OVERVIEW

In response to the shortcomings exposed by the global financial crisis, and to address longstanding gaps in Basel II's framework, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) introduced the Basel III reforms in 2010. These reforms aimed to strengthen risk management, enhance capital adequacy, and introduce minimum liquidity standards, while also tackling systemic risk across the banking sector.

Subsequently, the Committee finalized a set of additional revisions to the Basel III framework—commonly referred to as “Basel IV”, to complement the initial Basel III package. The Basel IV reforms are designed to restore confidence in the calculation of risk weighted assets (RWAs) and improve the comparability of banks' capital ratios.

Implementation of Basel IV has already begun within the GCC and in most jurisdictions around the world. These reforms are anticipated to have significant implications for banks' capital requirements and strategic decision-making processes globally.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the training program, participants will be able to:

- Understand the key concepts & principles of the Basel III & IV accords
- Describe the various components of the regulatory framework
- Analyze the impact of the Basel III and IV frameworks on Banks in general and on the GCC market specifically
- Assess the implications of the Basel III & IV accords on risk management practices
- Understand the main components and definition of regulatory capital and risk weighted assets, as well as Basel III capital buffers
- Understand how liquidity and funding risk are captured by the LCR and NSFR
- Understand the changes brought to the treatment of credit risk
- Understand the changes brought to the treatment of operational risk
- Understand the changes brought to the treatment of Credit Valuation Adjustments
- Understand the implementation of the leverage ratio surcharge on the systemic Banks
- Understand the implementation of the risk-sensitive output floor
- Understand the new implementation timetable
- Address challenges and considerations
- Understand the different roles of the first and second lines of defense in the implementation
- Gain a practical understanding on the implementation aspects through specific examples and case studies

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DAY 1

- Basel II Overview
- Introduction to the Basel III Amendments
- Overview on the initial standardized approach for credit risk
- The Quality of Capital
 1. The strict definition of capital
 2. Common Equity Tier 1
 3. Additional Tier 1 capital
 4. Tier 2 capital
 5. The corresponding deduction approach & the changes in the business model
- The Quantity of Capital and the Capital Conservation & Countercyclical Capital Buffer
- The Risk Weighted Assets and the enhancement of risk coverage
- Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)
- LCR by significant currency
- Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)
- Concentration of funding
- Available unencumbered assets
- Leverage Ratio. Simple, non-risk-based leverage ratio for on & off balance sheet
- Interaction with Pillar 1 and 2
- Systemically Important Financial Institutions (SIFIs)
- Detailed overview on the Basel III Final post-crisis reforms (So-called Basel IV)

DAY 2

- Revisions to the standardized approach for credit risk to enhance the regulatory framework
- Amendments brought to the exposures to Banks
- Amendments brought to the exposures to Corporates
- Amendments brought to the exposures to Retail and SMEs
- Practical examples on the migration to the new fully revamped Standardized Approach
- Stand-alone treatment for exposures to project finance, object finance and commodities finance
- Retail exposures treatment and overview on the more granular new treatment
- Residential real estate exposures new risk-sensitive approaches for IPRE and non-IPRE
- Commercial real estate exposures treatment for IPRE and non-IPRE
- New collateral eligibility criteria
- Subordinated debt and equity exposures treatment
- Off-balance sheet items treatment and the credit conversion factors (CCFs)
- Practical examples & discussion on the impact on existing & new real estate portfolios

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Day 3

- Internal ratings-based approaches for credit risk
- Removal of the use of the advanced IRB approach for certain asset classes
- Specification of input floors
- Additional enhancements
- CVA risk framework
- New Operational Risk Management requirements
- Leverage ratio framework and refinements to the leverage ratio exposure measure
- Buffer for global systemically important Banks
- Output floor
- Transitional arrangements
- Practical assessment of the impact of the input and output floors on the solvency requirements
- Main Basel IV implementation challenges and lessons from the jurisdictions that started implementation
- Capital Planning

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Program Language

The program will be delivered in English and Arabic.

Target Audience

- Risk Managers: Professionals responsible for managing and mitigating risks within financial institutions.
- Finance and Treasury Professionals: Individuals involved in capital planning, liquidity management, and financial risk management within banks and financial institutions.
- Regulators.
- Internal and External Auditors.

Program Duration

The program will be held for three days.

Methods of Training

Interactive workshops in groups, practical applications, examples and life experiences, meaningful discussions.

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TRAINER PROFILE



Rodrigue Abi-Elhesn

Professional banking career, spanning over twenty years in the financial industry, having worked in the entire spectrum of financial risk management functions, culminating in core competency as a professional in enterprise-wide risk management.

Currently, Head of Enterprise Risk Management and Risk Modelling at a large Multinational Bank in Luxembourg and Member of the Board of Directors of a Re-insurance Company in Luxembourg,

Immediate past, he was Senior Manager, Group Head of Strategy and Risk Analytics at a regional Bank in the Middle East. Prior to that, Rodrigue served as Risk Analyst in other Banks.

Rodrigue has participated in dozens of international workshops on banking supervision, risk management and corporate governance with Regional and International organizations. He possesses experience in liaising with regulators, industry peers and banking experts, is a University Lecturer and is a frequent guest speaker in major international conferences and workshops, covering a variety of areas of his expertise, and is often quoted in the media.

Rigorous academic credentials, INSEAD Alumnus, Rodrigue graduated from the INSEAD Advanced Management Programme (AMP), holds a Master's degree in Banking and Finance, has a Bachelor degree in Finance and in Business Administration from UQÀM in Canada and earned several degrees and international professional certifications.

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