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**Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance Committee
Terms of Reference (Charter)**

Headed and Supervised by	Bank
Mr. Ahmed AbdulRahim	Ithmaar

Chaired by	Position	Bank
	Head of Compliance and AML	Ithmaar

Purpose

The purpose of establishing the Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in addressing matters related to anti-money laundering and compliance in the banking industry and to combat terrorism finance and financial crimes.

Members of the Committee

The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. **(Chairperson)**
2. Abeer Al Shehabi (Deputy)

The Committee may invite individuals or experts to attend its meetings or present reports and studies to the Committee. Such invitees shall not have the right to vote on the resolutions of the Committee.

Any member who does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee without cause shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committee and shall be replaced by the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities

1. To assist, the Board of Directors, CBB and the Banking Industry in formulating rules, regulations and standards to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.
2. To assist the banks in Bahrain to develop and implement effective customer due diligence systems and monitoring mechanism.
3. To review policies and procedures in the banking industry in order to bring them in line and in compliance with local and international laws on Money laundering and combating Terrorism Financing.
4. To advise the CBB and other regulatory authorities on matters related to AML and Terrorism Financing.
5. To co-ordinate and liaise with Ministry of Internal Affairs, the police and other government agencies dealing with finance crimes, money laundering and terrorism financing.
6. To advise the Board of Directors, CBB and banks on matters related to compliance with laws, regulations and orders affecting the banking industry.

Governance and Reporting

The Committee shall work under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors and with co-operation with the Chief Executive Officer.

Any study, report or recommendation approved by the Committee shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer in order to be presented to the Board of Directors or the CBB or any other regulatory authority.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least four times a year (every three months). The Chairman of the committee, if he deems fit, may call for additional meetings.

Secretary

The Committee may appoint a secretary from its members or from outside who shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the minutes which shall be presented for the Board for perusal.