

**List of Entities on Rating Watch for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 (period covering 01.10.2024 – 31.12.2024)**

No	Issuer / Entity	Issue size & Instrument	Last rating action	MARCWatch	Subsequent rating action	Chronology on MARCWatch
1	Kuwait Finance House (Malaysia) Berhad (KFH Malaysia)	Financial Institution Ratings	AA+/MARC-1	Developing	<p>The MARCWatch Developing placement follows KFH Malaysia’s announcement that it will voluntarily withdraw from the Malaysian market and wind down its banking business in the country. This is in line with its parent group KFH Group’s strategic decision to focus on the Middle East region.</p> <p>Kuwait Finance House KSC which owns 100% in KFH Malaysia has given an undertaking to facilitate the gradual winding down process by providing resources and liquidity support, if necessary. Meanwhile, MARC Ratings is monitoring the winding-up progress to provide updates to stakeholders of KFH Malaysia and will withdraw the MARCWatch Developing status as the bank completes its winding process.</p>	August 1, 2024
			AA+/MARC-1	Developing	<p>Since the announcement, KFH Malaysia had not been willing to share information on the progress of its winding process for MARC Ratings to effectively carry out its duty. The rating agency then suggested to the company that it will withdraw the rating watch and cease analytical coverage. Following this, KFH Malaysia requested MARC Ratings to continue to maintain surveillance to avert potential concerns on its winding-down process and agreed to provide updated information on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Accordingly, the MARC Watch Developing was extended on December 3, 2024. The rating</p>	December 3, 2024

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					<p>agency notes that the winding down process has progressed without major hitches and with the continued support from parent Kuwait Finance House KSC.</p> <p>As at end-November 2024, the sale of the retail business loan book is expected to close by 1Q2025 (including approval from BNM). The corporate banking loan book is expected to be offboarded through settlement and refinancing from other banks. The divestment of their treasury portfolio will commence upon completion of the retail and corporate banking exercises, and is expected to be completed by 1Q2026.</p>	