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PACRA REAFFIRMS ASSET MANAGER RATING OF ASKARI INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED

The asset manager rating of Askari Investment Management Limited (AIML) has been maintained at 'AM3' (AM Three). The rating reflects the company's adequate management team, satisfactory quality of support systems and association with a leading commercial bank with a strong franchise. Due to redemption pressure on its premier fund - Askari Income Fund – the company witnessed notable pressure on its market share, and the management fee. However, despite heavy redemptions, the liquidity risk in respect of the fund has been effectively managed.

The ratings are dependent upon the management's ability to effectively capitalize upon group synergy for growth in AUM in the current scenario. Meanwhile, the improvement in market standing and asset management capabilities, particularly strengthening of organizational structure, amidst the rapidly changing operating environment will remain critical factors.

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