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PACRA DOWNGRADES RATINGS OF FIRST DAWOOD INVESTMENT BANK LIMITED, ASSIGNS NEGATIVE OUTLOOK

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited (PACRA) has downgraded the long-term and short-term entity ratings of First Dawood Investment Bank Limited (FDIBL) to **BB** (Double B) and **B** (Single B), respectively. The rating of secured TFC of PKR 345mln has also been downgraded to **BB** (Double B). The ratings have been assigned a negative outlook and remain on rating watch.

The downgrade action reflects significant delays in efforts to revive FDIBL's operations either through fresh equity injection or a proposed merger. Revenue generation ability of the bank has been severely impacted, while risk absorption capacity is further dampened owing to high provisioning against non performing loans and revaluation losses from equity market operations.

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