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PACRA ASSIGNS POSITIVE OUTLOOK TO ASSET MANAGER RATING OF IGI FUNDS LIMITED

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA) has maintained the asset manager rating of IGI Funds Limited (IGI FL) at ‘AM3-’, while a **positive outlook** has been assigned to this rating. The rating reflects the company’s strong capacity to manage the risks inherent in asset management and the asset manager meets high investment management industry standards and benchmarks.

The rating reflects the company’s experienced and qualified management team, a structured investment process, and demonstrated support of the Sponsoring Group – Packages group. The rating also factors in the management’s initiatives towards establishing a sound operating platform and an effective control environment. However, the number and size of funds under management remain limited owing to the short operational history of the company. The management has developed a comprehensive marketing plan aiming to capitalize on Group synergy. However, the successful implementation of the plan in a timely manner remains to be seen. Moreover, the efficacy of newly developed systems and processes is yet to be demonstrated.

About the company: IGI FL, incorporated in January 2006, is licensed to carry out asset management and investment advisory services under the Non-Banking Finance Companies, Rules 2003. IGI FL is a subsidiary of IGI Investment Bank Limited (IGI IBL) (formerly First International Investment Bank Limited – Interbank). IGI IBL, incorporated in 1990 and listed on Lahore and Karachi stock exchanges, is majority owned by Packages group. Packages group – a dynamic conglomerate of Pakistan – is involved in a diverse range of business activities including paper and board, packaging, milk and dairy processing, consumer products and insurance.

The Chief Executive of IGI FL has over two decades of experience in financial sector. He is assisted by a team of professionals with strong academic and professional credentials.

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