

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

IGI General Insurance Limited

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Rating History							
Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch		
23-Feb-2023	AA+ (ifs)	-	Stable	Maintain	-		
31-Mar-2022	AA+ (ifs)	-	Stable	Harmonize	-		
25-Feb-2022	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-		
26-Feb-2021	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-		
28-Feb-2020	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-		
29-Aug-2019	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-		
27-Feb-2019	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-		
18-Dec-2018	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-		
29-Jun-2018	AA	-	Stable	Initial	-		

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating takes comfort from IGI's association with its parent, IGI Holdings, which has injected a sizeable capital into the Company. This is preserved mostly in the form of liquid investments. The IGI Holdings has an express mandate to proactively support the Company in times of need. The top group resources provide strategic direction and oversight. Given the established customer base and stability in the operational performance of the Company, healthy growth in the financial performance is anticipated for the year-end CY22. Presently, during 9MCY22, general insurance industry has a total GPW size of PKR ~114bln (9MCY21: PKR~89bln), registering a growth of ~28% YoY basis. The insurance penetration and density remained very modest as compared to other jurisdictions while the insurance sector still remains underdeveloped relative to its potential. The insurance industry is capturing market share through offering Islamic Takaful Window operations which are gaining market acceptance rapidly. The Company also followed the industry trend and, expanded and recorded growth in its total assets. The top-line of the Company (GPW) showed a growth of 20% in 9MCY22 (including window takaful operations) over the corresponding period last year. Moreover, the Company has built its liquid investment book to equity ratio which confirms the Company's ability to cover its short-term due obligations on time quite efficiently. The Company reported an increase in investment income because of the rolled-over effect of interest rates. Upgradation of IT infrastructure has yielded improved efficiency - notably in claims management. Further, the Company continues to enjoy a sound re-insurance panel that provides extensive risk absorption coverage. IGI's panel includes Hannover Re (rated AA- by S&P), Swiss Re (rated AA- by S&P), Saudi Re (rated A by Moddy's), Kuwait Re (rated A by S&P), Korean Re (rated A by A.M. Best) and Pak Re (rated AA by VIS).

The rating is based on the improved financial position of the Company. The financial position of the Company has strengthened over the period. The increased GPW is also one of the key rating drivers. The liquid investment book has improved and contributed to maintain the rating.

Disclosure		
Name of Rated Entity	IGI General Insurance Limited	
Type of Relationship	Solicited	
Purpose of the Rating	IFS Rating	
Applicable Criteria	Methodology General Insurance Rating(Mar-22),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Jun-22)	
Related Research	Sector Study General Insurance(May-22)	
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Profile

Legal Structure IGI General Insurance Limited ("IGI General" or "the Company") is a public unlisted company.

Background The Company was incorporated on November 18, 2016 under the Companies Act 2017 to which the non-life insurance segment was transferred by IGI Inusrance Limited (now IGI Holdings Limited) under corporate restructuring scheme. Packages Group established a foothold in the financial sector through multiple ventures. The group initiated corporate restructuring and envisioned creating a Holding Company (HoldCo), thereby separating strategic investment from its insurance business.

Operations The Company is engaged in providing non-life insurance products including Fire, Motor, Marine, Travel, Health, Personal Accident, Home and Miscellaneous. IGI General is headquartered in Karachi. It has offices in 8 cities nationwide. Company has 4,000 corporate and 20,000 individual customers.

Ownership

Ownership Structure IGI Holdings holds ~100% ownership stake in the Company.

Stability The sound shareholding structure of the Company channeled through the Packages Group provides stability to the ownership profile of the Company.

Business Acumen The Packages Group, under the umbrella of "IGI Financial Services", established a foothold in the financial sector (i) IGI General Insurance (ii) IGI Life (iii) IGI Investments and (iv) IGI Finex Securities. These are a few one, the Group is involved in other businesses as well.

Financial Strength The sponsors maintain a strong presence in the Country. The Packages Group, under the umbrella of "IGI Financial Services" established foothold in the financial sector IGI Insurance, IGI Life, IGI Investments and IGI Financial Services. These are a few one, the Group is involved in other businesses as well.

Governance

Board Structure The Company has a six-member board comprising an executive and five non-executive directors (including one female director). Currently, the board has no independent directors.

Members' Profile The profile of entire board is strong, with a mix of experienced legal professionals and investment experts. The Chairman of the board, Mr. Shamim Ahmad Khan has served various government organizations in different capacities, namely; Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and Ministry of Commerce (MoC).

Board Effectiveness The board is comprised of a mix of executive and non-executive directors in line with the guidelines of code of corporate governance applicable to the insurance companies. Overall board oversight is considered effective with quarterly board meetings while minutes of the meetings are documented adequately.

Transparency M/s A.F Ferguson & Co., Chartered Accountants are the External Auditors of the Company. The auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Management

Organizational Structure The Company has a comprehensive organizational structure with clear reporting lines, ensuring segregation of duties. The overall functions of the Company are divided into the following departments: Underwriting, Reinsurance & Risk Management, Claims, Marketing and Sales, Finance, Group Shared Services (GSS) under the IGI FS umbrella.

Management Team Mr. Tahir Masaud is the CEO of the Company as well as IGI Holdings Limited. Mr. Masaud brings with him over 2 decades of rich and varied experience gained in senior leadership positions within the general insurance sector of Pakistan and United Kingdom. The CEO is supported by a management team comprises of qualified and experienced professionals.

Effectiveness The management committees meet on a regular basis. The agenda of the meetings include challenges and their solution, mobilization of resources assessment of upcoming projects and etc.

MIS The IT system is fully integrated in all major departments and ensures proper financial and operational control. The system for reporting has been designed as per the requirements of the Company.

Claim Management System The claims process is initiated with claim intimation by the client (via email, letter or phone call) and is recorded directly on claims register. For claim validation/authentication purposes, the Company also uses external surveyors as per Company policy.

Investment Management Function IGI General has its investment committee which looks after the Company's investments. This committee is chaired by Mr. Syed Hasnain Ali along with three other members.

Risk Management Framework The treaty capacities are optimal with surplus arrangements, which are adequate for risk management. The Company has diversified its panel of reinsurers, boding well for its financial risk.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics In terms of Gross Written Premium (GWP), the general insurance industry has a total size of PKR ~114bln in 9MCY22 compared to PKR ~89bln in 9MCY21, exhibiting a growth of 28.0%. The industry reported a significant decrease of 38.8% in underwriting results to PKR 2.7bln in 9MCY22 (9MCY21: PKR 4.4bln). The net income of the industry experienced a drop of 26% to PKR 7.4bln in 9MCY22 (9MCY21: PKR 10bln). The recent floods have also caused losses to the economy. This will affect the insurance industry's performance during the ongoing quarters.

Relative Position The Company is placed among the large players in the industry. The Company has a market share of 7% as of Sep'22 in the General Insurance Industry. Revenue Company underwrote gross premiums of PKR ~8,510mln in CY21 against PKR ~6,014mln last year; showing an increase of PKR ~2,496mln reflecting a growth of 41% YoY. During 9MCY22, Company's GPW stood at PKR ~8,058mln with 35% derived from Fire and 24% from the Motor segment.

Profitability Company reported an aggregated reinsurance expense of PKR 4,109mln in CY21(CY20: PKR 3,232mln). Claims incurred during CY21 were PKR ~2,136mln against PKR ~1,358mln in CY20, showing an increase of PKR ~778mln. Whereas, PAT declined to PKR ~296mln against PKR ~463mln last year, down by 36% (CY19: PKR 592mln). A declining trend is observed due to high trending underwriting expenses. During 9MCY22, Company reported an aggregated insurance expense of PKR 3,777mln and Claims incurred of PKR 2,149mln. The surge in loss ratio to 64% was mainly due to Fire (111.1%) and Health segments (77.5%). Company reported a combined ratio of 93.4% and PAT of PKR ~367mln.

Investment Performance The major portion (60%) of the Company portfolio is invested in government securities as at end-Sep22.Company reported an investment income of PKR ~185mln and PKR ~398mln in CY21 and CY20 respectively. Company reported an investment income of PKR ~ 316mln for the period 9MCY22.

Sustainability The management of the Company aims to enhance top-line through captive underwriting, extensive efforts are being undertaken in this regard. It further aims to develop a market-related business in the medium term.

Financial Risk

Claim Efficiency The receivables position remains high in line with the growth in premium income, as the contribution due but unpaid reported at PKR ~1,307mln during, CY21 (CY20: PKR 1,004mln; CY19: PKR 767mln), showed a continuously increasing trend over the years. As at end-Sep22, Company reported contributions due but unpaid reported at PKR~ 1,661mln. Company's outstanding days stood at 166.

Re-Insurance IGI's panel includes Swiss Re (rated AA-, S&P), Hannover Re (rated AA-, S&P), Saudi Re (rated A, Moddy's), Kuwait Re (rated A, S&P), Korean Re (rated A, A.M. Best) and Pak Re (rated AA, JCR).

Cashflows & Coverages Company's current ratio stood at 1.3x in CY21 (CY20: 0.94x, CY19: 0.97). At end-Sep22 Company's current ratio stood at 1.2x showing a strong liquidity position.

Capital Adequacy The Company is well equipped in capital adequacy as per the requirements of SECP. The Company's equity stood at PKR~ 3,220mln as at end-Sep22 (CY21: PKR~ 3,013mln, CY20: PKR ~2,872mln). The paid-up capital of the Company is PKR~ 1,918mln.



IGI General Insurance Limited	Sep-22	Dec-21	Dec-20	Dec-19
Listed Public Limited	9M	12M	12M	12M
BALANCE SHEET				
1 Investments	4,105	4,034	3,859	3,76
2 Insurance Related Assets	13,545	6,260	4,339	3,02
3 Other Assets	2,191	1,653	2,153	1,90
4 Fixed Assets	911	889	881	85
5 Window Takaful Operations	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	20,753	12,836	11,233	9,50
1 Underwriting Provisions	4,376	3,324	2,345	2,2:
2 Insurance Related Liabilities	11,057	4,625	4,589	3,1
3 Other Liabilities	1,969	1,725	1,264	1,23
4 Borrowings	131	148	162	1
5 Window Takaful Operations	_	-	_	_
Total Liabilities	17,533	9,822	8,360	6,74
Equity/Fund	3,220	3,013	2,872	2,8
INCOME STATEMENTS				
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT				
1 Gross Premium Written/Gross Contribution Written	8,058	8,510	6,014	5,6
Net Insurance Premium/Net Takaful Contribution	3,360	3,449	2,672	2,7
3 Underwriting Expenses	(3,138)	(3,184)	(2,355)	(2,4
Underwriting Results	222	265	317	3
4 Investment Income	316	206	398	5
5 Other Income / (Expense)	20	49	(16)	
Profit Before Tax	558	520	699	8
6 Taxes	(191)	(175)	(199)	(2:
Profit After Tax	367	345	500	59
PARTICIPANTS' TAKAFUL FUND - PTF				
1 Gross Contribution Written	1,285	1,122	537	43
2 Net Takaful Contribution	606	487	211	1
3 Net Takaful Claims	(615)	(652)	(255)	(2:
4 Direct Expenses Including Re-Takaful Rebate Earned	45	43	32	
Surplus Before Investment & Other Income/(Expense)	36	(122)	(12)	(
5 Investment Income	48	23	17	
6 Other Income/(Expense)	(8)	4	9	
Surplus for the Period	76	(95)	14	
OPERATOR'S TAKAFUL FUND - OTF				
1 Wakala Fee Income	261	246	141	1
2 Management, Commission & Other Acquisition Costs	(185)	(168)	(111)	(
Underwriting Income/(Loss)	75	79	29	
3 Investment Income	15	8	7	
4 Other Income/(Expense)	0	(1)	1	
Profit Before tax	91	86	38	1
5 Taxes	(29)	(25)	(11)	(
Profit After tax	62	61	27	
RATIO ANALYSIS				
1 Profitability		61.9%	50.8%	52.0%
1 Profitability Loss Ratio - Net Insurance & Takaful Claims / Net Insurance Premium or Takafu	64.0%		88.4%	88.7%
	64.0% 93.4%	91.9%	00.470	
Loss Ratio - Net Insurance & Takaful Claims / Net Insurance Premium or Takafu		91.9%	00.470	
Loss Ratio - Net Insurance & Takaful Claims / Net Insurance Premium or Takafu Combined Ratio (Loss Ratio + Expense Ratio)		91.9% 5.2%	10.4%	14.4%
Loss Ratio - Net Insurance & Takaful Claims / Net Insurance Premium or Takafu Combined Ratio (Loss Ratio + Expense Ratio) 2 Investment Performance	93.4%			14.4%
Loss Ratio - Net Insurance & Takaful Claims / Net Insurance Premium or Takafu Combined Ratio (Loss Ratio + Expense Ratio) 2 Investment Performance Investment Yield	93.4%			14.4%
Loss Ratio - Net Insurance & Takaful Claims / Net Insurance Premium or Takafu Combined Ratio (Loss Ratio + Expense Ratio) 2	93.4%	5.2%	10.4%	



Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) Rating

Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) rating reflects forward-looking opinion on relative ability of an insurance company to meet policy holders and contractual obligations.

Scale	Definition
AAA (ifs)	Exceptionally Strong. Exceptionally Strong capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are minimal, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be extremely small.
AA++ (ifs) AA+ (ifs) AA (ifs)	Very Strong. Very Strong capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are very low, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very small.
A++ (ifs) A+ (ifs) A (ifs)	Strong. Strong capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are low, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be small.
BBB++ (ifs) BBB+ (ifs) BBB (ifs)	Good. Good capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are moderate, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be manageable.
BB++ (ifs) BB+ (ifs) BB (ifs)	Modest. Modest capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Though positive factors are present, risk factors are relatively high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be significant.
B++ (ifs) B+ (ifs) B (ifs)	Weak. Weak capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very significant.
CCC (ifs) CC (ifs) C (ifs)	Very Weak. Very weak capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are very high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors may lead to insolvency or liquidity impairment
D (ifs)	Distressed. Extremely weak capacity with limited liquid assets to meet policy holders and contract obligations, or subjected to some form of regulatory intervention or declared insolvent by the regulator.

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Suspension It is not possible to update an opinion due to lack of requisite information. Opinion should be resumed in foreseeable future. However, if this does not happen within six (6) months, the rating should be considered withdrawn.

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