



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Allawasaya Textile & Finishing Mills Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
01-Mar-2024	BBB	A2	Stable	Maintain	Yes
03-Mar-2023	BBB	A2	Stable	Maintain	Yes
03-Mar-2022	BBB	A2	Stable	Upgrade	-
26-Apr-2021	BBB-	A3	Stable	Maintain	Yes
30-Apr-2020	BBB-	A3	Stable	Maintain	Yes
30-Oct-2019	BBB-	A3	Stable	Maintain	-
30-Apr-2019	BBB-	A3	Stable	Maintain	-
28-Dec-2018	BBB-	A3	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating reflects the adequate presence of Allawasaya Textile and Finishing Mills Limited (“the Company” or “AWTX”) in textile industry of Pakistan. The principal activity of the Company is the manufacturing and sale of yarn with an operating capacity of 46,488 spindles. The three companies primarily operate under the umbrella of Allawasaya group which includes Allawasaya Spinning Mills (Pvt) Limited, Allawasaya Textile and Finishing Mills Limited and Shah Shams Cotton Industries (Pvt) Limited reflects adequate financial strength. The board is dominated by the sponsoring family and acts more in an execution role as they possess considerable industry-specific exposure. The management structure of the Company reflects adequate delegation of authority matrix. The product slate of the Company includes PC (Polyester Cotton) Yarn, PV (Polyester Viscose) yarn and CVC (Chief Value of Cotton) Yarn with an average yarn count of 29s. During FY23, the Company’s profitability matrix and business fundamentals are under stress due to a dip in local and international yarn demand coupled with escalated energy tariffs. This resulted in net losses incurred in FY23. However, slight improvement is observed in the company’s performance during 1HFY24 owing to raw material procurement efficiency. The financial risk profile of the Company is adequate considering the leveraged capital structure and slightly stretched working capital management depicting industry norms. The cashflows and coverages of the Company are considered adequate and needs improvement. The company’s performance will be observed in the upcoming quarters with prime focus on converting operational efficiency into internally generated sufficient cashflows to supplement the core business operations. The spinning industry is highly fragmented and consists of ~368 dedicated spinning units with an estimated size of PKR 775bln and 13.4mln number of spindles installed as of FY23 according to an economic survey of Pakistan. The projected cotton production estimate is revised and projected to be 11.5mln bales and currently, production reached up to ~8.26mln bales surpassing FY23 total production of 4.91mln bales. During FY24 better local raw cotton yield is expected to supplement the Companies for import substitution. Pakistan’s requirement for imported cotton stands at 3.5 million bales to 4 million bales this year. The recent elevation of energy tariffs and the availability of locally procured raw cotton are the prime challenges specific to the industry.

The ratings are dependent upon the Company’s ability to improve its performance in terms of business fundamentals sustainability a devise strategy to manage inflated energy costs in the future. The maintenance of capacity utilization at an optimal level while generating sufficient cashflows and coverages remains critical for the ratings. The adherence to the debt matrix at an adequate level is a prerequisite for an assigned rating.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Allawasaya Textile & Finishing Mills Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Corporate Rating(Jul-23),Methodology Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jul-23),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Apr-23)
Related Research	Sector Study Spinning(Sep-23)
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Profile

Legal Structure Allawasaya Textile & Finishing Mills Limited ('The Company' or 'Allawasaya Textile') is a public listed company engaged in the manufacturing and sale of cotton yarn and man-made fibers.

Background The Company was incorporated in 1958 as a private limited Company. It was converted into a public limited Company in 1965. The Company is engaged in the production and sale of cotton yarn and manmade fibers and has since expanded both its operations and clientele

Operations The primary business of the Company is the production of Polyester Viscose (PV), Pure Viscose (Staple Yarn), and Polyester Cotton (PC) with a count range of 10 – 40. These qualities of Yarn are produced by using Pakistani Cotton and Polyester in accordance with customer satisfaction. For this purpose, the core business activity is cotton spinning. Functioning with one manufacturing unit, the total number of spindles installed is 46,488 (FY22: 38,232 spindles).

Ownership

Ownership Structure The business is primarily owned by three families which are all related. Mian Idrees Ahmed Sheikh, who was previously associated with the Maqbool group. He along with his family collectively holds 24.28% of the shareholding. Mian Jamil is the head of the Jamil Family and collectively owns 26.30% of the total shareholding. Lastly, Mian Tauqir is the head of the Tauqir family, which owns 12.20% of the total shareholding in the Company.

Stability The sponsor families are all related and the third generation of the Jamil and Tauqir families has already joined the Company. However, no formal succession plan has been documented

Business Acumen Besides Allawasaya Textile and Finishing Mills Limited, the sponsors possess shareholdings in Allawasaya Spinning Mills and Shah Shams Cotton Industries (Pvt.) Ltd.

Financial Strength Out of the three sponsor families, i) Maqbool Family has investments in other textile companies and the hospitality sector, ii) the Tauqir family has a diverse portfolio of investments in a number of other textile companies and iii) Jamil family has 100% stake in Allawasaya Spinning Mills Pvt Ltd.

Governance

Board Structure Eleven-member board is comprised of representatives from sponsor families and two independent directors. Despite a good mix of executive and nonexecutive members, sponsor domination on the board undermines the governance structure. Mrs. Nusrat Jamil, a member of the Jamil family is the Chairman of the board.

Members' Profile Mrs. Nusrat Jamil replaced her husband Mian Muhammad Jamil as the Chairman of the Company during FY19. She has been affiliated with the board of the Company for almost two years now. Mian Muhammad Jamil (Jamil Family) is a graduate of textile engineering from National College of Textile Engineering, Faisalabad. He has been associated with the Company for the last 46 years. Mian Idrees Ahmad Sheikh has an overall experience of over 30 years. Mian Tauqir Ahmed Sheikh (Tauqir Family) is also an MBA and acts as a non-executive director on the board

Board Effectiveness In line, with the guidelines of code of corporate governance, the board is supported by two committees to assist on relevant matters.

Financial Transparency M/s M. Yousaf Adil & Co. Chartered Accountants (Deloitte) are the external auditors of the Company. The auditors have issued an unqualified opinion on the company's financial statements for the period ending 30th June 2023.

Management

Organizational Structure The organizational structure of the Company is divided into four main departments namely, i) Finance Admin & Procurement, ii) Audit & Planning, iii) Sales & Marketing and iv) Production. The CEO oversees the finance, admin & procurement department, the Chairman looks after the production while other departments are headed by other executive directors.

Management Team Allawasaya Textile places high importance on experience and all members of the management have extensive experience. Mian Alamgir Jamil Khan is the current CEO of the Company

Effectiveness The Company has no management committees. All department heads have access to the MIS to generate relevant reports according to their departments

MIS The Company's operating environment depends upon an IT Infrastructure supported by an in-house programmed ERP. The implementation is deemed to be successful as per the CFO and IT head of the Company. The IT system is fully integrated in all major departments and ensures proper financial and operational control.

Control Environment The senior management including the CEO and Chairman monitor the business performance through certain key MIS reports. Daily reports include cash and bank position, stock consumption, per spindle cost, receivables, and inventory status while monthly production accounts are also maintained.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics The spinning industry is highly fragmented and consists of ~368 dedicated spinning units with an estimated size of PKR 775bln and 13.4mln number of spindles installed as of FY23 according to an economic survey of Pakistan. The projected cotton production estimate is revised and projected to be 11.5mln bales and currently, production reached up to ~8.26mln bales surpassing FY23 total production of 4.91mln bales.

Relative Position The spinning industry is highly fragmented and consists of ~368 dedicated spinning units with an estimated size of PKR 775bln and 13.4mln number of spindles installed as of FY23 according to an economic survey of Pakistan. Keeping the figures in consideration, Allawasaya's textile's relative position will be considered adequate with an operational capacity of 46,224 spindles.

Revenues During FY23, the Company's revenue witnessed a decline in their turnover and stood at PKR 3,776mln (FY22: 4,827mln) owing to the local demand shortage of yarn. The Company has a brand-based clientele, notably A.B Exports and the total revenue is generated from the local market. During 1HFY24, the revenue base of the company sizeably improved and stood at PKR 3,128mln.

Margins During 1HFY24, the gross profit witnessed incline and stood at PKR 275mln on the back of high turnover. Due to higher interest rates, the finance cost increased sizably to stand at PKR 144mln (1HFY23: PKR 108mln). Consequently, the company recorded net profit of PKR 29mln (1HFY23: loss of PKR 104mln). The company's gross margin inclined to 8.8% during 1HFY24 (1QFY23: 4.2%) while the operating margin was recorded at 6.6% (1HFY23: 1.1%). The net profit margin also illustrated an upward trend and was recorded at 0.9% attributable to higher turnover.

Sustainability The company has installed new spindles in their production facility during FY23 to take the capacity from 38,234 spindles to 46,488 spindles. Going forward, with better efficiency and a specialized product profile, the management expects the Company's margins to improve.

Financial Risk

Working Capital During FY23, the Company's working capital requirement has deteriorated which is evident from the increase in net working capital days (FY23: 95 days, FY21: 58 days). The reason behind this was the increase in inventory days to 73 days (FY22: PKR 32 days). Furthermore, room-to-borrow at the trade level decreased (FY23: PKR 8mln; FY22: PKR 263mln)

Coverages The company's cash flows from operations – a factor of its profitability witnessed decline (FY23: PKR 33mln, FY22: PKR 274mln) because of the high tax. This impact also reflected on the coverages immensely, with the interest coverage ratio during FY23 dropping to 0.1x (FY22: 3.5x) and the debt coverage ratio remaining stagnant at 0.1x (FY22: 1.8x)

Capitalization The Company's leverage increased during FY23 to 48.6% (FY22: 38.6%), mainly due increase in its borrowings. Short-term borrowings, which make up 90% of the total borrowings



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Financial Summary

PKR mln

Allawasaya Textile and Finishing Mills Limited Textile Spinning	Dec-23 6M	Jun-23 12M	Jun-22 12M	Jun-21 12M
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A BALANCE SHEET

1 Non-Current Assets	2,273	2,304	2,142	1,395
2 Investments	15	15	-	-
3 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
4 Current Assets	1,607	1,650	1,382	724
a Inventories	700	935	568	271
b Trade Receivables	576	406	553	332
5 Total Assets	3,896	3,969	3,523	2,119
6 Current Liabilities	787	786	480	238
a Trade Payables	352	344	161	35
7 Borrowings	1,277	1,380	1,093	462
8 Related Party Exposure	108	105	-	-
9 Non-Current Liabilities	127	129	212	170
10 Net Assets	1,597	1,568	1,739	1,249
11 Shareholders' Equity	1,597	1,568	1,739	1,249

B INCOME STATEMENT

1 Sales	3,128	3,776	4,827	3,547
a Cost of Good Sold	(2,853)	(3,631)	(4,372)	(3,184)
2 Gross Profit	275	145	455	363
a Operating Expenses	(68)	(115)	(129)	(85)
3 Operating Profit	207	29	327	278
a Non Operating Income or (Expense)	2	19	(16)	(10)
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	209	48	311	268
a Total Finance Cost	(144)	(249)	(92)	(51)
b Taxation	(37)	36	(75)	(71)
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	29	(165)	144	145

C CASH FLOW STATEMENT

a Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO)	216	33	274	277
b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital	65	(166)	190	218
c Changes in Working Capital	47	2	(444)	39
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	112	(164)	(254)	256
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	(10)	(227)	(329)	(16)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	(80)	387	586	(261)
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	22	(4)	3	(21)

D RATIO ANALYSIS

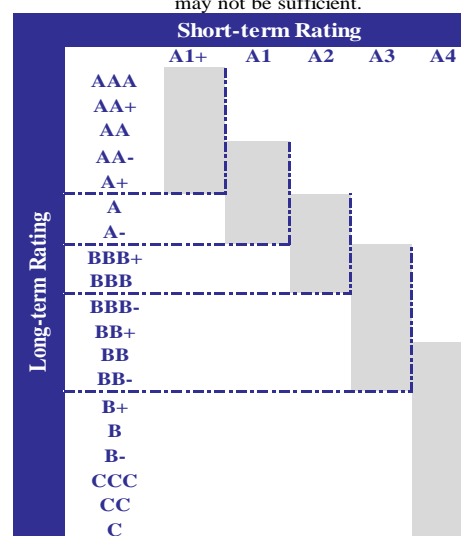
1 Performance				
a Sales Growth (for the period)	65.7%	-21.8%	36.1%	33.5%
b Gross Profit Margin	8.8%	3.8%	9.4%	10.2%
c Net Profit Margin	0.9%	-4.4%	3.0%	4.1%
d Cash Conversion Efficiency (FCFO adjusted for Working C	8.4%	0.9%	-3.5%	8.9%
e Return on Equity [Net Profit Margin * Asset Turnover * (T	3.7%	-10.0%	9.6%	12.4%
2 Working Capital Management				
a Gross Working Capital (Average Days)	76	119	65	76
b Net Working Capital (Average Days)	56	95	58	64
c Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)	2.0	2.1	2.9	3.0
3 Coverages				
a EBITDA / Finance Cost	2.0	0.5	4.8	6.6
b FCFO / Finance Cost+CMLTB+Excess STB	0.8	0.1	1.8	1.8
c Debt Payback (Total Borrowings+Excess STB) / (FCFO-Fi	3.4	-3.0	1.4	1.1
4 Capital Structure				
a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equit	46.5%	48.6%	38.6%	27.0%
b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)	83.7	109.2	88.8	76.4
c Entity Average Borrowing Rate	18.1%	16.5%	8.3%	7.7%

Credit Rating

Credit rating reflects forward-looking opinion on credit worthiness of underlying entity or instrument; more specifically it covers relative ability to honor financial obligations. The primary factor being captured on the rating scale is relative likelihood of default.

Scale	Long-term Rating Definition
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments
AA+	
AA	Very high credit quality. Very low expectation of credit risk. Indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
AA-	
A+	
A	High credit quality. Low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.
A-	
BBB+	
BBB	Good credit quality. Currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.
BBB-	
BB+	
BB	Moderate risk. Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.
BB-	
B+	
B	High credit risk. A limited margin of safety remains against credit risk. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.
B-	
CCC	
CC	Very high credit risk. Substantial credit risk "CCC" Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. "CC" Rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. "C" Ratings signal imminent default.
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D	Obligations are currently in default.

Scale	Short-term Rating Definition
A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
A1	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
A2	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A3	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A4	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity may not be sufficient.



*The correlation shown is indicative and, in certain cases, may not hold.

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b) Corporate Rating	f) Independent Power Producer Rating
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