



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Bank AL Habib Limited | TFC VI | Dec-17

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
31-Dec-2018	AA-	-	Stable	Maintain	-
28-Jun-2018	AA-	-	Stable	Maintain	-
06-Apr-2018	AA-	-	Stable	Harmonize	-
30-Dec-2017	AA	-	Stable	Initial	-
17-Nov-2017	AA	-	-	Preliminary	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating reflects the bank's sustained performance, exceptional asset quality, satisfactory financial profile and healthy liquidity. The bank has solidified its relative positioning in the universe of large sized banks by improving its market share in terms of deposit base and advances book. The bank continued with its strategy for outreach expansion - adding significant branches every year – resulting in an uptick in cost-to-total net revenue. The strength of the bank is reflected in the high proportion of retail deposits in the total. Hence, concentration is low and risk is reduced. Trade finance is the bank's hallmark, yet the bank is building alternative revenue streams, while exploring opportunities in CPEC related projects. The rating draws comfort from the bank's experienced management team, prudent risk management policies and deep rooted relationship with clients - borrowers as well as depositors. The bank has issued additional Tier-I and Tier-II instruments, augmenting the bank's CAR and providing room for growth. The bank's CET-I stands at 8.65% as at end-Sep18 (end-Dec17: 9.3%).

The rating is dependent on the bank's sustained risk profile. In the wake of heightened competition, profitable growth is a challenge while retaining the relative positioning in the industry. The equity base of the bank and CAR are satisfactory and may continually be enhanced in view of the expected growth in loans.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Bank AL Habib Limited TFC VI Dec-17
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Debt Instrument Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Financial Institution(Jun-18),Methodology Basel III Compliant - Debt Instrument(Jun-18)
Related Research	Sector Study Commercial Bank(Jun-18)
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Profile

Structure Bank AL Habib Limited (BAHL), incorporated as a public limited company, commenced operations as a Scheduled Commercial Bank in 1991. The bank is quoted on Pakistan stock exchange under the category of commercial banks.

Background The bank's registered office is located in the city of Multan in Punjab, but its principal office is located in Karachi.

Operations The bank's principal activities are to provide commercial banking services to individuals and institutional clients. The bank has existing branch network of 701 branches (CY 17 : 650) including 62 Islamic Banking branches (CY 17: 53). BAHL has also 03 (CY17: 03) overseas branches.

Ownership

Ownership Structure Habib family and friends, associates and group companies owns majority stake (end-Dec17: 51.16%) in BAHL. Other major shareholders include National Investment Trust (5.85%) and State Life Insurance Corporation (6.61%).

Stability Ownership structure of the Company is seen as stable as no ownership changes are expected in near future. Majority stake will rest with the Habib family and friends.

Business Acumen The considerable experience and business acumen of the sponsors in commercial banking has been of value, as their background has allowed them to proactively deal with the changing dynamics of the industry and demonstrate consistent performance.

Financial Strength Given that BAHL is the flagship business of sponsors, willingness to support the Bank in case the need arises is considered high; also supplemented by access to capital markets.

Governance

Board Structure BAHL's ten-member BoD includes four representatives of Habib family while three are independent members.

Members' Profile The board members carry extensive professional experience in commercial banking and other sectors.

Board Effectiveness There are four board committees; i) Audit ii) Human Resource & Management, iii) Risk Management Committee and iv) Credit Risk management Committee which assist the board in effective oversight of the bank's overall operations on relevant matters. The BoD provides an overall guideline in managing risks associated with the bank's operations and strategic direction.

Financial Transparency The auditors of the bank, KPMG Taseer Hadi & Co., Chartered Accountants, expressed an unqualified opinion on the bank's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Management

Organizational Structure The bank has well-developed management tiers and succession plans for key management positions and a horizontal organizational structure, wherein the company's operations are grouped under various Division Heads.

Management Team Mr. Abbas D. Habib is the Chairman of the Bank. He has over four decades of experience in industrial and banking sectors. Mr. Mansoor Ali Khan was appointed as (CEO) in November 2016. He has been associated with the bank for over twenty years. The strength of the bank comes from the core team of experienced senior banking professionals, having significant experience in banking, locally and abroad.

Effectiveness The bank has four internal committees in place at the management level to oversee its day-to-day operational matters and take decisions to implement the strategy outlined by the board. These include (i) Asset & Liability Management Committee (ALCO), (ii) Information Technology Steering Committee (ITSC), (iii) Operations Committee and (iv) Central Credit Committee (CCC). These committees operate under the close supervision of the Executive Director/ CEO.

MIS The bank is using in-house developed software named 'AL Habib Banking System -AHBS' as its core banking software that allows real-time on-line connectivity with other subsystems operating in the bank. The bank also has a separate Information Security Department.

Risk Management Framework BAHL has a robust risk management framework to manage various risks to which the bank is exposed. The overall responsibility of risk management lies with the BoD, through various committees of the board. The bank has in place a separate Risk Management Division (RMD).

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics The banking industry witnessed significant expansion in the loan book. Last year and YTD (2018) both witnessed huge deployments. This is expected to slow down. New projects require gestation period and additionally crowding-out effect may take place. Rising interest rates mean profitability of the sector would take support. Yet NPLs, as a result, may also transpire. CAR is reaching the maximum requirement by December 2018 (11.9%). This will create a challenge for some of the players.

Relative Position BAHL, a large sized bank, holds a good position in the industry with a 6.0% customer deposit base of PKR 756bln at end-Sep18.

Revenues During 9MCY18, interest earned stood at PKR 42.8bln (9MCY17: PKR 37bln), up 15% YoY on the back of volumetric growth in lending portfolio as well as rising interest rate environment. Markup expenses also increased by ~13% YOY. NIMR witnessed an increase of 17% to stand at PKR 22.5bln (9MCY17: PKR 19.1bln). The bank's asset yield inched up to 6.9% (end-Dec17: 6.7%). Cost of funds remained same at 3.2% (end-Dec17: 3.2%). Hence, Bank's spread remained largely same (9MCY18: 3.7%; FY17: 3.5%).

Performance During 9MCY18, Non-markup income declined to PKR 5.0bln (9MCY17: PKR 6.6bln), down 23% YOY, mainly emanating from a significant decrease in unrealized gain on sale of investments (9MCY18: PKR 20mln; 9MFY17: PKR 2,572mln). The rise in non-markup expense (16%) stood at PKR 17bln (9MCY17: PKR 15bln). Bank recorded a net provision of PKR 201mln (9MFY17: PKR 271mln) which affected the bottom-line to stand at PKR 5,903mln (9MCY17: PKR 6,401mln).

Sustainability Going forward, BAHL envisages fortifying its market positioning; meanwhile, the focus is on enhancing its profitability via mobilization of low cost deposits, expansion in branch network and achieving greater operational efficiency by keeping expenses under control and improving IT infrastructure. To cater growth, the bank would require continuous augmentation of its CAR. At the same time, selective diversification and monitoring of credit exposures would continue to remain an area of focus.

Financial Risk

Credit Risk During 9MCY18, BAHL's advances have grown by 32% (9MCY18: PKR 450bln; CY17: PKR 340bln). Growth in advances was above industry average of (9MCY17:15%). This was largely due to more room in the capital adequacy position of the bank. The Bank's ADR, on the back of higher credit off-take by the bank increased to 59% (end-Dec17: 49%). As a result infection ratio improved to ~1.1% end-Sep18 (end-Dec17: ~1.5%). Earning assets witnessed a meager increase of 1% (9MCY18: PKR 829bln, FY17: PKR 828bln); significant increase in lending but declined investment portfolio.

Market Risk During 9MCY18, BAHL invested majorly in T-bills (~67%). BAHL's exposure in PIBs has decreased to ~23% at end-Sep18 (end-Dec17: ~25%), while exposure in foreign currency bonds witnessed meager increase to ~6% at end-Sep18 (end-Dec17: ~4%). Investment mix remains tilted towards T-Bills throughout the industry in the wake of rising interest rate environment in upcoming years.

Liquidity And Funding The main source of BAHL's funding is its deposit base comprising 87% of total liabilities at end-Sep18, followed by borrowings (7.3%) and other liabilities (2%). The bank's customer deposits posted a growth of 13% to stand at PKR 755bln (end-Dec17: PKR 666bln), up 13% against average industry growth of 6%. Hence, the bank's customer deposit market system share increased to 6% (CY17: 5.6%). The bank improved its liquidity with a higher CASA ratio of 82% at end-Sep18 (end-Dec17: ~80%) and short-term nature of its advances portfolio. The bank's liquidity, in terms of its Liquid Assets-to-Deposits and Borrowings ratio stands at 49% (CY17: 59%).

Capitalization BAHL's paid-up capital stands at PKR 11,114mln. However, the bank's equity base stand at PKR 43bln (end-Dec17: PKR 40bln). BAHL has a CAR of 12.57% at Sep-18, (end-Dec17: 13.8%), with contribution from Tier I capital (10.05%) and Tier II capital (2.53%). The Bank's return on equity remained healthy at 18.7% at end-Sep18 (end-Dec17: ~23%).

**BANK AL HABIB LIMITED (BAHL)****BALANCE SHEET**

	30-Sep-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	31-Dec-15
Earning Assets				
Advances (Net of Provision)	452,340	342,177	263,552	209,828
Debt Instruments	4,093	4,857	6,712	4,615
Total Finances	456,433	347,034	270,263	214,442
Investments	354,714	471,268	398,316	352,034
Others	17,476	9,648	7,461	10,671
	828,623	827,950	676,041	577,147
Non Earning Assets				
Non-Earning Cash	62,876	55,140	46,005	38,577
Deferred Tax	-	-	-	-
Net Non-Performing Finances	(2,408)	(2,344)	(2,112)	(2,539)
Fixed Assets & Others	41,562	38,306	31,461	26,788
	102,030	91,101	75,354	62,826
TOTAL ASSETS	930,653	919,052	751,395	639,973
Interest Bearing Liabilities				
Deposits	768,805	692,576	584,172	516,213
Borrowings	75,843	144,497	97,717	65,587
	844,648	837,074	681,888	581,800
Non Interest Bearing Liabilities	38,332	36,102	26,994	20,316
TOTAL LIABILITIES	882,980	873,176	708,882	602,117
EQUITY (including revaluation surplus)	47,673	45,876	42,513	37,856
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	930,653	919,052	751,395	639,973

INCOME STATEMENT

	30-Sep-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	31-Dec-15
Interest / Mark up Earned	42,844	50,305	47,804	50,293
Interest / Mark up Expensed	(20,327)	(24,387)	(23,133)	(25,476)
Net Interest / Markup revenue	22,516	25,918	24,672	24,817
Other Income	5,086	8,201	5,052	4,511
Total Revenue	27,602	34,119	29,724	29,328
Non-Interest / Non-Mark up Expensed	(17,480)	(20,194)	(17,198)	(14,997)
Pre-provision operating profit	10,123	13,926	12,526	14,330
Provisions	(201)	115	638	(1,999)
Pre-tax profit	9,922	14,041	13,164	12,332
Taxes	(4,019)	(5,391)	(5,045)	(4,927)
Net Income	5,903	8,650	8,119	7,405

Ratio Analysis

	30-Sep-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	31-Dec-15
Performance				
ROE	18.7%	22.5%	24.0%	25.0%
Cost-to-Total Net Revenue	63.3%	59.2%	57.9%	51.1%
Provision Expense / Pre Provision Profit	2.0%	-0.8%	-5.1%	13.9%
Capital Adequacy				
Equity/Total Assets	4.7%	4.4%	4.8%	5.0%
Capital Adequacy Ratio as per SBP	12.6%	13.8%	14.2%	13.8%
Funding & Liquidity				
Liquid Assets / Deposits and Borrowings	49.4%	59.2%	62.3%	65.3%
Advances / Deposits	58.5%	49.1%	44.8%	40.2%
CASA deposits / Total Customer Deposits	82.2%	80.0%	79.8%	76.1%
Intermediation Efficiency				
Asset Yield	6.9%	6.7%	7.7%	9.2%
Cost of Funds	3.2%	3.2%	3.7%	4.6%
Spread	3.7%	3.5%	4.0%	4.7%

Bank Al-Habib Limited (BAHL)

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Credit Rating Scale & Definitions

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.

Long Term Ratings		Short Term Ratings	
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments	A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
AA+ 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.	A1	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
A+ 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.	A2	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
BBB+ 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.	A3	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
BB+ 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.	B	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
B+ 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.	C	An inadequate capacity to ensure timely repayment.
CCC CC C	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.		
D	Obligations are currently in default.		



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