



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Pak Qatar General Takaful Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
06-Dec-2018	A	-	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Apr-2018	A	-	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Sep-2017	A	-	Stable	Maintain	-
28-Feb-2017	A	-	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Feb-2016	A	-	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating reflects adequate risk absorption capacity – strengthened by capital injections – of the company. However, in more recent years, intense competition has resulted in pressure on the profitability of the sector. Furthermore, the management follows a conservative stance (high liquidity, low risk philosophy) for its investment book. Hence, stable, though relatively low, investment income supplements profits. The management need to continue its efforts to fortify business profile in the wake of intensive competition from window takaful. The ratings incorporates the effect of association of the company with Qatar based investors.

The rating is dependent on the management’s ability to cohesively execute the business plan. Furthermore, improvement in market share and underwriting profitability are considered vital. Meanwhile, prudent management of premium receivables from corporate customers is essential. Also, implementation of real time IT infrastructure along with an upgraded MIS should, among others, strengthen the claims management system.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Pak Qatar General Takaful Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	IFS Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology General Insurance(Jun-18)
Related Research	Sector Study General Insurance(Nov-18)
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Profile

Legal Structure PakQatar Takaful Limited (PQTL) is the largest dedicated Takaful Company of Pakistan and is incorporated as unquoted public limited company.

Background The company started its operations in Aug-07 as the third takaful company in the country, providing risk coverages to all segments of general takaful. PQTL, with its head office in Karachi, operates through three business Hubs – South, Central and North – with a total of 18 branches in 9 cities.

Operations The North Zone comprises of branches in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Abbottabad and Peshawar, Central zone comprising branches in Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Multan, & Sialkot while South zone consists of branches in Karachi, Hyderabad & Quetta

Ownership

Ownership Structure H.E. Sheikh Ali Bin Abdullah Al-Thani (H.E. Ali) effectively controls 54% shareholding in the company directly and indirectly through Masraf Al Rayan, Qatar International Islamic Bank, and Qatar Islamic Insurance Co.

Stability There has been no change in the ownership structure of the company

Business Acumen H.E Ali indirectly controls the stake in PakQatar through three institutions owned by family and friends; i) Qatar International Islamic Bank (rated A2 by Moody's) is majorly owned by Ezdan Holding group (23%) and Qatar Investment Authority (17%), ii) Masraf Al –Rayan incorporated in 2006 (rated Aaa3 / P-1 by Moody's), enjoys 25% market share in Shariah Compliant banking assets and 5% share in domestic banking assets.iii) Qatar Islamic Insurance Company (rated Baa2 by Moody's) is the 6th largest insurance company in Qatar insurance sector and 2nd largest in takaful, with portfolio dominated by motor segment (56%).

Financial Strength Pak-Qatar Family Takaful is another venture of sponsors in Pakistan's Life Insurance sector. Incorporated in 2006, the company has fast grown to become 3rd largest life insurer in the private sector at end Sept-18.

Governance

Board Structure PakQatar has a seven-member board including the Managing Director – Mr. Said Gul. Mr. Gul has been associated with the company since inception

Members' Profile H.E. Sheikh Ali Bin Abdullah Al-Thani (H.E. Ali) is the Chairman of the board. He holds Chairmanship of various prominent organizations of Qatar having an experience over more than two decades

Board Effectiveness BoD's participation is good in annual meetings which are held in Qatar. Online MIS is provided to directors that enable them to keep updated with progress of the company.

Financial Transparency The company's financial statements are audited by EY. The qualification regarding the MCR for period ended Dec-17 was removed. Half year review (Interim) of 1H18 was conducted by EY whereby a clean report was issued.

Management

Organizational Structure The management team of the company comprises qualified and experienced professionals. The organizational structure is well laid down, with clearly delineated reporting lines.

Management Team Mr. Zahid Hussain is the CEO of the company. Mr. Hussain has an experience of over three decades and is assisted by a team of professionals heading all department of the company.

Effectiveness MIS reports are being generated on daily, monthly and quarterly basis. These MIS reports being used by management comprehensively cover agent-wise, branch-wise contribution and claims positions on real-time basis.

Claim Management System The claim processing process is centralized, where only data entry rights are available to branches. For engineering segment, branches have no data entry authority. Claim reporting is done by branch who is attending the claim.

Investment Management Function PQTL has a formal investment policy document approved by BoD and Shariah Board, reviewed annually. As per the IPS, the structure of investment decision making is three-tiered – (i) Board Investment Committee (IC), (ii) Management Investment Committee (MIC), and supervised by (iii) Shariah Board.

Risk Management Framework The company's Risky assets ratio as a % of equity has improved to .42x at end Sep -18 as against .06x of the same period last year, on account of injected equity during CY17.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Pakistan's general insurance witnessed continuous growth (CAGR 4 years 11%) but economic slowdown may hamper future growth rate. Fire and motor segments have been growth drivers. Miscellaneous segment has seen largest growth in non-conventional avenues, third-party, health, crop etc. Industry is bringing in technological advancements aimed to enhance efficiency and customer experience.

Relative Position The company is classified as a small company (general insurance industry) with a market share of less than 1%.

Revenue The company experienced an impressive growth in the top line by 185% at end Sep'18 as compared to the same period last year (9MCY18: PKR 452mln, 9MCY17: PKR 243mln). In the last quarter of CY17, GPW increased by 253% (PKR 243mln to PKR 615) mln with Motor business being the highest contributor(56%). At Sept-18 end, GPW of all segments showed a considerable increase with Misc. segment growing the most (195%) followed by Motor (81%), Fire (71%) and Marine (50%) as compared to corresponding period last year.

Profitability PTF had a surplus fund at Sep-18 of PKR 9mln (9MCY17: PKR 4mln). The increase of 66% on account of net claims expense (9MCY18: PKR 291, 9MCY17: 175mln) was set off by a corresponding increase of 67% in the Net Contribution Revenue (9MCY18: PKR 137, 9MCY17: 82mln) as compared to the same period last year. SHF posted an underwriting loss (PKR 5mln) at Sep-18 as against a loss of PKR 15mln at end Sep-17. Improved Wakala income of PKR 179 mln (9MCY17: PKR 95mln) was the catalyst in the shrinkage of loss.

Investment Performance The investment income stood at PKR 14mln (PTF: PKR 4mln; SHF: PKR 10 mln) at end Sep18 (9MCY17: PKR18mln) showing an overall decrease of 22% on YoY basis.

Sustainability Going forward, the company envisages prudent growth strategy and expects a reasonable growth at end CY18. The company envisions growth primarily Motor business, Banker's blanket and Marine business.

Financial Risk

Claim Efficiency The claims efficiency ratio stood at 121 days improving from 311 days in the same period last year on account of improved receivable contribution

Re-Insurance PQTL is strengthened by its Re-Takaful arrangements with Africa Re ('A-' by S&P), Labuan Re ('A-' by AM Best), Saudi Re ('BBB+' by S&P) and Emirates Re ('BBB+' by AM Best).

Liquidity The liquid coverage at end Sep-18 deteriorated slightly to 1.7x (9MCY17: 1.9x).

Capital Adequacy The company has an equity of PKR 560mln at end Sep'18. The paid up capital is marginally above the MCR

PakQatar General Takaful Limited (PQTL)

BALANCE SHEET*	---- PKR (mln) ----		
	Sep-18	Dec-17	Dec-16
Investments			
Liquid Investments	545	464	392
Insurance Related Assets	504	620	397
Other Assets	203	201	245
TOTAL ASSETS	1,251	1,284	1,034
Equity (SHF)	320	562	539
Waqf / Participants' Takaful Fund (PTF)	130	(114)	(127)
Underwriting Provisions	188	219	252
Insurance Related Liabilities	496	530	272
Other Liabilities	117	88	98
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES	1,251	1,284	1,034

Profit and Loss Account (Participants' Takaful Fund / PTF) - Extracts	Sep-18	Dec-17	Dec-16
Gross Contribution Written (GPW)	452	615	653
Net Contribution Revenue	137	168	218
Net Claims	(167)	(211)	(249)
Investment Income	4	1	1
Surplus / (Deficit) before Investment Income	9	12	8

Profit and Loss Account (Shareholders' Fund / SHF) - Extracts	Sep-18	Dec-17	Dec-16
Wakala Income	179	233	256
Investment Income	10	25	23
Underwriting Profit/ (Loss)	(5)	(16)	(21)
Profit Before Tax	7	11	4

RATIO ANALYSIS*	Sep-18	Dec-17	Dec-16
Underwriting Results			
Loss Ratio	53%	53%	53%
Expense Ratio	72%	63%	52%
Combined Ratio	125%	116%	105%
Performance			
Operating Ratio	120%	109%	100%
Investment Yield (SHF + PTF)	2%	2%	3%
Liquidity & Solvency			
Liquidity Ratio – times	1.7	0.9	2.3

* based on consolidated figures (SHF + PTF)

SHF: Shareholders' Fund

PTF: Participants' Takaful Fund



INSURER FINANCIAL STRENGTH (IFS) RATING RATING SCALE & DEFINITIONS

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

RATING SCALE	DEFINITION
AAA	Exceptionally Strong. Exceptionally strong capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are minimal and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be extremely small.
AA+ AA AA-	Very Strong. Very strong capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are modest, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very small
A+ A A-	Strong. Strong capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are moderate, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be small.
BBB+ BBB BBB-	Good. Good capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Although risk factors are somewhat high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be manageable.
BB+ BB BB-	Moderately Weak. Moderately weak with an uncertain capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Though positive factors are present, overall risk factors are high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be significant.
B+ B B-	Weak. Weak capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are very high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very significant.
CCC CC C	Very Weak. Very weak with a very poor capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. 'CCC': Risk factors are extremely high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be insurmountable. 'CC': Some form of insolvency or liquidity impairment appears probable. 'C': Insolvency or liquidity impairment appears imminent.
D	Distressed Extremely weak capacity with limited liquid assets to meet policyholders and contractual obligations, or subjected to some form of regulatory intervention and declared insolvent by the regulator.

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