



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Pak Oman Asset Management Company Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
13-Sep-2024	AM3++	-	Stable	Maintain	-
14-Sep-2023	AM3++	-	Stable	Maintain	-
10-Mar-2023	AM3++	-	Positive	Maintain	-
11-Mar-2022	AM3++	-	Positive	Maintain	-
06-Aug-2021	AM3++	-	Stable	Upgrade	-
15-Feb-2021	AM3+	-	Positive	Maintain	-
28-Aug-2020	AM3+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
28-Aug-2019	AM3+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
26-Feb-2019	AM3+	-	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The assigned rating of Pak Oman Asset Management Company Ltd (or the "POAMCL") reflects experienced management, structured investment decision making process and adequate governance framework. POAMCL is managing an adequate fund slate composed of 09 open-end funds belonging to all major categories. Considering the high interest rate environment during FY24, the fund slate is tilted more towards Income and money market funds with ~84% of total assets concentrated in these categories (Islamic and conventional). The majority of the Funds performed above with the benchmark. The average market penetration of the Company stood at 0.14% as of Jun'24. However, the AUMs of the Company stood at PKR 3.7bln as of Jun'24 (Jun'23: PKR 6.3bln). The Company has strategized to improve its market share by strengthening retail penetration and improving its technological platform. The current AUM mix depicts an adequate retail vs. corporate ratio of 13:87.

On the financial side, the management fee of the Company increased by ~72% at PKR 70mln during CY23. (CY22: PKR 41mln). Whereas, it stood at PKR 40mln, during 6MCY24 (SPLY: PKR 31.4mln). The Company reported a net loss of PKR -11mln during CY23 (CY22: PKR 0.25mln). During 6MCY24, it stood at ~PKR 1.5mln (SPLY: PKR 2.5mln). The equity of the Company increased by 58% and stood at PKR 240mln at the end of Jun'24 (Jun'23: 152mln). The Parent Company has injected equity of PKR 80mln to help the AMC to meet the minimum regulatory equity requirement.

The rating is dependent on the Company's ability to enhance its market position, maintain minimum requirement of equity and maintaining strong performance of its funds. Meanwhile, upholding high governance standards and strengthening of risk management is crucial for the rating.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Pak Oman Asset Management Company Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Asset Manager Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Rating Modifiers(Apr-24),Assessment Framework Asset Manager Rating(Jun-24)
Related Research	Sector Study Asset Management Companies (AMCs)(Jun-24)
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Asset Management Companies (AMCs)

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Profile

Structure Pak Oman Asset Management Company Limited ("POAMCL" or "The Company") was incorporated on July 28, 2006 as a public unlisted company

Background On 31st May 2017, 100% shares of Askari Investment Management Limited were acquired by Pak Oman Asset Management for an amount of PKR 551mln. The merger was successfully completed and effective from October 31, 2017. POAMCL is licensed to carry out asset management company and investment advisory services under NBFC Rules, 2003 and NBFC Regulations, 2008.

Market Share The market share of the Company stood at 0.14% at Jun'24.

Diversification Of Fund Mix The Company's diversified fund slate includes nine open-end funds, representing asset allocation, income, aggressive fixed income, money market, and other shariah compliant categories

Investor Concentration The average top ten investors' concentration stood at ~54%. The average related party holdings represents ~20.6% of total assets under management of the Company at the end of FY24.

Ownership

Ownership Structure The Company is 99.46% owned subsidiary of Pak Oman Investment Company Limited and remaining shareholder is Oman International Development and Investment Company, SAOG (0.54%).

Business Acumen The parent company, Pak Oman Investment Company Limited, was formed as a joint venture between the Governments of Pakistan and Sultanate of Oman in July 2000. Pak Oman Investment Company, along with its subsidiaries, provides corporate banking, investment banking and treasury services.

Financial Strength POAMCL derives its financial strength from Pak Oman Investment Company. Pak Oman Investment company is AA+ (long term) rated.

Governance

Board Structure The Company's board of directors comprise six members with three non-executive directors, one executive and two independent directors.

Members' Profile The board members have strong educational backgrounds and carry extensive diversified experience. The Chairman, H.H Juland Jaifer Salim Al-Said, successor of H.E. Yahya Bin Said has over 15 years of experience at the Oman Investment Authority (OIA) (Previously known as State General Reserve Fund), the largest sovereign wealth fund of the Sultanate of Oman in the areas of Private Equity, Real Estate, and Risk Management.

Board Effectiveness To ensure its effectiveness, the board has formulated the audit and HR and remuneration committees.

Transparency The internal audit function is outsourced to A. F. Ferguson & Co. The external auditors are BDO & Co. Chartered Accountants, which fall into the 'A' category of SBP audit firm rankings.

Management

Organizational Structure The organizational structure aligns with the operations of the Company. The Company operates through eight main departments which fall under the purview of the CEO except for the internal audit department which reports to the audit committee.

Management Team The Company's management team consists of qualified and experienced professionals. The CEO, Ms. Sadaf Kazmi holds a Masters degree in public administration and carries substantial experience of over a decade in the asset management industry.

Technology Infrastructure The Company is maintaining an in-house system to conduct the operations of unit management, settlement and fund accounting. The modules also generate tailor-made MIS reports for analytical purposes.

Control Environment Internal Audit plan, approved by Audit Committee encompasses the review of internal control system which includes policies/procedures, physical safeguards, KYC/AML and monitoring of compliance function pertaining to NBFC regulations. The compliance and risk functions are not segregated and are overseen by one dedicated person.

Investment Risk Management

Credit Risk Internal assessment modules are used with a combination of qualitative and quantitative analysis. Excel based credit risk scorecards are in place which provide statistical estimates for counter party credit risk. The fund managers ensure the credit portfolio of the fund exposed to credit risk is broadly diversified.

Liquidity Profile The Company invests significant portion of the funds' assets in liquid investment avenues to maintain sufficient liquidity. The compliance department regularly generates liquidity reports along with common statistical tools like VAR analysis for assessing liquidity risks. The portfolio allocations are monitored on ongoing basis and matched to the approved allocation limits and any breach in exposure limit is reported to the investment committee in prompt manner.

Market Risk The Company has set appropriate metrics to measure its exposure to market risk factors such as sensitivity analysis and stress testing. The Company's management places special focus on monitoring exchange rates and global commodity prices and a macro-economic model has been developed in order to have a macroeconomic fundamental review regularly

Portfolio Management

IC Composition The investment committee comprises CEO, CFO, CIO, fund managers and Head of Compliance & Risk. Recently, Mr. Arsalan Javed appointed as the Chief Investment Officer. He will Lead Investment Management team. He has extensive experience of 9 years overall and with the company experience of 1 year managing Equity, Fixed Income, discretionary and non-discretionary portfolios.

Effectiveness The investment committee meets formally on weekly basis. However, daily informal meetings are held for making decisions pertaining to asset allocations and fund management.

Investment Research And Analysis The Company is using researches of top ten brokerage houses

Customer Relationship

Investor Services The Investor Services Department provides investor education, personalized solutions, and client reporting. Retail customer outreach is expected to enhance by allowing investments in Company's mutual funds through the digital platform of Emlaak

Investor Reporting In addition to publishing fund manager reports on monthly basis, the company also disseminates unit holder statement every month through email (subscribed) which comprises net asset value and month end closing values.

Distribution And Sales Network The Company has segregated the marketing and distribution department into two departments: i) Sales and Marketing which is responsible for the corporate sales, separately managed accounts and investor services ii) Retail Sales which is responsible for penetration into the retail market.

Performance

Asset Under Management The assets under management of the Company increased to PKR 3.8bln at the end Jun'24 from PKR 6.4bln at end Jun'23. The majority of the Fund outperformed the benchmark and remained in the top quartile.

Asset Manager The management fee of the Company increased by ~71% at PKR 70mln, during CY23 (SPY: PKR 41mln) and PKR 41mln at the end of 6MCY24. The Company reported net loss of ~PKR 11mln during CY23 (SPY was in net profit of PKR 0.3mln) and PKR 1.5mln at the end of 6MCY24. The equity of the Company stood at PKR 239mln at the end CY23 (CY22: 150mln) and PKR 240mln at the end of 6MCY24 which has now come above the regulatory limit of PKR 230mln.

Fund's Performance | Pak Oman AMC

Sr. No.	Fund Name	Category	Weight (%)	AUMs (PKR 'mln')				FY24- 12 Months Return		
				Jun'24	Mar'24	Dec'23	Jun'23	Return	Bench.	Fund vs. Bench.
1	Askari High Yield Scheme	Aggressive fixed Income	8.3%	312	468	445	2,874	20.1%	21.9%	-1.8%
2	Pak Oman Income Fund	Income	37.2%	1,401	2,562	2,518	1,567	23.2%	21.7%	1.5%
3	Askari Cash Fund (Formerly Askari Sovereign Cash Fund)	Money Market	18.9%	712	943	947	1,293	22.9%	20.9%	2.0%
4	Pak Oman Advantage Islamic Income Fund	Shariah Compliant Income	5.7%	214	221	220	227	21.5%	10.1%	11.4%
5	Askari Sovereign Yield Enhancer	Income	3.5%	133	128	138	122	24.3%	21.7%	2.6%
6	Pak Oman Islamic Asset Allocation Fund	Shariah Compliant Asset Allocation	3.3%	124	117	127	104	28.5%	45.1%	-16.5%
7	Pak Oman Advantage Asset Allocation Fund	Asset Allocation	3.6%	134	125	131	104	39.9%	41.5%	-1.6%
8	Pak Oman Daily Dividend Fund	Shariah Compliant Money Market	3.1%	116	64	62	79	16.3%	10.0%	6.2%
9	Pak Oman Micro Finance Fund (Launch Date: May'24)	Income	16.4%	618	-	-	-			0.0%
Sum/Average:			100%	3,763	4,628	4,588	6,368			

Asset Manager Rating

An independent opinion on an asset manager's expertise, quality of services and potential vulnerability to investment management and operational challenges

Scale	Definition
AM1	Very high quality. Asset manager meets or exceeds the overall investment management industry best practices and highest benchmarks.
AM2++ AM2+ AM2	High quality. Asset manager meets high investment management industry standards and benchmarks with noted strengths in several of the rating factors.
AM3++ AM3+ AM3	Good quality. Asset manager meets investment management industry standards and benchmarks.
AM4++ AM4+ AM4	Adequate quality. Asset manager demonstrates an adequate organization that meets key investment management industry standards and benchmarks.
AM5	Weak. Asset manager does not meet the minimum investment management industry standards and benchmarks.

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