



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

## Rating Report

### IGI Life Insurance Company

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#### Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
26-Dec-2018	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Jun-2018	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Sep-2017	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
09-May-2017	A+	-	Stable	Initial	-

#### Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

Packages Group, with the brand of IGI, has been operating in the industry since 1953. IGI Life has been a step towards holistic presence in insurance industry - General as well as life. This is unlocking synergistic benefits. The market share of the company has slightly diluted, owing to change in the business strategy: to reduce dependence on the single premium and shift towards the regular premium. The company's persistency in the second year is the highest, which is a good omen, though first year persistence will improve as shift from single premium transpire. The agency network of the company has continued to expand, whereas, bancassurance arrangements with some of the leading banks of the country are yielding benefits. The company has a diverse product slate, targeting all segments of the market. Going forward, IGI Life aims to further penetrate the market, on the back of expansion in branch network and gradually building up portfolio through its new product 'Vitality'. The company's association with Packages Group engenders sound governance framework remains a key rating factor.

The rating is dependent on sustained improvement in business and financial risk profile of the company in line with its relative positioning within the industry. At the same time, liquidity profile should continue to cushion the policyholder's liabilities. The performance of company's new product 'Vitality' remains crucial.

#### Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	IGI Life Insurance Company
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	IFS Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology   Life Insurance(Jun-18)
Related Research	Sector Study   Life Insurance(Jun-18)
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**Profile**

**Legal Structure** IGI Life Insurance Limited (IGI Life), a quoted public company, is listed on Pakistan Stock Exchange.

**Background** The company commenced its operation in 1995. It is owned by the Packages Group.

**Operations** With its head office in Karachi, the company operates through three business Hubs – South, Central and North – with a total of 24 branches boasting a vast network of agents in excess of 700.

**Ownership**

**Ownership Structure** IGI Life is majority owned by IGI Holdings Limited (formerly; IGI Insurance Limited). IGI Life Insurance Limited marked the entry of IGI Financial Services (part of Packages Group) into the Life Insurance arena through acquisition of controlling shares in American Life Insurance Company (Pakistan) Limited in April 2014.

**Stability** There has been no change in shareholding this year.

**Business Acumen** The Packages Group is ranked amongst the renowned industrial groups of the country, having diversified interests in packaging, dairy, pharmaceutical, and financial sectors.

**Financial Strength** Packages Limited, listed on Pakistan Stock Exchange, has strong presence in different dimensions of the packaging business, and is the group's flagship company for non-financial business with long-term entity rating of "AA" by PACRA.

**Governance**

**Board Structure** The overall control of the company vests in seven member board of directors.

**Members' Profile** CEO is the only executive director while there are three independent board members. Remaining are non-executive directors including the chairman. In 2018, two new directors namely ; Hasan Askari and Roohi Naz replaced Nadeem Malik and Ehsan Malik respectively.

**Board Effectiveness** There are six sub-committees of the board namely; (i) Audit, (ii) Claims, (iii) Underwriting & Reinsurance, (iv) Investment (v) Human Resource & Remuneration and (vi) Risk Management & Compliance.

**Financial Transparency** The auditors of the company A.F. Fergusons & Co. Chartered Accountants issued an unqualified audit report and review report pertaining to annual financial statements for CY17 and 1H18.

**Management**

**Organizational Structure** The management team of the company comprises qualified and experienced professionals. The organisational structure is well laid down.

**Management Team** The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Syed Hyder Ali, oversees operations of the company through four key individuals – Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Operations Officer (COO) and Group Chief Investment Officer (GCIO).

**Effectiveness** The CEO remains abreast of day-to-day operations through real time MIS reporting. Mr. Syed Hyder Ali, the CEO of the company, carries more than three decades of experience of different industries. He is also serving as CEO of Packages Limited.

**Claim Management System** IGI Life has a detailed claims settlement guideline in place with core objective of removing the gaps with effective controls. Once the claims department receives policyholders' request the policy review is carried out, if the claim is legitimate, a case is prepared and sent to head of claims or claims committee for approval.

**Investment Management Function** IGI Life has a formal investment policy document approved by BoD and reviewed annually. Management investment committee (MIC) chaired by deputy CEO has the authority for implementation and monitoring and propose changes in investment strategy and policy.

**Risk Management Framework** The company has developed a detailed underwriting manual and field underwriting guidelines are issued to the branches and agents and are updated from time to time. A risk register maintained by the company. The register captures all the risks that are currently impacting the company or may have an impact in the future. It highlights the severity of the risk and controls in place for prevention along with department or individuals that are responsible for its mitigation.

**Business Risk**

**Industry Dynamics** Life insurance sector has seen remarkable growth in recent years (CAGR 4years: 16%), wherein the private sector has seen relatively high growth. Private sector brought innovative life solution, mainly bancassurance – a sum of both saving plans and nominal life cover. Investment portfolios of life insurers are skewed towards government securities (primarily PIBs). Although Interest rate increase brought revaluation losses.

**Relative Position** IGI Life is classified as mid-sized company with a market share of 3%.

**Persistency** Gross premium (9M18: PKR 3,706, 9M17: PKR 4,321mln) witnessed a dip of 14% largely on the back of single premium. This enabled the company to improve its persistency level to 73% (9M17: 57%).

**Revenue** The single premium declined by 56% as the company has focused it's strategy to regular premium plans and banca. The single premium comprises 22% of the total premium in 9M18 as against 43% in the corresponding period. The gap created due to the decline in single premium policy is being managed through the shift in policy, expansion in branch network and the launch of new products.

**Profitability** Coupled with reduced gross premiums and the investment income, alongwith increased claims, IGI Life posted a Profit before Tax of PKR 52mln (9M17: PKR 213mln).

**Investment Performance** The investment income reduced to PKR 783mln (9M17: 805mln).

**Sustainability** Going forward, the company envisages high growth targets with focus on profitability. It aims to reduce dependency on single premium and shift towards regular premium. The launch of its new product 'Vitality' will enable it to make inroads. Furthermore, strengthening of human capital along with expansion of agent network with recruitment of professional and qualified personnel is also in the pipeline.

**Financial Risk**

**Claim Efficiency** The claims outstanding days remained stagnant at 25 days reflecting robust claim efficiency.

**Re-Insurance** IGI Life is strengthened by its Reinsurance arrangements with Hannover Re (AA- by S&P) and Munich Re (AA- by S&P). Catastrophic arrangements provide the company with cushion to absorb unforeseen risks. Treaties include retention limits segregated between quota share, surplus and XOL.

**Liquidity** The liquidity ratio is ~1.0x, providing good risk absorption capacity.

**Capital Adequacy** IGI Life is compliant with SECP's mandated required capital of PKR 700mln. It has an equity base of PKR PKR 1,598mln.



## LIFE INSURANCE Financials [Summary]

### IGI Life Insurance Limited (IGILife)

	PKR mln 30-Sep-18	PKR mln 31-Dec-17	PKR mln 30-Sep-17
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>Investments</b>			
Liquid Investments	17,489	18,518	18,444
Other Investments	183	168	163
	17,672	18,686	18,607
Insurance Related Assets	578	535	600
Other Assets	1,206	817	664
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>19,456</b>	<b>20,038</b>	<b>19,871</b>
<b>Equity</b>	1,598	1,615	834
Statutory Fund	17,058	17,741	18,339
Insurance Related Liabilities	351	255	290
Other Liabilities	449	427	408
<b>TOTAL EQUITY &amp; LIABILITIES</b>	<b>19,456</b>	<b>20,038</b>	<b>19,871</b>
<b>INCOME STATEMENT - Extracts</b>			
	30-Sep-18	31-Dec-17	30-Sep-17
<b>Net Premium</b>			
Gross Premium	3,706	5,617	4,322
Reinsurance Expense	(101)	(152)	(93)
Net Premium	3,605	5,465	4,228
Net Claims	(3,764)	(4,319)	(3,265)
Expenses	(1,001)	(1,209)	(899)
Investment Income	783	781	805
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure (EoI)</b>	<b>(377)</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>870</b>
Miscellaneous (Expense)/ Income	(19)	98	149
Reserve for Policyholders' Liabilities	(449)	839	806
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>213</b>
<b>RATIO ANALYSIS</b>			
	30-Sep-18	31-Dec-17	30-Sep-17
<b>Underwriting Results</b>			
Gross Premium Written (GPW) Growth Rate	-14%	-26%	-22%
Presistency Ratio (Individuals Funds)	73%	45%	57%
Loss Ratio (Net Claims as %age of net premium)	105%	80%	78%
Operating Ratio	99%	73%	100%
<b>Liquidity &amp; Solvency</b>			
Liquidity Ratio – times	1.0	1.0	1.0
Claims Outstanding Days (Provision for Outstanding			
Claims/Claims Expense * 365) - days	25.2	20.6	25.0

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## 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		
<b>AAA</b>	<b>Exceptionally Strong.</b> 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.		
<b>AA+</b> <b>AA</b> <b>AA-</b>	<b>Very Strong.</b> 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		
<b>A+</b> <b>A</b> <b>A-</b>	<b>Strong.</b> 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.		
<b>BBB+</b> <b>BBB</b> <b>BBB-</b>	<b>Good.</b> 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.		
<b>BB+</b> <b>BB</b> <b>BB-</b>	<b>Moderately Weak.</b> 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> <b>B</b> <b>B-</b>	<b>Weak.</b> 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.		
<b>CCC</b> <b>CC</b> <b>C</b>	<b>Very Weak.</b> 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.		
<b>D</b>	<b>Distressed</b> 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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