



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

First Capital Investments Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
05-Apr-2023	AM4++	-	Stable	Maintain	-
05-Apr-2022	AM4++	-	Stable	Maintain	-
05-Apr-2021	AM4++	-	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Sep-2020	AM4++	-	Negative	Maintain	Yes
27-Sep-2019	AM4++	-	Negative	Maintain	Yes
28-Mar-2019	AM4++	-	Developing	Maintain	Yes
27-Sep-2018	AM4++	-	Developing	Maintain	Yes
15-May-2017	AM4++	-	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating reflects the Company's modest market share, adequate organizational structure and limited fund slate comprising a single fund. The Company has a stable core management team, which provides support to the rating. Since Dec'20, the Company's AUMs have witnessed a declining trend of 16% and stood at PKR 92mln at end Dec'22. The Fund's performance remained subdued based on 12 months' rolling returns. The rating is constrained by a relatively small market share (<1%) and a high concentration in investor base. Top 10 investors constitute ~91% of total AUMs. The related party concentration is ~75% of the total investors, reducing the redemption pressure. The Company has reported a net loss of PKR ~3mln during 6MFY23 (FY22: Loss of ~PKR 34mln, FY21: Profit of ~PKR 31mln). This is due to mainly loss incurred by Company's investment in their own equity fund. Due to dwindling stock market performance the equity of the Company remained under pressure. Currently, the equity is standing at PKR ~200mln at the end of Dec'22 (FY22: PKR ~201mln, FY21: PKR ~216mln). Going forward, the Company has also planned for expansion of revenue streams.

The rating is dependent on sustainable cash flows and profits which would ultimately results in stable equity. The Company's ability to successfully execute its business strategy and achieve optimal utilization of its resources while leveraging group synergies remains imperative. Meanwhile, improving market share, maintaining strong fund performance, strengthening of core process and meeting the regulatory thresholds would remain critical.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	First Capital Investments Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Asset Manager Rating
Applicable Criteria	Assessment Framework Asset Manager Rating(Jun-22),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Jun-22)
Related Research	Sector Study Asset Managers(Jun-22)
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Profile

Structure First Capital Investments Limited ("FCIL" or "The Company"), incorporated in Oct-1994 as a public unlisted company.
Background FCIL, a subsidiary of First Capital Securities Corporation, is a Non-Banking Finance Company licensed to carry out Asset Management services.
Market Share The market share of the Company remain stagnant at ~0.00583% at the end of Dec'22 (Jun'22: ~0.0077%).
Diversification Of Fund Mix The Company is currently managing one open-end mutual fund, First Capital Mutual Fund. The Fund falls under the equity category.
Investor Concentration The top 10 investors concentration is significantly high ~91.5% at the end Mar'21. Whereas, the related party concentration is ~73% of the total investors, reducing the redemption pressure.

Ownership

Ownership Structure FCIL is sponsored by First Capital Securities Corporation Limited (FCSC) – the holding company of First Capital group. FCSC along with the directors and other family members hold 78.5% shareholding. Late Mr. Sulieman Ahmed Said Al-Hoqani, an Omani Investor, holds a strategic stake of 9.2% in FCIL, 4% of shares are held by Aamna Taseer. The shareholding will be changed once the succession certificate received.
Business Acumen FCIL is part of the Financial Services Group of the First Capital / Pace Group. The group also has interests in print & media and property development. On the group level, it has been decided to focus on property development, its core business.
Financial Strength Building on years of experience, the First Capital Group enjoys a moderate financial foundation emanating from its well diversified businesses.

Governance

Board Structure The Board of Directors of the Company comprises four members including the CEO. The remaining three members including the chairman, are non executive, and heads the Investment, HR and Audit Committees.
Members' Profile Ms. Fauzia Husain Qureshi is the Chairman of the Board. She received a Bachelors of Architecture with a first class from the University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore in 1975 and a Master of Architecture in Advanced Studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge USA in 1980. She is currently Director of FHQ & Associates (SMC-PVT) Ltd. She taught for 35 years in the National College of Arts (NCA) and retired as Professor and Principal of National College of Arts in June 2011. She is currently President ICOMOS Pakistan for the term 2017-2020. Mr. Jawad Saleem and Mr. Shahzad Jawahar, both are non-executive directors, having more then 15 years of experience, each.
Board Effectiveness The board exercises close monitoring of the accounting and financial reporting and hiring process through its audit and HR committees. The committees are headed by Ms. Fauzia Hussain Qureshi.
Transparency The Company's external auditors are Nasir Javaid Maqsood Imran Chartered Accountants. They are ranked in "B" category in the State Bank of Pakistan's Panel of Auditors.

Management

Organizational Structure The Company has an adequate organizational structure. It operates through five main departments, which directly report to the CEO.
Management Team The senior management team of the Company has long term association with the group. Mr. Imran Hafeez is the CEO of FCIL. He is a commerce graduate and an associate member of Pakistan Institute of Public Finance Accountants with over 15 years of experience in the field of finance. He is also working as the group director finance for the First Capital Group.
Technology Infrastructure FCIL has outsourced its back-office services to IT Minds – a subsidiary of CDC. IT Minds remains responsible for providing daily Net Asset Value (NAV) of First Capital Mutual Fund.
Control Environment The Company has devised policies and procedures for its operations and risk management.

Investment Risk Management

Credit Risk The Company has an excel based model to evaluate the risks of the overall portfolio.
Liquidity Profile The risk management department generates liquidity and redemption risk report for the equity fund that shows a list of liquid stocks which will be able to meet heavy redemption under distress conditions.
Market Risk The Company remains exposed to market volatility as all of the investments are in listed equities.

Portfolio Management

IC Composition The Company's investment committee comprises three members including the CEO, CFO, and Fund Manager.
Effectiveness The IC formally meets on a weekly basis in order to make investment decisions.
Investment Research And Analysis The research department comprises of three individuals: Research Head and two analyst. The department is headed by Ms. Zara she is pursuing chartered accountancy and did her article ship from A.F Ferguson & Co. The research head is independently reportable to CEO.

Customer Relationship

Investor Services The Company releases its fund manager reports on its webpage in a timely manner. However, no dedicated software for customer management exists.
Investor Reporting The Company's webpage is used as a reporting platform for dissemination of information pertaining to the Company and its funds under management, which includes NAV history, fund performance and other important announcements.
Distribution And Sales Network The Company has a very limited distribution and sales network, which only covers Lahore.

Performance

Asset Under Management The Company has only one fund and the AUM's stood at PKR ~92mln in Dec'22. (Jun'22: PKR ~97mln).
Asset Manager The Company has reported a net loss of ~PKR 3mln for 1HFY23 (SPLY: ~PKR 14mln). FCIL's equity stood at ~PKR 200mln at end Dec'22.

Fund's Performance | First Capital Investments Limited

Sr. No.	Fund Name	Category	Weight (%)	AUMs (PKR "mln")						CY22 - 12 Months Return					FY22 - 12 Months Return				
				Dec'22	Sep'22	Jun'22	Mar'22	Dec'21	Jun'21	Return	Ind. Avg.	Bench.	Fund vs. Industry	Fund vs. Bench.	Return	Ind. Avg.	Bench.	Fund vs. Industry	Fund vs. Bench.
1	First Capital Mutual Fund	Equity	100%	92	98	97	103	110	125	-14.6%	-16.5%	-9.4%	1.9%	-5.2%	-22.5%	-19.7%	-12.3%	-2.8%	-10.2%

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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