



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

IGI Finex Securities Limited | BMR

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
26-Aug-2022	BMR2+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
15-Oct-2021	BMR2+	-	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

IGI Finex Securities Limited ("IGI" or the "Company") is a wholly owned subsidiary of IGI Holdings Limited. IGI's competitive edge lies in its distinct corporate culture and client-centric approach. The assigned rating reflects IGI's association with a well-established group and dominant player "Ali Group" in the industrial and services arena. The assigned rating is complemented by IGI's adequate market share, well-built governance structure, and satisfactory financial strength. IGI's team is comprised of experienced and well-trained staff supported by a qualified research team with a wide coverage of the economy and all major sectors as well as a tech-driven web and mobile trading platform. Appointment of 'A' category external auditors and establishment of two board-level committees augurs well for insightful monitoring. The internal audit function of the Company is outsourced which further strengthens the independent insight. IGI serves clients all across the spectrum comprising local and foreign institutions, corporate, high net worth, and retail investors from its offices in six different cities. Formulation of the employee confidentiality agreement, insider trading guidelines, and conflict of interest policy along with KYC and CDD policies result in strong internal control and regulatory compliance. The top-line of IGI is concentrated to equity brokerage income which puts constraints on rating. The Company is not running any proprietary book hence, not exposed to market risk. A low leveraged capital structure and sizable liquid assets against trade-related liabilities provide further support to the rating. The Net Capital Balance of IGI clocked in at ~PKR 112mln with an equity base of ~PKR 328mln at end-Jun'22. The income from equity brokerage stood at ~PKR 67mln for 1HCY22, depicting a decline of ~62% due to an industry-wide downward trend in volumetric activity. Despite of huge decline in commission income, the Company managed to remain in profit. The profit after tax came in at ~PKR 5mln for 1HCY22.

The ratings are dependent on the management's ability to maintain and enhance its market share to improve its competitive position in the brokerage industry. Retention of key personnel, improved performance indicators, leverage free capital structure, continued improvement in customer servicing tools, and maintaining adequate controls will remain critical

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	IGI Finex Securities Limited BMR
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Broker Management Rating
Applicable Criteria	Assessment Framework Broker Management Rating(Jun-22)
Related Research	Sector Study Brokerage & Securities(Jan-22)
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Ownership

Ownership Structure Established in 1994, IGI Finex Securities Limited (IGI' or 'the Company') is a prestigious name in Pakistan's financial services industry for over 28 years. The Company is a TREC holder of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) and corporate member of Pakistan Mercantile Exchange (PMEX). The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of IGI Holding Company.

Stability IGI Holdings, the parent company, is engaged in Insurance, Brokerage, Packages, Power and Real Estate. Being a pure holding company, total investment portfolio constitutes 98% of the Company's total assets.

Business Acumen IGI Holdings and Packages Group is ranked amongst the leading industrial groups of the country with diversified interests in paper and paperboard, packaging, financial institutions, food, personal care and real estate sectors. Strong affiliation and technical track record with international JVs have added to the success of companies within the Group.

Financial Strength The collective asset base of IGI holdings and Packages Group stood at ~PKR 147bln with an equity base of ~PKR 66bln in 1QCY22.

Governance

Board Structure The Company has four directors on board including CEO and chairman. All directors possess manifold experience in relevant fields. Formerly, IGI had five directors on the board out of which one of the directors has passed away and one has resigned for personal reasons. The Company has recently appointed a non-executive director on the Board in July'22.

Members' Profile Syed Abdul Wahab Mehdi is the Chairman of IGI Securities Limited. He completed his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from the University of Massachusetts, USA. Previously, he has also worked at Bayer Pakistan (Pvt) Limited, Aventis CropScience Pakistan, AgrEvo Pakistan, Hoechst Pakistan Ltd. and Roussel Uclaf Pakistan Environmental Health (Pvt.) Limited.

Board Effectiveness In line with best corporate governance practices, the Company has formulated three board committees, i) Audit committee, ii) HR & remuneration committee and iii) IT Steering committee. The audit and HR & remuneration committees are chaired by the chairman of the board while the IT Steering committee is being chaired by CEO, Mr. Syed Raza Hussain Rizvi.

Financial Transparency IGI has outsourced the internal audit function to EY Ford Rhodes Chartered Accountants and has appointed A.F. Ferguson & Co. Chartered Accountants as the external auditor.

Management

Management Team The CEO, Mr. Syed Raza Hussain Rizvi brings across over nineteen years of diversified experience in the fields of Management, Corporate Strategy, Business Development, Mergers & Acquisitions, Capital Markets, Financial / Treasury Management, Corporate Governance and Implementation of Best Practices.

Organizational Structure IGI has a multi-tier organizational structure, consisting of the following departments, i) Finance, ii) Internal audit, iii) Risk Management & Compliance, iv) IT, v) Equity operations, vi) Research, vii) Institutional sales, viii) Online trading, ix) Commodity trading and, x) Human resources. All of the departmental heads report directly to the CEO.

Client Servicing The Company has provided a facility of digital account opening forms through its website. Similarly, various channels, including a mobile app and online trading platforms are available to customers to execute and monitor their transactions. The Company has a strong client reporting mechanism with account statements and market reports communicated to the clients on regular basis. A fully functioning research department is also in place to cater to the needs of institutional and corporate investors.

Complaint Management The Compliance Officer is responsible for handling and rectification of complaints and for maintaining the records. The prime task of the department is to submit a quarterly report (as per Securities broker regulation 2016) to SECP regarding the number of complaints received, resolved, and unresolved with the reasons thereof for pending complaints beyond three months.

Extent Of Automation / Integration The Company's trading and database platforms are fully integrated between the back and front offices. The system has the ability to generate real-time MIS reports to facilitate timely decision-making by management.

Continuity Of Operations The Company has a detailed disaster recovery plan to ensure the business continuity at the time of disaster. Backup frequency is formulated according to the type of backup required (full, partial, incremental, differential, and real-time).

Risk Management Framework A well-formulated risk management policy is implemented throughout the Company. The Company has a designated Risk Manager who reports directly to the CEO. The board of directors also provides their input for developing and monitoring the risk management policies of IGI Finex Securities. Management has established a code of conduct and trading hall SOPs, to identify and monitor potential risks at the operational level.

Regulatory Compliance Risk Management & Compliance Department ensures that all the regulatory requirements are met on a timely basis.

Business Sustainability

Business Risk The equity brokerage business is directly correlated to the trading activity at the Stock Exchange. After a few years of lackluster trading activity, volumes at PSX rebounded in FY21 showing a significant growth YoY mainly due to an uptick in economic activity. However, due to the prevailing political uncertainty, the volumes once again declined in the latter half of CY21 and 1HCY22. The recent corporate result announcements strengthen the view that going forward, volumetric activity may rebound.

Business Profile With its head office based in Karachi, the Company mainly provides the services of equity and commodity brokerage to HNWI and Institutional clients. The Company operates through six branches across the country.

Revenue And Profitability Analysis The Company's operating revenue is primarily concentrated in equity brokerage; however, total revenues are supplemented by profits on savings accounts and exposure margins. During CY21, the equity brokerage revenue increased by ~53% to ~PKR 282mln (CY20 ~PKR 184mln), while the Company earned ~PKR 67mln during 1HCY22 (SPLY: 178mln). The decline in revenue directly correlates with the dip in market volumes. The Company has reported a net profit of ~PKR 69mln in CY21 as compared to a profit of ~PKR 36mln in CY20, while the profit after tax stood at ~PKR 5.5mln during the 1HCY22 (SPLY: ~PKR 60mln).

Financial Sustainability

Credit Risk For the assessment of the client's credit worthiness, the Company has formulated detailed KYC/CDD policies. Limits have been defined, which are strictly monitored. At end-Jun'22, trade debts stood at ~PKR 34mln (CY21: ~PKR 67mln).

Market Risk The Company is not running a proprietary book, hence not exposed to market risk. The only investments in books of accounts are long-term investments in PSX shares, amounting to ~PKR 16mln at end-Jun'22.

Liquidity Profile The Company's current assets stood at ~PKR 760mln at end-Jun'22 (CY21: ~PKR 1,183mln). Furthermore, current liabilities were ~PKR 537mln end-Jun'22 (CY21: ~PKR 967mln).

Financial Risk At end-Jun'22, the Net Capital Balance (NCB) of the Company stood at ~PKR 112mln. The Company has an equity base of ~PKR 328mln at end-Jun'22 (Dec'21: ~PKR 328mln).



PKR mln

IGI Finex Securities Limited
Public Unlisted

Jun-22	Dec-21	Dec-20	Dec-19
6M	12M	12M	12M

A BALANCE SHEET

1	Finances	-	3	4	9
2	Investments	16	22	24	20
3	Other Earning Assets	176	256	288	490
4	Non-Earning Assets	696	1,035	838	338
5	Non-Performing Finances-net	-	-	-	-
	Total Assets	888	1,317	1,154	856
6	Funding	2	3	1	1
7	Other Liabilities (Non-Interest Bearing)	558	986	838	579
	Total Liabilities	560	989	838	580
	Equity	328	328	316	277

B INCOME STATEMENT

1	Fee Based Income	69	292	190	99
2	Operating Expenses	(88)	(224)	(174)	(122)
3	Non Fee Based Income	27	34	36	33
	Total Operating Income/(Loss)	8	102	53	10
4	Financial Charges	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
	Pre-Tax Profit	8	101	52	10
5	Taxes	(2)	(32)	(16)	4
	Profit After Tax	5	69	36	13

C RATIO ANALYSIS

1 Cost Structure

Financial Charges / Total Operating Income/(Loss)

6.1%	0.7%	1.2%	7.0%
3.8%	25.1%	15.5%	7.2%

Return on Equity (ROE)

2 Capital Adequacy

Equity / Total Assets (D+E+F)

36.9%	24.9%	27.4%	32.3%
-15.76	40.77	23.86	-20.20

Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO) / (Financial Charges + Current Maturity of Long Term Debt + Uncovered Short Term Borrowings)

3 Liquidity

Liquid Assets / Total Assets (D+E+F)

7.3%	7.6%	5.5%	19.7%
13.8%	11.6%	8.4%	35.9%

Liquid Assets / Trade Related Liabilities

4 Credit & Market Risk

Accounts Receivable / Short-term Borrowings + Advances from Customers + Payables to Customers

7.4%	7.8%	4.3%	26.3%
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Equity Instruments / Investments

Broker Management Rating

An independent opinion on the quality of management and services provided by a broker

Scale	Definition
BMR 1A	Excellent. Excellent regulatory compliance, control environment, and financial management; governance and risk management frameworks are extremely effective; HR, IT, and customer services are strongly proactive.
BMR 1++ BMR 1+ BMR 1	Strong. Strong regulatory compliance, control environment, and financial management; governance and risk management frameworks are highly effective; HR, IT, and customer services are highly proactive.
BMR 2++ BMR 2+ BMR 2	Sound. Sound regulatory compliance, control environment, and financial management; governance and risk management frameworks are effective; HR, IT, and customer services are proactive.
BMR 3++ BMR 3+ BMR 3	Adequate. Adequate regulatory compliance, control environment, and financial management; governance and risk management frameworks are satisfactory; HR, IT, and customer services are adequate.
BMR 4++ BMR 4+ BMR 4	Inadequate. Inadequate regulatory compliance, control environment, and financial management; governance and risk management frameworks need improvements; HR, IT, and customer services are insufficient.
BMR 5	Weak. Weak regulatory compliance and business practices.

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