



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
30-Jun-2020	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
20-Dec-2019	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
21-Jun-2019	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Dec-2018	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
12-Jun-2018	A+	-	Stable	Upgrade	-
06-Dec-2017	A	-	Positive	Maintain	-
23-Jun-2017	A	-	Positive	Maintain	-
09-Aug-2016	A	-	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating reflects improved market position of the company, garnering a decent foothold in the takaful industry. PakQatar has been able to sustain its system share gradually while registering 6% growth in the form of sustainable persistency. The company has benefited from its association with FWU, a Germany based firm, in the form of technical partnership whereas the sponsors add impetus in the form of synergic benefits. The growth in topline is healthy as the company envisages greater business volumes. This has driven up the management and commission expenses. The liquidity is adequate; though on the rise. Going forward, the new management aims to penetrate into untapped segments while focusing on improved profitability.

Prior to COVID-19, the life insurance industry witnessed miniscule growth of 1% YoY as single premium declined due to the underperformance of equity markets, which made the unit-linked investment funds unattractive to policy holders for investment purposes. The current pandemic has further affected the life insurance industry, with the growth expected to plummet. Additional reduction in investment linked policies and heightened claims are expected. Moreover, increase in surrenders is likely as a result of economic stagnation. The large investment book is however likely to cushion any impact. The industry intends to sustain its existing position while aiming to launch innovative products.

The rating denotes the ability of the company to capitalize on the market share whilst sustaining the persistence. Maintaining the surplus in takaful fund and liquidity position is essential.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	IFS Rating
Applicable Criteria	PACRA_Methodology_LI(Jun-19)
Related Research	Sector Study Life Insurance(Jun-19)
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Profile

Legal Structure PakQatar Family Takaful Limited (PQFTL) is an unquoted public company.

Background Pak-Qatar Family Takaful Limited (PQFTL) started its operations in Aug-07.

Operations The company's business is categorized under the umbrella of three statutory funds i.e (i) Individual Family – plans sold through DSF and Banka-Takaful as unit linked plans and Decreasing Term Assurance (DTA) as non-linked plans, (ii) Group Family, and (iii) Group Health

Ownership

Ownership Structure Major shareholding in the hands of (i) Mr. Said Gul & his associated company (4% individually and 35% via Pak-Qatar Investment (Private) Limited (ii) Two Qatar based Financial Institutions (29%), and (iii) H.E. Sheikh Ali Bin Abdullah Al-Thani - belongs to Qatar's Royal Family (10%). Technical partner is FWU AG (15%) firm having operations in Europe and Middle East, maintains permanent establishment in Pakistan - by virtue of this technical arrangement stability.

Stability There has been no change in the ownership structure recently.

Business Acumen Two Qatar based financial institutions have a shareholding in PQFTL, these are; i) Qatar International Islamic Bank (rated A by Fitch and Capital Intelligence) is majorly owned by Ezdan Holding Group and Qatar Investment Authority & ii) Qatar Islamic Insurance Company (rated BBB+ by A.M. Best).

Financial Strength PQFTL's synergy relationship with FWU AG is guided by and properly documented in "Cooperation Agreement". This bodes well for the overall profile of the company. The agreement allows PQFTL to use (i) customised Banca product (mutually developed by PQFTL and FWU AG), (ii) FWU's Sales & Administration System (SIS), and (iii) FWU's services of acquiring the distribution partner. FWU maintains permanent establishment in Pakistan employing 26 individuals (including a sales team of ~15), to facilitate and train banks' officials selling FWU's products.

Governance

Board Structure Pak-Qatar Family has a eight-member board including Mr. Said Gul who has been associated with the company since inception and holds a vital position between the board of directors and management of Pak-Qatar Family. Mr. Gul also represents Pak Qatar Investment (Pvt.) Limited in the capacity of Director as representative on the board of Pak- Qatar Family.

Members' Profile H.E. Sheikh Ali Bin Abdullah Al-Thani (H.E. Ali), royal family member, is chairman of the board, while Mr. Said and FWU has one representation each.

Board Effectiveness The participation of two board members remained full; Mr. Said Gul and Mr. Zahid Hussain. This is mainly because Mr. Gul & Mr. Zahid endeavor to ensure remaining board members also participate in the board meetings. Pak-Qatar Family's Board meeting are held inside Pakistan as well as outside Pakistan depending upon directors availability

Financial Transparency The auditors of the company, EY Ford Rhodes, Chartered Accountants, issued an unqualified audit report pertaining to annual financial statements for CY19

Management

Organizational Structure The management team of the company comprises qualified and experienced professionals. The organizational structure is well laid down. The management has four committees i) Underwriting Committee ii) Re- takaful Committee iii) Claims Committee & iv) Risk Management and Compliance Committee.

Management Team Mr. Said Gul being founding Member & Director, plays the role of a bridge on behalf of the board, in liaison through four key individuals – Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Director finance, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and Chief Internal Auditor (CIA). Mr. Azeem Peerani has taken over the charge of the company from Mr. Nasir Ali Syed, who has been appointed as the new CEO of PQGT as part of strategic move

Effectiveness An online MIS is provided to Mr. Gul that keeps him updated with the progress of the company. Further, the company's information is available in real time to the CEO

Claim Management System The claims of policyholders on the Waqf are entered into the system after intimation/notification by the customer. Three claim Forms (in standard format); i) Claimant's Statements, ii) Physician's Statement, and iii) Employer's Statement – only in case of Group Takaful, is required to be filled and signed respectively. The claim on Waqf can be broadly categorized into Death Claims, Critical Illness and Disability

Investment Management Function PQFTL has a formal investment policy document approved by BoD and Shariah Board, reviewed annually. The company maintains IPS for three funds separately – PTF, PIF, and SHF. The IPS incorporates separate investment strategies for each of the unit-linked fund within PIF – BT Growth, BT Conservative, Aggressive, Balanced, Conservative and Secure Wealth Fund

Risk Management Framework The company has developed a detailed underwriting manual and guidelines are issued to the branches and updated from time to time. An underwriter's authority limit is assigned by CEO/COO on the basis of experience and qualification of each individual separately

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Prior to COIVD-19, the life insurance industry witnessed miniscule growth of 1% YoY as single premium declined due to the underperformance of equity markets, which made the unit-linked investment funds unattractive to policy holders for investment purposes. The current pandemic has further affected the life insurance industry, with the growth expected to plummet. Additional reduction in investment linked policies and heightened claims are expected. Moreover, increase in surrenders is likely as a result of economic stagnation. The large investment book is however likely to cushion any impact. The industry intends to sustain its existing position while aiming to launch innovative products

Relative Position PQFTL is the largest life takaful operating company in Pakistan, having 5% market share in Life Insurance Sector. In terms of Takaful Operators PQFTL is the largest life insurer.

Persistency The company has first-year persistency ratio of 65% and 82% in second year at end Dec-19 (Dec-18: First year Persistency 61%, Second-year Persistency 79%).

Revenue The company posted a topline of PKR 8.3bln rising by 6% YoY at end Dec-19 (Dec-18: PKR 7.8bln). The individual family segment was the forte of the company comprising 75% of the total GPW followed by Group health (19%) and Group Family (6%). During the period 3MCY20, company posted the topline of PKR1.7bln registering a marginal decline of 5%

Profitability The company posted a profit before tax of PKR84mln at end Dec-19 (CY18: Profit : PKR155mln). The combined ratio of the company is also on the higher side 55%(CY18: 50%) due to the rise in the management expense of the company. During 3MCY20, the company's SHF posted a loss PKR 48mln and the PTF posted too posted a deficit of PKR 345,000

Investment Performance The investment income stood at PKR52mln as against in PKR28mln YoY at end Dec-19. This increase was on account of increased return on the government securities amidst the rising interest rates.

Sustainability Going forward, the company envisages continued business growth targets while focusing on gradual upward profits. To improve persistence, the company has formulated various marketing techniques, thereby increasing client retention. The company has currently made a loss on its takaful operation (PKR 0.34mln loss) at end March 20.

Financial Risk

Claim Efficiency At end Dec-19, the claims efficiency ratio stood at 23days as against 29 days of the same period last year, on account of increased claims.

Re-Insurance Pak-Qatar Family is strengthened by its Re-Takaful arrangements with Munich Re (AA- by S&P) , Hannover Re (AA- by S&P) & Hannover Re-Takaful Catastrophic arrangements provide the company with cushion to absorb unforeseen risks

Liquidity The liquidity remains stable at 1x at end Dec-19 (Dec18: 1.1x, Dec 19: 1.6x) amidst the rising liquid assets.

Capital Adequacy The company has a paid-up capital of above PKR 1.37bln, well above the MCR whereas the net equity was PKR1.38bln at end Dec-19



Pak Qatar Family Takaful Limited

	PKR mln 31-Mar-20	PKR mln 31-Dec-19	PKR mln 31-Dec-18	PKR mln 31-Dec-17
BALANCE SHEET				
Investments				
Liquid Investments	20,408	22,980	19,811	17,492
Insurance Related Assets	802	879	717	588
Other Assets	2,161	1,981	1,368	968
TOTAL ASSETS (SHF + PTF)	23,371	25,840	21,896	19,048
Equity	1,154	1,308	1,468	1,137
Balance of Takaful Statutory Funds	20,953	23,368	19,548	17,217
Insurance Related Liabilities	787	742	777	616
Other Liabilities	477	422	103	78
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES (SHF + PTF)	23,371	25,840	21,896	19,048

	31-Mar-20	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17
INCOME STATEMENT				
REVENUE ACCOUNT				
Gross Contribution Written (GC)	1,689	8,287	7,817	8,263
Participants Investment Fund (PIF)	(918)	(4,453)	(4,503)	(5,186)
Retakaful Expense	(97)	(426)	(373)	(356)
Wakala Fee	(407)	(1,722)	(1,565)	(1,590)
Net Claims	(351)	(1,646)	(1,192)	(1,057)
Operating Income/(Expenses)	(2)	66	99	50
Investment Income	15	52	28	16
Technical reserves incurred during the year	71	(127)	(127)	(32)
Surplus Before Distribution	(0.35)	31	184	108

PROFIT AND LOSS (INCLUDING SHAREHOLDERS FUND)				
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	(49)	84	155	173

	31-Mar-20	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17
RATIO ANALYSIS				
Underwriting Results				
Claims Ratio	46%	54%	50%	16%
Liquidity & Solvency				
Liquidity Ratio – times	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1

Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) 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.

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+	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.
AA	
AA-	
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.
A	
A-	
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.
BBB	
BBB-	
BB+	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.
BB	
BB-	
B+	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.
B	
B-	
CCC	Very high credit risk. Substantial credit risk "CCC" Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. "CC" Rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. "C" Ratings signal imminent default.
CC	
C	
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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Suspension It is not possible to update an opinion due to lack of requisite information. Opinion should be resumed in foreseeable future. However, if this does not happen within six (6) months, the rating should be considered withdrawn.

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