



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Jahangir Siddiqui & Co. Ltd.

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
07-Aug-2020	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
09-Aug-2019	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
08-Feb-2019	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
16-Aug-2018	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Jan-2018	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
21-Jun-2017	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
31-May-2016	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
26-Jun-2015	AA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The ratings reflect Jahangir Siddiqui & Co. Ltd.'s ('JSCL' or 'the Company') strong presence as a Holding Company in the financial sector with a portfolio of strategic investments mainly in banking (JS Bank, BankIslami Pakistan), insurance (EFU Life Assurance and EFU General Insurance), brokerage (JS Global Capital) and asset management segments (JS Investments). JS Bank is on its path to establish itself as a medium sized bank whereas BankIslami aims to expand its presence in the growing Islamic Banking sphere. The results have been so far mixed with macroeconomic challenges and stiff competition in the banking sector. JSCL holds significant stake in EFU General Insurance and EFU Life Insurance and plans to maintain it. After witnessing volatile markets for a while, JS Global and JS Investments are expected to have improved performance. The Company has recently increased its holding in Azgard Nine, while divested some stake in Pakistan International Bulk Terminal and other non-strategic investments. JSCL intends to diversify its portfolio and has made significant investments in LPG storage and infrastructure and OMC segments. The Company has made ~ PKR 2bln investments in these segments through its wholly owned subsidiary, Energy Infrastructure Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd. This is predominantly being funded by debt instruments. These initiatives are in gestation phase and will take time to mature. The recent upsurge in stock market, coupled with interest rate cuts of 625bps, are expected to improve the profitability of the Company. Moreover, EFU Life and EFU General remain stable dividend resources. The Company has a very strong capital structure with low leveraging and strong coverages. The debt instruments are covered by a mix of strategic and non-strategic investments. The Company has availed general relief provided by SBP for COVID-19, to defer part of its long-term debt repayment from bank. This will supplement cashflows along with lower interest payments due to reduced benchmark rate. JSCL does not plan to take further debt in the near term. The COVID outbreak has not impacted the Company's portfolio materially, exhibiting its resilience.

The ratings are dependent on the management's ability to execute its envisaged strategy of growth and expansion amidst prevailing tough environment. Timely materialization of these initiatives into sustainable ventures is critical. Strong performance of subsidiaries, stable dividends, and effective management of financial profile and liquidity remains important.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Jahangir Siddiqui & Co. Ltd.
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Corporate Ratings(Jun-20),Methodology Holding Company(Jun-20),Methodology Correlation Between Long-Term And Short-Term Rating Scale(Jun-20),Criteria Rating Modifier(Jun-20)
Related Research	Sector Study Holding Company(Aug-19)
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Profile

Legal Structure Jahangir Siddiqui & Co. Ltd. ('JSCL' or 'the Company') is a public limited company listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

Background JSCL, successor to brokerage business started in early seventies by Mr. Jahangir Siddiqui, was established in 1991. Starting as a traditional securities firm, JSCL is now the main investment arm for Mr. Jahangir Siddiqui's business interests.

Operations The principal activities of the Company are managing its core and strategic investments, trading of securities etc. JSCL's portfolio of investments is categorized into a) Core Investments (17%), b) Strategic Investment (71%) and c) Trading Investments (12%), with significant concentration in banking (34%) and insurance (33%) sectors. Core and Strategic Investments therein include subsidiaries, JS Bank and Energy Infrastructure Holding (Pvt.) Ltd among others. JSCL has a significant stake in EFU General Insurance (21%) and Azgard Nine (20%). JSCL increased its stake in Azgard Nine post March-20.

Ownership

Ownership Structure JS Group holds majority stake (~71%) in the Company through individuals and other Group companies. As at Mar-20, Mr. Jahangir Siddiqui holds 43.1% stake directly; while, 14.6% and 12.7% stakes are held by Jahangir Siddiqui & Son Limited and Jahangir Siddiqui Securities Services Limited, respectively. The other major shareholder is SAJ Capital Management Limited (5.7%). The Company has a free float of 25%.

Stability Ownership is seen as stable as major stake rests with the Group and the holdco structure is in place.

Business Acumen JS Group is a renowned business group of Pakistan. The Group has varied interests in the financial sector including banking, insurance, asset management, brokerage and lately, energy infrastructure.

Financial Strength Majority of JS Groups financial strength is consolidated in its Holding Company, JSCL. As at 1QCY20, the Company had a consolidated asset base of PKR 496bln, which is supported by an equity base of PKR 32bln. Its topline clocked in at PKR 15bln with the bottom-line closing in at PKR 365mln for 1QCY20.

Governance

Board Structure JSCL has an eight member Board of Directors (BoD) including the CEO. The BoD includes one executive director, five non-executive directors with two representative directors of JS Group (including one director from the sponsoring family) and two independent directors.

Members' Profile The Board members include financial sector experts and respected civil servants. Their diverse backgrounds and varied expertise provide holistic guidance and direction to the Company. During CY19, Mr. Khalid Imran resigned as a Non-Executive Director from the Company's Board and was replaced by Mr. Hasib Navaid Malik, an Independent Director. In Jan-20, Ms. Rukhsana Shah resigned as a Non Executive Director from the Company's Board and was replaced by Ms. Hina Athar Khan (Non-Executive Director).

Board Effectiveness JSCL's Board has constituted three committees for effective monitoring and oversight namely, Audit Committee, HR & Remuneration Committee and Executive Committee. Audit and HR committees are headed by Independent Director. While, the Executive Committee is headed by Mr. Ali Raza Siddiqui, a Non-Executive Director. During CY19, the Board met 7 times. Board minutes are properly documented and followed up with high participation from directors.

Financial Transparency JSCLs' External Auditors are EY Ford Rhodes. They issued an unqualified opinion for the year ended December-19.

Management

Organizational Structure The Company is headed by the CEO. It has four major departments namely: a) Investments, b) Finance, c) Human Resources and Administration, and d) Corporate Affairs. All departments report to the CEO.

Management Team The CEO, Mr. Suleman Lalani, FCA, has been associated with the Group since 1992. He carries over two decades of experience at key positions. Mr. Najmul Hoda Khan, CFO, carries over a decade of experience. While, Mr. Syed Ali Hasham serves as a Company Secretary since 2019.

Effectiveness At management level, an Investment Committee (IC) is in place to evaluate performance measurement and monitoring of the investment portfolio. IC, comprising CEO, CFO and Manager Investments, meets regularly to review the portfolio and its performance. Further, Board members of JSCL are represented on the Boards of its investee companies for effective control.

MIS To manage trading portfolio, the Company use an in-house developed automated system, which captures transactional data for Ready and Deliverable Future Markets contracts for buy and sell transactions.

Control Environment The Company has outsourced its internal audit function to M/s Grant Thornton Anjum Rahman, Chartered Accountants exhibiting strong control environment.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Holding companies are an emerging phenomena in Pakistan. Some operating companies that held strategic investments for the purpose of diversification and growth eventually de-merged from their operations and gradually structured into holding companies. This allowed the HoldCos to concentrate on growth of their investments and further diversify through acquisitions or undertaking greenfield projects.

Relative Position In comparison to the major players in the Holdco's, JSCL is one of the key players as it has structured itself into a pure Investment Holding Company for the purpose of oversight of its investments. However, some of its investments are still at nascent stage.

Revenues JSCL's topline, mainly comprising dividend income and capital gains, stood at PKR 1,220mln in CY19 (CY18: PKR 1,246mln). This decrease was mainly due to lower dividend income received from JS Bank, as the Company converted preference shares to common stock of the bank. Dividend income stood at PKR 871mln during CY19 (CY18: PKR 1,017mln). However, during 1QCY20, the Company's topline increased to PKR 456mln (1QCY19: 197mln) on the back of significantly higher dividend income received from EFU General and EFU Life. JSCL's dividend income is expected to be concentrated towards insurance sector, while better stock market performance will result in gains on trading investments.

Margins Finance cost increased by 46% (CY19: PKR 577mln, CY18: 395mln) owing to higher interest rates. The Company controlled its operating costs, along with booking a reversal of provision on impairment. As a result, the bottom line clocked in at PKR 360mln during CY19 (CY18: PKR 207mln) reflecting an increase of 74%. During 1QCY20, the Company booked an impairment provision on its subsidiary amounting to PKR 228mln. As a result, the Company's bottom line dipped despite better dividends and posted a loss of PKR 29mln (1QCY19: Net Profit PKR 243mln). The profitability is expected to improve with lower finance cost, going forward.

Sustainability JSCL has implemented diversification strategy by tapping in LPG storage, OMC and energy infrastructure sectors as a Group. The Company has established subsidiaries for the said purpose under the umbrella of Energy Infrastructure Holding Pvt. Ltd (EIHPL). Some of these initiative will be delayed due to challenging economic environment. However, the overall investment portfolio of JSCL was not materially impact by COVID-19 outbreak, exhibiting resilience of investment philosophy.

Financial Risk

Working Capital The Company holds sizable liquid investments of PKR 1.6bln (1QCY19: PKR 2.4bln) in the form of listed equity securities. Short term borrowings as at 1QCY20 stood at PKR 119mln (1QCY19: nil). Borrowings are primarily long-term, in line with Holding Company's investment philosophy.

Coverages Owing to low capital market performance and increase in interest costs, interest coverage dipped to 1.8x during CY19 (CY18: 2.1x), but improved to 1.3x during 1QCY20 (1QCY19: 1.1x). These are expected to further improve as the interest rates have decreased by 625bps resulting in lower finance cost by ~PKR 274mln. The Company has availed the SBP deferment measure for COVID-19, for part of its long-term loan repayment. This will provide cushion and supplement cashflows.

Capitalization JSCL has an equity base of PKR 21bln as at 1QCY20. Borrowings, amounting to PKR 3.8bln, comprise long-term loans in the shape of (i) Term Finance Certificates (TFCs), and (ii) Term Loans from commercial banks. Leveraging, stood at 18% during 1QCY20. (CY19: 16%, 1QCY19: 20%). The Company issues debt instruments and has successfully repaid 8 TFCs so far. The proceeds are utilized for investments and replacing existing debt. However, the Company does not plan on taking further debt in the near term as deferment of existing principal will provide room.

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BALANCE SHEET	31-Mar-20	31-Dec-19	30-Sep-19	30-Jun-19	31-Mar-19	31-Dec-18
	3M	Annual	9M	6M	3M	Annual
Investments	24,339	28,820	25,744	27,087	28,368	28,130
Strategic Equity Investments	22,021	25,217	23,317	24,258	24,908	25,078
Subsidiaries	10,251	10,479	10,239	10,306	10,435	10,419
Others	11,770	14,738	13,078	13,953	14,473	14,659
Other Equity Investments	2,120	3,157	1,784	1,992	2,472	2,751
Debt Investments	197	445	641	835	986	300
Investment Property	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cash and Bank Balances	424	232	410	589	304	296
Other Assets	446	394	415	408	459	289
Total Assets	25,210	29,447	26,570	28,084	29,131	28,715
Borrowings	3,821	3,943	4,124	4,348	4,745	4,344
Long Term	3,702	3,943	4,124	4,348	4,745	4,344
Short Term	119					
Total Liabilities (Excluding Borrowings)	283	475	381	471	389	577
Shareholder's Equity	21,105	25,028	22,065	23,266	23,997	23,795
Total Liabilities & Equity	25,210	29,447	26,570	28,084	29,131	28,715

INCOME STATEMENT

Income	449	1,280	1,001	850	197	1,246
Expenditure	267	220	342	234	56	410
Financial Charges	148	577	419	270	126	395
Net Income	(29)	360	122	246	9	207

Ratio Analysis

Profitability						
ROE	-0.2%	2.9%	1.0%	2.0%	0.1%	1.3%
ROA	-0.1%	1.6%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	0.7%
Capital Structure						
Total Debt / Total Equity	17.5%	15.8%	18.7%	18.7%	19.8%	18.3%
Total Debt / Pure Equity	25.1%	23.8%	27.2%	27.0%	29.2%	27.2%
Coverage						
EBIT / Financial Charges	1.28	1.84	1.57	2.28	1.12	2.12

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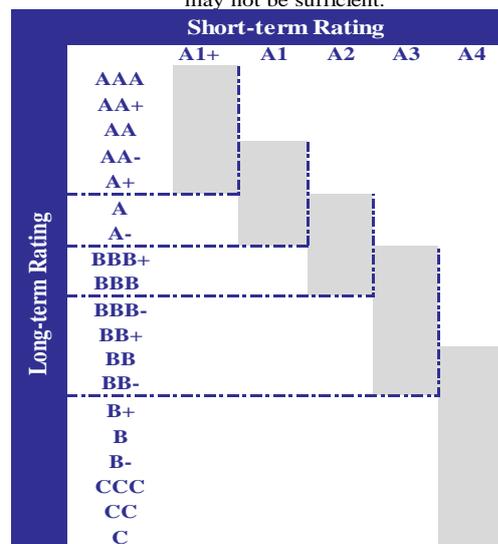
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Credit Rating

Credit rating reflects forward-looking opinion on credit worthiness of underlying entity or instrument; more specifically it covers relative ability to honor financial obligations. The primary factor being captured on the rating scale is relative likelihood of default.

Scale	Long-term Rating Definition
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments
AA+	
AA	Very high credit quality. Very low expectation of credit risk. Indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.
AA-	
A+	
A	High credit quality. Low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.
A-	
BBB+	
BBB	Good credit quality. Currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.
BBB-	
BB+	Moderate risk. Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.
BB	
BB-	
B+	
B	High credit risk. A limited margin of safety remains against credit risk. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.
B-	
CCC	
CC	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.
C	
D	Obligations are currently in default.

Scale	Short-term Rating Definition
A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
A1	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
A2	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A3	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A4	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity may not be sufficient.



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