



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

First Fidelity Leasing Modaraba

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
24-Sep-2021	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
25-Sep-2020	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Sep-2019	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Mar-2019	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
26-Nov-2018	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Jun-2018	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
22-Sep-2017	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
22-Mar-2017	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
22-Sep-2016	BBB+	A2	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The ratings reflect adequate financial profile of First Fidelity Leasing Modaraba (FFLM) supported by its debt free structure. However, subsequent benefits have been limited as significant portion of the asset structure is invested in non-earning/illiquid assets i.e. investment property – Enplan (Private) Limited. The Modaraba has posted a marginally improved YoY performance for period ending March 2021. FFLM has an earning book mainly deployed in a portfolio of machinery and vehicles. Meanwhile, the management is making continuous and rigorous efforts to liquidate its exposure in "Enplan"; and they expect an amicable resolution. Concerns regarding another illiquid investment property - Murree Villas, are further expected to be resolved. The Modaraba is yet to develop a sustainable business model although the debt-free structure provides comfort to the rating. Governance structure needs to be enhanced while the core business base needs to be enhanced going forward.

The ratings are dependent on the management's ability to envisage a business plan for the Modaraba. Timely liquidation of investment in "Enplan" is important to bring viability to the Modaraba. The management is making continuous efforts. Meanwhile, any debt acquisition should be considered carefully.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	First Fidelity Leasing Modaraba
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Non-Banking Finance Companies Rating(Jun-21),Criteria Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jun-21),Criteria Rating Modifiers(Jun-21)
Related Research	Sector Study Modaraba & NBFCs(Apr-21)
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Profile

Structure First Fidelity Leasing Modaraba (“FFLM” or “the Modaraba”) is a perpetual multipurpose Modaraba, listed on Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).

Background FFLM was incorporated in 1991 and is managed by Fidelity Capital Management (Private) Limited (FCML). The Modaraba’s registered office is situated in Canal Park, Gulberg-II, Lahore.

Operations The Modaraba is engaged in Ijarah and term financing under Morabaha arrangements. Additionally, the Modaraba has developed a portfolio of investment properties constituting both land and building holdings.

Ownership

Ownership Structure FFLM is majority owned by the general public (67%). The Modaraba Management Company – Fidelity Capital Management (Private) Limited (FCML) – continued to hold 22% stake in the Modaraba. FCML is majority owned by Mughals Imperial (Pvt.) Limited and two individuals (60%), whereas Chief Executive Officer (18%) of the Modaraba and his associates (22%) own remainder of the shares.

Stability The structure of the Modaraba is stable. Current management has long association with the Modaraba. Further, FFLM performs succession planning session periodically and identify successors for all critical roles.

Business Acumen Mr. Wasim ul Haq Osmani, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FFLM also having major shareholding in FCML, the management company, is a Chartered Accountant by profession. He has extensive experience within the financial sector and has been associated with the Modaraba since April 1994.

Financial Strength Mughals Imperial (Private) Limited, having majority stake in the management company, is a part of Mughals Group. The group is primarily engaged in construction business since 1968 and has a world-wide set up of construction companies in Saudi Arab, Qatar, USA and Dubai.

Governance

Board Structure Board of Directors (BoD) comprises four members including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), out of which two are independent and one is non-executive director.

Members’ Profile CEO, Mr. Wasim-ul-Haq Osmani, a Chartered Accountant by profession, has extensive experience in the financial sector and has been associated with FFLM since April 1994. Apart from CEO, all directors are non-executive members of the Board.

Board Effectiveness The Modaraba currently has three Board committees in place for purpose of Iclose monitoring of the management’s policies and operations; (i) Audit Committee, (ii) Credit Committee, and (iii) Human Resource & Remuneration Committee. The Board committees have not been able to provide a positive direction to the Modaraba, which is depicted through Modaraba’s stagnant performance.

Financial Transparency The financial statements of FFLM for end FY20 have been audited by external auditor’s M/S Crowe Hussain Chaudhury & Co, Chartered Accountants who have provided an unqualified audit report with an emphasis of matter paragraph pertaining to Enplan (Pvt) Limited case. According to the auditors, advance issued to Enplan (Pvt) Limited amounting to PKR 204mln has not been reassessed for its recoverability and impairment loss, if any, which is a departure from IFRS standards.

Management

Organizational Structure FFLM’s operations are broadly divided into three departments: (i) Credit & Administration, (ii) Internal Audit & Risk Management, and (iii) Accounts & Finance. The department heads have been gradually promoted, after a long-term association with the Modaraba. Top management meets on a monthly basis to discuss key issues.

Management Team Mr. Wasim ul Haq Osmani, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FFLM also having major shareholding in FCML, the management company, is a Chartered Accountant by profession. He has extensive experience within the financial sector and has been associated with the Modaraba since April 1994. He is assisted by a team of competent and experienced professionals.

Effectiveness Functions of the management are clear and well-defined to effectively achieve its underlying goals and objectives. The system of internal control is in place and has been effectively implemented. It is being continuously reviewed by internal audit department of the Modaraba.

MIS The Modaraba initially outsourced its software – Visual FoxPro. Now it is updated internally and serves well the requirements of the Modaraba. MIS of the Modaraba consists of monthly reporting. Monthly reports, discussed in the monthly management meetings, mainly comprise performance of the financing portfolio (Ijarah, and Morabaha) along with comparison of actual performance against budget.

Risk Management Framework The credit department is responsible for initiating the credit request and evaluation of credit proposal. The risk management function of the Modaraba is independent of the Chief Executive and is controlled by the Internal Audit Department.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics The reduction in economic activity amidst COVID-19 led to uncertainty for the sector. Post June, pick up of economy coupled with strong auto sales, is expected to provide welcome relief.

Relative Position Asset base of Modaraba is relatively low in comparison to other players of the industry. FFLM is not ranked in top 10 Modarabas on comparison of a PKR 377mln asset base, as its major portfolio at present is stuck in the corporate tower; Enplan.

Revenues FFLM’s revenue from Ijarah financing stood at PKR 6mln for 9MFY21 (9MFY20: PKR 5mln). Morabaha financing contributed PKR 4mln to the topline (9MFY20: PKR 3mln), resulting in Gross Revenue of PKR 9mln for 9MFY21 (9MFY20: PKR 8mln). Net Revenue stood at PKR 9mln for 9MFY21 (9MFY20: PKR 8mln).

Performance Decreasing interest rate scenario positively affected the overall profitability of FFLM. Total earning assets stayed stable amounting to PKR 84mln at 9MFY20 when compared to PKR 89mln at end FY20 (9MFY20: PKR 61mln).

Sustainability Going forward, FFLM would continue focusing on liquidation of its non-earning assets; mainly Enplan Tower and other investment properties. The ultimate resolution of Corporate Tower shall bring principal amount along with lost opportunity cost of funds. FFLM visualizes its future prospects bright on realization of funds out of investments in the current real estate projects, to invest in business modes to generate regular stream of income for the benefit of the certificate holders.

Financial Risk

Credit Risk FFLM’s financing portfolio comprises of Morabaha-net of provision (42%) and Ijarah (58%). Ijarah portfolio majorly consist of two segments: (i) Vehicles (93%), and (ii) Machinery (7%). The Modaraba has extensive focus on the Real Estate segment. The Modaraba is hopeful of a decision in their favor regarding court proceedings.

Market Risk FFLM focuses primarily on core financing business and has no exposure to equity/debt instruments during 9MFY21. Thus, Modaraba is not exposed to any market risk. Further, different parameters are used to monitor market risk performance of Modaraba’s funding base.

Liquidity And Funding Currently, the Modaraba manages the liquidity risk by mainly selling off assets rather than investing the fund to ensure that it will always have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities when they fall due. Further, Modaraba does not have any financial obligation, which on one hand reflects a risk-free structure while on the other hand restricts Modaraba’s ability to expand its financing operations.

Capitalization FFLM’s capital structure is dominated by sponsor equity, with an equity-to-total-asset ratio of 90%. Going forward, the management does not expect any change in leveraging and continues to be willing of providing support if need be.



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PKR mln

BALANCE SHEET

	31-Mar-21	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-18
	9MFY21	Annual	Annual	Annual
Assets				
Earning Assets	88	94	80	101
Moraba Financing	35	28	10	10
Assets given on Ijarah	49	60	64	77
Equity Investments	-	-	-	-
Non Earning Assets	289	284	303	298
Investment Property	224	224	224	224
Non-Performing Finances	296	296	320	318
<i>Less: Accumulated provision (specific/prudential)</i>	(261)	(261)	(261)	(260)
Total Assets	377	378	382	399
Liabilities				
Other Liabilities	39	42	41	42
Equity				
Total Equity	338	336	341	357
Total Equity and Liabilities	377	378	382	399

INCOME STATEMENT

Gross Revenue	9	9	11	3
Total Net Revenue	9	13	15	46
Operating Expenses	(8)	(16)	(13)	(12)
Net Income /(Loss)	2	(5)	2	33

RATIO ANALYSIS

Cost-to-Total Net Revenue	83%	120%	88%	88%
Equity / Total Assets	90%	89%	89%	89%
Impaired Lending / Gross Finances	78%	77%	81%	81%
Loan Loss Provisions / Impaired Lending	83%	83%	82%	82%

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September, 2021

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	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	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.



**The correlation shown is indicative and, in certain cases, may not hold.*

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