



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

East West Insurance Company Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
25-Nov-2022	AA (ifs)	-	Stable	Maintain	-
31-Mar-2022	AA (ifs)	-	Stable	Harmonize	-
26-Nov-2021	AA-	-	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Nov-2020	AA-	-	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Nov-2019	AA-	-	Stable	Maintain	-
01-Jun-2019	AA-	-	Stable	Upgrade	-
06-Dec-2018	A+	-	Positive	Maintain	-
04-May-2018	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
03-Oct-2017	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
22-Mar-2017	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The assigned rating of East West Insurance Company Limited takes into account the sustained fundamentals of the Company. Over the year, all segments of the Company have performed admirably and contributed to a better top line with a lean toward Fire and Engineering segments. Conservative strategy involving prudent underwriting practices along with a focus on diversified products helped to demonstrate continued healthy underwriting profitability, supplementing the top line. Augmentation in equity and liquid assets owing to healthier cashflows offers strength to the capital structure which in turn has lent support to the rating. A significant spike in investment performance in close supervision of key management personnel has been observed. Resultantly, an increased investment income supplements the bottom line of the Company on a consistent basis. As an element of continued succession planning, sponsors are nurturing future leaders of the Company.

In terms of Gross Written Premium (GWP), the general insurance industry has a total size of PKR 113bln in CY21 compared to PKR 102bln in CY20, exhibiting a growth of 11.1%. The industry reported a significant increase of 57% in underwriting results to PKR 7bln in CY21 (CY20: PKR 4bln). The net income of the industry grew by 30% to PKR 13bln in CY21 (CY20: PKR 10bln). However, recent floods have caused significant losses to the economy. This will affect the insurance industry's performance during the ongoing quarters.

The rating is dependent in the company's ability to improve its market position with continued profitability. The liquidity position and, hence, financial risk profile should remain afloat along with growth. Sustaining underwriting profitability will be crucial going forward.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	East West Insurance Company Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	IFS Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology General Insurance Rating(Mar-22),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Jun-22)
Related Research	Sector Study General Insurance(May-22)
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Profile

Legal Structure East West Insurance Company Limited was incorporated as a public limited company in 1983.

Background The Company underwrites various classes of general insurance business including fire, marine, motor, health, engineering and bonds & credit insurance. East West Insurance is one of the pioneers in the field of livestock and crop insurance.

Operations EWI's operations are currently carried out from a nationwide network of 57 business places including 3 principal office, 9 regional offices, 21 agency offices and 24 branch offices. The company's operations are supported by close management control; made possible by the three executive directors leading their own profit centers (principal offices: South, Punjab, and North).

Ownership

Ownership Structure Yunus family holds the majority shareholding in the Company through seven individuals – belonging to families of three Yunus brothers. The group has created a holding company for the shareholders. This vehicle will continue to host the owner's stake.

Stability The sponsors have chalked out a succession plan for the family business company which summarizes the smooth transition of the managerial functions from the elder generation to the next. This plan, while adding sanctity to the relationship, also sheds light on how each individual would manage succession planning, commit themselves to vision and strategy, and how they would bring positive change to the Company.

Business Acumen The family has been in the insurance business for three decades and possesses the requisite skills and knowledge to guide the Company.

Financial Strength The shareholders have shown a strong propensity in the past to protect the Company.

Governance

Board Structure The total number of directors on the board is eight among which one is female director. Out of eight directors, three are independent, two non-executive and three are executive directors. Four board committee exists on the board namely; Audit, Ethics Human Resource & Remuneration, Investment and Nomination.

Members' Profile Mr. Naved Yunus, well-qualified from USA and UK, has been associated with the Company for last three decades as CEO. He is assisted by a team of experienced professionals.

Board Effectiveness During the year, five board meetings were held. The minutes of meetings are formally maintained.

Transparency The External Auditors, M/s Crowe Hussain Chaudhury & Co. Chartered Accountants, have issued an unqualified opinion on financial statements for CY21.

Management

Organizational Structure The Company has a simplified organizational structure with clear reporting lines, ensuring the segregation of duties. In order to run the Company's operations smoothly.

Management Team With its head office in Karachi, the operations of the company are managed by three principal offices in Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad. The company's top management consists of qualified and experienced professionals, have a long-standing relationship with the company. The management has been boosted by the induction of Mr. Saad Yunus, son of Naved Yunus as chief operating officer.

Effectiveness Most of the senior management have overall experience and affiliation with the company is more than 30 years. There are four management committees on the board; Underwriting, Claims Settlement, Reinsurance & Co-Insurance, and Risk Management. The committee meets quarterly to discuss all operational issues of the organization and provides strategic and operational guidance to all the departments.

MIS The revamped MIS system has been rolled out in the head office whereas the complete rollout in the branches is expected to be completed soon.

Claim Management System The claim settlement procedure is decentralized at the branch level; the head office is only responsible for monitoring. Claim approval authority is retained at the Principal Offices' level. The head office sets and reviews periodically the limits for settlement by the branches. Claims equal to higher than that limit is not only circulated to the higher management but are also monitored by Head Office.

Investment Management Function The investment committee comprises five members board members including the Chairman. The committee is headed by Ahsan Mehmood Alvi. Other members of the committee include Naved Yunus, Umeed Ansari, Shabbir Ali Kanchwala, and Muhammad Saeed Ahmed. The company has an established investment department. EWI also has a structured investment policy statement (IPS).

Risk Management Framework EWI follows adequate risk management procedures and guidelines. The company has developed standard operating procedures manual, incorporating detailed guidelines to be followed prior to the issuance of premium policy.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics The insurance industry in Pakistan is relatively small compared to its peers in the region. The insurance penetration and density remain very modest as compared to other jurisdictions while the insurance sector remains underdeveloped relative to its potential. In terms of Gross Premium Written (GPW), Pakistan's general insurance industry had a total size of PKR~108,322m in CY20, (less than ~1% of its GDP), with a growth of ~3.7% from the previous year (CY19: PKR~104,453m). Currently, the general insurance industry has witnessed a growth of ~19% on a YoY basis as of Sep-21, ensuring sustainability.

Relative Position East West Insurance with a market share of ~3.5% is classified among medium-sized companies in the industry in terms of GPW for the period ending June'22.

Revenue The GPW of the company witnessed an increase of ~23% in 6MCY22: PKR 2354.52m (6MCY21: PKR 1918.365m) on a YOY basis. The Company recorded a GPW of PKR 2355m in 6MCY22. The GPW mix is dominated by Fire and Property Damage (32%) and Engineering (27%), followed by the motor (14.7%), Marine (11.1%) and miscellaneous (13%). Fire and Property Damage has always been the dominant segment for the Company.

Profitability The company reported an underwriting profit of PKR 190m (6MCY19: PKR 171m). The Profit before tax increased to PKR 282m in 6MCY22 from PKR 259m in 6MCY21 due to improved investment income. The Profit before tax in 6MCY22 is PKR 278m. The combined ratio of the company is 80.5% for 6MCY22.

Investment Performance The COO of the Company Mr. Saad Yunus is also looking after the investments. The company is hopeful that the increased investment income will supplement the bottom line of the company on a consistent basis. The Company showed a ~75% YoY increase as Company reported an investment income of PKR ~42m for the 6MCY21. The Company reported an investment yield of 7.4% for 6MCY22.

Sustainability The company's focus on diversification – engineering and health – besides Fire segment bodes well for its growth. It also envisages tapping large projects in the engineering segment. EWI further aims to increase its footprints in agriculture and microinsurance.

Financial Risk

Claim Efficiency EWI's risk absorption capacity, reflected by liquid assets coverage to outstanding claims, stands at 1.4x for 6MCY22. (CY21: 1.6x) The claims days outstanding in 6MCY22 is 117 days and in CY21 it was 168 days.

Re-Insurance The reinsurer panel comprises of total ten (10) reinsurers for different classes of treaties for Conventional and Window-takaful operations. The Company's top-rated reinsurers are Pakistan Reinsurance Company Ltd. Pakistan [AA (IFS), VIS] and Saudi Reinsurance Company, Malaysia (AA+, Moody's). Non-proportional treaties with increased capacity enable the company to engage in huge business.

Cashflows & Coverages EWI's liquid investment book at 6MCY22 is PKR 2,016m (CY21: PKR 1,960m). Liquid investment book predominantly comprises risk-free government securities debt securities, bank deposits & equity securities. The total investments of the company currently stand at PKR 2,804m in 6MCY22 (CY21: 1,981m).

Capital Adequacy The company is well equipped in capital adequacy as per the requirements of SECP. The Company's equity stood at PKR 2352m for 6MCY22 (CY21: PKR 2,005m). The paid-up capital of the company is PKR 1,599m.



PKR mln

East West Insurance Company
Listed Public Limited

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

A BALANCE SHEET

1 Investments	2,031	1,981	1,592	1,354
2 Insurance Related Assets	2,804	2,083	1,881	1,716
3 Other Assets	687	598	527	567
4 Fixed Assets	124	127	141	159
5 Window Takaful Operations	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	5,646	4,788	4,142	3,796
1 Underwriting Provisions	1,548	1,576	1,442	1,477
2 Insurance Related Liabilities	1,330	849	744	684
3 Other Liabilities	417	359	274	174
4 Borrowings	-	-	5	14
5 Window Takaful Operations	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	3,295	2,783	2,466	2,349
Equity/Fund	2,354	2,010	1,683	1,451

B INCOME STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

1 Gross Premium Written/Gross Contribution Written	2,355	4,216	3,675	3,443
2 Net Insurance Premium/Net Takaful Contribution	1,407	2,269	1,954	1,579
3 Underwriting Expenses	(1,125)	(1,847)	(1,606)	(1,221)
Underwriting Results	282	423	348	358
4 Investment Income	74	92	84	31
5 Other Income / (Expense)	(79)	(142)	(129)	(139)
Profit Before Tax	278	372	303	250
6 Taxes	(71)	(45)	(66)	(51)
Profit After Tax	206	327	236	199

PARTICIPANTS' TAKAFUL FUND - PTF

1 Gross Contribution Written	175	327	206	197
2 Net Takaful Contribution	28	38	24	67
3 Net Takaful Claims	(32)	(44)	(33)	(15)
4 Direct Expenses Including Re-Takaful Rebate Earned	13	22	15	8
Surplus Before Investment & Other Income/(Expense)	9	15	6	60
5 Investment Income	0	0	0	0
6 Other Income/(Expense)	-	-	-	(45)
Surplus for the Period	9	16	6	15

OPERATOR'S TAKAFUL FUND - OTF

1 Wakala Fee Income	62	114	77	45
2 Management, Commission & Other Acquisition Costs	(45)	(83)	(66)	(32)
Underwriting Income/(Loss)	16	31	12	13
3 Investment Income	0	0	0	3
4 Other Income/(Expense)	2	2	1	(4)
Profit Before tax	18	33	13	12
5 Taxes	-	-	-	-
Profit After tax	18	33	13	12

C RATIO ANALYSIS

1 Profitability				
Loss Ratio - Net Insurance & Takaful Claims / Net Insurance Premium or Takaf	44.1%	41.1%	43.5%	41.6%
Combined Ratio (Loss Ratio + Expense Ratio)	79.9%	81.4%	82.2%	77.3%
2 Investment Performance				
Investment Yield	7.4%	5.1%	5.7%	2.4%
3 Liquidity				
(Liquid Assets - Borrowings) / Outstanding Claims Including IBNR	1.4	2.1	1.9	1.7
4 Capital Adequacy				
Liquid Investments / Equity (Funds)	85.7%	97.5%	93.3%	87.4%

Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) Rating

Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) rating reflects forward-looking opinion on relative ability of an insurance company to meet policy holders and contractual obligations.

Scale	Definition
AAA (ifs)	Exceptionally Strong. Exceptionally Strong capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are minimal, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be extremely small.
AA++ (ifs) AA+ (ifs) AA (ifs)	Very Strong. Very Strong capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are very low, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very small.
A++ (ifs) A+ (ifs) A (ifs)	Strong. Strong capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are low, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be small.
BBB++ (ifs) BBB+ (ifs) BBB (ifs)	Good. Good capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are moderate, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be manageable.
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B++ (ifs) B+ (ifs) B (ifs)	Weak. Weak capacity to meet policy holders and contract obligations. Risk factors are high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very significant.
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