



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

BankIslami Pakistan Limited | Modaraba Sukuk

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
24-Jun-2023	A	-	Stable	Upgrade	-
25-Jun-2022	A-	-	Positive	Maintain	-
25-Jun-2021	A-	-	Stable	Maintain	-
30-Jun-2020	A-	-	Stable	Initial	-
08-Oct-2019	A-	-	Stable	Maintain	-
30-Apr-2019	A-	-	Stable	Preliminary	Yes

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

BankIslami Pakistan Limited (BIPL) has demonstrated remarkable growth over the last couple of years in areas crucial to the risk profiling of any commercial bank. The bank, under the new leadership, has recorded expansion in the deposit base. There has been enhancement in the system share as well, enabling the bank to fare better with the banks rated higher. The delta achieved with the peers supported the rating ascension. The Islamic banking space is expanding and there are mentionable players which are taking the lead. BIPL is fast rising in this space. During CY22, the Bank's net profitability increased to PKR 4.4bln, attributable to an impressive increase in markup earned. The net markup income doubled and clocked in at PKR 20.4bln (CY21: PKR 10.9bln). The Bank's spread ratio displayed an improvement to 6.0% (CY21: 3.8%). During 1QCY23, there was phenomenal jump in profitability; the PBT stood at PKR 3.1bln and PAT stood at PKR 1.7bln, enabled by higher spreads 7.0%. The cost of funding base for Islamic banks is efficient and it is contributing towards internal capital generation. The Bank's deposit base reflected significant addition tilted towards current and term deposits. With the execution of operational efficiency, during CY22, the Bank's CAR rose to 17.9% (CY21: 14.1%). The Bank's asset quality has largely remained sustained with an increase in coverage. The equity base, in turn, the risk absorption capacity of the Bank has recorded commendable improvement.

The banking sector has continued to flourish with high profitability. Going forward, the macro-economic environment is beset with myriad challenges due to heightened interest rates, tightening of demand, rupee depreciation and higher infection. This has repercussions for the entire system including banking. Sustained asset quality and profitable growth is essential for ratings.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	BankIslami Pakistan Limited Modaraba Sukuk
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Debt Instrument Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Financial Institution Rating(Jun-22),Methodology Debt Instrument Rating(Jun-22),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Jun-22)
Related Research	Sector Study Commercial Bank(Jun-23)
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Issuer Profile

Profile BankIslami Pakistan Limited (BIPL), incorporated in Oct-04, was the first bank in Pakistan to receive an Islamic Banking license, in Mar-05, under the Islamic Banking Policy of 2003. The bank, after being declared a scheduled Islamic bank by the State Bank of Pakistan in Mar-05, commenced its operations on April 07, 2006. The Bank was established with a vision to be recognized as the leading authentic Islamic bank with its mission to create value for its stakeholders by offering authentic Shariah-compliant and technologically advanced products and services. BIPL is currently operating with 380 branches as of December 31, 2022, across the country.

Ownership BIPL has three prominent sponsors namely JS Group (through Jahangir Siddiqui & Company Limited – JSCL and JS Bank Limited), Mr. Ali Hussain including his shareholding through SAJ Capital Limited and Randeree family. All these have a collective holding of around 73% in the bank and predominantly direct the affairs of the BIPL's Board. BIPL ownership is backed by strong sponsors. Further, due diligence is underway by JS Bank for the increase in its stake. The business acumen of sponsors is considered strong as sponsors have diversified interests and long associations with the markets. The ability to support in case of financial need is considered good.

Governance BIPL's eight-member board of directors (BoD) including the CEO constitutes representatives of sponsoring groups. Currently, four are independent directors, three are non-executive and one Executive director (CEO - BankIslami). BIPL's Shariah board comprises four leading Islamic scholars of the country, namely (i) Mufti Irshad Ahmad Aijaz, (ii) Mufti Javed Ahmad, (iii) Mufti Muhammad Husain, and (iv) Mufti Syed Hussain Ahmad. In May 2023, election of the BoD was conducted where out of 7 retiring directors, 4 were re-elected for a period of 3 years. The BoD exercises close monitoring of the management's policies and governs the bank's operations through its four committees namely i) Audit Committee, ii) Board Human Resource & Remuneration Committee, (iii) Risk Management Committee, (iv) IT Committee. During the year, KPMG Taseer Hadi & Co., Chartered Accountants, the external auditor is an SBP panel member, expressed an unqualified opinion for the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Management BIPL's organizational structure is divided into fourteen functional departments i) Distribution, ii) Corporate Banking, iii) Consumer, iv) Treasury/ FIs, v) Risk Management, vi) Product and Shariah Structuring, vii) Human Resource, viii) Legal, ix) Finance, x) Operations, xi) Security and Govt. Relations, xii) IT, xiii) Internal Audit and xiv) Compliance. Mr. Syed Amir Ali is the President & CEO of the bank. He is a Chartered Accountant and CFA Charter holder by qualification carrying more than 20 years of experience. The bank has eight committees at the management level: (i) Business Strategy & Review Committee (BSRC), (ii) Compliance & Controls Committee (CCM), (iii) Information Technology Steering Committee (ITSC), (iv) Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO), (v) Management Credit Committee (MCC), (vi) Service Excellence Committee (SEC), (vii) Procurement & Disposal Committee (PDC) & (viii) Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC). The bank operates using a comprehensive Islamic Banking application that has inbuilt Shariah compliance features – iMal, a core banking software. For enhanced customer experience, the bank is in the process of upgrading its core banking application. The internal Risk Rating Module is being used by the bank. The module supports the bank in its Obligor Risk Rating (ORR) process by adding more objectivity to the credit appraisal process.

Business Risk The macroeconomic landscape is fraught with numerous challenges, including political instability, elevated interest rates, demand tightening, sizable rupee depreciation, and heightened inflation, all of which reverberate across all sectors of the economy. Pakistan posted a GDP growth rate of 1.69% in 9MFY23 and 4.71% in FY22. The banking sector continues to flourish with high profitability. BIPL - a small tier bank was able to enhance its deposit share during recent years of (Deposits: CY22: 1.9%; CY21: 1.8%), during recent years. During CY22, the bank was able to show growth in terms of total deposits by 20.6% mainly due to a sizable increase in current deposits. Revenues During CY22, the Bank earned a gross profit of PKR 46.34bln (CY21: PKR 23.23bln). The composition remained tilted towards profit earned from financing (CY22: 24.7bln, CY21: PKR 12.1bln). The Bank recorded a net profit income at PKR 20.4bln (CY21: PKR 10.93bln). The Bank's spread improved to (CY22: 6.0%; CY21: 3.8%). Consequently, the Bank posted a profit after tax of PKR 4.4bln. During 1QFY23, the net profit income of the bank stood at PKR 6.9bln, meanwhile, the profit after tax of the Bank clocked in at PKR 1.8bln. During CY22, the non-financing income of the bank went up by 69.8% and recorded at PKR 3.6bln (CY21: PKR 2.1bln) on account of immense growth in foreign exchange income which was recorded at PKR 1.3bln (CY21: PKR 482mln). Going forward, the Bank remains committed to achieve sustainable growth in its balance sheet, profitability and customer base through aggressive marketing, branch expansion, and process improvement by leveraging technology, expanding its digital footprint, garnering trade business, and introducing customer centric and competitive Shariah-compliant products.

Financial Risk During CY22, net financing recorded growth by 11.8% and clocked at PKR 200.4bln (CY21: PKR 179.3bln) due to a significant increase in Islamic financing. As of endDec22, the NPLs of the Bank increased by 16.28% (CY22: PKR 19.9bln; CY21: PKR 17.2bln), and the infection ratio went up to 9.1% (CY21: 8.7%). BIPL's investment portfolio witnessed an increase to PKR 173.7bln (end-Dec21: PKR 117.6bln). Portfolio increased mainly due to an increase in Federal Government Securities to PKR 172.2bln (end-Dec21: PKR 116bln). The bank's liquidity ratio has increased evidenced by the Liquid assets to Deposits & Borrowing ratio (end-Dec22: 48.5%; end- Dec21: 38.9%). BIPL's deposits grew by 20.6% as of end-Dec 22. CA Deposit of the Bank went up by 26.9% and closed at PKR 170.6bln in CY22. Furthermore, as at end-Mar23, CA and SA ratios stood at 37.8% and 26.6% respectively. At end-Dec22, CAR increased sizably to 17.92% with Tier I Capital at 13.6%. The bank has also given a dividend worth PKR 1.1bln.

Instrument Rating Considerations

About The Instrument BIPL issued fully paid up, rated, listed, perpetual, unsecured, subordinated, non-cumulative and contingent convertible listed modaraba Sukuk certificates ("Sukuk"). The issue amounts to PKR 2bln. The tenor of the instrument is perpetual and carries a profit rate of 3MK + 2.75%. The profit is being paid monthly in arrears on the outstanding principal amount on a non-cumulative basis. The amount raised is part of BIPL's Additional Tier 1 Capital for capital adequacy ratio as per guidelines set by SBP. The funds are being utilized in the bank's financing and investing activities. BIPL may exercise a call option on the Sukuk on or after five years from the issuance date.

Relative Seniority/Subordination Of Instrument The Sukuk holders are a part of the general pool. The claims of the investors will rank a) superior to the claims of ordinary shareholders in case of going concern as well as a gone concern (in case the Sukuk are not already converted into the common share of the Bank), and b) pari passu without preference amongst Sukuk holders. The Sukuk is also subject to the lock-in clause i.e. the profit payment to the Sukuk holders will be subject to the condition that any such payment should not result in the noncompliance with the applicable regulatory requirement of MCR, CAR and leverage ratio (LR) as determined by SBP from time to time. Any inability to exercise the lock-in clause or non-cumulative feature will subject these Sukuk certificates to mandatory conversion into common shares at the discretion of SBP.

Credit Enhancement The instrument is unsecured.

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+	
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-	
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.



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

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 b) Corporate Rating
 c) Debt Instrument Rating
 d) Financial Institution Rating
 e) Holding Company Rating
 f) Independent Power Producer Rating
 g) Microfinance Institution Rating
 h) Non-Banking Finance Companies Rating

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Nature of Instrument	Size of issue	Date of Issue	Years	Security	Quantum of security	Nature of Assets	Book value of Assets (PKR mln)	Trustee
Modaraba Sukuk - ADT I	2bln	Apr-20	Perpetual	Unsecured and subordinated to all other obligations of the bank.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pak Brunei Investment Company Limited

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Due Date Principle*	Opening Principal	Principal Repayment*	Due Date Markup/ Profit*	Markup/Profit Rate (6MK + 2.75%)	6M Kibor	Markup/Profit Payment	Installment Payable	Principal Outstanding
	PKR in mln					PKR in mln		

Redemption Schedule not applicable since its a perpetual Modaraba Sukuk whereby there is no fixed or final redemption date. Profit will be payable monthly in arrears, on a non-cumulative basis, on the outstanding Sukuk amount. The first such profit payment will fall due at the end of 1st calender month from the Issue Date and subsequently every month end thereafter.

The instrument carries a call option which may be exercised after Apr-25 (5 years), subject to approval of the SBP.