

## The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

## **Rating Report**

# Pakistan Mortgage Refinance Company Limited | PP Sukuk

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Rating History						
Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch	
14-Apr-2023	AAA	-	Stable	Maintain	-	
15-Apr-2022	AAA	-	Stable	Maintain	-	
16-Apr-2021	AAA	-	Stable	Initial	-	
26-Oct-2020	AAA	-	Stable	Preliminary	-	

## **Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers**

Pakistan Mortgage Refinance Company ("PMRC" or the "Company") addresses the long-term funding constraint in the banking sector, which was hindering the growth of primary mortgage market in Pakistan. The assigned rating finds comfort in robust shareholding structure of PMRC, primarily sponsored by Ministry of Finance and National Bank of Pakistan. The assigned rating also takes into account the Company's experienced and professional management team and sound risk management controls. The Company's one of the major sources of finance emanates from capital markets and the bond/sukuk issues, hence targeting the development of bond/sukuk markets in Pakistan. Over the years, PMRC's financing portfolio increased manifolds and the assets of the Company showed significant increase, supporting the underlying instrument's rating. Further, the rating also incorporates very low exposure to operational & market risks.

During CY22, profit after tax has increased by 48.1% to stand at PKR 1.6bln (CY21: PKR 1.1bln) majorly on the back of significant increase in net interest income. PMRC has issued a series of bonds/sukuk, providing ample liquidity in years to come for further development of the mortgage housing finance industry in the country. The proceeds of the PP sukuk issued are utilized in refinancing the residential mortgage/housing of the eligible financial institutions.

Strong capitalization indicators and a highly liquid profile would remain key rating drivers of the assigned rating. Furthermore, the funding profile of the Company draws comfort from the availability of long-term funding from the world bank.

Disclosure			
Name of Rated Entity	Name of Rated Entity Pakistan Mortgage Refinance Company Limited   PP 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   DFIs(Jun-22)			
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#### The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

#### **Issuer Profile**

**Profile** Pakistan Mortgage Refinance Company ("PMRC" or the "Company"), commenced business in 2018 as Pakistan's first mortgage refinance institution to provide lending to both; Islamic and Conventional Financial Institutions. The purpose of the institution is to increase the availability of affordable mortgages, consequently reducing the shortage of housing in Pakistan. The Company has provided innovative, viable and market based financial products. PMRC is passing on the benefit by issuing subsidized medium to long term fixed rate loans to PFIs and providing risk management tools to promote sound mortgage lending practices.

Ownership The Company's shareholders consist of Ministry of Finance (~29%), National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) (~14%), Habib Bank Limited (HBL) (~12%), United Bank Limited (UBL) (~12%), International Finance Corporation (IFC) (12%) Bank Alfalah (BAFL)(~7%), Askari Bank Limited (AKBL) (~7%), Allied Bank Limited (ABL) (~5%), Bank Al Habib (BAHL) (~1%), House Building Finance Company Limited (HBFC)(~0.2%) and Summit Bank Limited (SMBL) (~0.04%).

Governance The board of directors comprises ten members, which include seven non-executive directors and three independent directors. Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie is the Chairman of the Board. Seven major financial institutions out of the ten shareholders are represented on the board encompassing Ministry of Finance, NBP, UBL, HBL, BAFL, AKBL and IFC. The Company's external auditors are A.F. Ferguson & Co. and have expressed unqualified opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December, 2022.

Management The management team is led by the MD/CEO; Mr. Mudassir H. Khan; who possesses an executive Masters in Business Administration (update) from Stern School of Business, New York and a Masters in Finance from St. John's University, New York. He is also an electrical engineer from University of Oklahoma, USA. He has 30 years of diversified banking experience encompassing areas such as retail banking, corporate & investment banking, commercial banking, operations, risk and development banking. Before joining PMRC, Mr. Khan worked with National Bank of Pakistan for four years and with HBL for nine years. He also worked with the World Bank for more than fourteen years in the area of Financial Sector. The management team of the Company consists of qualified and experienced individuals adding efficiency to company's performance.

Business Risk PMRC's advances portfolio increased from PKR 23,715mln in Dec'21 to PKR 33,662mln in Dec'22 showing their commitment to growth and to support housing finance market. The Interest/Mark up earned of the PMRC increased by 76.4% to PKR 5,016mln during CY22 from PKR 2,844mln during CY21. However, the interest expense has also been increased by 106.2% on account of new TFC/Sukuk issuance. Currently, the interest expense is standing at PKR 2,899mln for the period ending on Dec'22 (CY21: PKR 1,406mln). Net mark-up income of PKR 2,117mln constitutes 42.2% of the total income. The increase in total markup income led to an increase in profit after tax to PKR 1,579mln for the Company during CY22 (CY21: PKR 1,066mln).

Financial Risk As of Dec'22, the Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of the Company stood at 64.40% (CY21: 53.10%). Total equity increased to PKR 8,745mln (CY21: PKR 7,367mln) and also the Total Eligible Capital (Tier I & Tier II) also increased to PKR 8,801mln (CY21: PKR 7,344mln). As of Dec'22 total equity forms 15.7% of the total assets of the Company (CY21: 14.7%). Leverage ratio of company during CY22 stood at 15.11% (CY21: 15.93%). PMRC also has mitigated its credit & market risk by investing in government securities.

## **Instrument Rating Considerations**

**About The Instrument** PMRC has issued Privately Placed Sukuk as instrument of redeemable capital. Issue amount is PKR 3,100mln and profit of 8.25% per annum is payable semiannually on the principal amount. Total profit payments of PKR 511.5mln has been made of which the latest payment of PKR 126.8mln was made on 18th Mar'23. Principal amount will be redeemed in bullet at maturity. The proceeds of the PP sukuk issued are utilized in refinancing the residential mortgage/housing of the eligible financial institutions.

Relative Seniority/Subordination Of Instrument The instrument is not subordinated.

Credit Enhancement Hypothecation charge over specific receivables of PMRC with 25% margin (primary security). In case, if the receivables falls short at any time, additional / adequate security will be provided to cover such short fall.

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PKR mln Pakistan Mortgage Refinance Company Dec-22 Dec-21 Dec-20 Dec-19 **Unlisted Public Company 12M 12M 12M 12M** A BALANCE SHEET 7,729 34,060 24,015 14,967 1 Total Finances - net 20,262 9,939 10,203 8,822 2 Investments 3 Other Earning Assets 221 15,486 3,112 2,383 554 4 Non-Earning Assets 1,106 772 643 5 Non-Performing Finances-net (95)50,211 19,577 55,554 28,835 **Total Assets** 6 Deposits 7 Borrowings 45,991 42,238 22,299 14,617 8 Other Liabilities (Non-Interest Bearing) 818 606 398 264 **Total Liabilities** 46,809 42,844 22,697 14,880 8,745 7,367 6,138 4,696 **Equity** INCOME STATEMENT 5,016 2,844 2,509 1,529 1 Mark Up Earned 2 Mark Up Expensed (2,899)(1,406)(715)(337)3 Non Mark Up Income 1 2,123 1,441 1,797 1,193 **Total Income** 4 Non-Mark Up Expenses (374)(450)(345)(292)5 Provisions/Write offs/Reversals (95)(16)**Pre-Tax Profit** 1,579 1,066 1,436 902 6 Taxes 1,579 1,436 902 **Profit After Tax** 1,066 **RATIO ANALYSIS** 1 Cost Structure Net Mark Up Income / Avg. Assets 4.0% 3.6% 7.4% 10.2% 24.4% Non-Mark Up Expenses / Total Income 21.2% 26.0% 19.2% ROE 19.6% 15.8% 26.5% 21.4% 2 Capital Adequacy Equity / Total Assets (D+E+F) 15.7% 14.7% 21.3% 24.0% 64.4% 53.1% 143.6% 206.9% Capital Adequacy Ratio 3 Funding & Liquidity Liquid Assets / (Deposits + Borrowings Net of Repo) 36.5% 50.8% 48.4% 73.5%



# Corporate Rating Criteria

Scale

## **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.

	Long-term Rating
Scale	Definition
AAA	<b>Highest credit quality.</b> 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-	
<b>A</b> +	
A	<b>High credit quality.</b> 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.
<u>A-</u>	
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
ВВ	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-	
$\mathbf{B}$ +	
В	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.
CC	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	appears probable. C Ratings signal infinitent default.
D	Obligations are currently in default.

Short-term Rating Scale **Definition** The highest capacity for timely repayment. A1+ A strong capacity for timely **A1** repayment. A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to **A2** adverse changes in business. economic, or financial conditions An adequate capacity for timely repayment. **A3** Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial 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.

Outlook (Stable, Positive, Negative, Developing) Indicates the potential and direction of a rating over the intermediate term in response to trends in economic and/or fundamental business/financial conditions. It is not necessarily a precursor to a rating change. 'Stable' outlook means a rating is not likely to change. 'Positive' means it may be raised. 'Negative' means it may be lowered. Where the trends have conflicting elements, the outlook may be described as 'Developing'.

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- a) Broker Entity Rating
- 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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- (20) PACRA initiates immediate review of the outstanding rating upon becoming aware of any information that may reasonably be expected to result in downgrading of the rating; | Chapter III | 18-(c)
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Nature of Instrument	Size of Issue (PKR)	Tenor	Security	Quantum of Security	Nature of Assets	Trustee	Book Value of Assets (PKR mln)	
Privately Placed	PKR 3.1bln	3 years	Hypothecation charge over specific receivables of PMRC with 25% margin (primary security).  In case, if the receivables falls short at any time,additional / adequate security will be provided to cover such short fall.	2,587,900,000 1,600,000,000	Hypothecation of Specific Receivables & Lien over TDR	Pak Oman Investment Company Limited	4,187,900,000	
		Pakistan M	ortgage Refinance Company	Limited   PP Sukuk				
Name of Issuer	Pakistan Mortgage Refinance Company							
Issue size	3.1bin							
Issue Date	Mar 18, 2021							
Tenor	3 Years							
Maturity	Mar 18, 2024							
Profit Rate	8.25%							
Principal Repayment	Bullet at maturity							
		Pa	ıkistan Mortgage Refinance Company Limit	ed   PP Sukuk				
Due Date Principal	Opening Principal	Principal Repayment	Markup/Profit Rate	Markup/Profit Payment	Installment Payable	Principal C	outstanding	
- ac sate :opa.	PKR in mln PKR in mln							
18-09-21	3,100,000,000.0	-	8.25%	128,926,027	128,926,027	3,100,000,000.0		
18-03-22	3,100,000,000.0	-	8.25%	126,823,973	126,823,973	3,100,000,000.0		
18-09-22	3,100,000,000.0	-	8.25%	128,926,027	128,926,027	3,100,000,000.0		
18-03-23	3,100,000,000.0	-	8.25%	126,823,973	126,823,973	3,100,000,000.0		
18-09-23	3,100,000,000.0	-	8.25%	128,926,027	128,926,027	3,100,000,000.0		
18-03-24	3,100,000,000.0	3,100,000,000	8.25%	127,524,658	3,227,524,658	-		
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