



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

BRB Properties Builders and Developers

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
17-Jan-2024	BB+	A3	Stable	Maintain	-
17-Jan-2023	BB+	A3	Stable	Maintain	-
18-Jan-2022	BB+	A3	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

BRB Properties Builders and Developers is committed towards the construction of their first real estate venture Oasis Park Residencia. The company has shown progress towards the construction of bungalows which are expected to be completed by June'2025 as per agreed terms with Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA). Additionally, the company has been successful in selling out 90% of the total units with the aid of Zameen.com and through internal sales force. Revenue from the sale of bungalows is recognized to the stage of completion of the units at the end of the reporting period. As a result, during FY23 the Company reported revenue of PKR 1,691mln (FY22: PKR 1,263mln). The sales growth is evidence of the market acceptability of the project which is in return beneficial for the company in terms of creating their value in the real estate sector. The current inflationary environment with higher interest rates and rising cost of raw materials including steel and cement have led to a slowdown in the real estate sector. Furthermore, the ongoing political uncertainty and unstable economic environment has adversely affected the sector. As of November 2023, the Company has successfully completed 96% of the construction of the grey structure of the villas. Furthermore, the company has received approximately 87% of the outstanding receivables from the customers against the booked units. The cash flows are utilized to meet construction expenses during the period. Regarding future plans, the company has finalized architectural designs and obtained approvals for the construction of Hexagon Tower for commercial and residential use on the same land. The Company plans on formally launching the project once the economic conditions in the country stabilizes.

The timely completion of the project and the adequacy of cashflows remain crucial for the company. The ratings are dependent on the future projects that the company plans on undertaking along with timely collection from customers against sale of bungalows and any further borrowings that would affect the financial risk profile of the company.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	BRB Properties Builders and Developers
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Corporate Rating(Jul-23),Methodology Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jul-23),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Apr-23)
Related Research	Sector Study Real Estate(May-23)
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Profile

Legal Structure BRB Properties Builders & Developers is a Sole Proprietorship that was formed in 2008. The principal activity of the organization is development of residential and commercial real estate projects on purchased land. The sole owner of the company is Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam.

Background The Company is based in Karachi, Pakistan. 'Oasis Park Residencia' is the first project of BRB Properties that was initiated in Oct-18 and will eventually be completed in June 2025.

Operations The principal activity of the company is to invest, purchase, develop and build real estate and to sell, or otherwise dispose of in any manner the real estate including commercial and residential buildings, houses, shops, plots or other premises. The company is currently working on its first project Oasis Park Residencia. The project includes the development of a residential society on 24 acres land purchased by the owner. The society will include 334 bungalows of 120sq yard constructed on 10 acres. The remaining land will be utilized to construct roads, shops, mosque, parks and school.

Ownership

Ownership Structure BRB Properties is 100% owned by Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam who is the sole proprietor. This is an evidence that Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam is the man at the last mile.

Stability The ownership structure of the Company is seen stable in foreseeable future. However, the existence of formal succession planning will add to the strength of the stable structure.

Business Acumen Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam and his family is in the business of Tea Import and Trading. During the year 1996 to 1999, Mr. Bilal Azam was an investor in the field of Stock, Bills and Electronic Trading and from Year 2000, he entered in the industry of Real Estate where he played the role of investor in land. Due to extensive growth Mr. Bilal entered in the business of Property Development and started constructing Oasis Park Residencia project for residential purpose. Hence, the business acumen of sponsors is considered strong. In comparison to other business groups, which have been operating in other sector for decades, BRB properties are a fairly recent entrant.

Financial Strength Sound sponsorship has been the deriving component of the strong financial position of the business. Over the years Mr. Khawaja Bilal has grown into real estate business.

Governance

Board Structure Currently, the company has six member board with Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam being the Chairman. Remaining five members are close relatives of the owner.

Members' Profile Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam is the sole owner, founder and Chairman of BRB Properties. He is the man at the last mile and the driving force behind the success and growth of BRB Properties. Remaining board members have vast experience in the fields of HR, IT, Engineering and Accounting respectively.

Board Effectiveness The board consists of qualified and experienced professionals from the fields of Engineering, Finance, Human Resource and Information Technology. The board members have been appointed recently. The board needs improvement with regards to the presence of independent directors and board committees.

Financial Transparency M/s Grant Thornton Anjum Rahman, are the external auditor of the company. The auditors have expressed unqualified opinion on BRB Properties financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Management

Organizational Structure BRB Properties has a streamlined organizational structure. Each function is headed by an experienced resource though relatively new to the company but have past experiences in the relevant fields.

Management Team Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam spearheads the management operations. Mr. Khawaja Bilal Azam, a lawyer by profession, has been the key individual in conception and development of company. The management team comprises professionally qualified members having requisite experience. Each department is headed by a qualified individual having previous experience in the field.

Effectiveness BRB Properties is working with eight key functions namely (i) Finance, (ii) Human Resource, (iii) Procurement, (iv) Admin, (v) Information Technology, (vi) Sales and Marketing (vii) Engineering Department, (viii) Quality Control reporting to the board. Company's effective management played a significant role in empowering the organization through its progressive results.

MIS BRB Properties maintains strong IT infrastructure and related controls. The company deploys Sidat Hyder as ERP solution. Six modules are operational i) Financial, ii) Contract Management iii) Supply Chain iv) Accounts Payable v) Accounts Receivable (Real Estate Management) and vi) Human Resource. In addition, the MIS reports are updated on a real-time basis to be available to senior management all the time. The reports are shared and discussed with the board regularly so that the information is conveyed promptly to the senior management.

Control Environment BRB Properties has invested to ensure that sufficient security measures are in place. Company's quality of the I.T. infrastructure and the breadth and depth of activities performed will ensure satisfactory outcomes.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Real estate includes developed or undeveloped land, housing or commercial projects including commercial markets or multi-story buildings (both commercial or residential), shopping centers, restaurants, hotels, industrial projects, infrastructure development, and mixed-use buildings. The Sector comprises companies engaged in real estate development and operation. During FY23, there has been a slowdown in the overall local construction activity owing to surging inflation and rise in cost of construction. Similar economic environment is expected to continue till end of FY24. As a result both residential and commercial construction is expected to remain under constraint.

Relative Position BRB Properties Builders and Developers are building their brand name in the real estate sector by working towards the successful completion of their first project. The interest of customers is evident from the sale of the bungalows.

Revenues During FY23, revenues were recorded at PKR ~1,691mln (FY22: ~1,263mln) up by 33.9% YoY against the sale of bungalows. The revenues are recognized by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity.

Margins Gross Profit Margin decreased to 19.9% during FY23 (FY22: 32.6%) owing to an overall increase in the cost of construction due to inflationary pressure. The capitalization of finance cost has led to Net Profit Margins of 4.1% (FY22: 2.4%).

Sustainability Owner is in the business since 1996 and has developed his strong asset base through diverse business in stocks, real estate investor, tea import. From FY18 the Company is passionately developing its real estate business (Oasis Park Residencia). Going forward, the Company has other plans to develop commercial buildings and other real estate projects in the future.

Financial Risk

Working Capital BRB Properties' working capital requirement is mainly the function of payables and receivables, for which the company relies on internal cashflows and short term loan from the owner. The net working capital (Average days) during the period ended FY23 were 782 days (FY22: 627 days). The Company has provided a flexible installment plan to its customers against outstanding receivables from sale of bungalows.

Coverages The Company has received approx. 87% of the outstanding amount against the sale of 90% of the total units. The cash flows are utilized to cover the ongoing construction expenses.

Capitalization Leveraging (debt to debt plus equity) stood to at 20.6% (FY22: 23.8%) including long term financing of PKR 309mln along with current maturity of PKR 323mln in addition to short term loan of PKR 6.3mln.



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Financial Summary

PKR mln

BRB Properties Builders and Developers Real Estate	Jun-23 12M	Jun-22 12M	Jun-21 12M	Jun-20 12M
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A BALANCE SHEET

1 Non-Current Assets	67	94	33	10
2 Investments	-	-	2,357	1,309
3 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
4 Current Assets	3,786	3,855	1,174	1,024
<i>a Inventories</i>	3,279	3,414	706	992
<i>b Trade Receivables</i>	489	311	126	23
5 Total Assets	3,853	3,949	3,564	2,343
6 Current Liabilities	719	431	408	205
<i>a Trade Payables</i>	119	124	93	12
7 Borrowings	641	665	207	-
8 Related Party Exposure	6	174	150	-
9 Non-Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
10 Net Assets	2,486	2,680	2,799	2,138
11 Shareholders' Equity	2,486	2,680	2,799	2,138

B INCOME STATEMENT

1 Sales	1,691	1,263	990	137
<i>a Cost of Good Sold</i>	(1,355)	(851)	(747)	(106)
2 Gross Profit	336	412	243	31
<i>a Operating Expenses</i>	(239)	(357)	(193)	(22)
3 Operating Profit	97	55	50	9
<i>a Non Operating Income or (Expense)</i>	3	4	6	0
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	100	60	56	9
<i>a Total Finance Cost</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>b Taxation</i>	(30)	(30)	(7)	(2)
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	70	30	48	7

C CASH FLOW STATEMENT

<i>a Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO)</i>	(166)	34	57	11
<i>b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital Changes</i>	(166)	34	57	11
<i>c Changes in Working Capital</i>	252	(438)	267	136
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	86	(404)	324	147
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	-	(60)	(18)	(3)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	(192)	320	(85)	(140)
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	(106)	(144)	220	4

D RATIO ANALYSIS

1 Performance				
<i>a Sales Growth (for the period)</i>	33.9%	27.6%	620.9%	278.1%
<i>b Gross Profit Margin</i>	19.9%	32.6%	24.6%	22.6%
<i>c Net Profit Margin</i>	4.1%	2.4%	4.9%	5.4%
<i>d Cash Conversion Efficiency (FCFO adjusted for Working Capital/Sales)</i>	5.1%	-32.0%	32.7%	107.2%
<i>e Return on Equity [Net Profit Margin * Asset Turnover * (Total Assets/Shareholders' Equity)]</i>	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%	0.4%
2 Working Capital Management				
<i>a Gross Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	808	658	340	2718
<i>b Net Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	782	627	321	2672
<i>c Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)</i>	5.3	9.0	2.9	5.0
3 Coverages				
<i>a EBITDA / Finance Cost</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>b FCFO / Finance Cost+CMLTB+Excess STB</i>	-0.5	0.2	2.2	N/A
<i>c Debt Payback (Total Borrowings+Excess STB) / (FCFO-Finance Cost)</i>	-3.9	24.4	6.3	0.0
4 Capital Structure				
<i>a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equity)</i>	20.6%	23.8%	11.3%	0.0%
<i>b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>c Entity Average Borrowing Rate</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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.
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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.

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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- 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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