



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

IGI Life Insurance Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	IFS Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
25-Jun-2024	A++ (ifs)	Stable	Maintain	-
26-Jun-2023	A++ (ifs)	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Jun-2022	A++ (ifs)	Stable	Maintain	-
31-Mar-2022	A++ (ifs)	Stable	Harmonize	-
29-Jun-2021	A+	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Jun-2020	A+	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Dec-2019	A+	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Jun-2019	A+	Stable	Maintain	-
26-Dec-2018	A+	Stable	Maintain	-
27-Jun-2018	A+	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

Pakistan's Life Insurance market is dominated by the public sector (~66.6% share as of Dec-23), while the private sector holds only ~33.4% share. The sector players have shifted their focus from first-year persistency to subsequent years, prioritizing Gross Premium (GPW) growth. During CY23, overall GPW showed a YoY growth of ~7.69%. Out of the total, ~46.58% of the GPW pertains to renewals, followed by group life without cash value (~37.2%). Net Premium also showed a YoY increase of ~7.39%. As policy maturities and surrenders have largely trickled in, net claims grew by ~31%. To adapt, the industry holds a substantial investment book (CY23: PKR 2,021bln, CY22: PKR 1,747bln) stabilizing the overall outlook.

IGI Life Insurance Limited ('IGI Life' or 'the Company') rating derives comfort from association with Packages ('the Group'). The Company holds a strong governance framework. IGI Life has revamped its overall portfolio to optimize its risk profile by selectively reducing the loss making business avenues. The Company seemed able to hold its surrenders significantly along with clearing the claims. The Company reported second-year persistency at ~81%, while first-year's persistency stood at ~62%. During CY23, the Company reported a growth of ~32% in GPW. The Company further plans to improve its underwriting portfolio. IGI Life achieved profits from core operations. This along with managing a healthy investment portfolio, with ~63% allocated to government securities, contributes significantly to the Company's overall profits. Comfort is drawn from IGI Life's strong risk absorption capacity, represented by sufficient liquidity and considerable equity standing.

The rating is dependent upon sustained improvement in the business and financial risk profile, in line with its relative positioning. Concurrently, improved equity and liquidity profile should be maintained, to cushion the policyholder's liabilities. The performance of 'Vitality' remains essential.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	IGI Life Insurance Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	IFS Rating
Applicable Criteria	Assessment Framework Life Insurance(Mar-24),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Apr-24)
Related Research	Sector Study Life Insurance(Jun-23)
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Profile

Legal Structure IGI Life Insurance Limited (“IGI Life” or the “Company”) is a publicly listed company on the Pakistan Stock Exchange with the ticker “IGIL.”
Background The Company was incorporated in 1994 and commenced its operations in 1995.
Operations The Company operates in three divisions: I) South, II) Central, and III) North, with its headquarters in Karachi. The Company’s operational network consists of 15 branches dispersed over the aforementioned regions.

Ownership

Ownership Structure IGI Holdings holds the majority stake in the Company (~82.69%), whereas the remaining shareholding is distributed between a consortium of institutions, individuals and directors & related parties.
Stability The sound shareholding structure of the Company channeled through the Packages Group provides stability to the ownership profile of the Company.
Business Acumen The Packages Group, under the umbrella of “IGI Financial Services”, established a foothold in the financial sector (i) IGI General Insurance (ii) IGI Life (iii) IGI Investments and (iv) IGI Finex Securities. These are a few one, the Group is involved in other businesses as well.
Financial Strength The sponsors maintain a strong presence in the Country. The Packages Group, under the umbrella of “IGI Financial Services” established a foothold in the financial sector IGI Life, IGI Insurance, IGI Investments and IGI Financial Services. These are a few one, the Group is involved in other businesses as well.

Governance

Board Structure IGI Life’s Board consists of eight distinguished industry professionals, comprising 5 Non-Executive Directors, 2 Independent Directors, and the CEO serving as an Executive Director. Additionally, the board includes two Female Directors, showcasing a balanced representation of Independent and Non-Executive Directors.
Members’ Profile The Chairman of the board, Mr. Shamim Ahmad Khan, brings extensive experience from various government organizations, notably serving in prominent roles at SECP and the Ministry of Finance. With a decade-long association, he provides invaluable leadership to the Company.
Board Effectiveness The board operates through three committees: Audit, Ethics, HR, Remuneration & Nomination, and Investment, ensuring effective governance. Oversight is maintained through quarterly board meetings, with comprehensive documentation of minutes.
Financial Transparency The External Auditors of the Company, A.F. Fergusons & Co. Chartered Accountants, have issued an unqualified opinion pertaining to annual financial statements for CY23.

Management

Organizational Structure The Company has a lean organizational structure, with operational staff reporting indirectly to CEO Mr. Ali Nadim through unit heads. Mr. Ali reports to the Board of IGI Holdings.
Management Team Mr. Ali Nadim, the CEO, transitioned from his previous role as COO in 2018. With two decades of industry experience, he strategically leads the Company, supported by a dedicated team of professionals.
Effectiveness Three management committees—Claim Settlement, Underwriting & Reinsurance, and Risk Management & Compliance—oversee operations and internal controls, with Board members participating. The CEO stays informed through regular MIS updates. Meetings are efficient, with pre-shared agendas and formal minutes.
Claim Management System A robust claims settlement system ensures efficient processing. Upon receiving a claim, the department conducts a policy review for validity. The case is presented to the head of claims or claims committee for approval, ensuring smooth processing.
Investment Management Function IGI Life follows a Board-approved Investment Policy Statement (IPS) for its investment activities. The IPS undergoes annual review, overseen by the Management Investment Committee (MIC) led by the CEO, to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of the investment strategy and policy.
Risk Management Framework The Company maintains an updated underwriting manual and field guidelines, distributed to branches and agents. A risk register is diligently maintained, identifying and assessing risks with severity levels, existing controls, and assigned responsibilities for risk mitigation.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics The Life Insurance market is dominated by the public sector (~66.6% share as of Dec-23), while the private sector holds only ~33.4%. Gross Premium (GPW) stood at PKR 406bln during CY23 (CY22: PKR 377bln), showing YoY growth of ~7.69%. GPW is divided between regular premium products (first year, second year, and subsequent year premiums), single premium products, and group life policies. ~46.58% of the total premium pertains to renewal premium products, followed by group life without cash values at ~37.2% in Dec-23. Net Premium stood at PKR 399bln during CY23 (CY22: PKR 372bln), showing a YoY increase of ~7.39%. Net Claims stood at PKR 367bln during CY23 (CY22: PKR 281bln). The total investment book of the industry was PKR 2,021bln during CY23 (CY22: PKR 1,747bln). The overall outlook of the industry remains stable.
Relative Position IGI Life is classified as a mid-sized company and possesses a market share of ~2.0% in terms of GPW as of CY23.
Persistency During CY23, the Company reported healthy persistency performance, with the first-year persistency ratio at ~62% (CY22: ~55%) and renewal persistency at ~81% (CY22: ~66%). In 3MCY24, first-year persistency was ~66% (3MCY23: ~69%), while renewal persistency was ~70% (3MCY23: ~74%).
Revenue During CY23, the Company reported a growth of ~32% in its Gross Premium Written, reaching PKR 7,991mln (CY22: PKR 6,072mln), driven by significant performance in single premium policies. During 3MCY24, the Company reported a GPW of PKR 3,249mln, reflecting an uptake of ~83% (3MCY23: PKR 1,779mln).
Profitability During CY23, the Company reported strong performance and achieved underwriting profits of PKR 1,698mln (CY22: Loss of PKR 1,105mln). Effective management of insurance claims led to a decline in the loss ratio (CY23: ~56.6%, CY22: ~91.4%). Strong investment income further supported overall profitability. The Company reported a PAT of PKR 143mln (CY22: PKR 42mln). During 3MCY24, the Company reported underwriting results of PKR 1,686mln (3MCY23: PKR 86mln), with a loss ratio dropping to ~33.6% (3MCY23: ~68.4%). The Company reported a PAT of PKR 43mln during 3MCY24 (3MCY23: PKR 22mln).
Investment Performance During CY23, the investment book was reported at PKR 23,821mln (CY22: PKR 18,720mln), predominantly (~63%) in government securities. The Company reported an investment income of PKR 3,010mln, reflecting a growth of ~83%, driven mainly by returns on government securities. During 3MCY24, the investment book was reported at PKR 26,494mln (3MCY23: PKR 18,923mln). The Company reported an investment income of PKR 845mln, reflecting an uptake of ~69% (3MCY23: PKR 499mln).
Sustainability The Company aims for high growth and profitability by reducing dependency on single premium and emphasizing regular premium. It focuses on its Vitality product and expects healthy revenue growth in the medium to long-term, supported by positive macro-economic trends and unique offerings. Strengthening human capital and expanding the agent network through recruitment of professional personnel are also planned.

Financial Risk

Claim Efficiency As at CY23, Claims Outstanding Days reported at 49 days (CY22: 38 days). The Company reported a net claims expense of PKR 4,349mln, a decline of ~18%, reflecting management’s effectiveness in controlling surrenders (CY22: PKR 5,302mln). As of 3MCY24, outstanding days reported at 194 days (3MCY23: 183). During 3MCY24, the Company reported a net claims expense of PKR 1,060mln, reflecting a decline of ~8% (3MCY23: PKR 1,154mln).
Re-Insurance The reinsurance portfolio of IGI Life comprises Hannover Re (AA- by S&P), American Life (AA- by S&P), Zurich Insurance (AA by S&P) and Munichener (AA- by S&P). The reinsurance treaties include retention limits segregated between quota share, surplus and XOL.
Cashflows & Coverages As at CY23, the Company reported liquid assets of PKR 23,821mln, a growth of ~27% (CY22: PKR 18,720mln). Liquid Investments to Net Claims coverage increased to 4.9x (CY22: 3.6x). As at 3MCY24, liquid assets were PKR 26,494mln, an increase of ~40% (3MCY23: PKR 18,923mln). During 3MCY24, Liquid Investments to Net Claims coverage was 5.9x (3MCY23: 4.1x).
Capital Adequacy IGI Life is compliant with SECP’s mandated required capital of PKR 700mln. As of CY23, the Company’s equity base grew by ~12% to PKR 1,946mln (CY22: PKR 1,740mln). During 3MCY24, the equity reported at PKR 2,001mln, reflecting a 14% increase (3MFY23: PKR 1,751mln).



PKR mln

IGI Life Insurance Limited
Public Listed Company

Mar-24	Dec-23	Dec-22	Dec-21
3M	12M	12M	12M

A BALANCE SHEET

1 Investments	26,494	23,821	18,720	19,385
2 Insurance Related Assets	455	306	239	193
3 Other Assets	2,052	2,043	1,942	1,764
4 Fixed Assets	511	519	544	705
Total Assets	29,511	26,688	21,445	22,046
5 Underwriting Provisions	-	-	-	-
6 Insurance Related Liabilities	26,782	23,984	19,124	19,701
7 Other Liabilities	703	727	504	456
8 Borrowings	26	30	76	145
Total Liabilities	27,511	24,742	19,705	20,302
Equity	2,001	1,946	1,740	1,744

B INCOME STATEMENT

1 Gross Premium Written	3,249	7,992	6,072	6,072
2 Net Insurance Premium	3,151	7,686	5,800	6,838
3 Underwriting Expenses	(1,464)	(5,988)	(6,905)	(6,997)
Underwriting Results	1,686	1,698	(1,105)	(159)
4 Management Expenses	(192)	(941)	(809)	(907)
5 Investment Income	845	3,010	1,648	1,277
6 Other Income / (Expense)	86	71	47	14
7 Net Change in Reserve for Policyholders' Liabilities	(2,365)	(3,614)	279	(718)
Profit Before Tax	61	225	60	(492)
8 Taxes	(18)	(82)	(18)	143
Profit After Tax	43	143	42	(349)

C RATIO ANALYSIS

1 Profitability				
Loss Ratio (Net Insurance Claims / Net Insurance Premium)	33.6%	56.6%	91.4%	71.9%
Combined Ratio (Loss Ratio + Expense Ratio)	52.6%	90.1%	133.0%	115.6%
2 Investment Performance				
Investment Income / Operating Profit	36.1%	79.9%	-620.2%	603.9%
3 Liquidity				
(Liquid Assets - Borrowings) / Outstanding Claims	45.78	41.71	29.89	37.87
4 Capital Adequacy				
Liquid Investments / Equity	13.24	12.24	10.76	11.11

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
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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.
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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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