

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

BankIslami Pakistan Limited

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Rating History						
Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch	
24-Jun-2023	AA-	A1	Stable	Upgrade	-	
24-Jun-2022	A+	A1	Positive	Maintain	-	
24-Jun-2021	A+	A1	Positive	Maintain	-	
30-Jun-2020	A+	A1	Stable	Maintain	-	
08-Oct-2019	A+	A1	Stable	Maintain	-	
30-Apr-2019	A+	A1	Stable	Maintain	Yes	
27-Dec-2018	A+	A1	Stable	Maintain	Yes	
22-Jun-2018	A+	A1	Stable	Maintain	-	
13-Dec-2017	A+	A1	Developing	Maintain	-	

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. In the future, it will be crucial to carry out the Bank's business plan while enhancing the effectiveness of the risk management framework to raise asset quality. The bank has designed an array of product suites, catering to different needs of the customers. In a few areas of lending, the bank stands at a distinguished position. The Bank's current areas under focus include growth in the current account, improve deposit per branch ratio, enhancement of the financing portfolio, cash management and employee banking, ensuring regulatory compliance, branch expansion, and increasing digital footprint through revamped digital delivery channels.

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		
Type of Relationship	Solicited		
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating		
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Financial Institution Rating(Jun-22),Methodology Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jun-22),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Jun-22)		
Related Research	Sector Study Commercial Bank(Jun-23)		
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Profile

Structure 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 **Background** 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.

Operations BIPL is currently operating with 380 branches as of December 31, 2022, across the country. The Bank offers a full suite of Shariah-compliant commercial banking products to its customers including financing to Corporate, SME and Agriculture sectors, syndication financing, facilitation in commercial paper/ sukuk issuance, Consumer financing, Cash Management including Employee Banking facility and Personal Banking products fulfilling financial needs of its diversified customer base.

Ownership

Ownership Structure 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.

Stability BIPL ownership is backed by strong sponsors. Further, due diligence is underway by JS Bank for the increase in its stake.

Business Acumen The business acumen of sponsors is considered strong as sponsors have diversified interests and long associations with the markets.

Financial Strength The ability to support in case of financial need is considered good.

Governance

Board Structure 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.

Members' Profile 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 subject members of the board are subject to Fit and Proper Test approval from SBP. All other board members have different educational and work experience backgrounds.

Board Effectiveness 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.

Financial Transparency 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

Organizational Structure 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) InternalAudit and xiv) Compliance.

Management Team 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. All other team members are seasoned professionals, the majority of which are associated with the bank for the last 4 years.

Effectiveness 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).

MIS 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.

Risk Management Framework 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

Industry Dynamics 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. Gross Advances of the sector recorded growth (16%) to stand at PKR 12.6trln (end-Dec21: PKR 10.9trln). Non-performing loans witnessed an increase to PKR 924bln. The Capital Adequacy Ratio remained intact at 17% (regulatory requirement of 11.5%). During CY22, banking sector deposits enhanced to PKR 23.4trln. Net profitability of the sector was recorded at PKR 331bln (CY21: PKR 267bln); up 23% YoY. However, the growth of the equity base of the sector recorded a meager uptick of 7% YoY attributable to a handsome dividend payout.

Relative Position 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 titled 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.

Performance 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). Fee and commission income grew to PKR 1.54bln (CY21: 1.2bln). Operating Expenses of the Bank increased by 24.3% and stood at PKR 11.96bln (CY21: PKR 9.6bln).

Sustainability 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

Credit 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%). Furthermore, in 1QCY23 financing of the bank increased to PKR 239.7bln while NPLs inched up to PKR 20.9bln.

Market Risk 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 investment composition remained tilted towards government securities. While during 1QCY23, the investment portfolio stood at PKR 200.7bln.

Liquidity And Funding 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.

Capitalization The equity base of the bank enhanced to PKR 26.4bln (CY21: PKR 22.5bln) primarily owing to a consistent healthy trend in profitability during the last few years. At end-Mar23, equity further increased and stood at PKR 26.8bln. 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.

			PI	KR mln
BankIslami Pakistan Limited	Mar-23	Dec-22	Dec-21	Dec-20
Listed Public Limited	3M	12M	12M	12M
A BALANCE SHEET				
1 Total Finances - net	240,184	206,458	186,246	134,98
2 Investments	200,702	173,788	117,617	87,7
3 Other Earning Assets	20,390	25,924	38,637	53,9
4 Non-Earning Assets	74,234	80,245	63,738	56,9
5 Non-Performing Finances-net	1,015	824	2,151	2,6
Total Assets	536,526	487,239	408,390	336,2
6 Deposits	410,942	415,912	344,788	282,9
7 Borrowings	75,957	23,902	23,193	18,1
8 Other Liabilities (Non-Interest Bearing)	22,811	20,975	17,898	16,2
Total Liabilities	509,709	460,789	385,879	317,3
Equity	26,817	26,450	22,511	19,8
3 INCOME STATEMENT				
1 Mark Up Earned	16,563	46.345	23,235	25.7
2 Mark Up Expensed	(9,654)	(25,943)	(12,303)	(13,2
3 Non Mark Up Income	772	3,599	2,119	1,6
Total Income	7,681	24,001	13,052	14,1
4 Non-Mark Up Expenses	(3,679)	(11,961)	(9,623)	(8,7
5 Provisions/Write offs/Reversals	(840)	(3,812)	(32)	(2,6
Pre-Tax Profit	3,161	8,228	3,397	2,7
6 Taxes	(1,367)	(3,788)	(1,266)	(1,0
Profit After Tax	1,794	4,440	2,131	1,
CRATIO ANALYSIS				
1 Performance				
Net Mark Up Income / Avg. Assets	5.4%	4.6%	2.9%	3.7%
Non-Mark Up Expenses / Total Income	47.9%	49.8%	73.7%	62.0%
ROE	26.9%	18.1%	10.1%	8.6%
2 Capital Adequacy				
Equity / Total Assets (D+E+F)	5.0%	5.4%	5.5%	5.9%
Capital Adequacy Ratio	17.9%	17.9%	14.1%	16.1%
3 Funding & Liquidity				
Liquid Assets / (Deposits + Borrowings Net of Repo)	46.9%	48.5%	38.9%	39.7%
(Advances + Net Non-Performing Advances) / Deposits	58.6%	48.4%	52.5%	46.0%
CA Deposits / Deposits	35.8%	38.4%	38.4%	32.7%
SA Deposits / Deposits	26.6%	25.9%	29.7%	29.9%
4 Credit Risk				
Non-Performing Advances / Gross Advances	8.0%	9.1%	8.7%	12.1%
Non-Performing Finances-net / Equity	3.8%	3.1%	9.6%	13.2%

Corporate Rating Criteria

Scale

Short-term Rating

Definition The highest capacity for timely repayment.

A strong capacity for timely

repayment. A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to

adverse changes in business. economic, or financial conditions An adequate capacity for timely repayment.

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. Short-term Rating **A1**

A1+

AAA AA+AA AA- \mathbf{A} + A

A-BBB-BBB BBB-BB+ BB BB \mathbf{R} + В B-CCC CC С

A2

A3

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		
cale	Definition		
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments		
A +			
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-			
BB+			
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		
BB	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+			
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		
С	appears probable. "C" Ratings signal imminent default.		
D	Obligations are currently in default.		

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