



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

TPL REIT Fund I

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Rating History

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Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

TPL REIT Fund I (or the "Fund") is a perpetual, closed-end, shariah-compliant hybrid REIT Scheme launched by TPL REIT Management Company Limited. The Fund's objective is to achieve regular and stable returns through investments in a diversified portfolio of sustainable developments and yielding assets in the real estate sector in Pakistan.

The ratings are dependent upon the company's ability to sustain its healthy business profile amidst strong competition, herein, effective and prudent management of financial risk indicators remains important. Moreover, upholding of governance framework is vital.

Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Field Name, Value. Fields include Name of Rated Entity, Type of Relationship, Purpose of the Rating, Applicable Criteria, Related Research, and Rating Analysts.

Profile

Portfolio Mix The fund is well-diversified at the property level and segment level. At the property level, the fund is invested in three projects simultaneously; therefore, it is not dependent on a single project. At the segment level, the projects are diversified into i) Technology Park (commercial office & business hotel) ii) Mangrove (waterfront mid-rise community) and iii) One Hoshang (luxury residences). At the geographic level, the Fund is concentrated in Karachi.

Economic & Industry Risk

Economic Overview The real estate industry's performance is closely tied to the overall state of the economy. Key economic factors such as GDP, manufacturing activity, interest rates, and government policies have a significant impact on the demand for and pricing of real estate. In Pakistan, these macroeconomic indicators present a mixed picture. On one hand, there has been a noticeable economic recovery following the pandemic, with upward revisions in GDP estimates. However, the situation is marked by uncertainty due to political instability, a current account deficit, and the suspension of the IMF program. Despite these challenges, the government has recently demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting the real estate and construction sector. They have introduced several incentive packages to encourage growth in the construction industry.

Industry Dynamics PACRA analyzes the real estate industry in the context of the local economy and regulatory environment. Currently, the industry size comprises 18 RMCs registered with SECP, with total assets amounting to PKR ~9.0bln but only two REITs are listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX). Arif Habib Dolmen REIT with a fund size of ~PKR 52bln and Global Residency REIT which was listed recently having a fund size of PKR 1.507 Bln. TPL REIT Fund I is the largest hybrid fund in the industry with an initial fund size of ~PKR 18.35bln, aiming to reach the target fund size of PKR 80bln. Zameen RMC is one of those companies licensed to undertake REIT management services and is in the process of launching the first REIT scheme in Punjab i.e. a hybrid REIT Fund by initially raising up ~PKR 2bln. The real estate sector of Pakistan is thriving and flush with private sector investment.

Asset Quality Risk

Market Position The properties falling under the TPL REIT Fund I would have a position because of which the risk of material variation in salability and occupancy level would be low. The competitiveness would be judged on the provision of quality services, maintenance services, and provision of amenities. Furthermore, the development of REIT Fund's properties based on international safety, sustainability, and environmental standards would further enhance the market positioning of the property. In addition to this, the design of properties approved by world-acclaimed international and local third-party partners is also strengthening the market position.

Tenancy Risk The projects, once complete, will be subjected to tenancy risk. Being a hybrid REIT fund, TPL REIT would also be subjected to this risk. The risk-deriving factors would be tenancy agreements, vacancy rates, profile, and diversity of tenant base. In this regard role of the property manager would carry due weightage which is TPL Property Management (Pvt) Limited.

Legal Risk The land acquired for projects is clear from any lien mark, stay orders against the transfer of the legal title, availability of complete documentation, and approvals obtained from relevant authorities for real estate development.

Third-Party Service Provider Risk TPL - RMC is working with several highly qualified and renowned third-party service providers who have history of delivering timely and top product. However, there will always be a risk that the third-party service providers fail to deliver or the quality is not up to the standards. In the case of TPL REIT, TPL Developments (Private) Limited is the development advisor, which is a subsidiary of TPL Properties Limited. TPL Properties Limited through its property management arm has the expertise of property management of rental assets. The independent valuator appointed for the valuation of properties is Savills Pakistan, which is on the list of approved valuers maintained by the Pakistan Bank's Association. This ensures the independence of the valuator. The auditor of the TPL REIT FUND –I is KPMG Taseer Hadi & Co. who falls under category "A" on the panel of approved auditors maintained by SBP. The Fund Administrator for offshore feeder fund of TPL REIT is MAPLES GROUP, a leading international fund administrator. Digital Custodian Company has been engaged as the Trustee of TPL REIT.

Event Risk There is an event risk of unexpected cash outflows. Insurance arrangements can mitigate this risk.

Financial Risk

Cashflows The Fund has achieved the first close of PKR 18.35bln. Out of ~PKR 18.35bln, TPL Properties have invested ~PKR 7.1bln as a strategic investor. Out of the remaining ~PKR 11.25bln which is raised from eight leading local financial institutions an amount of ~PKR 7.875bln has already been received till date. The RMC may avail borrowing from financial institutions either at the Fund or SPV level (as necessary). All borrowing shall be availed with the approval of the REIT Manager's Board of Directors and the Trustee, or the Board of Directors of the SPV, as applicable.

Coverages TPL RMC plans to meet the capital requirement of the projects from advances against the off-plan sale of inventory, in addition to proceeds raised in its Financial Close. There is a risk that the quantum and stability of the cash flows are not according to the expectations. The REIT Fund proposes to distribute at least 90% of its profits (excluding unrealized gain) as dividends to its unitholders. The Fund may retain minimal liquidity that it would invest surplus funds in liquid assets approved by the investment committee. Liquid assets may include Government securities, money market funds, or deposits with commercial banks having at least AA long-term rating.

Capital Structure HKC PVT LTD has obtained a loan facility PKR 0.775bln to finance the projects. This borrowing will be in addition to the initial REIT fundraising of PKR 18.35bln. The current Loan to value (LTV) stands at 2.7%.

Management Review

REIT Manager TPL REIT Management Company Limited (TPL-RMC) is a public limited company, regulated by the SECP. TPL-RMC was incorporated in 2018 to capitalize on the emerging REITs market in Pakistan. TPL-RMC holds the license to undertake REIT Management Services. The RMC is generating income from management and performance fee earned from providing REIT management services to TPL REIT Fund I. The RMC is charging an annual management fee @1.5% of NAV and a performance fee @ 15% of the change in NAV from the REIT fund. During the period, the per unit NAV of REIT Fund increased by ~38% and closed at PKR 19.39 per unit on 30th Jun 2023.



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PKR mln

TPL REIT Management Limited
Public Limited

Sep-23	Jun-23	Jun-22	Jun-21
Management	Audited	Audited	Audited
3M	12M	12M	12M

A BALANCE SHEET

1 Earning Assets	917	867	337	417
2 Non-Earning Assets	1,124	1,213	523	3
3 Total Assets	2,042	2,081	860	420
4 Total Borrowing	-	-	-	-
5 Other Liabilities	661	718	217	10
6 Total Liabilities	661	718	217	10
7 Shareholders' Equity	1,381	1,363	643	410

B INCOME STATEMENT

1 Investment Income	114	1,052	463	8
2 Operating Expenses	(88)	(493)	(129)	(1)
3 Net Investment Income	26	560	333	7
4 Other Income	-	-	4	-
5 Total Income	26	560	337	7
6 Other Expenses	(1)	(5)	(7)	-
7 Total Finance Cost	(0)	(0)	-	-
8 Profit Or (Loss) Before Taxation	25	554	331	7
9 Taxation	(7)	(190)	(98)	(1)
10 Profit After Tax	18	364	233	6

C RATIO ANALYSIS

1 Investment Performance

i. Investment Income / Average AUMs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ii. ROE	5.2%	36.3%	44.3%	-
iii. ROA	3.4%	24.8%	36.4%	-

2 Financial Sustainability

i. Coverages				
a. Total Borrowing / EBITDA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
b. EBITDA / Finance Cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ii. Capitalization				
a. Total Borrowing / (Total Borrowing + Shareholders' Equity)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

REIT Fund Rating (RFR)

An independent opinion on a Development or Hybrid REIT fund's likelihood of successful implementation of REIT projects and risk factors impacting value of REIT assets.

Scale	Definition
RFR1	Exceptionally Strong. Exceptionally Strong likelihood of successful implementation of REIT project. Risk factors impacting value of REIT assets are negligible over the foreseeable future.
RFR2++ RFR2+ RFR2	Very Strong. Very Strong likelihood of successful implementation of REIT project. Risk factors impacting value of REIT assets are modest over the foreseeable future.
RFR3++ RFR3+ RFR3	Strong. Strong likelihood of successful implementation of REIT project. Risk factors impacting value of REIT assets may vary with possible changes in the economy over the foreseeable future.
RFR4++ RFR4+ RFR4	Adequate. Adequate likelihood of successful implementation of REIT project. Risk factors impacting value of REIT assets are sensitive to changes in the economy over the foreseeable future.
RFR5	Weak. Weak likelihood of successful implementation of REIT project. Risk factors impacting value of REIT assets are capable of fluctuating widely if changes occur in the economy.

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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