



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

International Business Management

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Rating History

Table with 6 columns: Dissemination Date, Long Term Rating, Short Term Rating, Outlook, Action, Rating Watch. Rows include dates 03-Apr-2023 and 14-Sep-2022 with ratings BB+ and A3.

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

International Business Management ("IBM") is serving the customers/importers of paper & paperboard with dynamism. The other family businesses of IBM are Madiha International (Pvt) Limited and Bikiya Industries (Pvt) Limited, who are involved in paper and tissues industries respectively. IBM is an indenting house serving between suppliers and importers of paper & paper board, generating commission income as revenue. The indenting house consists of experienced, devoted and capable staff for the benefits of esteemed customers as well as for the success of sole proprietorship. IBM is supporting the quality assessment evaluation of various kinds of paper & paperboard in Pakistan. During FY22, as per management representation, IBM's average market share (in terms of total paper and paper-related imports) remained at 90% in art card, 60% in bleach board, 57% in offset paper and 60% in boxes' imports. The ratings take comfort from IBM's customer base for indenting services of paper & board including the group companies. Due to the small business size, the sponsor is looking after the management and governance side of the proprietorship. The external auditor is not QCR-rated and the MIS of IBM is considered adequate. The financial risk profile of IBM is considered adequate with currency fluctuations as seen during end of FY22. Foreign indenting commissions has improved by a good percentage. The total inflows and total outflows during FY22 of the proprietor provided a healthy net margin. The Company is sufficiently liquid, managing its working capital requirements through its own sources. IBM is leverage free, with zero bank borrowings and has no plans to borrow, going forward.

The ratings are dependent on IBM's ability to sustain its position amidst changing business environment and management's ability to run the operations optimally. With the upcoming growth in firm's business; prudent financial discipline and implementation of a stringent control environment shall remain imperative.

Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Name of Rated Entity, Type of Relationship, Purpose of the Rating, Applicable Criteria, Related Research, Rating Analysts. Content includes International Business Management, Solicited, Entity Rating, Methodology | Corporate Rating(Jun-22), Methodology | Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jun-22), Methodology | Rating Modifiers(Jun-22), Sector Study | Paper and Packaging(Nov-22), Muhammad Azmat Shaheen | azmat.shaheen@pacra.com | +92-42-35869504



Profile

Legal Structure International Business Management ("IBM") was established as a sole proprietorship of Mr. Muhammad Saleem Bikiya in 1993 and is the first ISO 9001- 2015 certified paper indenting house in Pakistan.

Background IBM is serving the customers/importers of paper & paper board with dynamism. The sole proprietorship has achieved Gold partner award from sinarmas group and the 2017 APP GOLD PARTNERS best overall performance award. IBM has also won the brand ICON award in 2010 and its products achieved brand of the year award in 2010 & 2012.

Operations IBM serves the customers/importers of paper & paper board through indenting operations. IBM also initiates and promotes association government institution. IBM is supporting the quality Assessment / Evaluation of various kinds of paper and paper board, packaging material in Pakistan.

Ownership

Ownership Structure The sole proprietor - Mr. Saleem owns 100% in IBM

Stability The sole proprietorship also provides indenting services to other companies in the market making it the major indenter of the paper and paper board industry.

Business Acumen Mr. Saleem is experienced business person with an experience of more than 4 decades in the relevant field. He is working with the biggest groups in the paper industry including sinarmas group Indonesia known as Asia Pulp & Paper (APP).

Financial Strength The financial strength of the sponsor is represented by the combined wealth of the group companies.

Governance

Board Structure As IBM is a sole proprietorship, there is no board and only owner is the operational head.

Members' Profile Mr. Saleem is honored with businessmen of the year award from Prime Minister of Pakistan in three consecutive years i.e. 2007, 2008 and 2009. He is also a director and majority owner of Bikiya Industries Private Limited

Board Effectiveness Being a sole proprietorship, IBM is under complete influence from owner. No board committees and independent oversight exists at Board level.

Financial Transparency IBM is maintaining in-house financial and no audited financials are maintained since it is a proprietorship concern.

Management

Organizational Structure IBM has a simple organizational structure with the proprietor, a marketing head and an administrative office.

Management Team Mr. Saleem Bikiya the sole proprietor is solely managing the business with the assistance of some experienced resources.

Effectiveness There is no need for management committees as the structure and operations of IBM are simple.

MIS Being a proprietorship concern MIS is not required. A simple financial information pack in excel is shared with the management each month.

Control Environment The information pack provides insight into the operations of IBM and its performance.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Pakistan's packaging industry consists of four major segments, paper, plastic, tinplate and glass. Paper and plastic segments occupy the major share in total market, while other materials such as tinplate and glass have relatively smaller size. Despite, the economic slowdown caused by the global pandemic of COVID-19, demand for the segment remained almost consistent as it falls in the supply chain of various essential products and industries. The segment's direct costs consist largely of imported materials (~100%). Therefore, volatility in exchange rates and international price trends has an impact on costs.

Relative Position As per management representation, IBM is the market leader in the paper trade by introducing many international brands in Pakistan. During the FY22, as an indenter, IBM had 90% share in imports of Art Card, 60% share in Imports of Bleach Board, 57% share in Imports of Offset Paper and 60% share in Imports of Boxes (A4 Paper) as compared to total imports of Pakistan.

Revenues Foreign Indenting commissions are earned by a good percentage.

Margins As IBM does not maintain financials and indenting business is a services industry, the total inflows and total outflows during FY22 provided a net margin of 95%.

Sustainability IBM earns commission through the indenting of paper and board for major importers in the market along with all three group companies. The share of imports of paper and board as compared to the overall market stands high for IBM and provides comfort for sustainability.

Financial Risk

Working Capital IBM is sufficiently liquid, managing its working capital requirements through own sources.

Coverages IBM is an indenting house, all expenses are well covered by commission income.

Capitalization IBM does not need to take on borrowings or open any credit facilities for its operations and can generate extensive revenue of PKR 250mln as seen during FY22.



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Financial Summary

PKR mln

International Business	22-Jun	Jun-21	Jun-20	Jun-19
Paper and Packaging	12M	12M	12M	12M
	<i>Management</i>	<i>Management</i>	<i>Management</i>	<i>Management</i>

A BALANCE SHEET

Shareholders' Equity	532	776	536	678
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B MARKET SHARE

1 Art Card	90%	-	-	-
2 Bleach Board	60%	-	-	-
3 Printing Papers	57%	-	-	-

C RATIO ANALYSIS

Performance

Sales Growth (for the period)	-14.0%	68.4%	-38.3%	-
Gross Profit Margin	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Net Profit Margin	95.0%	109.6%	82.5%	86.9%
Cash Conversion Efficiency	100.0%	114.6%	87.5%	91.9%
Return on Equity	36.3%	48.5%	23.4%	35.8%

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'.

Rating Watch Alerts to the possibility of a rating change subsequent to, or, in anticipation of some material identifiable event with indeterminable rating implications. But it does not mean that a rating change is inevitable. A watch should be resolved within foreseeable future, but may continue if underlying circumstances are not settled. Rating watch may accompany rating outlook of the respective opinion.

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Note. This scale is applicable to the following methodology(s):
 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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