



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

## Rating Report

### Latif Textile Mills (Pvt.) Limited

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#### Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
27-Jan-2023	BBB-	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
28-Jan-2022	BBB-	A2	Stable	Initial	-

#### Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The assigned ratings of Latif Textile reflect the adequate positioning of the Company in the relative universe. The Company is a manufacturer and exporter of Yarn and Towels, having both Open-end and Ring Spinning technologies for yarn and end-to-end weaving to stitching facilities for towels. The installed capacity is 20,160 spindles and 3,960 rotors along with 72 terry loom for towel weaving and 36 stitching machines. Furthermore, Latif Textile has established a weaving unit, a bleaching plant, and a stitching unit during the period under review. Board comprises two members and both are from sponsoring families. The Company's management involves experienced professionals looking after the operations of the Company. During FY22, the Company's revenues stood at PKR 4,093mln (FY21: PKR 2,609mln). The sales mix, dominated by local sales, display stagnancy over the years. The Company enjoys an established customer base in the local market which drives the major revenue. During FY22, the Company also entered the export market and earned good revenues from exports. Margins declined during the period under review due to an upsurge in financial charges (as a result of increased short-term borrowings), rising energy costs, and exchange rates. The financial risk matrix depicts that Company's leveraging increased due to an increase in total borrowings clocking in at PKR 1,061mln (FY21: PKR 900mln). The import of raw materials has become a challenge to manage, which is quite essential for the continuation of operations. Management of receivables is essential for the Company. The company is expected to adhere to conservative financial discipline, which would be crucial to ratings.

During 5MFY23, textile exports were valued at \$7.44bln compared to \$7.76bln, reflecting a 4% dip YoY – the declining trend recorded in the last two months. The fall in export value has mainly come from volumetric decline as prices of almost all categories have either increased or stayed flat. This has taken a fiscal year to date exports into negative with a 1.4% decline in the first four months (July – October) FY23. Among value-added items, bedwear has witnessed the largest decline of 19% (on an MoM basis), down to \$217 million. Knitwear remained on the downward path in October 2022 and declined by 10% to \$392 million. Among nonvalue-added items, the cotton yarn has shown the largest decline of 35%. Moreover, a slowdown is expected in textile demand amid burgeoning inflationary pressures in the exporting destinations, especially in the US and European countries.

The ratings are dependent upon the management's ability to capitalize on growth opportunities in a competitive landscape, operate at an optimal level, and sustain margins, going forward. The future prospects of the Company will require significant enhancement in exports and parallel revenue streams to provide comfort to the fundamental source.

#### Disclosure

<b>Name of Rated Entity</b>	Latif Textile Mills (Pvt.) Limited
<b>Type of Relationship</b>	Solicited
<b>Purpose of the Rating</b>	Entity Rating
<b>Applicable Criteria</b>	Methodology   Corporate Rating(Jun-22),Methodology   Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jun-22),Methodology   Rating Modifiers(Jun-22)
<b>Related Research</b>	Sector Study   Composite and Garments(Dec-22)
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## Profile

**Legal Structure** Latif Textile Mills (Pvt.) Limited ('Latif Textile' or 'The Company') is a private limited concern.

**Background** Latif Textile was incorporated in 1985 as a private limited company. The Company is manufacturer and exporter of Yarn and Towels, having both Open End and Ring Spinning technologies for yarn and end to end weaving stitching facilities for towel. Over the years, the Company has expanded its operations and developed expertise across the various processes in the manufacturing chain. The company has also recently stepped into the international market.

**Operations** Latif Textile is primarily engaged in spinning with 20,160 spindles and 3,960 rotors, generating a total capacity of 13.9mln-Kgs per annum. The company has also installed the facility for towel weaving with 72 terry looms, generating a capacity of 1.2mln-Kgs, and 36 stitching machines. Furthermore, Latif Textile has established a weaving unit, bleaching plant, and stitching unit. The total energy requirement of the company clocks in at 5.1MW which can be met completely through captive generation.

## Ownership

**Ownership Structure** Currently, the Company is owned by the families of three brothers, namely Mr. Younus Haji Latif, Mr. Junaid Haji Latif, and Mr. Amanullah Haji Latif (Late).

**Stability** Presently, the Group has formed no holding company and there is no formal succession plan. However, the operations are governed by second generation of the family.

**Business Acumen** The directors and management of the Company possess adequate textile industry knowledge and possess robust experience. The company relies on the philosophy of sustainable growth. Latif Textile is determined to seek continual improvement and upgrade its processes & systems to stay on par with international technology.

**Financial Strength** The sponsors of the Company do not have any major businesses apart from Latif Textile. However, the sponsors hold an 11% shareholding in Gul Ahmed Energy (Rated A- by PACRA) and Mr. Ubaid Amanullah s/o. Mr. Amanullah Haji Latif is the COO of Gul Ahmed Energy. The sponsors of the Company are committed to supporting Latif Textile in times of intricacy.

## Governance

**Board Structure** Latif Textile, being a private limited company, has only two directors on the board - Mr. Owais Amanullah and Mr. Jawad Junaid, who also serves as CEO. Presence of sponsors on board and lack of independent oversight reflects room for improvement in governance framework. Directors have been associated with the board for 10 years each. Considering a two-member board of directors, the Board does not possess a Chairman, independent director or any Committees.

**Members' Profile** Mr. Owais Amanullah (Executive Director) is a Commerce Graduate and has been engaged with the industry for about 20 years. Mr. Jawad Junaid (CEO) is BSc. Honors in Management & Marketing of Textiles from University of Manchester. He graduated in 2004 and since then, he has been actively involved in all areas of business

**Board Effectiveness** The directors are closely engaged with the management of the company. The directors regularly view the MIS Reports including inventory movement reports, purchase details, sales reports etc. However, the Company does not have a system to formally record the BOD Minutes

**Financial Transparency** Kreston Hyder Bhimji & Co. Chartered Accountants are the external auditors of the company. The auditor is listed in Category "A" of the State Bank's panel of auditors. They have expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the company for the year ended June 30th, 2022. However, the Company has not established an Internal Audit Function.

## Management

**Organizational Structure** The core management of the Company consists of five departments, namely Sales, Purchase, Accounts and Finance, IT and Mills Management. All the department heads are reportable to CEO. Latif Textile does not possess any formal management committees.

**Management Team** Senior management of the Company is qualified, holds vast textile industry experience and has been associated with the group for a considerable amount of time.

**Effectiveness** Latif Textiles does not possess formal management committees. Various reports regarding the company's sales and inventory movement, purchases and procurement are prepared and submitted to higher management.

**MIS** The Company has implemented Visual Basic 6.0 with various operational modules including Accounts, Production, Sales, Purchase, Payroll, Store, Sales Tax and Income Tax.

**Control Environment** Latif Textile is accredited with international certifications for compliance, namely; BCI, CT-PAT, WRAP, BSCI, Sedex and Global Recycle Standard. On an operational level, samples of cotton, yarn and fabric are tested for quality under laboratories of each unit, both before the material is used for production as well as after the order/consignment has gone through production.

## Business Risk

**Industry Dynamics** During 5MFY23, textile exports were valued at \$7.44bln compared to \$7.76bln, reflecting a 4% dip YoY – the declining trend recorded in the last two months. The fall in export value has mainly come from volumetric decline as prices of almost all categories have either increased or stayed flat. This has taken a fiscal year to date exports into negative with a 1.4% decline in the first four months (July – October) FY23. Among value-added items, bedwear has witnessed the largest decline of 19% (on an MoM basis), down to \$217 million. Knitwear remained on the downward path in October 2022 and declined by 10% to \$392 million. Among non-value-added items, cotton yarn has shown the largest decline of 35%. Moreover, a slowdown is expected in textile demand amid burgeoning inflationary pressures in the exporting destinations, especially in the US and European countries.

**Relative Position** With 20,160 spindles, 3,960 rotors, 72 terry loom, and 36 stitching machines, the Company is categorized among mid-size players.

**Revenues** During FY22, Latif Textile's topline amounted to PKR 4,093mln (FY21: PKR 2,609mln) growing by 56.8%. The Company's topline predominately comprises yarn sales being 86 % (FY21: 99%). The company earned the remaining revenue from the weaving segment, which has recently been added to the profile. . During FY22 the company earned PKR 580.94 Million Revenue from exports to the United States of America, United Kingdom and Italy.

**Margins** The gross profit margin declined to 15.9% (FY21: 17%) and the operating profit margin decreased to 10.1% (FY21: 11.4%). The Company's finance cost increased to PKR 118mln (FY21: PKR 88mln). Consequently, the net profit margin of Latif Textile decreased to 5.4% (FY21: 6.5%).

**Sustainability** Latif Textile Mills recognizes the importance of sustainable practices both while manufacturing and procuring raw materials. Balancing, Modernization, and Replacement (BMR) is a regular feature as the Company believes in state-of-the-art machinery and processes. Moreover, the Company has established a system where all the waste from the spinning and weaving process is recycled.

## Financial Risk

**Working Capital** The net working capital cycle improved during FY22 to 82 days (FY21: 124 days) driven by a decrease in inventory days (FY22: 38 days; FY21: 87 days). Short-term borrowings were increased by 15.5% to PKR 719mln (FY21: PKR 622mln).

**Coverages** During FY22, interest coverage ratio inched down to 3.6x (FY21: 3.9x) whereas debt coverage ratio increased to 2x (FY21: 1.9x). This decline in coverages is driven by the increase in interest rates during the year. The free cash flows (FCFO) improved to PKR 413mln (FY21: PKR 337mln). Going forward, momentum in performance is expected to continue over the years.

**Capitalization** During FY22, the Company's capital structure remained leveraged at 42.1% (FY21: 39.5%). The Company's leveraging increased due to increase in total borrowings clocking in at PKR 1,061mln (FY21: PKR 900mln). The Company recorded total equity of PKR 1,460mln (FY21: 1,379mln). Going forward, strengthening of equity base by retention of profits remains vital as this enhances risk absorption capacity.



Latif Textile Mills (Pvt.) Ltd.  
Textile - Composite

Jun-22	Jun-21	Jun-20	Jun-19
12M	12M	12M	12M

**A BALANCE SHEET**

1 Non-Current Assets	1,982	1,767	1,251	1,072
2 Investments	-	-	-	-
3 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
4 Current Assets	1,277	1,014	1,117	723
<i>a Inventories</i>	410	431	810	441
<i>b Trade Receivables</i>	788	522	241	207
5 Total Assets	3,259	2,781	2,368	1,795
6 Current Liabilities	524	305	336	381
<i>a Trade Payables</i>	211	89	138	89
7 Borrowings	1,061	900	1,117	493
8 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
9 Non-Current Liabilities	214	198	147	153
10 Net Assets	1,460	1,379	769	768
11 Shareholders' Equity	1,460	1,379	769	768

**B INCOME STATEMENT**

1 Sales	4,093	2,609	2,502	3,022
<i>a Cost of Good Sold</i>	(3,444)	(2,166)	(2,285)	(2,849)
2 Gross Profit	649	443	217	173
<i>a Operating Expenses</i>	(234)	(147)	(120)	(136)
3 Operating Profit	415	296	97	37
<i>a Non Operating Income or (Expense)</i>	(34)	(4)	100	118
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	380	293	197	155
<i>a Total Finance Cost</i>	(118)	(88)	(112)	(68)
<i>b Taxation</i>	(42)	(36)	(45)	(30)
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	220	168	39	57

**C CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

<i>a Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO)</i>	413	337	108	96
<i>b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital Changes</i>	313	238	11	37
<i>c Changes in Working Capital</i>	(57)	82	(321)	(60)
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	256	321	(310)	(22)
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	(287)	(86)	(275)	(68)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	(67)	(16)	177	56
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	(97)	219	(407)	(35)

**D RATIO ANALYSIS**

1 Performance				
<i>a Sales Growth (for the period)</i>	56.9%	4.3%	-17.2%	--
<i>b Gross Profit Margin</i>	15.9%	17.0%	8.7%	5.7%
<i>c Net Profit Margin</i>	5.4%	6.5%	1.6%	1.9%
<i>d Cash Conversion Efficiency (FCFO adjusted for Working Capital/Sales)</i>	8.7%	16.1%	-8.5%	1.2%
<i>e Return on Equity [ Net Profit Margin * Asset Turnover * (Total Assets/Shareholders' Equity )]</i>	15.5%	15.7%	5.1%	7.4%
2 Working Capital Management				
<i>a Gross Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	96	140	124	59
<i>b Net Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	82	124	107	48
<i>c Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)</i>	2.4	3.3	3.3	1.9
3 Coverages				
<i>a EBITDA / Finance Cost</i>	4.4	4.5	1.6	1.8
<i>b FCFO / Finance Cost+CMLTB+Excess STB</i>	2.0	1.9	0.5	0.6
<i>c Debt Payback (Total Borrowings+Excess STB) / (FCFO-Finance Cost)</i>	1.2	1.1	-101.5	5.2
4 Capital Structure				
<i>a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equity)</i>	42.1%	39.5%	59.2%	39.1%
<i>b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)</i>	100.6	77.3	112.1	101.2
<i>c Entity Average Borrowing Rate</i>	11.8%	8.6%	13.8%	13.6%

### 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	<b>Highest credit quality.</b> Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments
AA+	
AA	<b>Very high credit quality.</b> 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	<b>High credit quality.</b> 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	<b>Good credit quality.</b> 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	<b>Moderate risk.</b> 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	<b>High credit risk.</b> 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	<b>Very high credit risk.</b> 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.
C	
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.



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