



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Rainbow Hosiery (Pvt.) Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
10-May-2024	BBB-	A2	Positive	Maintain	-
15-May-2023	BBB-	A2	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

Rainbow Hosiery (Pvt.) Limited ('RHPL' or 'the Company') is primarily engaged in the manufacturing and exporting of home textiles and garments. The Company utilizes modern technology to manufacture high-quality products, including fitted bedsheets in various materials like Lycra, Microfiber interlock, Molton polyester, and Cotton, alongside a versatile range of apparel such as hooded jackets, creepers, polo shirts, zippers, and jogging suits. The processes of the Company are vertically integrated to enhance production efficiencies and to implement better cost control. Over the period Rainbow Hosiery has gone through different phases of capacity expansions in dyeing, knitting, and CMT (cut, make, trim). RHPL's major exports diverted to Europe followed by the USA. The Company has diversified its portfolio by adding newer customers to reduce its concentration risk as the revenue is coming from numerous customers as opposed to dependency on a single customer. During 6MFY24, the composite and garment segment which includes, knitwear, readymade garments, and bedwear accounts for ~64% of total textile exports. However, both volumetric and value-wise improvements have been observed which is a positive sign. As per the management, during 6MFY24 company recorded sales of ~PKR 4,326mln (FY23: ~PKR 6,294mln) reflecting a growth of ~37.5% mainly due to volumetric increase, whereas margins improved at all levels. The company has formed several committees, including Emergency Response, Health & Safety, Environment & Waste Management, Work Council & Labor, and Fire Drill & Fighting. Each committee is overseen by an independent member. The governance structure depicts room for improvement due to the absence of a formal board structure, board committees, and independent oversight, furthermore, external auditors are only QCR-rated. The Company is in transition to adopt a better financial and internal control system. The Company has valid certifications for its products and facilities and is periodically audited by internationally recognized certification bodies i.e. OEKO Tex, Sedex, SANFOR KNIT Certificate, and Made in Green. The financial risk profile of the Company is comprised of low equity, however, cashflows are sufficient and the working capital cycle is adequate. The operations of the Company are managed through internally generated cash flows and there is no plan to obtain short-term and long-term borrowing facilities in the future. The Company has availed non-funded facilities from financial institutions.

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

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Rainbow Hosiery (Pvt.) Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Corporate Rating(Jul-23),Methodology Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jul-23)
Related Research	Sector Study Composite and Garments(Dec-23)
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Profile

Legal Structure Rainbow Hosiery Private Limited (“Rainbow Hosiery”, “the Company” or “RHPL”) was established in the year 1992. The company registered office is in sector-16b Malik Anwar Goth North Karachi Industrial Area, Karachi. The company's registered office spans across four floors.

Background The company has been in operation for more than 30 years. Initially, the company was only involved in local dyeing for exporters. However, after 2010, the company expanded its operations and began exporting its products to several countries including Europe, Germany, US, UK, South Africa, and Australia. This expansion in the company's operations likely allowed for growth opportunities for the company.

Operations The company is involved in the home textile and garments section. Rainbow Hosiery is known for its high-quality products, innovative designs, and competitive pricing. The company has five textile manufacturing units, all are Fully equipped with high-tech and modern state-of-the-art machinery which makes the manufacturing process efficient and smooth. RHPL products in the garment section include sweatshirts, polo shirts, creepers, hooded jackets, and other high-end products. Their garments are made of cotton, blended, and mixed quality fabric that can be modified by size or color to our customers' demands. While in home textiles they deal with Jersey, terry, micro terry, micro interlock, and brushed terry.

Ownership

Ownership Structure Being a family-owned venture, all of the shareholdings are held by the Lodhia Family. Mr. Shahid Lodhia owns 32% ownership of the company and his wife Mrs. Maimona Lodhia holds 33.3% ownership of the company. The rest of the shares are split between Mr. Mohammad Lodhia (son of Mr. Shahid Lodhia) family.

Stability The ownership structure is expected to remain stable with clear representation on the governance side. The Company's operations are majorly met by Mr. Shahid Lodhia (CEO) He is associated with the company since its inception. He has diversified knowledge and expertise.

Business Acumen The sponsors have decades of textile experience. They comprise qualified and experienced professionals with a diversified range of skills.

Financial Strength Rainbow Hosiery is the primary business of the family. However, they don't have any strategic stake in other companies. The good financial profile of sponsors and willingness to support the business in terms of director loans adds strength to the Company's profile.

Governance

Board Structure The company has only two members on the board. Mr. Shahid Lodhia, the CEO of the company, and Mr. Mohammad Lodhia, the managing director of the company. Mr. Mohammad Lodhia is the son of Mr. Shahid Lodhia.

Members' Profile Mr. Shahid Lodhia is the Chief Executive Officer and possesses more than 30 years of business experience. All other members are professionally qualified with extensive professional experience and a diversified skill mix.

Board Effectiveness The Board met once in FY23 with the presence of all members and with representatives of committee members to discuss different matters of the company.

Financial Transparency Clarkson Hyde Saud Ansari Chartered Accountants are the external auditors of the Company. Auditors are QCR-rated. They gave an unqualified opinion on the company's financial statements for the year ending June 2023.

Management

Organizational Structure The Company has established a well-defined management structure divided into functional departments with clear lines of responsibilities.

Management Team Mr. Syed Shamim Raza Zaidi is the Technical Director of the company. He is associated with the firm since its inception & holds an industrial experience of more than three decades. He is assisted by a qualified team. Mr. Adeel Qamar is a CFO with versatile experience. All other team members are professionals operating under the supervision of the senior management.

Effectiveness Rainbow Hosiery maintains adequate IT infrastructure and related controls by regularly presenting reports to senior management. There are committees in place for different matters of the company including not limited to Emergency Response Committees, Health & Safety Committee, Environment & Waste Management Committee, Work Council & Labor Committee, and Fire Drill & Fighting Committee, all the committees are head by independent committee member.

MIS Recently the company implemented a newly locally built software G-Tech. It provides a reliable and valuable result that improves the decision-making process and achieves goals more effectively.

Control Environment The company uses Microsoft Office (licensed) including Excel, Word, and Outlook for its functioning. The reports are presented regularly to the senior management including vendor payable reports (three months payable tenor), PDC reports (cashflow position and projections), aging reports (receivables), and job costing reports. Implementation of software ensures the timely availability of information for efficient decision-making. However, the absence of an internal audit function further creates room for improvement in the corporate management framework. The company has valid certifications from Organic Content Standard Certificate, Quality Registrar System Certificate, SANFOR KNIT Certificate, Sedex Certificate Services, Global Organic Standard Certificate, Made in Green Standard Certificate, Step by OEKO Tex Certificate, OEKO Tex Inspiring Confidence Certificate & listed in REX – Registered Exporter system GSP of the EU.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics The size of the textile industry in Pakistan is estimated to be PKR 2.62Trn ~3.0% of the total GDP as of FY23. The composite & garment segment in the textile sector has a contribution of ~ PKR 1.6Trn mainly dominated by knitwear, readymade garments, bedwear and towels followed by PKR 775bln from spinning and PKR 637bln from weaving. The escalation in energy tariffs & finance costs, PKR devaluation, and ensuring the availability of optimum quality raw materials are prime challenges specific to the industry to assess the international market and stay price-wise competitive.

Relative Position Rainbow Hosiery has a good presence in the international market, with exports to countries such as United States, Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Denmark, and other European Countries The company has received numerous awards and accolades for its excellence in manufacturing and exporting.

Revenues Rainbow Hosiery Private Limited is involved in the export of home textiles and garments. During FY23, the company's top line increased to PKR 6.2bln (FY22: PKR 5.7bln; FY21: PKR 4bln) attributable to good demand and additional capacity launched. However, during 6MFY24, company's topline is clocked in at PKR 4.3bln.

Margins In FY23, the company maintained a gross profit margin of 8.0% (FY22: 8.3%), with operating margins remaining steady at around 3.0% (FY22: 3.6%) despite increased sales. However, the net profit margin dropped to 2.5% in FY23 (FY22: 3.5%) due to higher expenses. In contrast, during the 6MFY24, the company saw an improvement with gross profit margin reaching 11.5% and net profit margin at 2.6%.

Sustainability Rainbow Hosiery's management has provided forecasts that reflect their strategy and demonstrate the feasibility of their approach. The company intends to continue investing in capital expenditure to improve manufacturing efficiency and enhance its e-commerce capabilities, in order to cater to the growing online market. A well-defined roadmap for five years business plan is placed.

Financial Risk

Working Capital During FY23, the Company's net working capital days increased and clocked in at 41 days (FY22: 30 days) This is due to enhanced inventory days in the recent year (FY23: 92 days; FY22:75 days). It is mainly due to factors such as increased demand, supply chain disruption, and the company's production process. However, trade payable days have reflected an increasing trend. (FY23: 103days; FY22:73 days,). However, during 6MFY24, net working capital days stood at 105days.

Coverages The Company's free cashflows (FCFO) as of FY23 increased to PKR ~240mln (FY22:226mln) owing to the overall increase in sales of the company. Meanwhile, the Company's finance cost clocked at PKR 10mln as of FY23, (FY22:9mln) Furthermore, in FY23 there is 3.1x debt payable ratio (FY22: 0.0x). However, during 6MFY24 FCFO increased and stood at ~PKR 356mln.

Capitalization Rainbow Hosiery is a debt-free company. The company has more control over its finances, and business decisions and is considered self-reliant.



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Financial Summary

PKR mln

Rainbow Hosiery Private Limited Composite & Garments	Dec-23 6M	Jun-23 12M	Jun-22 12M	Jun-21 12M
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A BALANCE SHEET

1 Non-Current Assets	636	663	269	322
2 Investments	-	-	-	-
3 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
4 Current Assets	4,305	3,568	2,943	1,485
a Inventories	2,361	1,690	1,499	875
b Trade Receivables	1,050	1,106	680	215
5 Total Assets	4,941	4,231	3,212	1,807
6 Current Liabilities	4,289	3,646	2,823	1,619
a Trade Payables	2,694	2,302	1,257	1,059
7 Borrowings	-	-	-	-
8 Related Party Exposure	1	44	4	4
9 Non-Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
10 Net Assets	651	541	385	184
11 Shareholders' Equity	651	541	385	184

B INCOME STATEMENT

1 Sales	4,326	6,294	5,790	4,087
a Cost of Good Sold	(3,829)	(5,790)	(5,308)	(3,749)
2 Gross Profit	497	504	482	338
a Operating Expenses	(162)	(316)	(272)	(204)
3 Operating Profit	334	188	210	134
a Non Operating Income or (Expense)	(11)	45	56	(24)
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	324	232	266	110
a Total Finance Cost	(5)	(10)	(9)	(8)
b Taxation	(208)	(67)	(57)	(40)
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	110	156	201	62

C CASH FLOW STATEMENT

a Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO)	356	240	226	102
b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital	356	230	217	94
c Changes in Working Capital	(360)	162	(181)	26
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	(4)	392	36	120
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	28	(456)	26	(64)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	8	41	0	(18)
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	32	(24)	63	39

D RATIO ANALYSIS

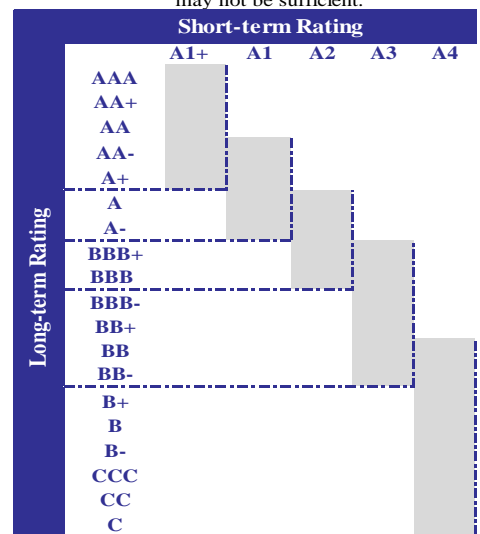
1 Performance				
a Sales Growth (for the period)	37.5%	8.7%	41.7%	22.4%
b Gross Profit Margin	11.5%	8.0%	8.3%	8.3%
c Net Profit Margin	2.6%	2.5%	3.5%	1.5%
d Cash Conversion Efficiency (FCFO adjusted for Working C	-0.1%	6.4%	0.8%	3.1%
e Return on Equity [Net Profit Margin * Asset Turnover * (I	37.0%	33.7%	70.4%	40.2%
2 Working Capital Management				
a Gross Working Capital (Average Days)	131	144	103	88
b Net Working Capital (Average Days)	26	41	30	5
c Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
3 Coverages				
a EBITDA / Finance Cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
b FCFO / Finance Cost+CMLTB+Excess STB	N/A	3.1	N/A	0.8
c Debt Payback (Total Borrowings+Excess STB) / (FCFO-Fi	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.3
4 Capital Structure				
a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equi	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
c Entity Average Borrowing Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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'.

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- b) Corporate Rating
- c) Debt Instrument Rating
- d) Financial Institution Rating
- e) Holding Company Rating
- f) Independent Power Producer Rating
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