

RATING REPORT

Jubilee General Insurance Company Limited

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RATING DETAILS

Rating Category	Latest Rating	Previous Rating
	Long-term	Long-term
IFS	AA++(IFS)	AA++(IFS)
<i>Rating Date</i>	<i>Dec 30, '22</i>	<i>Mar' 31, 22</i>
Rating Outlook	Stable	Stable
<i>Rating Action</i>	<i>Reaffirmed</i>	<i>Harmonised</i>

COMPANY INFORMATION

Incorporated in 1953	External auditors: M/s A.F. Ferguson & Co. (Chartered Accountants)
Public Limited Company	Chairman of the Board: Mr. R. Zakir Mahmood
Key Shareholders (with stake 5% or more):	Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Hassan Khan
Aga Khan Hospital & Medical College Foundation – 20.6%	
Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development – 14.1%	
Habib Bank Limited – 19.8%	
Hashwani Hotels Limited – 5.5%	
Pakistan Services Limited – 7.6%	

APPLICABLE METHODOLOGY(IES)

VIS Entity Rating Criteria Methodology – General Insurance, March, 2022

<https://docs.vis.com.pk/docs/VIS%20General%20Insurance%20-%2020220331%20-%20FinalFinal.pdf>

Jubilee General Insurance Company Limited

OVERVIEW OF THE INSTITUTION

RATING RATIONALE

JGI was incorporated as a public limited company in 1953. The company is engaged in provision of general insurance services and is listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange. JGI operates through a network of 26 branches with its Head Office established in Karachi.

Jubilee General Insurance Company Limited (‘JGI’ or ‘the Company’) is a listed public limited company, engaged in provision of general (non-life) insurance business, including window takaful operations. The Company operates as the third-largest general insurance company in the industry, having a market share of 10.6% as of 2021; this includes JGI’s market share of 10.9% in the conventional insurance market and 8.6% in takaful insurance market.

Insurance Sector Update

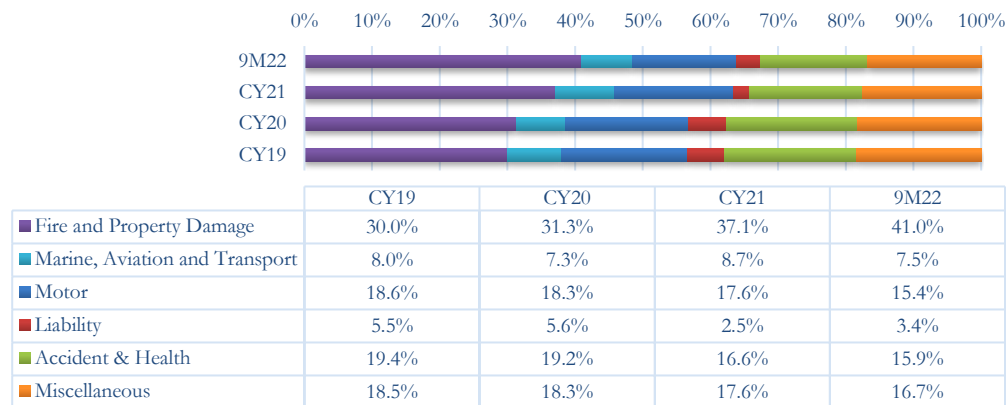
- The gross premiums/ takaful contributions underwritten by the industry grew by 11% in 2021, picking up from 8% in 2020. In H1’2022, given the increase in inflation, we have noted a change in trend wherein industry underwriting posted a growth of 26% vis-s-vis SPLY. Overall growth for 2022, is expected to be notably higher in the range of 25-30%.
- Insurance penetration in Pakistan has remained below that of neighboring counterparts, given non-life insurance penetration of ~0.355% vis-à-vis India at 4.2% and Sri-Lanka 1.39%.
- The industry’s combined ratio posted a dip in 2021, which was driven by a drop in both net claims and expense ratios. Overall, the impact of investment returns on industry profitability remained similar, investment returns stood at 17% of the net premium. In the ongoing year, we have noted an increase in combined ratio, being driven by higher net claims ratio that was a result of sizable losses in Fire segment incurred by the industry. Going forward, reinsurance commissions are likely to be higher, which should keep the treaty acquisition ratio elevated.
- Even though operating leverage of Pakistan’s insurance industry remains adequately high, which is partly explained by lagged growth, in June’22, we have noted a trend of an uptick in operating leverage to 67.3% (annualized). Apart from the overall growth in underwriting, this is also partly attributable to dividend payouts in Q1 and mark to market losses on fixed income portfolios in Q2.
- Investment returns in H1’2022, have not depicted much deviation, unlike the one noted in life insurance portfolios. This is partly attributable to a different asset management strategy, albeit also implies that the industry was well placed in terms of portfolio duration leading up to 400 bpts steep drop in benchmark rates noted in Q2’2022. Given higher benchmark rates, investment yield is expected to improve in 2023.
- The implementation of IFRS 17 is likely to be delayed past the initially identified date of January 1’ 2023. The implementation is expected to translate in sizable provisioning burden for the industry, however the actual impact of the same on industry capitalization is yet to be ascertained.

Table 1: Insurance Industry Financial Indicators (Source: IAP)

(Rs. in Billions)	2020	2021	9M’22
Insurance Premium (Gross)	89.6	97.4	97.5
Takaful Contributions (Gross)	12.6	16.2	16.1
Industry Total (Gross)	102.3	113.6	113.7
Combined Ratio	95.3%	84.4%	97.1%
- Net Claims Ratio	54.8%	49.4%	59.2%
- Underwriting Expense Ratio	40.5%	35.0%	37.9%
Net Operating Ratio	78.6%	67.5%	81.7%
RoAA	4.4%	5.4%	3.6%*
RoAE	10.1%	12.8%	9.4%*
Operating Leverage	52.5%	58.3%	66.9%*
<i>* Annualized</i>			

Business Update¹

Figure 1: JGI Business Mix



- During 2021, JGI’s gross underwriting (inclusive of takaful contributions) grew by 16.4% owing to the strong growth derived from ‘Fire & Property Damage’ and ‘Marine, Aviation & Transport’ segments. Hence, the Company’s consolidated market share improved to 10.6% in 2021 (2020: 10.1%).
- JGI’s takaful market share has undergone attrition from 9.5% to 8.6% during 2021, as the Company’s gross underwriting contribution growth (15.8%) lagged the takaful industry growth (28.3%) during the period.
- In terms of business mix, Fire & Property Damage constitutes the highest portion of gross underwriting and its share has increased during the past 3-year period (CY19-CY21), as illustrated in the figure above.
- The Company’s gross claims ratio depicted improvement in the preceding year; albeit in line with the industry, an increase in gross claims ratio has been noted in 9M’2022, mainly being affected by higher losses in the ‘Fire & Property Damage’ segment. When compared to peers, gross claims ratio depicts room for improvement.

Table 2: Segment-wise Gross Claims Ratio

	2020	2021	9M’22	3-Yr Avg *
Gross Claims Ratio	50.4%	41.9%	45.0%	43.9%
- Fire and Property Damage	63.3%	22.2%	54.3%	36.1%
- Marine, aviation and transport	38.3%	33.2%	29.9%	31.5%
- Motor	41.9%	43.6%	44.3%	43.0%
- Liability	30.9%	83.8%	(49.4)%	51.9%
- Accident & Health	85.4%	86.3%	80.9%	88.5%
- Miscellaneous	10.6%	29.8%	15.8%	19.3%
*2019-21				

¹ Market Share figures presented herein, only include members of the Insurance Association of Pakistan.

Profitability

Table 3: Profitability Metrics

	2020	2021	9M'22
Net Operating Ratio	66.6%	65.2%	84.5%
Combined Ratio	100.1%	91.0%	97.0%
- Net Claims Ratio	61.8%	56.4%	60.7%
- Expense Ratio	38.3%	34.5%	36.2%

- The Company's profitability mainly emanates from its investment portfolio, as is typical in general insurance market, given that combined ratio of the industry tends to hover in the range of 90-100% limiting quantum of underwriting profitability.
- Subsequent to the decline in net underwriting revenue in 2020, the Company has posted Rs. 6.3b net underwriting revenue in 2021, reflecting an increase of 6.8% from preceding year.
- On the back of lower net claim and expense ratio during 2021, the Company's combined ratio depicted improvement during 2021, however, it remained above the peer median. JGI's management envisages the combined ratio to come in at ~94% during for CY22, slightly dropping from the high of 97% reported for 9M'2022.
- As of Sep'22, the Company's investment portfolio comprises of sovereign debt instruments (80.9%), equity securities (17.5%) and term deposits (1.6%). Given adverse equity market performance and higher benchmark rates, the investment in government debt securities has been increased during the period.
- Yield on investment portfolio declined during 2021, with investment income in absolute terms reducing from Rs. 2.0b in 2020 to Rs. 1.6b in 2021. In the ongoing year, we have noted relative improvement in yield, being driven by higher benchmark rates prevailing during the period.

Table 4: Yield on Investments (Conventional Portfolio)

	2020	2021	9M'22
Investment Portfolio	13.9%	9.0%	10.6%*
- Sovereign Debt Securities	10.5%	10.2%	13.1%*
- Equities	21.0%	9.2%	4.9%*
- Term Deposits	2.9%	1.5%	1.5*
Properties	10.7%	12.8%	12.5%*
Associates	21.8%	16.1%	10.4%

*Annualized (excludes income from equities)

- **Investment Portfolio (Money Market & Equities):** The investment portfolio yield declined on a YoY basis, as illustrated in the table above, owing to the underperformance of equity market.
- **Properties:** These include buildings and land where the market value is significantly higher than the book value, according to professional valuations. The yield on property varies according to the occupancy rate.
- **Associates:** The associated portfolio includes JGI's holdings in Jubilee Life Insurance Company Limited (JLI) and Jubilee Kyrgyzstan Insurance Company Limited (JKICL) having a book value of Rs. 821m and Rs. 240m respectively. A significant dip in the holding in JLI's market value has been noted which stands at Rs. 836m as of Sep'22 compared with Rs. 1,527m as of Sep'21.

Reinsurance Coverage

Table 5: Cession Ratio

	2020	2021	9M'22
- Fire & Property damage	68.1%	63.6%	56.2%
- Marine, Aviation & transport	19.9%	22.6%	24.3%
- Motor	3.5%	2.9%	3.4%
- Liability	99.0%	99.2%	65.6%
- Health & Accident	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%
- Miscellaneous	77.6%	66.4%	62.1%
Overall Cession Ratio	43.2%	40.2%	38.1%

- JGI's cession ratio has trended down and remains on the lower side as compared to peers. Cession ratio for 'Accident & Health' remain lowest (<1%) while 'Liability' segment has the highest cession ratio of (>90%).
- As per regulations, credit quality of the Company's reinsurance panel cannot fall below investment grade (BBB), wherein maximum allotment cannot exceed 20%. The remaining 80% allotment can only be against reinsurers rated 'A' or above.

Capitalization and Liquidity

Table 6: Capitalization

	2020	2021	9M'22
Equity (In PKR' Millions)	9,547	10,189.7	10,219.1
Payout Ratio	45%	48%	N/A
Operating Leverage	42.8%	46.1%	47.1%*
Financial Leverage	25.2%	26.4%	34.2%
<i>*Annualized</i>			

- On the back of strong profitability, and adequate profit retention, JGI has built sufficient capital buffer over the years.
- Both financial and operating leverage has trended up during the period under review. However, these remain on the lower side compared to peers.
- JGI's investment portfolio entails mostly liquid assets, providing substantial coverage of technical reserves.
- An uptick in insurance debt to gross premium was observed during 2021, a trend which continued in 9M'22. As per management, the increase in insurance debt to gross contribution is on account of a few new large-sized policies, wherein premium is received on installment basis.

Table 7: Liquidity Indicators

	Dec'20	Dec'21	Sep'22
Liquid Assets/ Net technical Reserves	217.1%	221.0%	200.2%
Insurance Debt to Gross premium	11.8%	14.4%	26.1%*
<i>*Annualized</i>			

Sponsor Profile

The assigned ratings incorporates the Company's sponsor profile, being majority owned by Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED). AKFED is an international development agency that operates 90 different project firms and employs over 55,000 people. AKFED had consolidated revenues of USD 4 billion in 2021.

Jubilee General Insurance Company Limited
Appendix I

FINANCIAL SUMMARY			
	<i>(amounts in PKR millions)</i>		
<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-21	30-Sep-22
Cash and Bank Deposits	965.9	1,902.0	2,345.7
Investments	13,619.9	14,030.7	14,763.8
Investment Properties	645.9	640.6	636.8
Insurance Debt	1,074.0	1,525.8	3,907.0
Total Assets	23,295.0	26,194.0	32,639.3
Net Worth	9,547.0	10,189.7	10,219.1
Total Liabilities	13,748.0	16,004.3	22,420.3
<u>INCOME STATEMENT</u>	CY20	CY21	9M'CY22
Net Premium Revenue*	5,918.4	6,317.9	5,111.1
Net Claims*	3,658.7	3,566.0	3,104.7
Underwriting Profit*	(8.1)	566.5	155.4
Net Investment Income*	1,985.0	1,632.0	634.2
Profit Before Tax	2,113.7	2330.0	1,727.8
Profit After Tax	1,532.7	1,649.3	1,055.0
* incl. WTO			
<u>RATIO ANALYSIS</u>	CY20	CY21	9M'CY22
Market Share (Gross Premium)	10.1%	10.6%	11.2%
Cession Ratio	43.2%	40.2%	38.1%
Gross Claims Ratio	50.4%	41.9%	45.0%
Net Claims Ratio	61.8%	56.4%	60.7%
Underwriting Expense Ratio	38.3%	34.6%	36.2%
Combined Ratio	100.1%	91.0%	97.0%
Net Operating Ratio	66.6%	65.2%	84.5%
Insurance Debt to Gross Premium	11.8%	14.4%	26.1%*
Operating Leverage	42.8%	46.1%	47.1%*
Financial Leverage	25.2%	26.4%	34.2%
Adjusted Liquid Assets to Technical Reserves	217.1%	221.0%	200.2%
*Annualized			

VIS Credit Rating Company Limited

RATING SCALE & DEFINITIONS: INSURER FINANCIAL STRENGTH

AAA

Highest capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk factors are negligible.

AA+, AA, AA-

Very high capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; However, risk is modest, but may vary slightly over time due to business/economic conditions.

A+, A, A-

High capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk factors may vary over time due to business/economic conditions.

BBB+, BBB, BBB-

Adequate capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk factors are considered variable over time due to business/economic conditions.

BB+, BB, BB-

Marginal capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk factors may vary widely with changes in business/economic conditions.

B+, B, B-

Low capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk factors are capable of fluctuating widely with changes in business/economic conditions.

CCC

Very low capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk may be substantial.

CC

Weak capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk may be high.

C

Very weak capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk may be very high

D

Extremely weak capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations; Risk is extremely high.

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REGULATORY DISCLOSURES				Appendix III	
Name of Rated Entity	Jubilee General Insurance Company Limited				
Sector	Insurance				
Type of Relationship	Solicited				
Purpose of Rating	Insurer Financial Strength				
Rating History	Rating Date	Medium to Long Term	Short Term	Rating Outlook	Rating Action
	RATING TYPE: INSURER FINANCIAL STRENGTH				
	30/12/2022	AA++(IFS)	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	31/03/2022	AA++(IFS)	-	Stable	Harmonised
	28/12/2021	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	29/12/2020	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	12/31/2019	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	12/31/2018	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	1/23/2018	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	11/8/2016	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	12/31/2015	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	12/30/2014	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
	12/12/2013	AA+	-	Stable	Reaffirmed
Instrument Structure	N/A				
Statement by the Rating Team	VIS, the analysts involved in the rating process and members of its rating committee do not have any conflict of interest relating to the credit rating(s) mentioned herein. This rating is an opinion on credit quality only and is not a recommendation to buy or sell any securities.				
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Due Diligence Meetings Conducted	Name	Designation	Date		
	Mr. Nawaid Jamal	CFO	December 13, 2022		