## **BROKER MANAGEMENT RATING REPORT**

## **Fortune Securities Limited**

#### **REPORT DATE:**

June 18, 2025

#### **RATING ANALYSTS:**

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Rating Category	Latest Rating			
Broker Management Rating	BMR2			
Rating Rationale	The rating signifies strong external control framework, sound client relationship and HR and infrastructure, internal control framework and risk management while regulatory requirement and supervision and financial management are considered adequate.			
Rating Date	June 18, 2025			

COMPANY INFORMATION			
Incorporated in 1994	External auditors: M/s Naveed Zafar Ashfaq Jaffery & Co.		
incorporated in 1771	<ul> <li>Chartered Accountants</li> </ul>		
Public Unquoted Company	Chairman of the Board: Mr. Shahid Ali		
Key Shareholders (with stake 5% or more):	Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Anis Ur Rahman		
Mr. Anis Ur Rahman ~48%			
Ms. Shamama Arif Rahman ~39.99%			
Mr. Nabeel Tajammal `~7.99%			

#### APPLICABLE METHODOLOGY & RATING SCALES

Applicable Rating Criteria: Broker Management Rating

https://docs.vis.com.pk/Methodologies%202024/Broker-Management.pdf

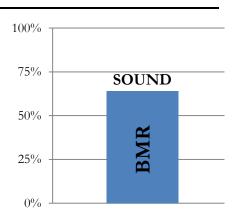
VIS Issue/Issuer Rating Scale:

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## Corporate Profile

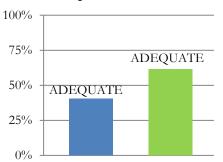
Fortune Securities Limited (FSL) is a public unlisted company incorporated in 1994. The Company is principally engaged in brokerage of shares, securities, commodities, research, and other financial instruments. Major shareholding of the Company is vested with Mr. Anis Ur Rahman who serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the company. FSL runs its operations through two of its registered offices located in Karachi.

Fortune Securities Limited has a TREC (Trading Right Entitlement Certificate) for Trading and Self-Clearing Services granted by Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited (PSX). External auditors of the company are M/s Naveed Zafar Ashfaq Jaffery & Co. – Chartered Accountants. Auditors belong to category 'A' on the approved list of auditors published by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).



### **Rating Factors Scores**

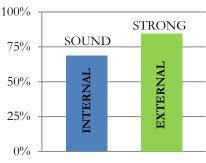
# Regulatory Requirement & Supervision Framework



- At present, the Company has three directors on the board with no independent representation. Governance and management oversight may be improved by increasing board size and
- Acquiring additional license may provide support to the Company's revenue base.

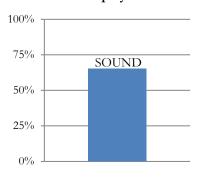
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# Internal & External Control Framework



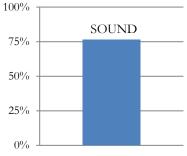
- While the Company has Internal policies in place, further enhancement in the scope of these policies may further enhance the Company's internal control framework.
- Dissemination of conflict-of-interest policy with both staff and customers may bode well for the internal control framework of the Company.
- External control framework of the Company is considered strong.

# Client Relationship & Fairplay



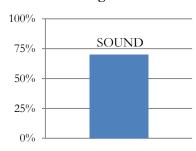
- The Company's client services procedures is supported by the provision of various electronic trading platforms through mobile and web-based trading to ensure seamless trade transactions. However, client grievance procedures may be more pronounced for greater visibility on the website.
- Providing prompt alerts to clients upon trade execution may be considered for enhancing the Company's client services features.
- Expanding geographical presence may further contribute to the Company's business growth.

#### HR & Infrastructure



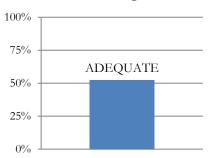
- The Company's organizational structure aligns with its scale of operations.
- The Contingency measures of the Company may be further strengthened by outsourcing offsite backups at third party warehouse.

# Compliance & Risk Management



 Overall, the Company's compliance and risk management are considered sound, with independently functioning internal audit and compliance departments, which bodes well for its risk framework.

### Financial Management



- During FY24 and HFY25, the Company exhibited notable growth in brokerage revenue, in line with upward trend in the industry, recording at PKR 101m and PKR 57m respectively (FY23: PKR 72m).
- The Company's cost-to-income in FY24 were elevated at ~144%, denoting weak operational efficiency, before moving downwards to ~74% in HFY25.
- The Company's liquid assets provide adequate coverage of 1.1x against its total liabilities as at Dec'24 (Jun'24: ~33%, Jun'23: ~22%), indicating improvement in the liquidity profile.
- · Market risk of the Company is considered minimal.
- The Company's capitalization profile is supported by small debt on its books, with gearing and leverage ratios standing at 0.14x and 1.54x as at Dec'24 (Jun'24: 0.32x and 1.70x, Jun'23: 0.51x and 1.55x) respectively.
- Going forward, enhancement in revenue and profitability along with improvement in operational efficiency and liquidity profile as well as maintenance of capitalization indicators will be important for the rating.

REGULATORY I	Appendix I					
Name of Rated Entity	Fortune Securities Limited					
Sector	Brokerage					
Type of Relationship	Solicited					
Purpose of Rating	Broker Management Rating (BMR)					
Rating History	Rating Date	Rating	Rating Outlook	Rating Action		
	RATING TYPE: BMR					
	18/06/2025	BMR2	Stable	Reaffirmed		
	27/02/2024	BMR2	Stable	Reaffirmed		
	22/11/2022	BMR2	Stable	Reaffirmed		
	12/10/2021	BMR2	Stable	Initial		
Instrument Structure	N/A					
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