

## RATING REPORT

### Dawood Equities Limited

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#### RATING DETAILS

Rating Category	Latest Rating		Previous Rating	
	Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term
Entity	BB-	A-3	BB+	A-3
Rating Outlook	Stable		Stable	
Rating Date	Jun 23, 2017		Dec 15, 2015	

#### COMPANY INFORMATION

Incorporated in 2006	External auditors: M/s Haroon Zakaria & Co. Chartered Accountants
Listed Public Limited Company	Chairman of the Board: Mr. Junaid Zakaria Dada
Key Shareholders (with stake 5% or more):	Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Abdul Aziz Habib
Mr. Ayaz Dawood – 19.3%	
Bank of Khyber – 15.0%	
Mr. Asim Abdul Ghani – 10.1%	
B.R.R. Guardian Modaraba – 7.2%	

#### APPLICABLE METHODOLOGY(IES)

JCR-VIS Entity Rating Criteria Methodology – Securities Firms Rating (May 2015)

<http://www.jcrvis.com.pk/Images/Securities%20methodology%201%20-2015.pdf>

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### OVERVIEW OF THE INSTITUTION

### RATING RATIONALE

Dawood Equities Limited (DEL) is a listed public limited company. It is principally engaged in provision of equity brokerage services to domestic clients. The company commenced operations in 2006.

#### Profile of CEO

Mr. Abdul Aziz Habib possesses more than a decade of experience in textile exports and has a degree in Master of Arts (M.A.) Economics.

#### Financial snapshot

9MFY17: Total Equity: Rs. 286.7m

9MFY17: Profit after Tax: Rs. 44.0m

Incorporated in 2001, Dawood Equities Limited (DEL) is engaged in provision of equity brokerage services to domestic retail and institutional clients along with high net worth individuals (HNWIs). In 2015, the company also initiated underwriting activities. Majority stake of DEL is held by First Dawood Group (FDG), a conglomerate having presence in the financial sector. FDG holds 25% stake in the company while remaining shareholding is represented by Bank of Khyber, various financial institutions and general public. The company operates through its head office and two branches in Karachi and Hyderabad, Sindh.

#### Rating drivers

- Corporate Governance & Internal Control:** Assigned ratings take into account notable weaknesses in internal control and governance framework of the company. Since last review, DEL has been non-compliant with regulations in several instances. Given the nature of these breaches, ability of the company to manage credit risk is considered to be weak. An internal audit & compliance resource was deployed at the company in the outgoing year. However, scope of audit is limited to operational processes. In order to mitigate risk of regulatory breaches, strengthening of internal control and compliance framework is warranted.
- Capitalization & Liquidity:** Given the additional inflow as a result of company's divestment in PSX shares; net worth of DEL increased to Rs. 286.7m at end-1Q17. However, equity base remains on the lower side in relation to peers. The company underwrote several transactions during period under review; further growth in underwriting activity is envisaged by management in the ongoing fiscal year. With equity base standing on the lower side in relation to peers, underwriting capacity of the company remains constrained. Moreover, receivables from brokerage operations are heavily concentrated among top 10 debtors indicating considerable credit risk.
- Profitability:** Profitability has depicted modest growth on the back of increase in brokerage commission earned. Brokerage income augmented as a result of higher commission generated from individual clients; this accounted for around half of revenue base. Recurring income comfortably covers operating expenses of the company as indicated by an efficiency ratio of 21.5% with it comparing most favorably amongst peers. In line with approved plans, new HNWI clients were added to the customer base during period under review and management's focus is expected to remain in the same direction for the ongoing year.
- Investments:** Short term investments depicted a decline at end-1HFY17; though increasing by a sizeable quantum at end-March 2017 on account of notable related party exposure. Market risk emanating from investment portfolio is considered manageable as it accounts for less than 2% of total equity. Going forward, DEL intends to hold liquid shares which can be pledged against clients' margin trades.

<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (amounts in PKR millions)</b>		<b>Appendix I</b>		
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>31-Dec-16</b>	<b>30-Jun-16</b>	<b>30-Jun-15</b>	
Trade Debts	98.5	90.4	75.3	
Deferred Tax	35.3	37.2	35.0	
Long Term Investments	68.9	40.2	40.4	
Short Term Investments (Prop. Book)	19.4	18.4	29.3	
Cash and Bank balances	3.0	12.5	6.1	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>290.1</b>	<b>240.3</b>	<b>258.7</b>	
Trade and Other Payables	28.1	16.8	36.0	
Short Term running finance	-	-	-	
Accumulated (Loss)/profit	(95.5)	(105.3)	(106.3)	
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>262.0</b>	<b>223.5</b>	<b>222.7</b>	
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>				
	<b>31-Dec-16</b>	<b>30-Jun-16</b>	<b>30-Jun-15</b>	
Brokerage Income	12.1	15.1	13.5	
Recurring Income	34.6	32.5	28.3	
Operating Revenue	34.2	30.5	26.6	
Administrative Expenses	7.4	12.6	10.4	
Finance Costs	0.0	0.1	0.1	
<b>Profit Before Tax</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>13.3</b>	
Taxation	(4.1)	1.5	33.3	
<b>Profit After Tax</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>46.6</b>	
<b>RATIO ANALYSIS</b>				
	<b>31-Dec-16</b>	<b>30-Jun-16</b>	<b>30-Jun-15</b>	
Commission Income / Turnover (Paisa/Share)	3.78	3.81	2.10	
Liquid Assets to Total Liabilities	47.5%	156.5%	60.1%	
Debt Leverage (x)	0.11	0.07	0.16	
Gearing (x)	-	-	-	
Efficiency (%)	21.5%	38.7%	36.7%	
ROAA (%)	7.3%	0.4%	19.6%	
ROAE (%)	8.0%	0.5%	23.4%	

**ISSUE/ISSUER RATING SCALE & DEFINITIONS**

**Appendix II**

Medium to Long-Term

**AAA**

Highest credit quality; the risk factors are negligible, being only slightly more than for risk-free Government of Pakistan's debt.

**AA+, AA, AA-**

High credit quality; Protection factors are strong. Risk is modest but may vary slightly from time to time because of economic conditions.

**A+, A, A-**

Good credit quality; Protection factors are adequate. Risk factors may vary with possible changes in the economy.

**BBB+, BBB, BBB-**

Adequate credit quality; Protection factors are reasonable and sufficient. Risk factors are considered variable if changes occur in the economy.

**BB+, BB, BB-**

Obligations deemed likely to be met. Protection factors are capable of weakening if changes occur in the economy. Overall quality may move up or down frequently within this category.

**B+, B, B-**

Obligations deemed less likely to be met. Protection factors are capable of fluctuating widely if changes occur in the economy. Overall quality may move up or down frequently within this category or into higher or lower rating grade.

**CCC**

Considerable uncertainty exists towards meeting the obligations. Protection factors are scarce and risk may be substantial.

**CC**

A high default risk

**C**

A very high default risk

**D**

Defaulted obligations

Short-Term

**A-1+**

Highest certainty of timely payment; Short-term liquidity, including internal operating factors and /or access to alternative sources of funds, is outstanding and safety is just below risk free Government of Pakistan's short-term obligations.

**A-1**

High certainty of timely payment; Liquidity factors are excellent and supported by good fundamental protection factors. Risk factors are minor.

**A-2**

Good certainty of timely payment. Liquidity factors and company fundamentals are sound. Access to capital markets is good. Risk factors are small.

**A-3**

Satisfactory liquidity and other protection factors qualify entities / issues as to investment grade. Risk factors are larger and subject to more variation. Nevertheless, timely payment is expected.

**B**

Speculative investment characteristics; Liquidity may not be sufficient to ensure timely payment of obligations.

**C**

Capacity for timely payment of obligations is doubtful.

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<b>REGULATORY DISCLOSURES</b>		<b>Appendix III</b>			
<b>Name of Rated Entity</b>	Dawood Equities Limited				
<b>Sector</b>	Brokerage				
<b>Type of Relationship</b>	Solicited				
<b>Purpose of Rating</b>	Entity Rating				
<b>Rating History</b>	<b>Rating Date</b>	<b>Medium to Long Term</b>	<b>Short Term</b>	<b>Rating Outlook</b>	<b>Rating Action</b>
	<b><u>RATING TYPE: ENTITY</u></b>				
	23-Jun-17	BB-	A-3	Stable	Downgrade
	15-Dec-15	BB+	A-3	Stable	Initial
<b>Instrument Structure</b>	N/A				
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