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**Applicable Criteria**

- Methodology | NBFC | Jun18 (Jun 18)
- Methodology | Criteria | Rating Modifier (Jun 18)
- Methodology | Correlation Between Long-Term And Short-Term Rating Scale (Jun 18)

**Related Research**

- Sector Study | Modaraba & NBFCs (Mar 19)

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**PACRA Maintains Entity Ratings of First Punjab Modaraba**

Rating Type	Entity	
	Current (29-Mar-2019)	Previous (04-Dec-2018)
<b>Action</b>	Maintain	Maintain
<b>Long Term</b>	A-	A-
<b>Short Term</b>	A2	A2
<b>Outlook</b>	Stable	Stable
<b>Rating Watch</b>	-	-

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The ratings are dependent on relative positioning of the Modaraba in the sector and sustained asset quality of the new portfolio: achieving bottom line profitability is important. Meanwhile, any weakening in the financial profile or support from the sponsor could have negative implications.

**About the Entity**

First Punjab Modaraba (FPM), established in 1992, is a perpetual, multipurpose Modaraba, is listed on Pakistan Stock Exchange. Modaraba is engaged in financing through Ijarah, Morabaha and Diminishing Musharaka. Punjab Modaraba Services (Pvt.) Limited (PMSL), the wholly owned subsidiary of The Bank of Punjab (BoP), is the management company of FPM. PMSL has ~39% stake in the modaraba.

BoD comprises six members including CEO of FPM. Majority represents the Bank of Punjab. Mr. Umer Iqbal Sheikh, Head of Islamic banking BoP, joined the board of FPM, whereas In Jan19, Mr. Khawaja Farooq Saeed, Independent Director, resigned from the board and the casual vacancy remains unfilled. Mr. Khalid Tirmizey, the deputy CEO of BOP, is the chairman of the board, having over 42 years of experience working at several leading commercial banks in the country. Mr Aamir Malik, CEO of Modaraba, has over 26 years of banking experience in different management positions, is supported by a adequate management team.

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## Rating Report

### First Punjab Modaraba

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#### Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
29-Mar-2019	A-	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
04-Dec-2018	A-	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
30-Jun-2018	A-	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
30-Dec-2017	A-	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
31-May-2017	A-	A2	Stable	Upgrade	-
28-Dec-2016	BBB+	A2	Positive	Maintain	-

#### Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

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#### Disclosure

<b>Name of Rated Entity</b>	First Punjab Modaraba
<b>Type of Relationship</b>	Solicited
<b>Purpose of the Rating</b>	Entity Rating
<b>Applicable Criteria</b>	Methodology   NBFC   Jun18(Jun-18),Methodology   Criteria   Rating Modifier(Jun-18),Methodology   Correlation Between Long-Term And Short-Term Rating Scale(Jun-18)
<b>Related Research</b>	Sector Study   Modaraba & NBFCs(Mar-19)
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## Profile

**Structure** First Punjab Modaraba (FPM), established in 1992, is a perpetual multi-purpose Modaraba listed on PSX. FPM is managed by Punjab Modaraba Services (Pvt) Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bank of Punjab (BoP).

**Background** The Modaraba has remained successful in maintaining its growth trend by increase in total assets, certificate holder's equity and lending portfolio. On the basis of improved financial health and performance during last 5 years, the Registrar Modaraba SECP granted permission to raise funds from institutions through issuance of Certificates of Musharikhah (COMs).

**Operations** The Modaraba caters to corporate, commercial and individual customers through various modes of Islamic financing mainly Ijarah, Morabaha and Musharikhah. Musharikhah pertains to vehicles financing. Ijarah focuses on plant & machinery, vehicles and Home Decor Scheme. Morabaha targets raw material (working capital) financing of different sectors.

## Ownership

**Ownership Structure** Punjab Modaraba Services (Pvt.) Limited (PMSL) holds ~39% stake in the FPM. PMSL is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bank of Punjab (BoP). The general public has ~40% stake in FPM. The remaining shareholding is split amongst a number of financial institutions and corporate entities.

**Stability** Since FPM is managed by PMSL - fully owned subsidiary of BoP (in which Government of Punjab (GoPb) has majority stake). BoP and invariably GoPb stands behind the Modaraba as it has been providing financial assistance for the past many years.

**Business Acumen** The Board includes senior members from the management of BoP bringing with them strong business skill set which is critical for the sustainable success of any entity. The Modaraba stands to gain from the BoPs industry-specific working knowledge of lending and financing diverse set of customers and sectors across Pakistan.

**Financial Strength** The Government of Punjab (GoPb) maintains majority stake in BoP (58%). While BoP has no contractual obligation to support FPM in a distressed situation, yet in the wake of deterioration in FPM's financial profile, the Bank has demonstrated its resolve to provide assistance to FPM by approving Musharikhah finance facility of PKR 1,505mln.

## Governance

**Board Structure** FPM's Board of Directors (BoD) comprises six members including CEO. Excluding the CEO of FPM, all other members are non-executive and nominees from BoP. Mr. Umer Iqbal Sheikh, Head of Islamic banking BoP, joined the board of FPM. In Jan19, Mr. Khawaja Farooq Saeed, Independent Director, resigned from the board and the casual vacancy remains unfilled.

**Members' Profile** Chairman of the board – Mr. Khalid Tirmizey, former Deputy CEO, has been appointed as Acting President, with effect from December 7, 2018, until a new President is appointed. He has over 41 years of experience working at several leading commercial banks. Before joining BOP he worked as the Deputy CEO for Faysal Bank and was part of the management team that spearheaded the bank's rapid growth in the banking sector.

**Board Effectiveness** FPM has constituted two board committees (Audit Committee and Human Resource & Remuneration Committee) to ensure rigorous monitoring of management's policies and entity's operations. Attendance recorded during the board and its committees' meetings was good and minutes have been properly documented.

**Financial Transparency** EY Ford Rhodes, Chartered Accountants, is auditor of FPM and have expressed an unqualified conclusion on review of FPM's financial statements for 6MFY19. Meanwhile, ShineWing Hameed Chaudhry & Company is the auditor of the Punjab Modaraba Services (Pvt.) Limited, the management company of FPM.

## Management

**Organizational Structure** The Modaraba has a lean organizational structure. The management team carries good experience profile but is relatively new with FPM. All department heads report directly to the CEO, with the exception of Internal Audit, which reports directly to the Audit Committee.

**Management Team** Mr. Aamir Malik, CEO of FPM, has more than two decades of experience, mainly at BOP. He has diversified experience of handling banking affairs covering Credit, Branch Banking, Foreign Trade, Recovery and SAM in different Management positions. The team includes a balanced mix of professionals who bring rich experience to the Modaraba.

**Effectiveness** The Modaraba has four committees at the management level for better functioning of its affairs; a) Credit Committee, b) Investment Committee, c) Asset and Liability Committee, and d) Management Committee. The Modaraba needs to focus on increasing the effectiveness of its management committees in order to monitor performance and assure the adherence to the policies and procedures.

**MIS** FPM has acquired an online, centralized Financial Information System (FIS) Solution that has been custom developed in client / server application architecture that will help in managing the business processes easily and efficiently.

**Risk Management Framework** The Modaraba has implemented an Obligor Risk Ratings module (ORRs) in order to make prudent credit decisions while taking into account all related factors (industry positioning, ownership, management quality, management experience, obligor's historical conduct, facility structure etc.).

## Business Risk

**Industry Dynamics** Financial year 18 started on a positive note with high expectations of good economic growth. However, due to political uncertainty and adverse economic indicators in the second half in the second half of the year, the optimistic scenario turned into gloomy outlook. Owing to reduction in industry spreads and stiff competition with Islamic commercial banks, it is expected that business activities during the current year will slightly remain under pressure particularly in first half of the year due to unsatisfactory economic numbers.

**Relative Position** In terms of Assets, FPM comes in the top five Modarabas of Pakistan with an asset base at Dec18 of PKR 2.09bn (Jun18: PKR 1.99bn). The Modaraba commands further support from the fact that BoP owns ~39% and has provided and shall continue to lend support in case of need or financial distress.

**Revenues** Gross Revenue of PKR 72mln is mainly driven by Musharaka income (61%) and Ijarah income – net of amortization (33%). Increase in Gross Revenue (9% YoY) is contributed by 46% increase in Ijarah income, underpinned by healthy 116% YoY increase in Ijarah assets.

**Performance** Increase in gross revenue was not translated in increase in bottom-line as Net income of the company decreased by 17% YoY from PKR 11mln in 6MFY18 to PKR 9 mln in 6MFY19. Although PKR 8mln reversal of provision supported the bottom-line but 37% YoY increase in finance cost deteriorated the profitability.

**Sustainability** Increasing interest rates are putting a dent in the profitability as the cost of financing for the highly leveraged Modaraba will continue to rise in the near future more than the asset yield earned.

## Financial Risk

**Credit Risk** FPM's financing book is dominated by Musharikhah (6MFY19: 70%; FY18: 78%) followed by Ijarah (6MFY19: 25%; FY18: 19%) and Morabaha (6MFY19: 5%; FY18: 4%). Non-performing finances stood 46% of Gross finances with a relatively low coverage (34%) as compared to its peers.

**Market Risk** Modaraba focuses primarily on core financing business and has no exposure to equity/debt investment. Consequently, FPM is not exposed to market risk.

**Liquidity And Funding** The Modaraba has availed a Musharikhah finance facility of PKR 1,281mln from its parent bank – BOP as at end-Dec-18 against approved limit of PKR 1,505mln. Furthermore, against another available financing facility of PKR 408mln by BOP, FPM has fully availed that facility by issuing CoMs.

**Capitalization** FPM carries a leveraged structure. Despite positive bottom-line, owing to profit distribution of PKR 17mln and reserve build up, equity declined by 4% from PKR 203mln at Jun19 to PKR 196mln at Dec18. FPM carries a leveraged structure - the total debt/equity ratio lies at 9.4x at Dec18 (FY18: 8.5x).



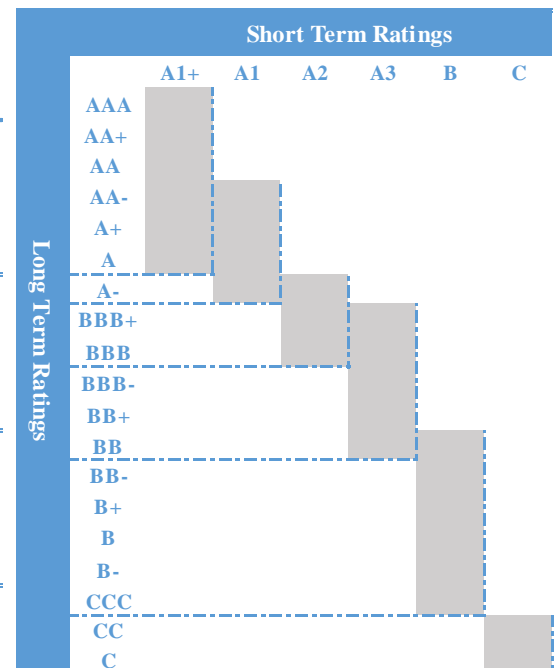
First Punjab Modaraba				
BALANCE SHEET				
	31-Dec-18	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-16
	6MFY19	FY18	FY17	FY16
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Finances</b>				
1. Morabaha	55	41	44	76
2. Musharaka	851	865	850	410
3. Ijarah	302	206	160	180
Other Earning Assets	78	79	71	35
Other Non-Earning Assets	227	216	163	117
Non-Performing Finances	1,030	1,030	1,059	1,092
Less : Provision for Doubtful Debts	(353)	(348)	(378)	(383)
Net Non Performing Finances	676	681	681	709
Less: Suspended Income	(95)	(95)	(95)	(100)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>1,427</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Funding</b>				
1. Certificate of Musharaka	408	400	400	100
2. Morabaha	-	-	-	-
3. Musharaka	1,306	1,212	1,118	969
4. Security Deposits	129	113	119	141
Other Liabilities	56	65	45	41
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>1,427</b>
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>				
Gross Revenue	72	130	121	73
Financail Charges	(62)	(94)	(80)	(58)
Other Income	10	10	10	5
Operating Expenses	17	35	29	22
Pre-Provision Operating Profit/(Loss)	37	81	81	42
Provisions for Doubtful Debts	(8)	(20)	(5)	(25)
Management Fee	-	3	3	2
Profit Before Taxes	29	64	78	18
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Ratio Analysis</b>				
<b>Profitability Ratios</b>				
ROA	1% *	1%	2%	2%
Cost-to-Total Net Revenue	-84%	-77%	-57%	-111%
<b>Capital Adequacy</b>				
Equity / Total Assets	9%	10%	10%	12%
<b>Funding &amp; Liquidity</b>				
Short Term Funding/Total Funding	25%	26%	28%	14%
<b>Loan Loss Coverage</b>				
Impaired Lending/Gross Finances	46%	48%	50%	62%
Net Impaired Lending/ Equity (%)	3.46	3.35	3.55	4.01

\*annualized

## Credit Rating Scale & Definitions

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.

Long Term Ratings		Short Term Ratings	
<b>AAA</b>	<b>Highest credit quality.</b> Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments	<b>A1+</b>	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
<b>AA+</b> <b>AA</b> <b>AA-</b>	<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.	<b>A1</b>	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
<b>A+</b> <b>A</b> <b>A-</b>	<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.	<b>A2</b>	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
<b>BBB+</b> <b>BBB</b> <b>BBB-</b>	<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.	<b>A3</b>	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
<b>BB+</b> <b>BB</b> <b>BB-</b>	<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.	<b>B</b>	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
<b>B+</b> <b>B</b> <b>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>C</b>	An inadequate capacity to ensure timely repayment.
<b>CCC</b> <b>CC</b> <b>C</b>	<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.		
<b>D</b>	Obligations are currently in default.		



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