

Press Release

VIS Reaffirms Broker Management Rating of Taurus Securities Limited

Karachi, August 11, 2026: VIS Credit Rating Company Ltd. (VIS) has reaffirmed Broker Management Rating of Taurus Securities Limited ('TSL' or 'the Company') at 'BMR2+'. Outlook on the assigned rating is 'Stable'. Last rating action was announced on August 05, 2025.

The rating signifies strong compliance and risk management and external controls, sound internal control, HR and infrastructure and client relationship and adequate financial management and regulatory requirement.

TSL is a public unlisted company incorporated in 1993, providing equity brokerage services and financial/economic data research analysis. Major shareholding of the Company is vested with National Bank of Pakistan (NBP). The head office of the Company is located in Karachi, while a branch office is located in Peshawar. The Company provides both online and assisted trading services to its clients. TSL holds Trading Rights Entitlement Certificate (TREC) granted by Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited (PSX), and is registered with SECP to provide Trading & Self Clearing Services. The Company is also a license holder of Pakistan Mercantile Exchange Limited (PMEX). External auditors of the Company are BDO Ebrahim and Co. Chartered Accountants. External auditors belong to category 'A' on the approved list of auditors published by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The rating reflects the Company's strong ownership and governance framework, characterized by strong sponsor support and a seven-member Board of Directors, including three independent directors. The Company's internal control framework is considered sound; however, further enhancement in the scope of internal policies may strengthen the overall control framework. The external control framework is supported by sound disclosure levels. Client relationship and fairplay are considered sound, supported by adequate systems and infrastructure for client servicing and back-office operations. However, the Company may consider expanding its geographical footprint to broaden its market outreach. The Company has contingency measures in place to support business continuity, while its compliance and risk management framework is considered strong.

Assessment of the Company's financial profile reflects growth in operating revenue, primarily driven by higher brokerage income, supported by strong activity in the equity market. Although the cost-to-income ratio improved, it remains on the higher side. The Company's liquidity profile is considered adequate, while exposure to market risk remains minimal given the absence of proprietary investments. The capitalization profile is considered adequate. Going forward, continued growth in earning profile, along with improvement in operational efficiency, liquidity, and leverage indicators, will remain important for the rating.

For further information on this rating announcement, please contact at 021-35311861-64 or email at info@vis.com.pk.

Applicable Rating Criteria: Broker Management Ratings:

<https://docs.vis.com.pk/Methodologies-2025/Broker-Management-2025.pdf>

VIS Rating Scale

<https://docs.vis.com.pk/docs/VISRatingScales.pdf>

BROKER MANAGEMENT RATING REPORT

Taurus Securities Limited

REPORT DATE:

August 11, 2026

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Rating Category	Latest Rating
Broker Management Rating	BMR2+
Rating Rationale	The rating reflects the Company's strong compliance and risk management framework, sound external and internal controls, adequate human resource and technological infrastructure, effective client relationship management, and adequate financial management and regulatory compliance.
Rating Date	August 11, 2026

APPLICABLE METHDOLOGY:**Broker Management Ratings:**<https://docs.vis.com.pk/Methodologies%202024/Broker-Management.pdf>**VIS Rating Scale**<https://docs.vis.com.pk/docs/VISRatingScales.pdf>

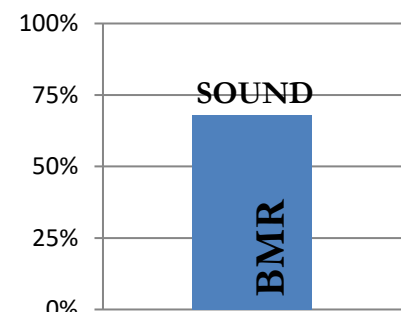
COMPANY INFORMATION

Incorporated in 1993	External auditors: BDO Ebrahim and Co. Chartered Accountants
Public Unlisted Company	Chairman of the Board: Mr. Muhammad Ismail Usuf
Key Shareholders (with stake 5% or more):	Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Syed Zain Hussain
National Bank of Pakistan ~ 58.32%	
The Bank of Khyber ~ 30.0%	
Saudi Pak Industrial & Agricultural Inv. Co. Ltd. ~ 8.33%	

Corporate Profile

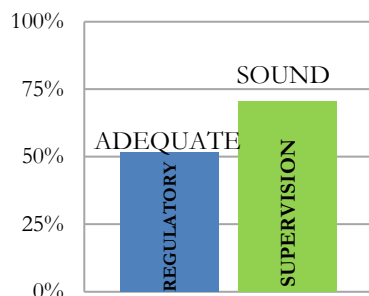
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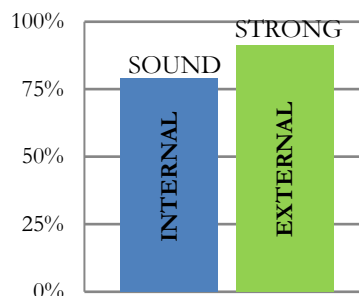
Rating Factors Scores

Regulatory Requirements & Supervision



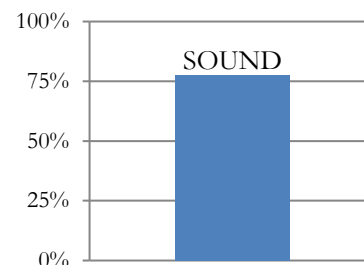
- The Company's ownership structure continues to be supported by a strong sponsor profile. The Company's governance framework is reinforced through a seven-member board of directors, including three independent directors. Additionally, the Company has four board committees in place.

Internal & External Control Framework



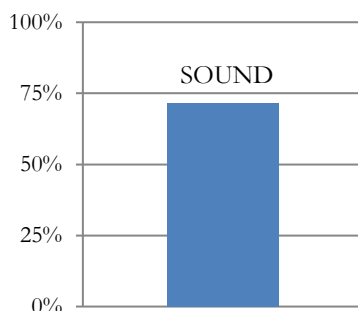
- Overall, the Company's internal control framework is considered sound. However, the Company may consider to further strengthen the scope of its internal policies to further enhance the internal control framework.
- External control framework of the Company is supported by sound disclosure levels.

Client Relationship & Fairplay



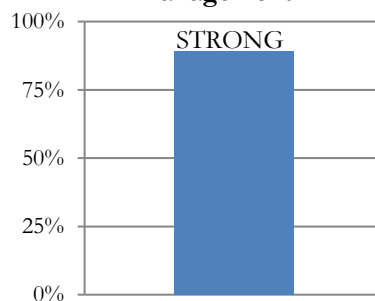
- Management and client servicing functions are considered sound, with adequate infrastructure and systems in place to support efficient client servicing and transaction execution.
- The Company may consider expanding its geographical footprint to further increase its market presence.

HR & Infrastructure



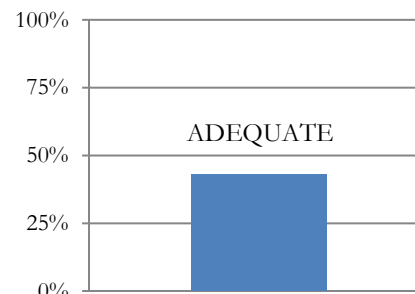
- The Company's HR and IT infrastructure is considered sound, with its organizational structure aligned with the scale and complexity of its operations.
- The Company has established contingency measures to support business continuity.

Compliance & Risk Management



- Overall, the Company's compliance and risk management framework is considered strong, with no regulatory penalty imposed during the review period.

Financial Management



- The Company's operating revenue exhibited healthy growth during CY25, increasing by ~33%, primarily driven by a significant rise in brokerage income, which continued to dominate the Company's revenue base. The momentum persisted in 1QCY26, reflecting continued growth in the brokerage business.
- While the Company's cost-to-income ratio improved to ~70% in 1QCY26 (CY25: ~74%; CY24: ~72%), it continues to remain on the higher side.
- The Company's liquidity profile remains adequate, with liquid assets providing 0.95x coverage of total liabilities as at Mar'25 (Dec'24: 1.09x; Dec'23: 0.97x). While the coverage ratio declined on a sequential basis, it remained broadly in line with historical levels.
- The Company does not undertake proprietary investments, thereby limiting its exposure to market risk. Furthermore, leverage, while remaining elevated, improved to 2.40x as at Mar'26 (Dec'25: 3.07x; Dec'24: 3.16x). Similarly, gearing declined to 0.34x (Dec'25: 0.65x; Dec'24: 0.68x), indicating a manageable debt position. The Company's debt profile comprises entirely short-term running finance facilities extended by the sponsor, with no long-term borrowings.

REGULATORY DISCLOSURES
Appendix I

Name of Rated Entity	Taurus Securities Limited			
Sector	Brokerage			
Type of Relationship	Solicited			
Purpose of Rating	Broker Management Rating (BMR)			
Rating History	Rating Date	Rating	Rating Outlook	Rating Action
	<u>RATING TYPE: BMR</u>			
	11/08/2026	BMR2+	Stable	Reaffirmed
	05/08/2025	BMR2+	Stable	Reaffirmed
	28/06/2024	BMR2+	Stable	Reaffirmed
	30/12/2022	BMR2+	Stable	Reaffirmed
	15/09/2021	BMR2+	Stable	Initial
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.			
Probability of Default	N/A			
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