Etiqa's Media Clippings of May 2020

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30 May 2020, Bernama
Etiqa Takaful Contributes Ambulance for Paka Residents

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IAM, Etiqa Takaful contribute ambulance for Paka residents



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DUNGUN, May 30 -- Islamic Aid Malaysia (IAM) with the cooperation of Etiqa Takaful has handed over an ambulance to Kampung Nyior Mosque in Paka here today.

IAM president Zawahir Abdullah said the gift was made through its Programme for the Community which would benefit about 10,000 residents in Kampung Nyior here as well the nearby villages in the Paka state constituency.

"Under the programme, Etiqa Takaful is the humanitarian partner of IAM in distributing its corporate zakat in the form of an ambulance for the use of the local community to obtain treatment as well as in cases of accident and emergency," he said here today.

Meanwhile, Kampung Nyior Mosque chairman, Jamaludin Jusoh said the ambulance is also to facilitate residents who do not have their own transport to obtain treatment and for appointment at Sultanah Nur Zahirah Hospital in Kuala Terengganu located almost 100 kilometres from Paka.

"The ambulance will also serve as an additional hearse to the present vehicle used in the area," he said.

Also present was Etiqa Takaful Berhad East Coast Region representative, Nasaruddin Othman.

30 May 2020, Bernama
Etiqa Takaful Contributes Ambulance for Paka Residents

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IAM, Etiqa Takaful sumbang ambulans untuk kegunaan 10,000 penduduk di DUN Paka



Sumber: FB - Islamic Aid Malaysia

DUNGUN, 30 Mei -- Prihatin dengan masalah penduduk setempat terutama golongan asnaf mendapatkan perkhidmatan kesihatan, Islamic Aid Malaysia (IAM) dengan kerjasama Etiqa Takaful menyerahkan sebuah ambulans kepada Masjid Kampung Nyior, Paka, di sini, hari ini.

Presiden IAM, Zawahir Abdullah, berkata sumbangan ambulans berkenaan melalui Program Untuk Komuniti itu bakal memanfaatkan 10,000 penduduk dari Kampung Nyior di sini dan kampung yang berdekatan di Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Paka.

"Dalam program ini, pihak Etiqa Takaful sebagai rakan kemanusiaan IAM mengagihkan sumbangan zakat korporat mereka melalui sumbangan berbentuk sebuah ambulans untuk kegunaan komuniti setempat dalam mendapatkan rawatan kesihatan, selain untuk kes kemalangan dan kecemasan," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengerusi Masjid Kampung Nyior, Jamaludin Jusoh, berkata ambulans tersebut juga akan memudahkan penduduk yang tidak mempunyai kenderaan mendapatkan rawatan dan janji temu di Hospital Sultanah Nur Zahirah di Kuala Terengganu yang terletak hampir 100 kilometer dari Paka.

"Ambulans ini akan memberi nilai tambah kepada perkhidmatan van jenazah sedia ada yang telah lama digunakan untuk menghantar jenazah ke tanah perkuburan oleh kariah dari Masjid Kampung Nyior dan masjid-masjid berdekatan," katanya.

Majlis penyerahan tersebut turut dihadiri wakil Etiqa Takaful Berhad Wilayah Pantai Timur, Nasaruddin Othman.

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28 May 2020, Asia Insurance Review
Cambodia: Etiqa Receives Insurance Licences

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Cambodia: Etiqa receives insurance licences

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Etiqa Insurance & Takaful has received licences to operate both general and life insurance business from Cambodia's Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Malaysian leading insurer has announced.

The Cambodian subsidiaries are called Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) and Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia).

Etiqa is an arm of Malayan Banking (Maybank), a leading banking group in Cambodia that has operated in the country for about 25 years.

Etiqa will offer fire insurance, both retail and commercial, and personal accident cover via the 21 Maybank branches across Cambodia.

Looking toward the future, Etiqa is also planning to offer endowment, term, education, investment-linked, medical, motor, travel, marine and engineering insurance.

Cambodia will be the fourth country in ASEAN – after Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines – where Etiqa has its footprint in the region outside its home market of Malaysia.

Etiqa will be the second Malaysian insurer to conduct business in Cambodia, following Campu Lonpac Insurance a joint venture of Cambodian Public Bank, Public Bank and LPI Capital in Malaysia.

28 May 2020, Khmer Times
Etiqa Insurance Get Foothold in Nation

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Etiqa Insurance to get foothold in nation

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Cambodia's Ministry of Economy and Finance has granted a business licence to Etiqa Insurance & Takaful, a leading insurance provider in Malaysia, paving the way for the firm to tap into the Kingdom's nascent insurance market, the company announced.

Etiqa is an arm of Malayan Banking Bhd (Maybank), a leading banking group in Cambodia that has operated here for about 25 years.

Etiqa will offer fire insurance, both retail and commercial, and personal accident cover via the 21 Maybank branches across Cambodia. Looking toward the future, Etiqa is also planning to offer endowment, term, education, investment-linked, medical, motor, travel, marine and engineering insurance.

Etiqa has obtained licences to operate both general and life insurance, These two businesses are managed by Nazri Wong Abdullah and Clarence Lit mandated as chief executive officers, respectively.

Cambodia will be the fourth country in Asean – followed by Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines – where Etiqa has expanded its footprint in the region outside its territory – Malaysia.

Kamaludin Ahmad, Group CEO of Etiqa Insurance & Takaful, was quoted as saying that as a regionally leading Asean insurer, the company has been looking forward to bringing Etiqa's brand promise of "fast & easy" experiences to the Cambodian people.

"Whether it's making a purchase, submitting claims, receiving payouts or getting assistance," local media quoted him.

Also, it will be the second Malaysian insurer to do so after Campu Lonpac Insurance Plc, a joint-venture of Cambodian Public Bank Plc, Public Bank Berhad and LPI Capital Bhd in Malaysia. The Malaysian-based Public Bank Group expanded into general insurance business in Cambodia through Campu Lonpac Insurance since 2007.

26 May 2020, B2B Cambodia
Etiqa Insurance Coming to Cambodia

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Etiqa Insurance coming to Cambodia

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Etiqa Insurance, a Malaysian insurance provider which is apart of Maybank, has received the approval of the Cambodian Ministry of Economy and Finance to operate in the Kingdom after receiving a business licence.

What is Etiqa Insurance?

Etiqa Insurance is part of the Malayan Banking Bhd (**Maybank**), which has already been operating in Cambodia for about 25 years.

The Maybank insurance subsidiaries will operate in Cambodia as Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) Plc and Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia) Plc.

On their Cambodian website, Etiqa says they are "the single master brand for all Insurance & Takaful businesses under Maybank and is the leading General Insurance/Takaful company, the largest Bancassurance provider and the largest Online insurer in Malaysia. It is also a leading Digital Insurer in Singapore and a leading Group Medical Insurer in the Philippines."

The insurance providers will offer the following cover through 21 current Maybank branches when it's operating in Cambodia:

- Fire insurance
- Retail insurance
- Commercial insurance
- Personal accident cover

In addition, Etiqa plans to offer endowment, term, education, investment-linked, medical, motor, travel, marine and engineering insurance reports the **Khmer Times**.

Cambodia is the 5th country in ASEAN Etiqa will be operating in, including its home base of Malaysia. They will have operations in Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines and Cambodia.

Etiqa Insurance & Takaful Group CEO Kamaludin Ahmad told The Star: "Etiqa's aspiration of expanding into Cambodia, which we have nurtured over the past few years, has now been realised.

The company says it has secured licences from the Cambodian government to operate life and general businesses.

"Etiqa's aspiration of expanding into Cambodia, which we have nurtured over the past few years, has now been realised," Chief Executive Officer Kamaludin Ahmad says in a statement on May 24.

According to Mr. Kamaludin, an estimated 97% of the country's 16.25 million people are not insured, and his company is "looking forward to bringing Etiqa's brand promise of 'fast and easy' experiences to the people of Cambodia".

The general insurance business will be headed by Nazri Wong Abdullah, and the life insurance business will be led by Clarence Lit.

Etiqa currently offers fire insurance and personal accident products in Cambodia via Maybank's 21 branches in the country.

Now that Etiqa has its own licence, it can sell more products, including endowment, term, education, investment-linked and marine and engineering insurance.

"These will be made available in the very near future," Mr. Kamaludin says.

Etiqa, which already operates in Indonesia, Philippines and Singapore, had 34.1 billion ringgit (US$7.81 billion) of assets as of end-June 2019.

While insurance penetration in Cambodia is still low, with most of the population without any form of insurance, we target to bring additional accessibility by being among the first to provide online insurance products there."

Maybank Cambodia

Maybank has been adding Premier Wealth lounges to some of its branches to expand on its Premier Banking services.

During COVID-19, the bank has also partnered with the new **Cambodia SME Bank** "to facilitate the provision of financing to SMEs in an effective and sustainable manner to support local small and medium enterprises."

In March 2020, Huy Vatharo, chairman of the Insurance Association of Cambodia, said: "the insurance market in Cambodia is growing rapidly and playing a bigger role every year in the country's economic development."

21 May 2020, The Star
Etiqa Gets Go-Ahead to Expand into Cambodia



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Etiqa gets go-ahead to expand into Cambodia

21 May 2020 04:46 PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Etiqa Insurance & Takaful has been given the go-ahead by Cambodia's Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) to expand its footprint and tap into a very unserved market.

The insurer said on Thursday the MEF granted Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) Plc. and Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia) Plc. licences to operate their respective insurance businesses.

The businesses are led by Nazri Wong Abdullah and Clarence Lit as the respective chief executive officers.

Etiqa's move into Cambodia was spurred on by the vast potential that the Cambodian market has to offer, where an estimated 97% of the population do not own insurance policies.

Currently, Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) Plc. and Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia) Plc. offer fire insurance (retail & commercial) and personal accident products which are available via the 21 Maybank branches located across Cambodia.

Etiqa said additional products such as endowment, term, education, and investment-linked, medical, motor, travel, marine and engineering insurance will also be made available in the very near future.

Group CEO of Etiqa Insurance & Takaful, Kamaludin Ahmad said "Etiqa's aspiration of expanding into Cambodia, which we have nurtured over the past few years, has now been realised.

"As a leading Asean insurer across countries such as Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines, we have been looking forward to bringing Etiqa's brand promise of 'fast & easy' experiences to the people of Cambodia.

"Whether it's making a purchase, submitting claims, receiving payouts or getting assistance, it will be fast & easy, while providing customers only the best advice."

"While insurance penetration in Cambodia is still low, with most of the population without any form of insurance, we target to bring additional accessibility by being among the first to provide online insurance products there."

21 May 2020, Bernama
Keuntungan Bersih Suku Pertama Maybank Meningkat 13.3% Kepada RM2.05billion

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Keuntungan bersih suku pertama Maybank meningkat 13.3 peratus kepada RM2.05 bilion



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KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Mei -- Malayan Banking Bhd (Maybank) mencatatkan keuntungan bersih tinggi sebanyak RM2.05 bilion dalam suku pertama yang berakhir 31 Mac, 2020, meningkat 13.3 peratus daripada RM1.81 bilion dalam tempoh yang sama tahun lepas.

Hasil melonjak kepada RM13.22 billon daripada RM12.98 bilion sebelumnya, kata bank itu dalam makluman kepada Bursa Malaysia hari ini.

Bank terbesar negara dari segi aset itu berkata pendapatan berasaskan dana bersihnya meningkat sedikit sebanyak 0.9 peratus, pendapatan berasaskan fi bersih naik 53.2 peratus, manakala pendapatan operasi bersih melonjak kepada RM6.72 bilion.

Keputusan itu diterjemahkan kepada pulangan ekuiti 10.6 peratus dan pendapatan sesaham 18.2 sen, naik 11.4 peratus daripada 16.4 sen sesaham dalam tempoh yang sama tahun lepas.

Pengerusi Maybank Datuk Mohaiyani Shamsudin berkata keputusan memberangsangkan pada Suku Pertama itu dicapai meskipun gangguan serta keadaan pasaran yang sangat tidak menentu akibat penularan pandemik COVID-19.

"Ini mencerminkan daya tahan Maybank hasil daripada pendekatan berhemah yang kami laksanakan bertahun-tahun ini bagi membina asas teguh terutamanya dari segi modal dan mudah tunai.

"Pada masa yang sama, kami gembira tindakan pantas kami mengaktifkan Pelan Kesinambungan Perniagaan kami bermula Januari telah membolehkan kami terus menyediakan khidmat kepada pelanggan kami dan mewujudkan nilai bagi semua pemegang kepentingan kami. Kumpulan akan terus kekal proaktif dalam mendepani impak daripada pandemik ini," kata Mohaiyani.

Sementara itu, Presiden dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulan Datuk Abdul Farid Alias berkata keputusan Suku Pertama itu tidak mencerminkan prestasi bank tersebut bagi tempoh berbaki tahun ini.

"Penyumbang terbesar adalah daripada penjualan beberapa aset cair kami dan instrumen pendapatan tetap yang berada di atas paras optimum. Ini membawa kepada peningkatan 53.2 peratus dalam pendapatan berasaskan fi bersih kami, yang seterusnya meningkatkan pendapatan operasi bersih kami sebanyak 14.7 peratus.

"Meskipun kami masih memiliki tahap aset cair yang besar, kami perlu mengimbangkannya apabila kami menjualnya bagi memastikan ia tidak akan mengurangkan pendapatan faedah bersih kami, terutamanya dalam situasi penurunan kadar faedah di seluruh dunia sekarang," katanya.

Abdul Farid berkata bank itu menjangka persekitaran operasi bagi tempoh sepanjang tahun ini masih tidak menentu dan sensitif kepada penularan pandemik itu serta prospek bagi rawatan dan vaksin yang akan memberi implikasi kepada kesihatan awam dan dasar-dasar ekonomi.

"Kami akan terus membantu pelanggan kami mengharungi kesukaran kesan daripada gangguan penawaran dan permintaan akibat daripada persekitaran pasaran sub-optimum yang disebabkan oleh sekatan pergerakan di seluruh dunia. Ini akan menjadi sangat mencabar," katanya.

Mengenai pinjaman dan deposit, kumpulan itu menyaksikan pinjamannya dalam operasi Malaysia berkembang 5.0 peratus tahun ke tahun dalam suku pertama mendapat rangsangan daripada peningkatan dalam kedua-dua segmen Perkhidmatan Kewangan Komuniti dan Perbankan Global.

Sementara itu, nisbah liputan mudah tunai Maybank kukuh pada 138.2 peratus, berada di atas daripada keperluan kawal selia 100 peratus manakala nisbah pinjaman rosot nilai kasarnya meningkat kepada 2.71 peratus pada Mac 2020 daripada 2.48 peratus tahun lepas.

Perniagaan Perbankan Islam kumpulan itu terus mencatatkan prestasi kukuh dengan keuntungan sebelum cukai bagi suku pertama 2020 meningkat 10.4 peratus tahun ke tahun kepada RM990.1 juta.

Perniagaan insurans Etiqa dan Takaful mencatatkan peningkatan 8.5 peratus dalam Jumlah Premium Diselaras Bersih atas sokongan 13.3 peratus kenaikan premium hayat dan keluarga serta peningkatan 3 peratus premum am.

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21 May 2020, The Sun Daily
Etiqa Expands to Cambodia

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Etiqa expands to Cambodia

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malayan Banking Bhd's (Maybank) insurance and takaful arm, Etiqa has expanded its global footprint to Cambodia after obtaining the necessary approval to operate in the country.

In a statement today, Etiqa said Cambodia's Ministry of Economy and Finance has granted operating licences to Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) Plc and Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia) Plc, and the two companies are currently offering fire insurance (retail and commercial) and personal accident insurance.

It said the offerings would be expanded to include products such as endowments, education, medical as well as travel and motor insurance soon, via 21 Maybank branches across Cambodia.

"Etiqa's move to penetrate the country's market is driven by its huge potential for the insurance business, as close to 97 per cent of Cambodians are uninsured," said Etiqa Insurance and Takaful group chief executive officer Kamaludin Ahmad.

As Asean's leading insurance provider in Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines, Etiqa aims to bring its 'Fast & Easy' insurance solution to Cambodians, making it easier for customers to purchase products, submit and receive their claims as well as to obtain assistance, he said.

"We also aim to become the first in the country to offer insurance products online," added Kamaludin. - Bernama

21 May 2020, Berita Harian
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Syarikat insurans dan takaful Maybank, Etiqa

KUALA LUMPUR: Syarikat insurans dan takaful milik Maybank, Etiqa melebarkan sayap ke Kemboja selepas memperoleh kelulusan untuk beroperasi di negara itu.

Kementerian Ekonomi dan Kewangan Kemboja (MEF) memberikan kelulusan lesen kepada Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) Plc dan Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia) Plc untuk menjalankan perniagaan insurans masing-masing.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif (CEO) Etiqa Insurans & Takaful, Kamaludin Ahmad, berkata sebagai peneraju insurans ASEAN yang beroperasi di Singapura, Indonesia dan Filipina, Etiqa membawa janji jenama

"Sama ada untuk membuat pembelian, mengemukakan tuntutan, menerima pembayaran atau mendapatkan bantuan, ia 'Fast & Easy' dan pada masa yang sama memberikan hanya nasihat terbaik kepada pelanggan.

"Usaha Etiqa untuk menembusi pasaran negara itu didorong oleh potensi besar yang dilihat dalam pasaran Kemboja dengan hampir 97 peratus rakyatnya belum memiliki polisi insurans," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Beliau berkata, Etiqa juga menyasarkan untuk membawa akses tambahan, dengan menjadi yang pertama menyediakan produk insurans dalam talian di sana.

Pada masa ini, Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) Plc dan Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia) Plc, yang masing-masing diterajui oleh Nazri Wong Abdullah dan Clarence Lit, sebagai CEO, menawarkan insurans kebakaran (runcit dan komersial) serta insurans kemalangan diri.

Pada masa ini, Etiqa General Insurance (Cambodia) Plc dan Etiqa Life Insurance (Cambodia) Plc, yang masing-masing diterajui oleh Nazri Wong Abdullah dan Clarence Lit, sebagai CEO, menawarkan insurans kebakaran (runcit dan komersial) serta insurans kemalangan diri.

Produk berkenaan ditawarkan melalui 21 cawangan Maybank yang berada di seluruh Kemboja.

Beberapa produk tambahan seperti endowmen, insurans bertempoh, pendidikan, pelaburan berkaitan, perubatan, motor, perjalanan, marin dan kejuruteraan juga akan ditawarkan dalam waktu terdekat, demikian menurut Etiqa.

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17 May 2020, Utusan Borneo Online
Bantuan Ramadhan Covid-19 Bersama Etiqa untuk Kiulu dan Tamparuli

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Bantuan Ramadan COVID-19 bersama Etiqa untuk Kiulu dan Tamparuli



SIMBOLIK: Dr Sarip (kiri) menyampaikan sumbangan kepada salah seorang penerima wakil bagi setiap kampung.

KIULU: Kiulu dan Tamparuli menerima manfaat bantuan Ramadan COVID-19 bersama Etiqa Takaful serta Islamic Aids Malaysia.

Uniknya pada kali ini, program penyerahan telah diadakan secara serentak di seluruh negara.

Dalam pada itu, Ahli Jawatankuasa Syariah Etiqa Family Takaful Berhad (EFTB) dan Etiqa General Takaful Berhad (EGTB) Dr Sarip Adul telah hadir untuk merasmikan program ini serta menyampaikan secara simbolik kepada wakil-wakil penerima di perkarangan rumah Ustaz Roslan Awang di Kg.Rangalau Baru, Kiulu.



CENDERA HATI: Janih (kiri) menyampaikan cenderahati kepada Dr. Sarip.

Agihan ini diberikan khusus kepada 250 keluarga dari 16 buah kampung di sekitar Kiulu dan Tamparuli.

Dr Sarip dalam ucapannya berkata, Sabah di antara negeri yang menerima zakat terbesar dari pihak syarikat berkenaan.

Dalam program bantuan Ramadan COVID-19 kali ini diharap mampu membantu meringankan kesusahan dihadapi masyarakat kampung yang memerlukan.

Turut bersama dalam program ini, adalah Janih Bangud pengerusi penganjur bersama dengan Roslan Awang mewakili NGO Islamic Aids Malaysia.

7 May 2020, Utusan Borneo Online

Etiqa Tawar Penangguhan Bayaran Premium

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Etiqa tawar penangguhan bayaran premium

By **Wartawan MalaysiaGazette** - 7 May 2020



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KUALA LUMPUR – Etiqa Insurace dan Takaful menawarkan penangguhan bayaran premium dan sumbangan selama tempoh tiga bulan bagi meringankan beban para pelanggan dalam menangani wabak Covid-19.

Tawaran itu untuk pelanggan yang mempunyai pelan melebihi 12 bulan dan bayaran distruktur sebagai bayaran tetap.

Etiqa juga menawarkan subsidi RM300 untuk ujian saringan Covid-19 untuk pelanggan yang mengambil pelan Perubatan Manfaat Pendapatan Kemasukan Hospital/Tunai Hospital dan Penyakit Kritikal.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya, Kamaludin Ahmad berkata, bantuan tunai sebanyak RM5,000 sekiranya pelanggan didiagnosis Covid-19 (bagi mereka yang mengambil pelan Perubatan Manfaat Pendapatan Kemasukan Hospital/Tunai Hospital dan Pelan Perjalanan).

"Kami memahami cabaran yang dihadapi oleh rakyat Malaysia dalam tempoh ini dan kita perlu bekerjasama untuk memutuskan rangkaian penularan wabak pandemik ini," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini. – MalaysiaGazette

6 May 2020, Fitch Ratings (1)
Fitch Affirms Etiqa Entities' IFS at 'A': Outlook Stable

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Fitch Affirms Etiqa Entities' IFS at 'A'; Outlook Stable

Wed 06 May, 2020 - 05:30 ET

Fitch Ratings - Hong Kong - 06 May 2020: Fitch Ratings has affirmed the Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) Ratings of Malaysia-based Etiqa group's core operating entities - Etiqa General Insurance Berhad (EGIB), Etiqa Life Insurance Berhad (ELIB), Etiqa General Takaful Berhad (EGTB), Etiqa Family Takaful Berhad (EFTB) and Etiqa Insurance Pte. Ltd. (EIPL) - at 'A' (Strong). The Outlook is Stable.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

The rating actions are based on Fitch's current assessment of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, including its economic impact, under a set of ratings assumptions described below. These assumptions were used by Fitch to develop pro forma financial metrics for Etiqa group's core operating entities that Fitch compared with both rating guidelines defined in our criteria and previously established rating sensitivities for the Etiqa group's core operating entities.

The affirmation reflects the group's 'Favourable' business profile and 'Very Strong' capitalisation. It also takes into account its 'Very Strong' financial performance and earnings, based on the group's consistent profitability and stable underwriting results.

Fitch regards group capitalisation as 'Very Strong'. The score on Fitch's Prism Factor-Based Model (FBM) is within median guidelines for the entities' rating category. Consolidated financial leverage fell to 0% by end-2019 from 5% in 2018, as EFTB redeemed a MYR300 million callable Tier 2 subordinated sukuk in May 2019. Fitch expects the entities' operations to continue to be managed at the group level, underpinned by surplus growth and sound capital and risk management. Fitch estimates that the pro forma consolidated capital score would remain well into 'Very Strong' by end-2019 under the rating-case scenario.

MAHB delivered return on equity and pretax return on assets of 10.9% and 2.7%, respectively, for 2019, which compare well with the median guidelines for its rating category. This is underpinned by consistent underwriting performance in the non-life and general takaful businesses, as well as sustained mortality profits from the life and family takaful segments. Fitch estimates EGIB's and EGTB's pro forma combined ratios would remain within the ratio guidelines for IFS 'A' rated non-life insurers under the rating-case scenario.

Fitch regards the group's business profile as 'Favourable' compared with that of all other Malaysian insurance companies due to its 'Favourable' competitive positioning, 'Moderate' business-risk profile and 'Most Favourable' diversification. As such, Fitch scores Etiqa's business profile at 'a' under its credit-factor scoring guidelines.

Fitch regards the five group entities as core subsidiaries of Maybank Ageas Holdings Berhad (MAHB), and hence assigns a group rating. The entities are wholly owned by MAHB, and operate in Etiqa's key market segments of Malaysia and Singapore. They share the Etiqa brand and show significant synergies and cross-reporting in their processes, management and resources. Fitch expects MAHB to have adequate financial and capital strength to support its core operating entities if needed.

change in Fitch's rating-case assumptions with respect to the coronavirus pandemic. Periodic updates to our assumptions are possible given the rapid changes in government action in response to the pandemic, and the pace with which new information is available on the medical aspects of the outbreak. A discussion of our expectations of the impact on ratings under a set of stress-case assumptions is included at the end of this section to help frame sensitivities to a severe downside scenario.

Factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to negative rating action/downgrade:

- A material adverse change in Fitch's ratings assumptions with respect to the impact of the coronavirus;

- deterioration in the entities' capitalisation, with MAHB's Prism FBM score to below 'Very Strong', and EGIB's, ELIB's or EIPL's statutory risk-based capital (RBC) ratios falling below 200% persistently, and EGTB's or EFTB's statutory RBC ratio falling below 180% for a sustained period;

- significant decline in the entities' financial performance, with EGIB's or EGTB's 'combined ratio' consistently above 100%, or a sharp decline in ELIB's and EFTB's lapse rates or mortality profit

Factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to positive rating action/upgrade:

- A material positive change in Fitch's rating assumptions with respect to the impact of the coronavirus;

- A positive rating action is prefaced by Fitch's ability to reliably forecast the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the financial profiles of Malaysia's and Singapore's insurance industries and Etiqa's operating entities;

- maintaining sound profitability;

- Prism FBM score maintained at well into 'Very Strong' at the consolidated level.

Stress Case Sensitivity Analysis

- Fitch's stress case assumes a 60% stock-market decline, two-year cumulative default rate of 22% for securitised products, including ABS and high-yield bonds, high-yield bond spreads widening by 600bp and more prolonged declines in government rates, impairment of alternative investments and loans by 16.5%, heightened pressure on capital-market access, a COVID-19 infection rate of 15% and mortality rate of 0.75%, a decline in the value of investment property by 16.5%, and an adverse non-life industry-level loss ratio impact of 7 percentage points (pp) for

- The implied rating impact under the stress case would be a downgrade of no more than one notch.

6 May 2020, Fitch Ratings (3)
Fitch Affirms Etiqa Entities' IFS at 'A': Outlook Stable

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

Assumptions for Coronavirus Impact (Rating Case):

Fitch used the following key assumptions, which are designed to identify areas of vulnerability, in support of the pro forma rating analysis discussed above:

- Decline in key stock market indices by 35% relative to 1 January 2020;

- Decline in value of investment property by 10%;

- A COVID-19 infection rate of 5% and a mortality rate as a percentage of the infected of 1%; and

- For the non-life and reinsurance sectors, a negative impact on the industry-level accident-year loss ratio from COVID-19-related claims of 3.5 percentage points, partially offset by a favourable impact from the auto line averaging 1.5 percentage points.

positive direction) of three notches over a three-year rating horizon; and a worst-case rating downgrade scenario (defined as the 99th percentile of rating transitions, measured in a negative direction) of four notches over three years. The complete span of best- and worst-case scenario credit ratings for all rating categories ranges from 'AAA' to 'D'. Best- and worst-case scenario credit ratings are based on historical performance. For more information about the methodology used to determine sector-specific best- and worst-case scenario credit ratings, visit https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re/10111579.

REFERENCES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MATERIAL SOURCE CITED AS KEY DRIVER OF RATING

The principal sources of information used in the analysis are described in the Applicable Criteria.

ESG CONSIDERATIONS

The highest level of ESG credit relevance, if present, is a score of 3. This means ESG issues are credit-neutral or have only a minimal credit impact on the entity(ies), either due to their nature or to the way in which they are being managed by the entity(ies). For more information on Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores, visit www.fitchratings.com/esg.