

## **Amana Takaful Group sustains growth & profit momentum into the second quarter.**

Amana Takaful Groups' growth and profit momentum continued into the 2nd Quarter as well netting in a pre-tax result of Rs. 170.8 Million at the half year ending June 2018. This result, in comparison to the corresponding period last year, is an 82% increase in profit. The Group's Gross Written Premium (GWP) of Rs. 2.27 billion for the 6 months is ahead by 17% compared to 2017. Amana Takaful PLC, Amana Takaful Life PLC and Amana Takaful Maldives have all positively contributed to this performance.

"With the turn-around in 2017, stakeholders would be pleased to note that the growth momentum was not only sustained but accelerated significantly through 2018. The Group continued to diligently navigate a delicate balance of Portfolio restructure, discerning Under-writing with a judicious risk appetite, solid efficiency measures, together with a robust claims management ethos, culminating in the business being better placed to meet and exceed expectations" says Group Chairman Tyeab Akbarally.

In the six months to June 2018, Amana Takaful PLC generated a GWP of 1.02 Billion, 19% ahead over the corresponding period in 2017, over-performing the Industry's 13%. Profit before tax doubled to Rs. 60 Million in the same comparison. All classes performed positively compared to 2017, notably Motor & Medical which are ahead by 20% & 38% respectively. The innovative new product lines contributed significantly to the overall performance.

The Company also fulfilled the important tenet of SURPLUS refund under the Takaful system. Non-claimants receive a proportionate share of the Surplus from the risk fund at the end of a defined period. By virtue of being a Takaful policyholder one becomes a participant of the Risk Pool. A total of 8399 General Takaful policy Holders received their Surplus premium cheques.

Chief Executive Officer Fazal Ghaffoor expressed satisfaction "that in fulfilling this obligation under the Takaful system, we remain confident that the Company will achieve sustainable growth and profits in the period ahead".

Following a conscious decision to re-align its portfolio strategy and phase out a product line, Amana Takaful Life PLC's, profit slowed to Rs. 4.2 Million at the half year. GWP of Rs 405 Million is ahead by 5% over the corresponding period in 2017.

The off-shore operation Amana Takaful Maldives PLC, the only listed entity among industry players in the Archipelago demonstrated a 22% growth in GWP, with a 165% upside in profit before tax compared to the previous year. Here too, new product lines have delivered steady performance. Productivity measures have mitigated the rise in re-takaful expenditure and an upsurge in claims cost.

A consistent performer at industry awards; Amãna Takaful PLC (ATL) was awarded the prestigious Gold Award in the 'Takaful Entity of the Year' category, together with its novel insurance scheme 'Kiri Govi Sathakara' (a scheme especially for the dairy farmers), which was also awarded Gold in the 'Product of the Year' category at the Sri Lanka Islamic Banking and Finance Industry (SLIBFI) Awards held recently.



**Tyeab Akbarally – Chairman**