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Headline	Syarikat Takaful 4Q Net Profit Grows 51% Amid Higher Net Wakalah Fee Income				

KUALA LUMPUR (Feb 24): Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Keluarga Bhd posted a 51.4% surge in net profit for the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 2021 (4QFY21) to RM156.14 million from RM103.15 million a year ago, mainly fuelled by higher net wakalah fee income.

Earnings per share expanded to 18.74 sen from 12.42 sen, according to the group's filing.

Quarterly revenue increased 13.3% to RM877.99 million versus RM774.94 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The group attributed the increase in revenue to higher sales generated by its family takaful and general takaful businesses.

"For the quarter under review, family takaful business recorded gross earned contributions of RM547.8 million, higher by 9% compared with RM501 million in the same period [of the previous] year. The increase was mainly attributable to higher sales from credit-related products.

"For the quarter under review, general takaful business generated gross earned contributions of RM245.1 million, increased by 22% compared with RM200.2 million in the corresponding quarter of the preceding year. The growth was mainly attributable to fire and motor class," it added.

For the full FY21, Syarikat Takaful's net profit expanded 13.52% to RM411.42 million from RM362.42 million in FY20, which the group also attributed to higher net wakalah fee income.

Meanwhile, annual revenue increased by 7.5% to RM3.18 billion compared with RM2.96 billion in the preceding year, carried by higher sales from both its family takaful and general takaful businesses.

Commenting on its prospects for FY22, Syarikat Takaful said the group is set to continue its strategic initiatives to support business expansion and growth towards economic recovery while strengthening its business resilience to dynamic developments of the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

"Economic activities [in Malaysia] are expected to still take time to recover as concerns over job security continue to rise and consumers will be more cautious with their spending," it noted.

The group added that amid the uncertainties in the current economic environment, it will remain vigilant and prudent in managing operating costs, business growth, and risk profile of its business portfolio.

Syarikat Takaful's share price dropped four sen to RM3.57 on Thursday, giving the group a market capitalisation of RM2.98 billion.