

 Early Warning System

EBRD-53189

Synthetic balance sheet securitisation Greece



Quick Facts

Countries	Greece
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-12-08
Borrower	Aurora SME I Designated Activity Company
Sectors	Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 11.16 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 169.67 million



Project Description

According to the bank website, the project consists in an investment of EUR 10 million in credit linked notes, issued by Aurora SME I Designated Activity Company, covering the credit risk of the mezzanine tranche in a synthetic balance sheet securitisation of a performing SME and corporate loans portfolio, originated by Alpha Bank S.A., a commercial bank incorporated in Greece. The project boosts the resilience of a systemic bank in Greece, by allowing Alpha Bank to achieve a risk-weighted assets' relief and optimise its regulatory capital requirements. Furthermore, the EBRD promotes resource efficiency in the country by requiring Alpha Bank to allocate funds in the amount of 1.5 times of EBRD's subscription to finance green investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency.



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Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [ALPHA BANK SA](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, Aurora SME I Designated Activity Company is a securitisation special purpose entity established in Ireland for the purposes of the synthetic balance sheet securitisation originated by Alpha.

The Originator: Alpha Bank is one of four systemic banks in Greece with a market share by assets of c. 24% as of end-June 2021. Since April 2021, it is fully owned by Alpha Services and Holdings ("ASH"), which is listed on the Athens Stock Exchange.



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Bank Documents

- [Translation: Synthetic balance sheet securitisation Greece \(Greek\)](#)