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### Quick Facts

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| **Countries** | Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania |
| **Specific Location** | Western Balkans |
| **Financial Institutions** | European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) |
| **Status** | Approved |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | B |
| **Voting Date** | 2022-07-20 |
| **Borrower** | LIDL STIFTUNG AND CO. KG and KAUFLAND ROMANIA S.C.S |
| **Sectors** | Industry and Trade |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 174.03 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 845.30 million |

## Project Description

According to the bank website, the project consists of a loan to German retail chain Schwarz Group. The proceeds of the loan will be used to support the expansion of Lidl format stores in the Western Balkans, including Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Montenegro (EUR 75 million) and the expansion of Kaufland operations in Romania and Moldova (EUR 100 million).

## Investment Description

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
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| - | - | - | - | KAUFLAND ROMANIA S.C.S | Client | - |
| - | - | - | - | LIDL STIFTUNG AND CO. KG | Client | - |
| - | - | - | - | Schwarz Group | Parent Company | - |

## Contact Information

COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Bank Documents**

- Translation: Schwarz Sustainable Regional Retail Expansion (Albanian)
- Translation: Schwarz Sustainable Regional Retail Expansion (Bosnian)
- Translation: Schwarz Sustainable Regional Retail Expansion (Macedonian)
- Translation: Schwarz Sustainable Regional Retail Expansion (Montenegrin)
- Translation: Schwarz Sustainable Regional Retail Expansion (Romanian)