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## **Quick Facts**

**Countries** Armenia

Financial Institutions European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

**Status** Approved

Bank Risk Rating U

Voting Date 2023-08-08
Borrower ACBA Bank OJSC

Sectors Finance, Industry and Trade

#### **Project Description**

As stated by the EBRD, the project consists in the provision of a senior unsecured loan to ACBA Bank of up to USD 15 million under the Financial Intermediaries Framework for on-lending to private micro-, small and medium enterprises in Armenia.

The project will improve access to finance for SMEs, which are the main source of employment in the private sector and a major contributor to the economy in Armenia. The loan will enable ACBA to increase outreach and meet unsatisfied demand for longer term LCY funding from SMEs. The focus will also be on lending in the regions outside the capital and attracting new SME clients.

## **Investment Description**

• European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

## **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.

• ACBA BANK OJSC (Financial Intermediary)

# **Private Actors Description**

As stated by the EBRD, ACBA bank is a long-standing partner bank of EBRD. It is the 4th largest bank in Armenia in terms of total assets and gross loan portfolio, with 8% and 11% respective shares in the system as of 1Q 2023.



#### **Contact Information**

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