

 Early Warning System

EBRD-55086

DFF - Star Group



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Uzbekistan
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Voting Date</b>	2024-05-07
<b>Borrower</b>	Support Samarqand LLC (Star Group)
<b>Sectors</b>	Construction, Energy, Industry and Trade, Transport
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 14.00 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 14.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 17.00 million



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## Project Description

According to the EBRD, the project consists of the provision of a senior secured loan of up to US\$ 14 million to Star Group, a fast-growing distributor of fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) based in Uzbekistan. The loan will support Star Group's growing working capital needs (including for the construction of a new warehouse for inventory storage) associated with its growth and the expansion to the regions of Uzbekistan.

The project aims to (i) strengthen Star Group's competitive position by adopting international standards such as ISO and IFRS, (ii) promote inclusive employment opportunities and support gender equality, and (iii) contribute to the reduction of the client's carbon footprint and thus promoting green economy through its usage of alternative energy sources.

Specifically, the loan will finance (i) the working capital needs for the procurement of FMCG for the Group's distribution and beauty chain businesses and capital expenditure (CapEx) needs for the purchase of photo voltaic panels and electric vehicles; and (ii) the construction of a Class A warehouse, including the procurement of additional photo voltaic panels.



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## Investment Description

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)



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### Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, Star Group, founded in 2008, is a fast-growing local distributor of FMCG in Uzbekistan. The Group also operates a chain of beauty and personal care shops under its own brand "Bloom" in Tashkent.



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Star Group (Uzbekistan)	Client	Industry and Trade

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