Early Warning System

EBRD-55335 FIF - PRS - ACBA Bank (EFSD+2)



# **Quick Facts**

Countries	Armenia
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-05-01
Borrower	ACBA BANK OJSC
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 26.82 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 53.63 million



# **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of a Portfolio Risk Sharing ("PRS") in the form of an unfunded guarantee of up to EUR 25m provided by the Bank in favour of ACBA Bank. The guarantee will cover up to 50% of the credit risk on a pro rata basis on the newly-generated MSME loan portfolio originated by ACBA Bank.

This project is the first pilot implementation of the Portfolio Risk Sharing product by the EBRD in Armenia. The product aims to release a bank's risk-taking capacity to boost on-lending to SMEs, addressing an SME financing gap in the market.

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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.

• ACBA BANK OJSC (Financial Intermediary)



### **Private Actors Description**

ACBA BANK OJSC 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 8.5% and 10.8% respective market shares as of YE 2023.



# **Contact Information**

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## **Bank Documents**

• Translation: FIF - PRS - ACBA Bank (EFSD+2) (Armenian)