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Quick Facts

Countries	Greece
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2015-12-25
Borrower	ALPHA BANK A.E.
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 65.80 million

Project Description

This project finances an equity investment in Alpha Bank A.E. to support its recapitalization by participating in a private placement in the form of an Accelerated Bookbuilding, which is the systematic process of generating, capturing, and recording investor demand for shares during an initial public offering.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The project consists of a straight equity investment by IFC of EUR60 million in Alpha Bank A.E. Founded in 1879 by the Costopoulos family, Alpha Bank is the oldest banking group in Greece and the second largest with a market share of 23% by customer loans. It offers a complete range of banking services, including retail, SME and corporate banking, as well as wealth management. The Bank's international footprint includes five SEE markets (Romania, Cyprus, Serbia, Albania and FYROM) with approximately 85% of the business concentrated in Romania and Cyprus where Alpha Bank enjoys a strong position. As of September 30, 2015, Alpha Bank had total assets of €69.8 billion, total customer deposits of €30.5 billion and total net loans of €47.0 billion. The Bank's Common Equity Tier I ratio as of the same date was 12.5% (fully-loaded 11.8%). Alpha Bank is listed on the Athens Stock Exchange and prior to the ABB was owned 66% by the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund ("HFSF"), 25% by institutional investors, 8% by private investors, and 1% by the founding family. Following the offering, HFSF's stake is expected to decrease to below 15%.

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 A.E. (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

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Contact Information

No contacts available

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