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Quick Facts

Countries	Greece
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2015-12-25
Borrower	PIRAEUS BANK S.A.
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 21.93 million

Project Description

This project finances an equity investment in Piraeus Bank S.A. to support its recapitalization by participating in a private placement in the form of an Accelerated Bookbuilding, 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 EUR20 million in Piraeus Bank S.A. Founded in 1916, Piraeus Bank is the largest bank in Greece with loan and deposit market shares of approximately 30% and 27%, respectively. With about 20,000 employees operating in 9 countries, with focus on Greece as well as Southern Europe, it provides the full range of financial services to approximately 6 million customers. Greece is the most important market for Piraeus Bank and accounts for close to 92% of the group's total assets, with the other countries of operations being Romania, Albania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Ukraine and Cyprus. It also has branch presence in London and Frankfurt. As of September 30, 2015, Piraeus Bank had total assets of EUR85.9 billion, total customer deposits of EUR38.1 billion and total net loans of EUR51.9 billion. Its Common Equity Tier I ratio as of the same date was 11.2% (fully loaded 10.2%). Piraeus Bank is listed on the Athens Stock Exchange and prior to the ABB was owned 67% by the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund, 25% by institutional investors and 8% by individuals.

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.

- Piraeus Bank S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

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Contact Information

No contacts available

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Campaign Documents

- Business and Human Rights Resource Center: Notable Communications on Progress