

 Early Warning System

IFC-47834

SIMA COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SOLAR GREEN BOND B.V.



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2023-12-20
Borrower	SOCIAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS AND ADVISORS LLC (SIMA)
Sectors	Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Fund
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 48.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 150.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, SIMA Commercial & Industrial Solar Green Bond B.V (SIMA Solar Bond or the Fund) is a structured bond fund that will finance small-scale productive-use solar projects within the commercial and small industrial (C&I) sectors throughout Africa. The Fund will have a target size of US\$150 million, a maturity of 10 years, and will provide both shorter-term corporate loans as well as longer-term project finance. The SIMA Solar Bond structure contains multiple tranches, including a catalytic tranche, followed by junior, senior, and super senior tranches. IFC will act as an anchor investor by investing in up to 35% of the Bond (the Project). The Project is expected to be supported by IDA20 Private Sector Window (PSW) Blended Finance Facility (BFF) and IFC-Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) as described in the Blended Finance Section.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The IFC categorized the project risk as FI-2.



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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.

- [Social Investment Managers and Advisors LLC](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, the Fund will be wholly owned by Stichting Impact Investment Foundation (SIIF) and managed by Social Investment Managers and Advisors LLC (SIMA or Fund Manager), which was founded in 2015 by Asad Mahmood and Michael Rauenhorst (together, the Sponsors). As a foundation, SIIF does not have shareholders, rather it is represented by board members, including two executive directors (Mr. Mahmood and Mr. Rauenhorst) and independent directors. The Sponsors have a history of investing over US\$2 billion through 18 funds in more than 50 countries before founding SIMA.

SIMA has four lines of business, including (i) asset management; (ii) advisory; (iii) social businesses; and (iv) philanthropic services. The Fund Manager has grown to 45 employees across 7 countries and currently manages three impact funds focused on the renewable energy sector in emerging markets, having invested US\$185+ million. SIMA is registered with the SEC and has been recognized by Impact Assets as a top 50 fund manager for two consecutive years (2021 and 2022).



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Other Related Projects

- FMO-62657 SIMA Commercial & Industrial Solar Green Bond B.V
- DFC-2024-SIMACOMMERCIAL SIMA Commercial & Industrial Solar Green Bond B.V. (Super Senior Tranche)