

 Early Warning System

IFC-50060

Helios Investors V



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-05-01
Borrower	Helios Investors V
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 75.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 750.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed project is for IFC to commit up to US\$75 million in Helios Investors V ("Helios V" or the "Fund"), with a co-investment envelope of US\$50 million. Helios V is a Pan-African growth equity fund, seeking to invest in market-leading companies that enable, are enabled by, or benefit from the confluence of technological innovation and Africa's attractive demographic and urbanization trends. The Fund is targeting to raise total commitments of US\$750 million to invest in 10-12 companies, with an average ticket size of US\$70-80 million (excluding co-investment amounts). The Fund's core focus sectors are: (i) Digital Infrastructure (e.g., datacenters, fibre networks and telecom towers); (ii) Financial Services and Financial Technology (e.g., BankTech, payments, and financial management software); (iii) Tech-Enabled Business Services (e.g., cloud services, RegTech, HealthTech and LogisticsTech) and (iv) Consumer Non-Discretionary (e.g., food and beverage, healthcare, and education).



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The Project has been categorized as FI-2 in accordance with the IFC's Sustainability Policy. The proposed investment will support sectors in Digital Infrastructure, Financial Services and Financial Technologist-Enabled Business and Consumer Non-Discretionary. The main E&S risks and impacts of the Project derive from the E&S risks associated with the investment activities and the Fund Manager's E&S capacity and implementation of the Fund's ESMS to manage these risks. The E&S risks associated with the Fund's investment activities are considered medium and are expected to have potential limited adverse environmental and/or social risks or impacts that are few in number, generally site specific, largely reversible, and can be readily addressed through established mitigation measures. These risks typically include life and fire safety, occupational health and safety, security, gender-based violence (GBV), waste management, and labour and working conditions, among others.



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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.

- [Helios Investment Partners LLP](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

The Fund will be managed by *Helios Investors Genpar V Ltd* (“General Partner”, “GP”, or “Fund Manager”), an affiliate of *Helios Investment Partners LLP* (“Helios” or “Investment Adviser”). Helios was founded in 2004 by Babatunde Soyoye and Tope Lawani to focus exclusively on private investment in Africa and has over US\$3 billion in Assets Under Management (AUM).



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