

 Early Warning System

IFC-50237

Bank Asia MSME



Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2024-12-16
Borrower	BANK ASIA PLC
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 50.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 50.00 million



Project Description

According to the IFC, the proposed project consists of a senior loan of up to US\$50 million to Bank Asia PLC in Bangladesh with a tenor of two years and with an option to rollover for an additional two years for a maximum tenor of four years. The proceeds of the investment will be used to meet the bank's immediate liquidity needs and extend loans to eligible sub-borrowers (export/import-based SMEs as per IFC's definition of targeted sectors) through its offshore banking units (OBU) to enable the Bank to continue to support key sectors of the Bangladeshi economy affected by COVID-19 and the subsequent global economic headwinds. The Project will be supported by a pooled first loss guarantee of up to US\$40 million provided by International Development Agency IDA Private Sector Window Blended Finance Facility (IDA-PSW BFF).



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.

- [BANK ASIA LTD](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, Bank Asia PLC is a private commercial bank that provides both domestic and international banking services. The Bank was incorporated in 1999. As of 29 February 2024, Bank Asia is 52.62% owned by its directors and sponsors, 36.93% owned by institutional investors, and 10.45% by general public.



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