Early Warning System

IFC-50709 GTFP Acba Bank

Quick Facts

Countries	Armenia
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-03-12
Borrower	ACBA BANK OJSC
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the IFC, the project is an unfunded trade finance facility to Acba Bank OJSC (Acba Bank or the Bank or the Issuing Bank) in an aggregate amount of approximately US\$ 5 million under IFC's Global Trade Finance Program ("GTFP") in the form of a trade line pursuant to which IFC would guarantee letters of credit and other trade instruments issued by the Bank to support the Bank's trade program. The GTFP proposed investment will offer Confirming Banks partial or full guarantees covering payment risk of the Bank in Armenia for their trade-related transactions.

The Project builds on the GTFP global platform, increasing access to trade finance to emerging markets. The Project will provide increased access to trade finance to the Issuing Bank's customers, including both corporates and SMEs. On the market side, the Project will further connect the Issuing Bank's cross border connections, increasing the country's integration through both financial and real sector channels. It will help to link more traders to other countries and connect the country's financial markets more deeply.

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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.

• ACBA BANK OJSC (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, Acba Bank OJSC is the parent company of the group comprising of the Bank and its subsidiaries, Acba Leasing Credit Organization CJSC and Acba Technolab LLC. The Bank was formed in 1996 as a cooperative bank with a collective ownership under the laws of the Republic of Armenia. In 2021, the Bank was reorganized into an open joint stock company as it went public in 2021 on the Armenian Stock Exchange. The Bank operates under a general banking license issued by the Central Bank of Armenia and is a member of the state deposit insurance system in the Republic of Armenia.

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