

 Early Warning System

IFC-50722

GTFP CONVERSE



Quick Facts

Countries	Armenia
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-02-27
Borrower	Converse Bank CJSC
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 Converse Bank OJSC (Converse 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.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The IFC categorized the project risk as FI-3.



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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.

- [Converse Bank CJSC](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, Converse Bank CJSC was established in Armenia in 1993 as a closed joint stock bank. It ranks as the 7th largest bank by loan portfolio size of US\$690 million, as of December 2023, and has 34 branches. 72,89% of the Bank's shares are held by Advanced Global Investments LLC, 22,11% by Haypost Trust Management BV, and 5% by Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. The ultimate controlling party of the Bank is Argentinian businessman Eduardo Eurnekian.



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