Early Warning System

IFC-50864 BAC CR Green

Countries	Costa Rica
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	В
Voting Date	2025-06-27
Borrower	Banco BAC San Jose SA
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 200.00 million
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# **Project Description**

According to the IFC, the proposed investment consists of an up to US\$230 million financing package for Banco BAC San José, S.A. ("BAC CR" or the "Bank") in Costa Rica, consisting of: (i) an up to US\$200 million senior unsecured loan for IFC's own account (IFC A Loan); and (ii) a Global Trade Finance Program (GTFP) unfunded guarantee line of up to US\$30 million. The loan will have a 5-year tenor and 2-year grace period and will be used to support the growth of the Bank's climate and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) portfolios, with at least 40% destined to finance climate sub-projects, and at least 30% will be allocated to women-owned businesses (WSMEs) (the Project).

# Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category according to the bank: FI-2

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• International Finance Corporation (IFC)

### **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.

• Banco BAC San José, S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

According to the IFC,

BAC CR is a new partner for IFC and part of the BAC Credomatic Group (the Group), the largest banking group in Central America based on consolidated assets, holding a leading position in consumer lending and credit cards segments, as well as a strong presence in corporate, SME and mortgage loans. The Group has operations in six Central American countries (Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua) with significant market shares and systemic importance in each of these markets. The Group's largest shareholder is Mr. Luis Carlos Sarmiento Angulo.



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