Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Dominican Republic
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-08-08
Borrower	BANCO MULTIPLE BHD SA
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 30.00 million

Project Description

According to the IFC, the proposed project is an unfunded trade finance facility under IFC's Global Trade Finance Program ("GTFP) of up to US\$30 million for Banco Múltiple BHD, S.A. (Banco BHD or the Bank). The trade line will support the Bank's short-term trade finance transactions by offering confirming banks partial or full guarantees to cover payment risk of the Bank in Dominican Republic.

Investment Description

• 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 Múltiple BHD, S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

According to the IFC, BHD is the third-largest Bank in the Dominican Republic and has been an IFC client since 2003, including an equity investment in Centro Financiero BHD (CFBHD), the Bank's parent company. Centro Financiero BHD is a major financial holding company in the Dominican Republic with a strong local presence in banking, insurance, brokerage services, fund management, remittances and digital banking. In March 2025, Fidelio Arturo Despradel was appointed as the new Executive President of Banco BHD while Steven Puig was promoted to President of the Bank.

Contact Information

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