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Quick Facts

Countries	Philippines
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-09-10
Borrower	First Circle SPV
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 30.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 110.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the proposed investment involves participating in the senior and/or mezzanine tranches of an off-balance-sheet asset-backed security (ABS) to be issued by a Special Purpose Vehicle (the SPV or the Borrower). The SPV will be established to pool a diversified, collateralized pool of SME receivables originated by First Circle (FC or the Company), as the originator and servicer, a wholly owned subsidiary of Carabao Capital Global Pte Ltd, the Sponsor. The investment is a financing package of up to US$110 million comprising: i) an IFC A loan of up to US$20 million in the senior tranche, ii) an IFC C loan of up to US$10 million in the mezzanine tranche, and iii) mobilization of up to US$80 million to expand access to credit for underserved micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the Philippines. Commitments are envisaged to be executed in multiple tranches, with IFC’s participation in the first tranche of up to US$15 million across both senior and mezzanine tranches.The proposed investment is anticipated to be structured as an up to four-year securitization facility, with a roll-over option available at the end of each of the first three years. The investment will be made via a newly formed special purpose vehicle (SPV) in the Philippines, subject to legal and regulatory due diligence. This investment would mark IFC's first securitization in the Philippines' market, contributing to the deepening and development of domestic capital and funding products.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The project is expected to have low to medium low environmental and social (E&S) risks and is therefore categorized as an FI-2 project according to IFC's Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy.

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The proposed investment entails an up to US$110 million financing package, comprised by: (i) up to US$30 million from IFC's own account; including a senior tranche of up to US$20 million, and a mezzanine tranche of up to US$10 million; alongside (ii) up to US$80 million mobilized from B Loans/Parallel lenders in senior and/or mezzanine tranches. Commitments are envisaged to be executed in multiple tranches, with IFC’s participation in the first tranche of up to US$15 million across both senior and mezzanine tranches.

IFC's Investment as Approved by the Board: Loan 30.00 million (USD)

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.

- First Circle Capital (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

First Circle (FC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Carabao Capital Philippines Pte. Ltd. (CCPH), an investment holding company incorporated in Singapore and wholly owned by Carabao Capital Global Pte. Ltd. (CCG, the “Ultimate Parent”), also incorporated in Singapore. The founders collectively own the majority of CCG on a fully diluted basis through FCHQ Holding Ltd. And IP Fortress. Other shareholders include International Finance Corporation (IFC), Koru Ventures Fund I LP (Singapore-based vehicle from Venturra) and Insignia Ventures Partners (a Southeast Asia-focused venture capital).

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ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF IFC/MIGA

The Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) is the independent complaint mechanism and fact-finding body for people who believe they are likely to be, or have been, adversely affected by an IFC or MIGA- financed project. If you submit a complaint to the CAO, they may assist you in resolving a dispute with the company and/or investigate to assess whether the IFC is following its own policies and procedures for preventing harm to people or the environment. If you want to submit a complaint electronically, you can email the CAO at CAO@worldbankgroup.org You can learn more about the CAO and how to file a complaint at http://www.cao-ombudsman.org