

 Early Warning System

IFC-40922

BHDL III



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Dominican Republic |
| Financial Institutions | International Finance Corporation (IFC) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | FI |
| Voting Date | 2018-04-16 |
| Borrower | BANCO MULTIPLE BHD LEON SA |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 50.00 million |
| Loan Amount (USD) | \$ 50.00 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 50.00 million |



Project Description

According to the International Finance Corporation, the proposed project will provide Banco Múltiple BHD León, S.A., an up to 5-year senior loan and an up to 10-year subordinated debt for the growth of the Bank's small and medium enterprise (SME) portfolio for an amount of up to US\$50 million. Although the bank does business in high-risk sectors such as agriculture, it has more exposure to other sectors such as services, commerce, industry/manufacturing, hotels and restaurants, transportation, and electricity distribution.

The International Finance Corporation expects that the project will increase access to financial resources such as loans for small and medium businesses.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The bank has rated this project as FI-2, which corresponds to medium risk or a B rating.



Investment Description

The proposed IFC total investment consists of up to US\$50 million comprised of a senior loan (a loan that must be repayed before other debts) and a subordinated debt (which can only be paid after the claims of secured creditors have been met).

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Private Actors

- [Banco Múltiple BHD León, S.A.](#) -- Financial Intermediary
- [Centro Financiero BHD León, S.A.](#) -- Parent Company

The direct financial intermediary is the Banco Múltiple BHD León, S.A. This bank is a subsidiary of Centro Financiero BHD León (“CFBHDL”), a diversified financial services company whose activities include commercial banking, consumer and micro finance, pension funds, insurance, brokerage and mutual and trust funds in the Dominican Republic. CFBHDL is Grupo BHD (45.1 percent), Popular International Bank of Puerto Rico (15.8 percent), Grupo León (26.5 percent) and IFC (3.4 percent). The remaining 9.2 percent is owned by local shareholders through two vehicles: Centro Partner Group (5.0 percent) and Twin Investment Partners (4.2 percent).

BHDL is headquartered in Santo Domingo and has 141 branches across the Dominican Republic.



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ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF IFC

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