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International Finance Corporation

The Private Sector Arm of the World Bank

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is an institution of the World Bank that invests in the private sector in developing countries and emerging markets. It uses its capital and expertise to create markets and mobilise private investments to achieve the World Bank's mission to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity on a liveable planet. IFC also leads the way in developing international environmental, social and governance standards for private sector investments.

The IFC supports businesses through lending, equity investments, and trade financing. Thanks to its AAA credit rating, it can borrow at attractive interest rates and lend to borrowers on favourable conditions. It also works to create a favourable economic policy framework for private investment.

IFC International Finance Corporation WORLD BANK GROUP

Creating Markets, Creating Opportunities

Focus
Private sector

Headquarters
Washington D.C., USA

Established in
1956

Member countries
186 in 25 voting groups

Borrowing countries
77

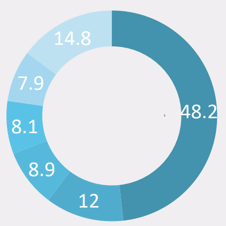
Lending volume 2025 (USD)
28.3 billion

Total portfolio 2025 (USD)
71.7 billion

Strategic Priorities	Cross-Cutting Themes
No poverty	Partnerships
Reduced inequalities	Decent work and economic growth
Industry, innovation and infrastructure	Gender equality

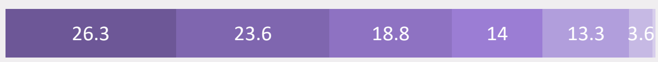
Portfolio

Sectors 2025 (per cent)



- Financial Markets
- Infrastructure
- Tourism, Retail and Property
- Manufacturing
- Agribusiness and Forestry
- Other

Regions 2025 (Prozent)



- Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Europe and Central Asia
- South Asia
- East Asia and the Pacific
- Middle East
- Global

IFC: Switzerland's Main Partner for Promoting the Private Sector in Developing Countries and Emerging Markets

Switzerland cooperates closely with the IFC to promote the private sector in developing countries and emerging markets. As an active member of a voting group of nine countries on the Executive Board of the World Bank, Switzerland determines the IFC's strategic, institutional and operational focus. It also participates directly in implementing IFC projects – whether as a financial contributor to the IFC Advisory Services or through partnerships with the Swiss private sector. The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) jointly determine Switzerland's positions in the governing bodies of the World Bank. Switzerland's strategic priorities include:

- Results-orientation, effectiveness, and targeted financing of development projects according to the Bank's core expertise and strategic priorities
- Adequate capitalisation and safeguarding the AAA-rating
- Compliance with international environmental, social and governance standards
- promoting the private sector and mobilising private capital, including in least developed and fragile countries
- Focus on renewable energy projects to support the energy transition
- Systemic coordination and collaboration with development partners

Swiss accession
1992

Swiss voting group
Poland, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Switzerland

Swiss paid in capital (USD)
431.2 million

Swiss voting share
1.72%

Swiss contributions to IFC Advisory Services 2019-2025 (USD)
193 million

Long term investment portfolio with Swiss investors (USD)
1.2 billion

Ukraine: Rebuilding Agriculture

Since Russia's military aggression, Ukraine's private sector has been crucial in driving the country's economic recovery, despite significant output losses. While business activity has started to recover since 2023, many firms remain vulnerable and operate below capacity, notably in Ukraine's large agriculture sector. The IFC has invested USD 2.2 billion since the outbreak of the war to support Ukraine's private sector. Together with partners, including Switzerland, the IFC committed to inject further USD 2.8 billion into Ukraine's economy, targeting critical sectors such as energy, infrastructure, and small businesses. SECO, in partnership with the IFC, is particularly focusing on agriculture: since 2015, the IFC and SECO have been running a programme introducing crop receipts as collateral for payments, as these receipts are cheaper, faster and easier to use for farmers. This project has enabled over USD 2.3 billion to be provided in financing for Ukrainian farmers since 2015, including USD 26 million since the outbreak of the war.

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