



**BADEA**

Arab Bank  
for Economic  
Development  
in Africa

## **ARAB BANK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (BADEA) “AAA” CREDIT RATING AFFIRMED BY THE JAPAN CREDIT RATING AGENCY (JCR)**

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Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR) has today affirmed the “AAA” foreign currency long-term issuer rating to the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) with a Stable outlook. This extremely strong credit rating is underpinned by extraordinary support from BADEA’s shareholders – all Arab countries, members of the League of Arab States (LAS). Since 1974 when the bank was established, the shareholding has been stable and unchanged, with the authorized capital increasing progressively from USD 231Mn at inception to reach USD 20Bn by mid-2024.

The rating is also driven by the key role BADEA plays in coordinating Arab countries’ support for Africa as well as its Preferred Creditor Status. BADEA has never recognised credit losses on any of its sovereign and non-sovereign loans in Africa since inception 50 years ago, despite the generally low credit ratings of its borrowers. The credit rating is further supported by robust liquidity metrics as 43% of the bank’s total assets are liquid investments. In addition, the bank successfully issued its inaugural social bond of Eur 500mn which was ~3x oversubscribed, marking a successful entry into public funding markets which is expected to further augment the liquidity metrics.

BADEA’s core focus is strengthening economic, financial and technical cooperation between the Arab and Africa regions, and the embodiment of Arab-African solidarity on foundations of equality and friendship. The bank has an unusually strong governance structure, whereby it can only lend to non-shareholder countries based in Africa - and as such BADEA serves as a trusted and highly effective catalyst for Arab development funds into Africa which is key for the shared prosperity of both regions. Links to the full JCR Press releases: [ [English](#) ] [ [Japanese](#) ].

Commenting on JCR’s rating affirmation, **H.E. Dr. Fahad Abdullah Aldossari, Chairman of the Board of Directors** said:

*“This rating is a true reflection of BADEA’s extraordinary credit profile and the unwavering support the bank has enjoyed from the shareholders in the 50 years since establishment. We remain committed to supporting the bank as it embarks on the next 50 years of shaping Arab-Africa economic relations and the ambitious targets we have set for BADEA-2074”*

**H.E. Dr. Sidi Tah, President of BADEA** said:

*“This extremely strong rating is a testimony to our conservative risk management and financial discipline as we implement our long-term vision for Arab-Africa relations based on equality and friendship. We will continue to leverage our very strong credit ratings to raise funds at highly competitive rates, and significantly expand our capacity to lend affordably to support Africa.”*

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## **About BADEA**

**BADEA is a multilateral development finance institution** owned by 18 sovereign states, members of the League of Arab States which began operations in March 1975 providing finance and technical assistance for economic development exclusively in Sub Saharan Africa. BADEA works to facilitate and catalyse the flow of Arab and other external capital and investments into Africa.

**Since 2015, the bank also expanded its focus on trade** – both Arab-Africa trade as well as Intra-Africa trade. The Bank is an independent International Institution enjoying full international legal status and complete autonomy in administrative and financial matters. It is governed by the provisions of its Establishing Agreement and the principles of international law.

**The Bank was created for the purpose of strengthening economic, financial and technical cooperation between the Arab and African regions** and for the embodiment of Arab-African solidarity on foundations of equality and friendship and remains one of the very few multilateral development banks whose mandate is to serve non-shareholder countries.

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