EBRD

Your partner in eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

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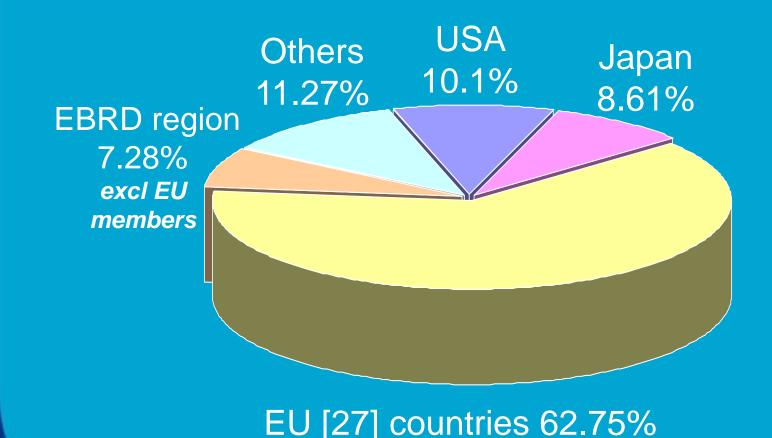


What is the EBRD?

- AAA-rated international financial institution founded in 1991, owned by 61 national governments and two intergovernmental institutions
- EUR 20 billion capital base
- The largest lender and private equity investor in Central & Eastern Europe and CIS
- Cca 1350 employees



Shareholding of the EBRD





EBRD - A large Field Network



What are the EBRD's Objectives?

- To promote transition to market economies by investing mainly in the private sector
- To mobilise significant foreign direct investment
- To support privatisation, restructuring and better municipal services to improve people's lives
- To encourage environmentally sound and sustainable development



Advancing the Transition

EBRD projects should promote:

- Expansion of competitive markets, including private ownership
- Stronger institutional and legal framework
- Sound corporate governance
- Structural reforms
- Respect for people and environment



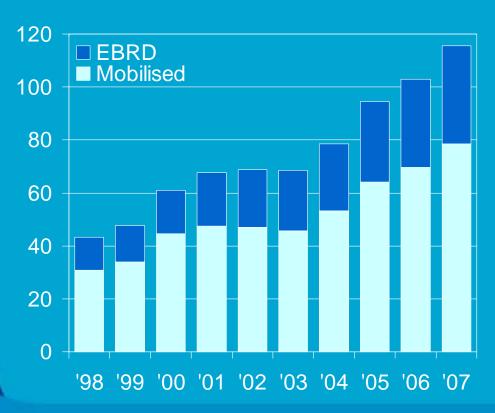
EBRD in 2007

- Record level of commitments: EUR 5.6 bn
- Strong level of disbursements at EUR 4.1 bn
- Record number of projects: 353 (187 standalone and 166 under frameworks)
- 41% of commitments in Russia
- 49% of commitments in south-eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- New investments made in 28 of the Bank's countries of operations



EBRD: a Catalyst for Change

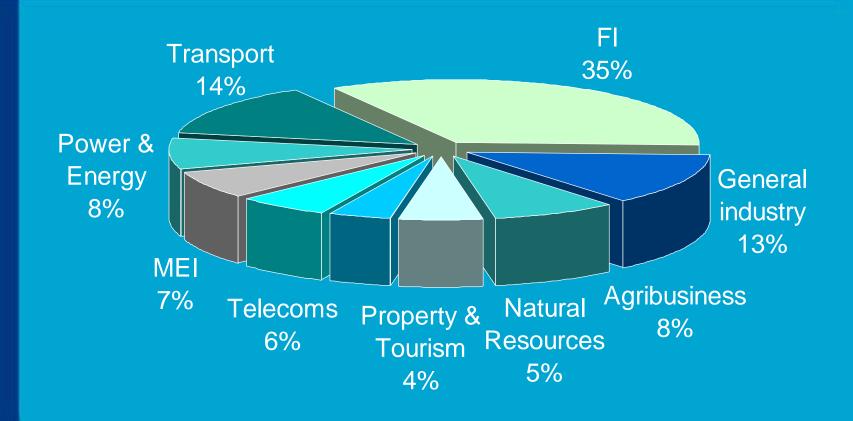
Cumulative additional funds mobilised EUR 78 billion



- EBRD investments
 have attracted an
 additional EUR 78
 billion from domestic
 and foreign investors
- Every EUR invested by EBRD mobilised EUR 2.1



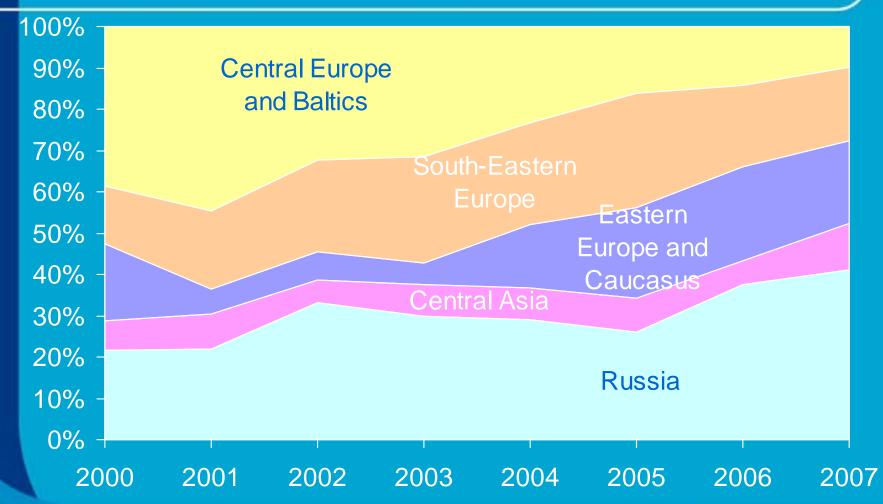
Net Cumulative Volume by Sector



Cumulative commitments EUR 36.9 bn (as of 12/2007)



EBRD's Geographic Breakdown of Annual Business Volume





EBRD – Leading IFI in Kazakhstan

- Leading IFI in Kazakhstan:
 - 15 years of operations
 - Largest foreign investor outside Oil & Gas
 - Strategic partner to the Government of Kazakhstan
 - How do we distinguish ourselves from other IFIS: (IFC/WB, ADB, IsDB, EuroAsianDB:
 - EBRD is more commercial than the other IFIs
 - financing both private and public sector,
 - EBRD Accounting for 64% of all IFI business in 2007
- Strong Policy dialogue with KZ government:
 - EBRD is the main IFI represented in the Foreign Investor Council (FIC) created by President Nazarbayev;
 - EBRD's President is Co-chairman of the FIC.



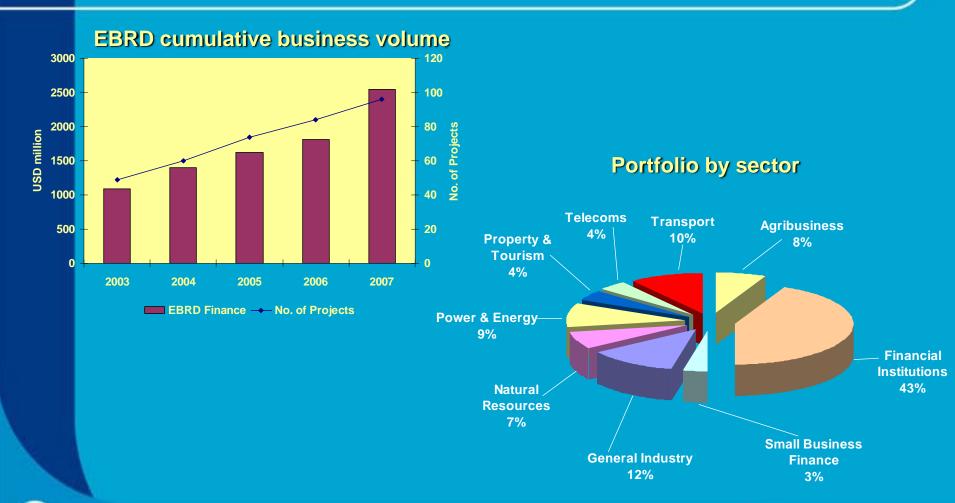
EBRD's 15 years in Kazakhstan

- Offices in Almaty and Astana
 (16 professional bankers + 10 support staff)
- Cumulative investments \$2.5 billion (project value \$4.7 billion)
- Current portfolio of \$1.6 billion, 82% in private sector
- Dynamic growth:
 New business volume in 2007 over \$780 million
- No losses in 15 years; (prudent partner/project selection)
- EBRD is committed and needed in KZ more than ever due to severe local impact of international liquidity crunch



EBRD Operations in KZ - 2007

Signed # 97 projects with total \$ 2.5 bln commitments





PROJECT FINANCE: Financial Flexibility

Wide range of loans

- fixed or floating rate
 loans
- choice of currencies
- short to long-term maturities
- hedging

- Financing structured to meet project-specific needs including repayment schedules
- Tailored to particular situation of the country/region and sector
- Pricing reflects risks with project, borrower and country

Financing Instruments

Direct

- Loans
- Equity, including combination of loan and equity
- Guarantees, including credit enhancements (performance bonds etc.)

Indirect

- SME loans
- Equity funds
- Micro/small business programmes
- Credit lines
- Trade Facilitation Programme
- Co-financings



EBRD Financing Solutions

Loans

- Senior, subordinated, convertible
- LT (up to 10y or more) or ST revolving
- Floating/ Fixed rates
- Choice of currencies (EUR, USD, KZT etc.)
- Syndication possible for large amounts

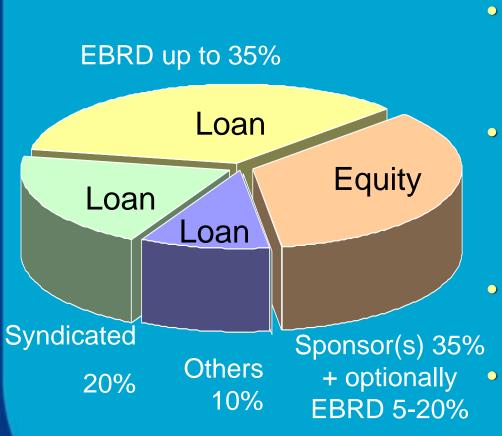
Equity

- Common stock or preferred
- Minority position only (up to 35%)
- Mezzanine debt

EBRD financing up to 35% of total project cost or long-term capitalisation



Project Financing Guidelines – limited (or non) recourse



- Equity contributions (in cash/in-kind) required from Sponsor(s)
- Prudent capital structure (normally 60% long term debt in total financing)
- Completion risks covered
 - **Commercial viability**



Basic Debt Terms for Private Loans

- Up to 35% of cost or capitalisation (EBRD portion)
- Typically 4-7 years' maturity
- Market-based pricing reflecting risk
- Usually secured
- Flexible choice of currency linked to project requirements



Loan Syndications (A/B structure)

- EBRD remains lender of record for the entire loan
- Commercial lenders benefit from EBRD's preferred creditor status
- Interest on loan is exempt from any withholding tax
- Attracting external finance increases the resources available for funding other projects



EBRD as Lender of Record in Syndicated Loans

Borrower

EBRD's "A" loan

 EBRD is lender of record for the entire loan

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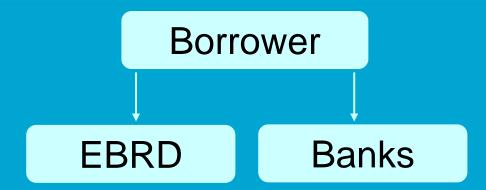
Commits only to "A" loan

EBRD's "B" loan

- Participation
 agreement transfers
 all risks to
 commercial lenders
- Banks benefit from EBRD's Preferred Creditor Status



EBRD as Parallel Lender



 Each lender/group of lenders enter into direct contractual relationships with borrower Banks do not benefit from EBRD's Preferred Creditor Status



EBRD in Private Sector Projects

Preferred Creditor Status

- Preferred Creditor Status granted by all shareholders in Agreement Establishing EBRD
- No rescheduling of EBRD loans (Article 21)
- Commercial lenders benefit from EBRD's Preferred Creditor Status
- PCS loans exempt from country risk provisioning in many jurisdictions



Bank's Direct Equity

- Bank acts as a partner, willing to bear risks and expects a return on its investment
- Minority positions only usually not more than 20%
- Adds to initial capitalisation lowers interest and capital payments in early stages
- Agrees with sponsors a time horizon and exit policy
- No "soft" money: extra risk requires higher returns

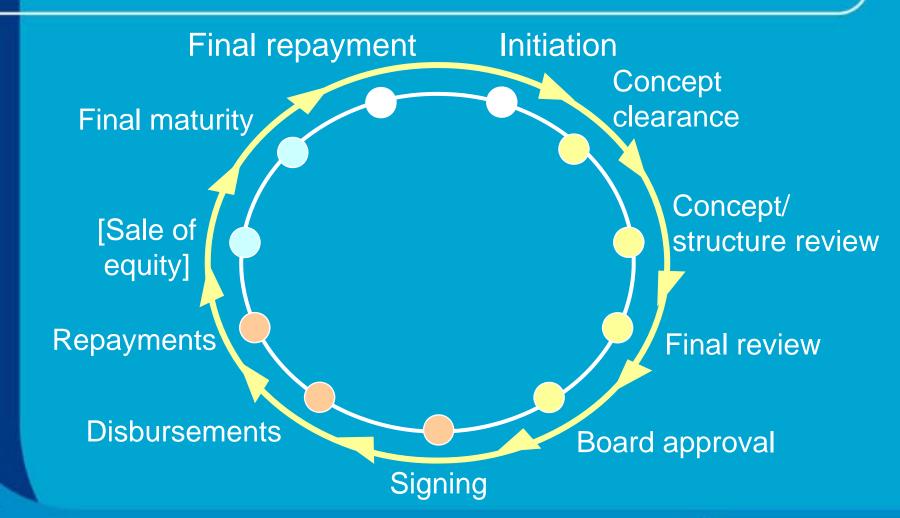


Typical Project Balance Sheet

Project costs	%	Sources of capital	%
Capital investment Contingency	60 10	Western sponsor cash Financial investors/in-kind EBRD	30 5 5
Total capital investment	70	Total equity	40
Existing liabilities Working capital	15 15	EBRD loan Commercial bank loan Total loan	30 30 60
Total project cost	100%	Total sources of capital	100%



Project Cycle





Strengths of the EBRD

- Strong, internationally recognised financial partner with long-term perspective
- Willing to share risks, including political risks
- Provides finance to both private and public sector clients
- Catalyst to access additional equity, debt and trade finance
- Excellent working relationships with governments

- Experience gained in problem resolution
- Extensive knowledge of local economy, business environment and practices
- Political leverage due to EBRD's unique mandate and shareholder structure
- Preferred Creditor Status
- Good corporate governance incl. protection of minority interests



Sound Banking Principles

Each project requires:

- Solid Business plan
- Detailed due diligence
- Strong capitalisation ratio in accordance to international practice of sector
- Transparent, reputable and committed sponsor

- Adequate returns for all parties in accordance to contribution/risk taken
- Robust projected cash flows to be tested under various sensitivity scenarios
- Clear, simple and transparent structure



EBRD Basic Project Criteria

- The operation is located in our countries of operation
- Investments have beneficial effect on local economy
- We are not "crowding out" private money
- The Project makes economic sense no "soft loans"
- Main shareholder/sponsor has substantial money at risk before EBRD
- Compliance over time with EU environmental standards



Financing Requirements of EBRD

Ensure appropriate return for risk taken by assessing carefully risks, including:

- Management strength and strategy
 - Clear business plan and project costs
- Transparency of operations
 - Disclosed identity of final shareholders and corporate structure
 - Identified and limited past tax liability risk
 - Recourse to subsidiaries generating profits and holding assets



Financing Requirements of EBRD (ctd.)

- IFRS/US GAAP Consolidated audit
 - in place or in progress
 - arm's length dealing
- Management strength and strategy
 - clear business plan and project costs



How to Obtain Finance?

- Provide EBRD with overview of proposed investment
- Commitment to work together
 - clarify role of EBRD
 - mandate to initiate transaction
 - mutual understanding of corporate integrity requirements
- Project / business plan, market analysis, strategy, ownership structure, financial analysis, risk assessment
- Exit strategy (for equity transactions)



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