

# Mikro Kapital

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Driving sustainable growth: Impact Investing in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

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#### Microfinance: a solution for small business

- Loans issued to small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Microcredit aims to fill a gap left by banks, which often find small loans uneconomic or prefer not to lend to entrepreneurs without a track record.
- Microcredit is about social and financial inclusion as well as entrepreneurship and economic growth.
- Intrinsic added value of social impact, promotion of Small Business and job creation.
- Provide funding to qualified SMEs as well as technical support (economic/accounting education).

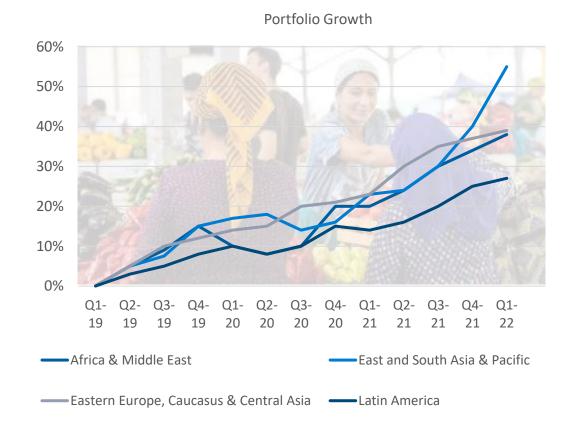
#### **Microfinance industry**

The global market for Microfinance reached **US\$ 182.7 Billion** in the year **2022**.

It is projected to reach a revised size of US\$ 488.9 Billion by 2030.

The microfinance market in **Europe** is estimated at **US\$ 13.4 Billion** in 2022, while **Asia-Pacific** region is expected to record a grow to **US\$ 236.4 billion** by 2030.

Microfinance sector has also continued to grow in terms of the **number of borrowers**, reached **173 million in 2022**. Making an average increase of 5% growth. In terms of demographic composition, **female clients** make **56.9%** of MFI borrowers.



#### Source: Impact Finance Barometer - ATLAS

#### **Microfinance industry**

#### Performance ratios in 2022

Average Portfolio at risk 30 days of MFIs in the microfinance industry

Average Portfolio at risk 30 days of MFIs where ALTERNATIVE invests (3.8% by end of 2023)



Stable year-on-year trends in portfolio quality are also reflected in profitability and the cost of risk. For example, portfolio yield, as measured by GLP, showed a degree of stability at approximately 16.8% to 21.5% in the past 3 years.

On average at the global level, solvency levels remained relatively stable in 2022. For instance, the median MFI equity to assets ratio was nearly in line with levels in 2021, ranging between 18.3% and 19.3%.

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#### Why Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

#### Why these regions

- Greatest supply route in history
- Many cultures / Same businesses
- A unique layout of integrated infrastructure, coming from similar cultural backgrounds
- One of the world's most potentially lucrative untapped investment locations

#### Why microcredit in these regions

- Historical entrepreneurial and merchant DNA
- Create financial inclusion
- Agrobusiness is historically important for all economies in the region: 1/3 of our end-borrowers
- Strong demand for transportation and logistics services: micro leasing

- Why Mikro Kapital in these regions
- We focus on what we do best in the countries we know the most
- Transparent link between investors and endborrowers: "Cut out the middleman"
- Long-standing track record
- Creating Positive Impact by combining competitive financial returns

## MIKRO KAPITAL – ALTERNATIVE at a glance

Headquarter: Grand Duchy of Luxembourg – since 2008

#### **Countries:**

- •Armenia
- •Czech Republic
- •Italy
- •Hong Kong (funding)
- •Kazakhstan
- •Kyrgyzstan
- •Moldova
- •Romania
- •Tajikistan
- •Uzbekistan

## 297.6

Total Assets €M

Mikro Kapital

380

Invested bonds since inception €M

10

Countries

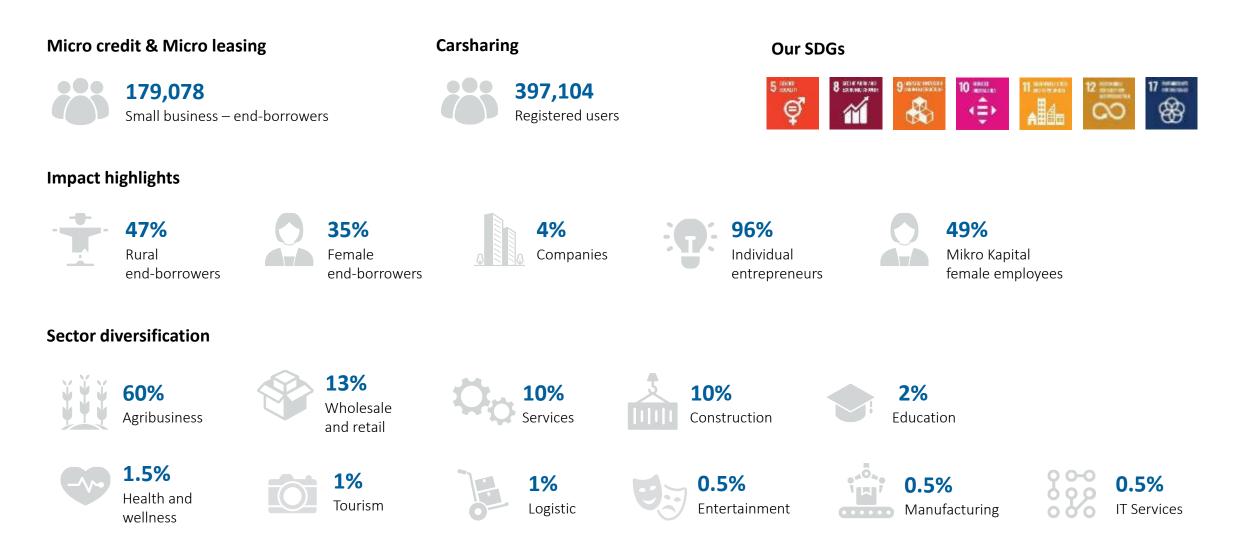
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Portfolio Companies and operative offices

1,972

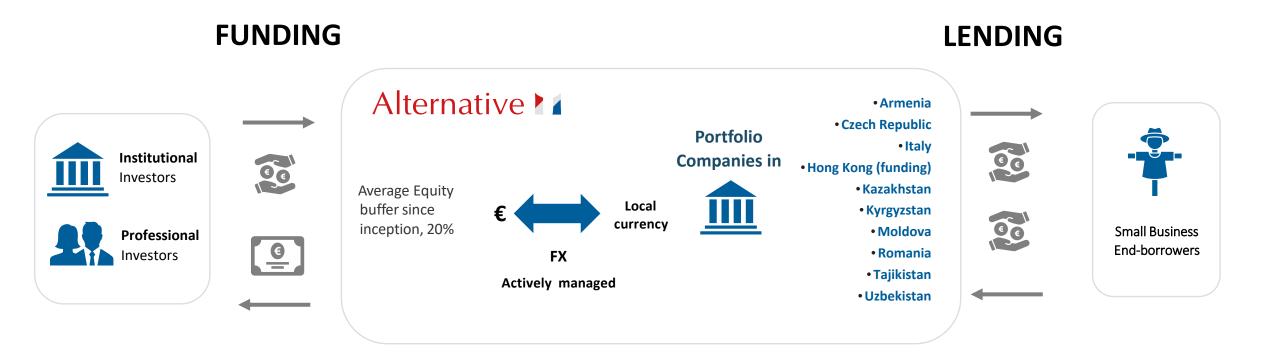
Employees

### Social Impact 2023



#### Mikro Kapital business model

Investing in the whole value chain





#### **Bond Feature**:

Senior unsecured

- Loans to Small Business are fully collateralised
- All bondholders are treated "Pari Passu"

#### **Investment Criteria**

Of Portfolio Companies



**Microcredit Products** Micro loans and micro leasing



Small Business only End-borrowers

**End-Borrowers' request** 



**Collateralised portfolio only** Guarantee Loan Officers perform Due Diligence



**EBRD** Apply EBRD guidelines



**Principle for Responsible Investment** 

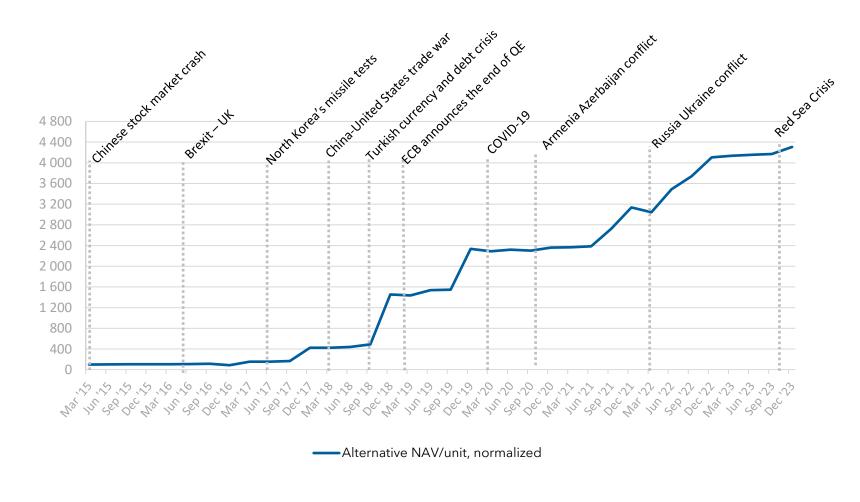
Apply PRI guidelines

### **Lending Products**

Small Business Situation		Solution	
Cash Flo	W	E E	
Collatera (provide	al d by the End Borrowei	Micro Loan <sup>-</sup> )	
Cash Flo	w		
Collatera (provide	al d by leasing company)	Micro Leasing	
Cash Flo	W		
Collatera (provide	al d by leasing company)	Operational Micro Leasing (carsharing)	

#### Microfinance: an uncorellated asset

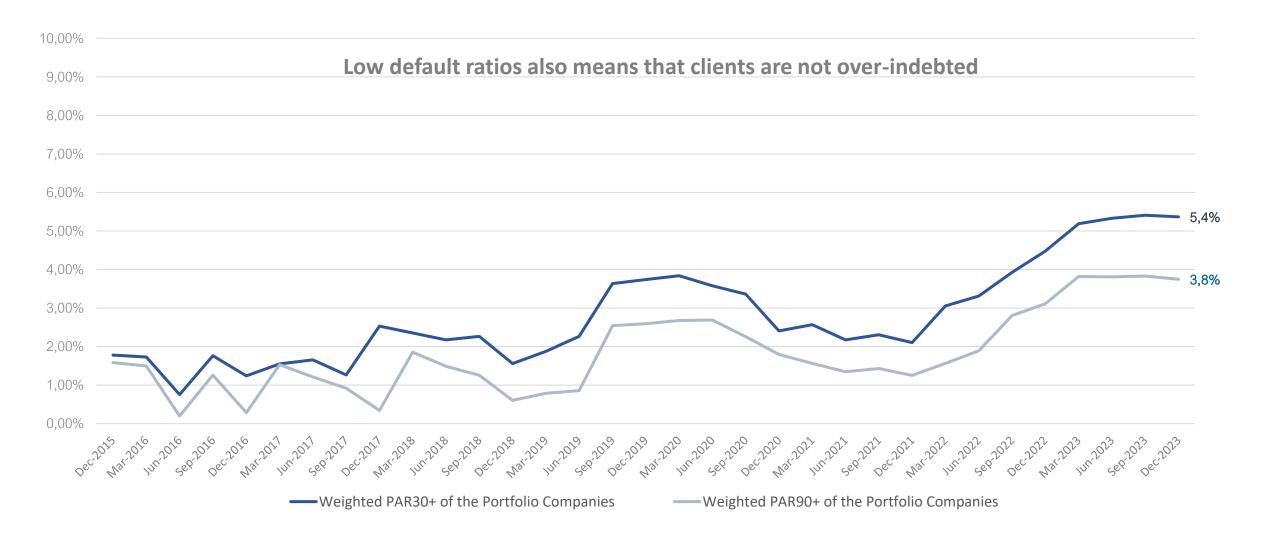
Microfinance is historically less sensitive to political and economic turmoil





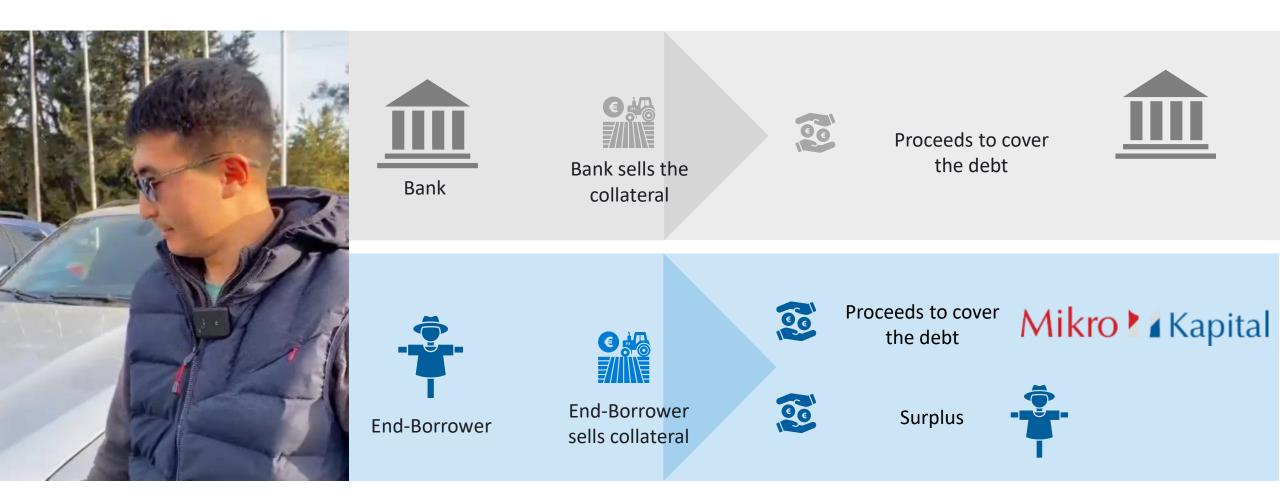
#### Strong focus on risk management

Risk Metrics: PAR30+ (portfolio at risk more than 30 days), PAR90+ (portfolio at risk more than 90 days)



### what if the client default

Maximize the proceeds derived from the sale of collateral



### **Case study**

Investing in a car to develop business opportunities and increase family income



My name is Bakytbek, I am married, father of two children from Kyrgyzstan.

Due to the lack of higher education, I had no opportunity to get a good job in my country. So, I decided to go to Armenia with wife to look for a better opportunity. Childrens stayed with my parents. In Armenia I worked at a construction site as a worker, my wife worked as a waitress, However, we faced difficulties with obtaining official permission to live and work there. Staying in Armenia unofficially could result in large fines and even being sent back to our home country.

We decided to return to our homeland, and I started selling small horned cattle at the market. The money was only enough for food and small expenses. Additionally, I worked part-time at a construction site on an as-needed basis. Gradually, the requests increased, so I bought the necessary tools to offer my services as an independent contractor. However, it was very difficult to reach the locations where my services were needed using public transport, and taxis were very expensive. Friends recommended that I apply to banks for a car loan. I applied to several banks, but all of them required official confirmation of income, which I could not provide. Every bank turned me down.

I saw an advertisement for Mikro Leasing on Instagram and decided to apply. The company employee helped me understand which documents were needed and how to apply. The same day I applied, I started looking for a car. The approval was very fast, and in three days, I became the owner of a car. This allowed me to significantly reduce my expenses. I also started providing taxi services in the evening, which gave me additional income. Now, I am planning to apply for another loan to buy a car for my wife and a bigger one to provide passenger transport services between our village, the nearby villages, and the nearby city.

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