

Challenger Banks Proposal

Investment Programme Proposal

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Applicants are asked to ensure that prospective Investment Programme Proposals have been discussed with a member of the BBI Investment Team prior to completing and submitting this document.

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# 1. Background

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| Provide a background of the applicant |  |
| Please confirm the applicant's: 1. Trading Name;
2. Company Number (or similar);
3. Date and Country of Incorporation;
4. Registered Address;
5. Principal Business Address (if different from registered address);
6. Number of Staff Employed;
7. Legal entity;
8. Type of Organisation (e.g. Partnership, Limited Company).
9. Sector
10. Nature & purpose of organisation
11. Listing status (exchange & ticker ref required, if applicable)
12. Principal Shareholders
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| Please provide a brief overview of the applicant’s history and background. |  |

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# 2. How do you address the programme’s criteria?

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| a) Target market |  |
| Please provide details (or an illustration if available) of the applicant's proposed target market, including but not limited to:1. Type of borrowers; Revenue size of borrowers;
2. Industry sector breakdown and any explicit exclusions;
3. Geographical breakdown;
4. Expected costs to borrowers;
5. Key characteristics of borrowers.
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| b) Investment strategy |  |
| Please describe the product types to be funded through a commitment from BBI and the anticipated use of funds by borrowing SMEs. This should include a breakdown of the security on products and the commercial/retail split. |  |
| Please confirm the expected size and duration range of loans types (minimum, maximum and average). |  |
| Please confirm if the applicant performs CDD/AML checks, credit and risk-return analysis. Further details can be provided at the DDQ stage. |  |

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| c) Investment size and tenor |  |
| Please confirm the instrument or structure being proposed.  |  |
| Please indicate the amount of commitment being requested from BBI. |  |
| Please set out the rationale for the amount of capital requested |  |
| Please confirm the tenor of commitment being requested, identifying the proposed investment period and period of repayment. |  |

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| d) Deployment of funds (origination) |
| Please provide details on the origination strategy of the applicant to support the proposed deployment forecast. This should identify:1. Structure / location of the origination and portfolio teams;
2. Types of marketing activities undertaken;
3. Different sources of origination (e.g. brokers, direct online, direct team).
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| Please give an overview (including amount) of the applicant's current pipeline. |  |

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| e) Portfolio management |  |
| Please describe the applicant's ongoing involvement with borrowers / please explain how the applicant manages its portfolio, including details of the monitoring systems. |  |
| Please provide details of capabilities, controls and capacity in place to manage the investment. |  |

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| f) Match Funding |  |
| Please provide details on the envisaged funding structure. Would other investors participate in the transaction? |  |

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| g) Commercial returns and renumeration |
| Please confirm the coupon on any existing Tier II facilities, if applicable.  |  |
| Please confirm the applicant’s coupon expectations for the proposed facility. |  |
| Please outline the fees/rates charged to borrowers, indicating whether they are fixed or variable. |  |

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| h) Management track record and expertise |
| Please summarise (in excel format, if preferred) current and historic lending activities, including the split by different products or strategies where applicable. This should incorporate the last 3 years as a minimum as well as forecasts, and outline details of at least:1. Total Amount of Lending (£m);
2. No. of loans;
3. Loan Sizes;
4. Costs to Borrowers;
5. Default and Loss rates;
6. Overall Return Performance.
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| Please provide a summary of the applicant's senior management team and its stability, including:1. Roles and Responsibilities within the company structure;
2. How long the senior management team have worked together for;
3. Background and relevant experience;

Details of any directorships held currently or within the past 7 years. |  |
| Please describe the applicant's resourcing plan, including any recruitment required, to deliver the investment strategy. |  |
| Please detail the applicant’s current capital slack and the expected capital strategy going forward. |  |

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| i) Operational structure, legal and regulatory |
| Please provide a shareholder and group structure chart. |  |
| Please confirm if the applicant is a financially regulated entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a financially regulated entity (please enter the full name of the entity). Please also outline details of relevant regulatory authorisations and permissions that allow the Applicant to carry out the activities detailed in this Proposal. |  |

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# 3. Additional considerations

In addition to the Programme's criteria, Proposals will be viewed more favourably if they can demonstrate integration of the following factors.

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| 1. Sustainability
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| Please provide an overview of the approach to sustainability/responsible lending/ESG, including considerations and strategies to achieve positive impact, that form part of the applicant’s business strategy, operations and portfolio management, including substantive developments in the last 12 months. |  |
| Please provide an overview of any Net Zero strategy or transition plan in place, and please confirm if the applicant has a target for emissions reduction.If a Net Zero strategy or transition plan is not currently in place, please indicate whether any actions will be taken to develop this over the next 12 months. |  |
| Please explain if any green or sustainability-linked loan (SLL) products are currently offered or plan to be offered by the applicant.If so, please provide details of sustainability outcomes, KPIs, terms and conditions. |  |
| Please describe how sustainability considerations, in particular around climate and diversity and inclusion, is assessed in the applicant’s pre-investment screening, due diligence and investment decisions. |  |
| Please confirm the applicant’s approach to sustainability data collection and reporting at an individual company and portfolio level, in particular:1. Greenhouse gas emissions (scope 3, category 15);
2. Portfolio monitoring on diversity and inclusion metrics.

If not, please advise whether the applicant intends to include any of the above in the future. |  |
| Please provide a summary of the diversity of background of the team, including where relevant, the Board, Senior Leadership Team and/or Investment/Credit Committee. |  |

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| SME Loan Book(3 year historical and 3 year Forecast) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2021A | 2022A | 2023A | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F |
| Opening SME Loan Book (£m) [A] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New SME Lending Originated in the Period (£m) [B] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New SME Lending Originated in the Period (# loans) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SME Loan Repayments (£m) [C] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bad Debts, Provisions and Other Adjustments (£m) [D] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing SME Loan Book (£m) [E] = [A] + [B] + [C] + [D] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Bad Debts/Provisions at Year End (£m) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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