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President's Editorial

Dear investors of BOAD,

The past quarter has been a period of strong momentum for our institution, demonstrating BOAD's unwavering commitment to advancing sustainable socio-economic development across the region. The initiatives and successes we have achieved reaffirm our role as a catalyst for progress and a trusted partner to both governments and the private sector.

The successful issuance of USD 500 million in sustainable hybrid bonds on the international capital markets generated an outstanding USD 1.9 billion order book, a clear testament to your strong confidence in the Bank's robust credit profile and its commitment to financing impactful green and social projects.

Our 145th Board Meeting was a key milestone, approving a significant financing volume of XOF 391.923 billion to support transformative projects across vital sectors such as infrastructure, energy, agriculture, and industry – strengthening the resilience and competitiveness of our member countries.

Throughout the quarter, I had the opportunity of meeting with several Heads of State from our Union for the traditional presentation of our 2024 activities report. These productive discussions reaffirmed our shared commitment to advancing the development priorities of our member countries, focusing on education, access to healthcare, sustainable and renewable energy, resilient agriculture, climate resilience, and food security.

Our active participation in the 5th Finance in Common Summit (FiCS) held in Cape Town from 26-28 February 2025, was another highlight, providing a valuable platform to share our expertise in green finance and to strengthen strategic partnerships to address climate challenges. The USD 27 million grant from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to the Republic of Togo further reinforces our commitment to supporting adaptation and mitigation projects and consolidates our leadership in regional climate finance.

The roadshow for the Natural Disaster Adapted Loan Program (PACAN) in Togo, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal marked another important step in strengthening the resilience of our member countries to extreme climate events.

Furthermore, the innovative partnership between BOAD and ASR for the launch of a captive insurance company reflects our commitment to strengthening risk management practices, optimizing capital allocation, and enhancing the overall quality of our portfolio.

The transparent disclosure of our financial statements underscores our unwavering commitment to good governance and accountability. These results attest to the strength of our institution and our continued ability to generate value in support of sustainable development.

Finally, the concrete projects and achievements realized this past quarter provide clear evidence of our impact on the lives of our populations and the economic fabric of our member countries. Whether by expanding access to energy, developing critical infrastructure, or supporting entrepreneurial initiatives, each intervention brings us closer to building a more prosperous, resilient, and inclusive future.

Buoyed by these significant achievements, we approach the next quarter with determination and optimism – fully mindful of the challenges ahead, yet inspired by the vast opportunities that lie before us to further advance the development of our region.

Sincerely,



Serge Ekoué

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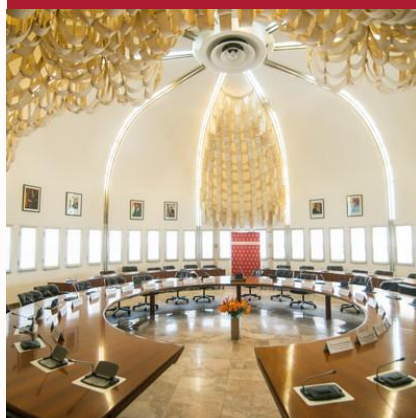
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Key developments (1/2)

6th February

BOAD continues to be at the forefront of financial innovation with the success of its USD 500 mn hybrid sustainable bond issued on the international capital market on the 6th February 2025. The inaugural public hybrid issue has a 30-year maturity and 5-year non-call period, with a euro equivalent coupon rate of 5.9%. Full investor confidence was reflected in a substantial order book of USD 1.9 bn, representing a final oversubscription rate of 3.8 times higher, as well as a spread tightening of 37.5 bps compared to the initial offer.

26th March

On 26th March 2025, the Board of Directors of BOAD held its first meeting of the year in Dakar, Senegal. This 145th ordinary session was chaired by Mr Serge Ekue, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of BOAD. The Board approved BOAD's annual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, and then issued a favorable opinion on the status of the institution's loan receivables as at 28th February 2025, and the overall collections situation as at 31st December 2024. The Directors approved 15 new operations for a total amount of XOF 391.923 bn, bringing to XOF 9,480.5 bn the total amount of BOAD financing since the start of its operational activities in 1976.

11th March



The President of the BOAD, Serge EKUE, was received on March 11th 2025, by the President of the Republic of Senegal, Bassirou Diomaye FAYE, for strategic discussions on strengthening the partnership between BOAD and Senegal. The discussions focused on BOAD's activities, particularly the capital increase aimed at enhancing its financing capacity for regional development.

Special emphasis was placed on BOAD's commitment to supporting Senegal in its priority sectors: agriculture, energy, health, education, and affordable housing. President Bassirou Diomaye FAYE commended BOAD's performance and strategic vision, highlighting its essential role in the economic development of Senegal and the sub-region.

26-28th February



BOAD President Serge EKUE attended the Finance in Common Summit (FiCS) 2025 in South Africa, engaging in high-level meetings to strengthen partnerships and mobilize financing for West Africa. Discussions focused on climate finance, including enhanced cooperation with the Green Climate Fund and IDFC to support climate resilience projects. Development partnerships were reinforced through meetings with MCDF, KfW,

DBSA, and STOA Infra & Energy, exploring funding opportunities in infrastructure, energy, transport, and digital transformation. Financial innovation was a key theme, with panels addressing sustainable development, capital markets, and debt management to attract investment. Additionally, BOAD emphasized private sector support by expanding credit lines for MSMEs and advancing digital transformation initiatives. Through these engagements, BOAD reaffirmed its commitment to climate action, financial innovation, and regional development.

Key developments (2/2)

12th February

The West African Development Bank (BOAD) has secured a USD 27 mn (XOF 17 bn) grant from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to strengthen climate resilience in Togo. This project, developed in collaboration with the Togolese government, focuses on improving climate information services, establishing multi-hazard early warning systems, and implementing local adaptation measures. It will be executed over five years by the National Civil Protection Agency (ANPC) under the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection. This marks a milestone for Togo as its first individually. Less than four months after securing a record XOF 30 bn grant for regional climate adaptation financing across 85 WAEMU municipalities, BOAD achieves another major milestone with this approval for Togo. As an accredited GCF institution since 2017, BOAD continues to expand its climate finance initiatives, offering grants, concessional loans, guarantees, and refinancing lines to support sustainable development.



11th February

The Vice President of the BOAD, Moustapha Ben Barka, chaired the official launch of the PACAN 2025 Roadshow on 11th February 2025 at the BOAD Headquarters in Lomé, in the presence of Colonel Yoma BAKA, Director General of the National Civil Protection Agency of Togo, and Mrs. Sonja Wassermann, Country Representative of KfW in Togo. This event marks a key step in promoting Natural Disaster-Adapted Loans (PACAN) as a tool for resilience in the face of climate and health crises. PACAN combines subsidized loans and parametric insurance, allowing beneficiary countries to benefit from budget relief in the event of a disaster. The mechanism was activated for the first time in Togo on 13th October 2024, following heavy rainfall, leading to the cancellation of two loan payments and the release of EUR 6.62 mn to strengthen the country's resilience. With the support of KfW and its partners, BOAD continues its commitment to financial innovation and climate resilience in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU). The PACAN 2025 Roadshow aims to raise awareness among all member countries about this solution and strengthen their capacity to adapt to climate-related risks.



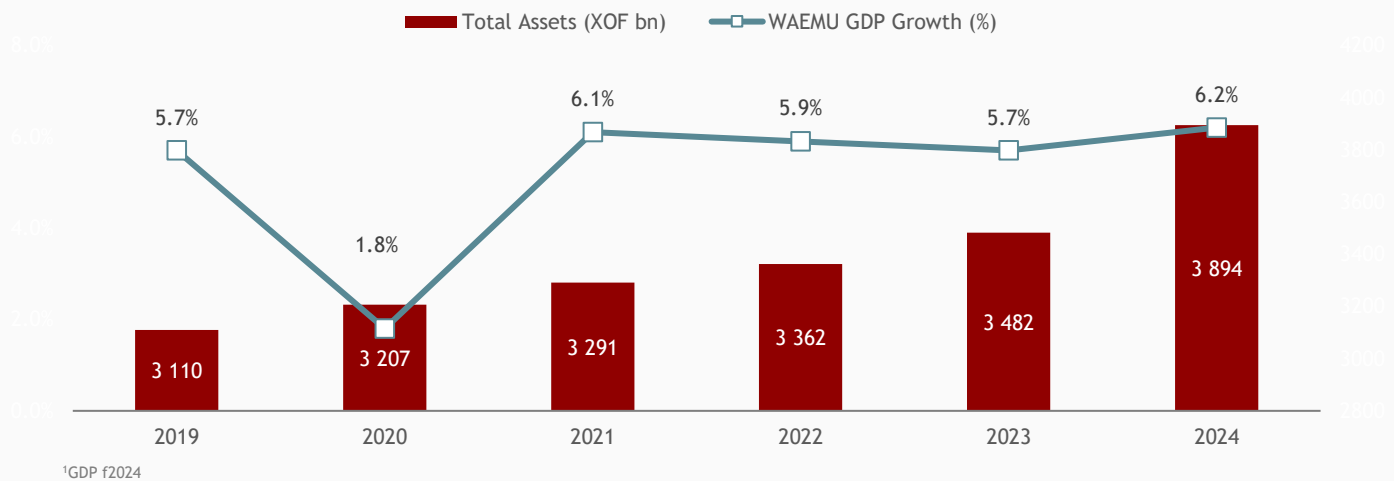
10th February



On 10th February 2025, BOAD and Africa Specialty Risks (ASR) announced a new partnership to conduct feasibility study on a captive insurance entity. Under the agreement, ASR will act as a service provider, leveraging its expertise to support BOAD in the establishment and management of the captive. This collaboration underscores both organizations' commitment to strengthening risk management practices and driving sustainable economic development across West Africa. By adopting the

'originate to distribute' approach, the Bank is currently leveraging the credit risk insurance market to optimize capital allocation, expand operational capacity and improve both portfolio quality and risk profile. The exploration of a captive insurance entity represents the next evolution of BOAD's strategy, offering the Bank greater control, financial flexibility and resilience in managing risks associated with its development projects

BOAD Assets vs. WAEMU GDP Growth



BOAD Financials

XOF Million	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Loans and Advances to Customers	2,166,679	2,368,457	2,439,926	2,461,992	2,372,600
Total Equity	903,074	951,049	1,104,641	1,236,032	1,378,326
Total Assets	3,207,265	3,291,286	3,362,279	3,482,022	3,893,477
Net Interest Income	52,131	60,160	72,627	89,274	89,610
Net Income	29,302	30,824	33,682	36,453	39,402
Return on Average Equity	3.40%	3.43%	3.39%	3.18%	3.01%
Return on Average Assets	0.93%	0.95%	1.01%	1.07%	1.07%
Equity to Assets	28.16%	28.90%	32.85%	35.50%	35.40%
Capital Adequacy Ratio (Basel II)	23.90%	23.41%	26.43%	27.49%	29.42%
Net Interest Margin	1.80%	2.25%	2.16%	2.27%	2.45%
NPLs/Gross Outstanding Loans	2.71%	2.90%	2.92%	2.64%	2.46%

- The Loans and Advances to Customers decreased by 3.6% in 2024 to XOF 2,372.6 bn from XOF 2,461.9 bn in 2023.
- BOAD recorded a Net Income of XOF 39.4 bn in 2024 i.e. a 8.1% increase compared to 2023 (XOF 36.4 bn).
- BOAD continues to benefit from a good capitalization and has currently one of the strongest capital ratios (Basel II) among its peers in the region. As at 31st December 2024, the Capital Adequacy ratio is at 29.42%, well above internal target of 15%.
- NPL ratio stands at 2.46% as at 31st December 2024.

Recent projects and achievements (1/4)



BOAD has lent XOF 15 bn to the Atlantic Cocoa Corporation (ACC CI) in Côte d'Ivoire to contribute to the purchase of around 30,000 tonnes of cocoa beans for the 2024-2025 cocoa campaign. The expected impacts are guaranteed livelihoods for 6 mn people, consolidating 1,500 direct, indirect and induced jobs, XOF 8,000 mn direct added value and XOF 29,000 mn in direct and indirect tax revenues.

  XOF 15 bn





BOAD has lent XOF 15 bn to the Compagnie Malienne pour le Développement des Textiles (CMDT) in Mali to contribute to the collection and ginning of around 600,000 tonnes of seed cotton for the 2024-2025 cotton campaign. The expected outcome is the preservation of livelihoods for over 4 mn people, 1,500 permanent jobs and 3,000 seasonal jobs, and XOF 5,000 mn in direct added value.

  XOF 15 bn



BOAD has lent for XOF 15 bn to IVOIRE COTON for the 2024-2025 cotton season. This partial financing is intended in particular for the purchase of inputs and seed cotton, logistics, ginning and marketing of cotton lint. The aim is to contribute to the production of around 367,000 tonnes of seed cotton, corresponding to 154,000 tonnes of lint. The projected impacts are the preservation of the livelihoods of 3.5 mn people, 600 permanent jobs and 1,200 seasonal and indirect jobs, as well as XOF 28,000 mn in direct added value.

  XOF 15 bn



BOAD has lent XOF 20 bn for the deployment of the "Système de Communication Intégré des Forces de Sécurité Intérieure (SCIFSI)" in Burkina Faso. The aim of the project is to extend network coverage to 32 localities and modernize the electronic communication system for the internal security forces. Overall, its implementation will contribute to effectively protect people and property throughout the country. The expected impact is 200 direct and indirect jobs, XOF 879 mn/year of indirect and induced added value and XOF 87 mn/year of indirect and direct tax revenue.

  XOF 20 bn

Recent projects and achievements (2/4)



BOAD has lent XOF 30 bn to Air Côte d'Ivoire for the acquisition of two A 330-900 Neo aircrafts which will allow the company to launch long-haul flights from Abidjan to destinations such as Paris, Beirut, Geneva, London, New York and Washington. The extend impact is over 2,160 direct, indirect and induced jobs created, over XOF 30,878 mn in indirect and induced added value per year, over XOF 3,186 mn in indirect and induced tax revenue per year.

  XOF 30 bn



BOAD has lent XOF 20 bn for the extension and modernization of the electronic communications network of Orange Mali SA in the Republic of Mali. The purpose of the project is to strengthen the infrastructure, expand capacity and extend coverage of the Orange Mali network. It will enable to network to improve its quality of service and become the benchmark multi-service operator, offering the best customer experience on the electronic communications. The expected outcome is nearly 450 jobs created, XOF 104.6 bn/year in indirect and induced added value, XOF 19.6 bn/year in indirect and induced tax revenue.

  XOF 20 bn





BOAD has lent XOF 30 bn for the extension of the Unified Video Protection (UPV) platform in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, aiming to expand the platform to three new localities and establish a national cybersecurity center. This project will enhance both physical and digital security across the country, ensuring the free movement of people, goods, and data. It is expected to generate over 420 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, create XOF 2.26 bn per year in indirect and induced added value, and generate XOF 700 M per year in indirect and induced tax revenue.

  XOF 30 bn



BOAD has lent XOF 30 bn for the upgrading and doubling of the Ouidah-Hillacondji road (58.5 km) in the Republic of Benin, specifically the Ouidah-Agonkanmey section (7 km). The project involves the construction of a 2x2 lane road with 3.5 m sidewalks on both sides, aiming to strengthen regional integration and boost intra-regional trade. It is expected to create over 1,550 direct and indirect jobs, generate XOF 11.1 bn per year in indirect and induced added value, XOF 300 mn per year in indirect and induced tax revenue, and include compensatory reforestation efforts.

  XOF 30 bn

Recent projects and achievements (3/4)



BOAD has lent XOF 50 bn for the construction and operation of a 372 MW combined-cycle thermal power plant in Songon, Côte d'Ivoire, by SONGON ENERGIES. The project involves the design, financing, construction, full ownership, operation for 35 years, and transfer of the plant and its associated infrastructure, under a BOOT (Build-Own-Operate and Transfer) arrangement. The purpose of the project is to ensure better coverage of demand and secure the supply of electricity in Côte d'Ivoire. It is expected to generate 2,805 GWh of electrical energy, provide access to electricity for over 4.7 million inhabitants, reduce 2.1 million tonnes of CO₂ per year compared to a coal-fired power plant, and create 1,390 jobs. Additionally, the project will generate XOF 35 bn in added value annually and more than XOF 1 bn in indirect and induced tax revenues each year.

  XOF 50 bn




BOAD has lent XOF 40 bn for the partial financing of emergency expenditure in the energy sector in the Togolese Republic. The aim of this operation is to ensure the continuity of the public electricity service for the Togolese population and to support the country's economic and social development.

  XOF 40 bn



BOAD has lent XOF 14.423 bn for the exploitation of a uranium deposit in Moradi and the installation of a sulfuric acid production plant by COMIREX SA in Arlit, Republic of Niger. The project will contribute to the development of Niger's mining industry through the extraction and processing of 624,000 tons of uranium ore into rich juice per year, the marketing of around 243 tons of rich uranium juice per year, and the production/marketing of around 150,000 tons of sulfuric acid per year. The project is expected to create 360 jobs, generate XOF 11,400 mn per year in direct added value, and produce at least XOF 2,328 mn in tax revenue annually.

  XOF 14 bn



BOAD has lent XOF 12.5 bn for the restructuring of the butane gas filling centers project in Abidjan and Yamoussoukro by Société Internationale de Gaz (SIG SA) in Côte d'Ivoire. The project involves extending the Abidjan center and building two centers with storage capacities of 4,400 m³ and 400 m³, and filling capacities of 465 tonnes/day and 177 tonnes/day, respectively. It aims to strengthen national infrastructure and meet growing demand in the butane gas market. The project will create nearly 290 jobs, generate XOF 38,200 mn in direct added value over 10 years, and produce at least XOF 6,270 mn in tax revenues over 10 years.

  XOF 12 bn

Recent projects and achievements (4/4)



BOAD has lent XOF 20 bn for the construction and operation of the Cité Ministérielle de Lomé by Société de Construction de la Cité Ministérielle (SOCOCIM) SAU in Togo. The project aims to build and operate an administrative building stock to house the public administration in the city of Lomé, contributing to the modernization of public administration to support the national economy. It involves the construction of 18 buildings, including 8 towers (R+8; R+12; R+13) and 10 R+2 buildings. The project is expected to create over 1,000 jobs and generate more than XOF 11,600 mn in indirect or induced added value per year.



XOF 20 bn



BOAD has lent XOF 50 bn to the State of Niger to restore liquidity in the Nigerien banking system. The loan will provide SONIBANK with stable resources to strengthen its solvency, restore its prudential ratios, and continue financing Niger's economy.



XOF 50 bn



BOAD has lent XOF 30 bn for the development and asphaltting of the Odienné-Dioulatiédougou road (80 km) in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. The project includes a 2x2 lane section over 2 km through Dioulatiédougou and the construction of 6 km of urban roads in Odienné and Dioulatiédougou. Aimed at improving connectivity and fostering economic development, the project seeks to unlock access to the targeted localities, create employment opportunities, and enhance living conditions. It is expected to generate over 1,500 direct and indirect jobs, contribute XOF 7.463 bn per year in indirect and induced added value, and yield XOF 201 mn per year in indirect and induced tax revenue.



XOF 30 bn



BOAD continues to be at the forefront of financial innovation with the success of its USD 500 mn hybrid sustainable bond

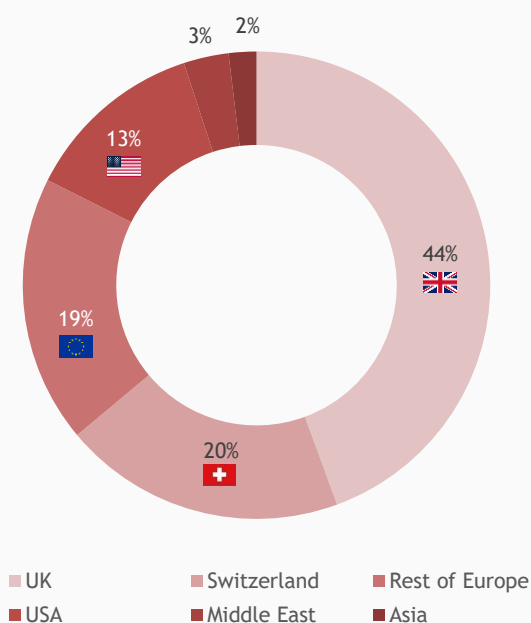
BOAD has successfully issued a USD 500 mn hybrid sustainable bond on the international capital market on the 6th February 2025. The inaugural public hybrid issue has a 30-year maturity and 5-year non-call period, with a euro equivalent coupon rate of 5.9%. Full investor confidence was reflected in a substantial order book of USD 1.9 bn, representing a final oversubscription rate of 3.8 times higher, as well as a spread tightening of 37.5 bps compared to the initial offer.

Prior to the transaction, BOAD had already secured USD 204 mn in private placements with the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) in December 2023 and August 2024, respectively. Rated Baa3 by Moody's and recognized with 50% equity content by Moody's and Fitch, this inaugural hybrid public issue enables BOAD to exceed its hybrid bond target of USD 600 mn, and to achieve 95% of its capital increase target under its Djoliba Strategic Plan. It also allows BOAD to add additional quasi-equity to its liabilities, raising its equity/assets ratio to 41.7%.

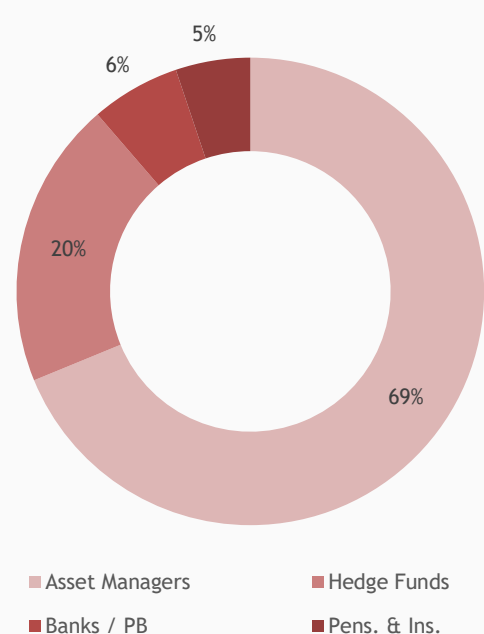
The transaction attracted strong interest from a wide range of investors, thanks to BOAD's solid credit profile and the characteristics of the instrument's structure. In terms of geographical distribution UK accounted for 44% of the allocation, followed by Switzerland (20%), the United States (13%), the Middle East (3%), Asia (2%) and the rest of Europe (19%). In terms of investor type, asset managers accounted for 69% of the allocation, followed by hedge funds (20%), private banks (6%) and pension/insurance funds (5%).

The funds raised will be allocated to the financing or refinancing of green and social projects eligible within the framework of BOAD's sustainable development obligations, thereby reinforcing the Bank's commitment to climate action and social progress in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) region. This operation strengthens BOAD's capitalization and accelerates the achievement of the objectives of its Djoliba Strategic Plan, thus consolidating its role as an engine for sustainable economic growth and improved living conditions in West Africa.

Allocation by geographic region



Allocation by investor type

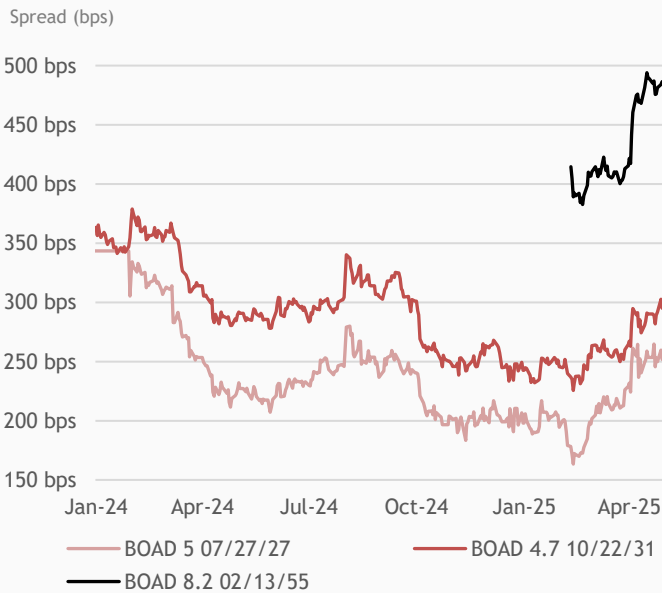


Trading Eurobonds Performance

Financing Development Differently

BOAD bonds performance on the secondary market

BOAD USD-denominated bonds



BOAD EUR-denominated bond

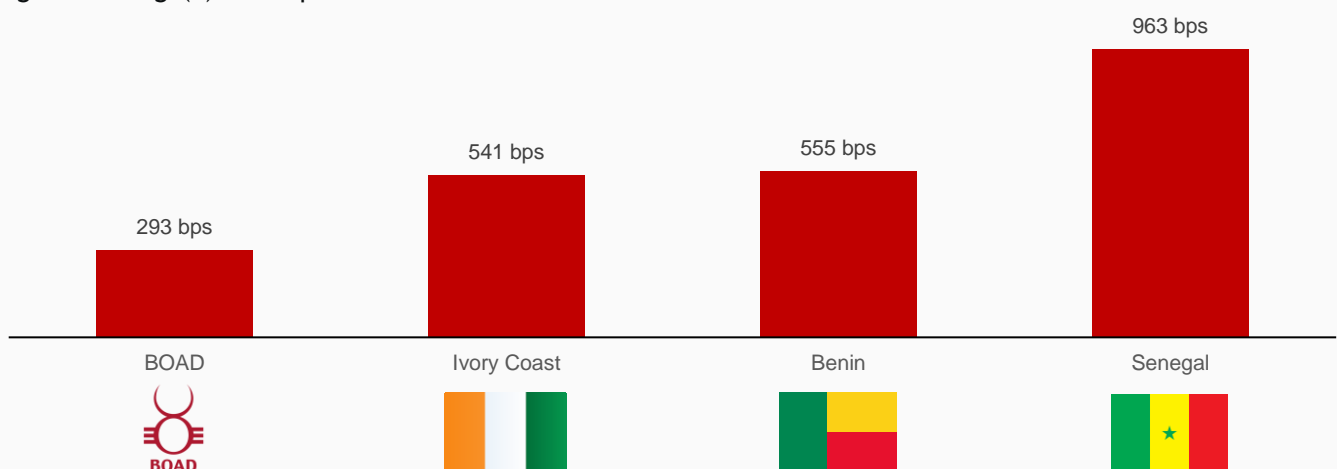


Issuer	Issue Date	M's	S&P	Fitch	Amount	Curr	Maturity	Coupon (%)	Tenor (y)	Price (%)	Yield (%)	Spread (bps)	Δ 1m	Δ 3m	Δ YTD
BOAD	13/02/2025	Baa3	-	-	500	USD	13/02/2055	8.200	4.8	99.4	8.36	487	71	-	-
BOAD	27/07/2017	Baa1	-	BBB	850	USD	27/07/2027	5	2.2	97.9	6.00	253	24	45	46
BOAD	22/10/2019	Baa1	-	BBB	830	USD	22/10/2031	4.7	6.5	90.5	6.52	295	31	43	46
BOAD	22/01/2021	Baa1	-	BBB	750	EUR	22/01/2033	2.75	7.7	84.1	5.31	296	47	38	4

Source: Bloomberg, as of 29 April 2025

BOAD and WAEMU issuers performance in the secondary market

Weighted Average(1) Bond Spread



(1) For each issuer, the weighted average spread is based on USD eq. issued amount for each outstanding bond

Source: Bloomberg, as of 29 April 2025

Ratings of BOAD and its peers in the region

Issuer	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
BOAD	Baa1 (Stable)	-	BBB (Stable)
Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)	A3 (Stable)	-	-
African Export-Import Bank (AFREXIM)	Baa1 (Negative)	-	BBB (Stable)
Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB)	Ba1 (Stable)	-	BB+ (Negative)

Source: Bloomberg, as of 29 April 2025

WAEMU Sovereigns ratings

Issuer	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Benin	B1 (Stable)	BB- (Positive)	B+ (Stable)
Burkina Faso	-	CCC+ (Stable)	-
Côte d'Ivoire	Ba2 (Stable)	BB (Stable)	BB- (Stable)
Guinea Bissau	-	-	-
Mali	Caa2 (Stable)	-	-
Niger	Caa3 (Stable)	-	-
Senegal	B1 (Negative)	B+ (Negative)	-
Togo	B3 (Stable)	B+ (Stable)	-

Source: Bloomberg, as of 29 April 2025