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Deutsche's new private credit arm eyes €2bn for debut funds

- Corporate lending and asset-based financing strats to target €1bn each
- DBIP was launched in September, and operates independently of Deutsche Bank
- Almost all major banks now setting up private credit arms

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Deutsche Bank's private credit investment management firm DB Investment Partners is targeting €1bn each for two new funds, With Intelligence understands.

The London-based manager is eyeing a fund focused on corporate lending, which will invest across sectors, and another on asset-based financing which will include financial and hard asset financing.

The target first close for both funds is expected to be around €300m.

DB Investment Partners declined to comment.

Launched in September last year, DBIP operates independently of Deutsche Bank, and is overseen by Raheman Meghji, who serves as CEO and CIO for the firm.

With Intelligence reported in October that the firm had expanded its team to include former Park Square Capital pro Alexandra Simkin as its head of investor relations ahead of fundraising.

DBIP has a separate real estate credit line, and will also have a focus on renewable finance, energy transition financing, and infrastructure financing globally.

Investment banks are increasingly looking to launch private credit arms to compete with direct lenders, as alternatives firms like Blackstone, Apollo, and Ares, filled a void left by banks following the global financial crisis of 2008.

Recent entrants in the space include Société Générale, JPMorgan Chase, Barclays, and Citigroup. According to With Intelligence sources, HSBC and BNP Paribas are also exploring options to enter the space.