



Inception

The vision for African
Bank emerged from the
1964 NAFCOC
conference in Soweto,
where our founders
aimed to address the
systematic exclusion of
black people from the
economic system by
providing access to
funding for black
owned businesses.

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Foundation

Starting with just R70 seed capital the founders embarked on a decade long-funding campaign to raise an additional R1-million. African Bank was officially established in 1975, after meeting stringent National Party conditions, led by figures like Dr. Sam Motsuenyane and the late Dr. Richard Maponya.

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Growth and Expansion

Since our start where we facilitated access to finance for disadvantaged communities, we have learned difficult entrepreneurship and business lessons that enabled us to evolve into a diversified and sustainable business maintaining our ethos of profitably helping South **African entrepreneurs** to succeed. on a sustainable basis.

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Acquisitions

The strategic move to acquire Grindrod Bank, and the capital equipment and commercial property finance business from Sasfin, expanded our product and service range, including specialized business banking solutions.



Our ethos is to profitably help South African entrepreneurs to succeed, on a sustainable basis. The socio-economic wellbeing of the country matters – GDP growth and job creation





Where we operate



Our operational reach spans various industries from corporates, small and medium-sized enterprises, to emerging traders and public sector.

Below are some of the industries we work with, across all sectors mentioned above, and how we grow together with them:

Automotive

Asset finance for inventory acquisition, expansions, renovations and equipment upgrades

Franchising

Financing to cover franchise fees, initial build-out expenses, and working capital

FMCG - Retail

Inventory financing and credit facilities to maintain adequate stock levels during seasonal surges

Medical

Financing to expand facilities for medical professionals including independent pharmacies

Manufacturing

Trade finance to secure supplies and manage foreign exchange risks

Services

Business credit lines to cover fluctuating expenses or invest in expansion opportunities

Construction

Asset finance for heavy machinery, construction vehicles, and tools

Power and Energy

Credit facility and overdraft facility to maintain adequate supplies during pricing fluctuations



Offering on a page



Our Client Coverage team – The team are product agnostic and look after the full requirements of the customer across all products and services led via our Relationship Managers.

Savings & Investment	Investment Banking	Commercial Property	Corporate Finance
 We have investment products for our depositor client base, which include attorneys, asset managers and trustees. Incl. Call, Prime-Time, Flexi and Fixed Notice Deposit 	 Our team includes corporate finance and M&A teams who provide independent, objective and innovative corporate finance advice and transaction execution services including Mezzanine Finance, Empowerment Finance, Leveraged and management buy outs, Finance, Recapitalisations and Replacement Capital. 	 Focuses on financial solutions for development and investment opportunities. Funding, can extend to: Retail Centres, Office Buildings, Student Accommodation, Residential, Mixed -Use, Warehousing and Distribution. 	Services • Mergers & Acquisitions
Lending Criteria	 Commercial viability and ability to repay Financial justification for the transaction 	 Be compliant with generally accepted industry governance regulations Business domicile must be based and registered in South Africa 	 Personal integrity and demonstrated management ability of the client Favourable current and future developments in the client's marketplace
Pricing & Threshold	Prime linked ratesRaising Fee	Minimum loan amount of R50 000	 Loan term of between 3 months to 10 years (productive life of asset)

Capital Equipment

- Enhancing Working Capital and Empowering Business Growth.
- Finance the purchase of movable assets through financial leases, instalment sales, or rental agreements.
- Flexible periods ranging from 12 72 months.

SME Segment

- We continue to develop products as we focus on supporting our ethos of profitably helping SA entrepreneurs to succeed.
- Products include a transactional account, digital lending and POS solutions for small business.





Committed to Growing Together

We differentiate ourselves through our commitment to financial inclusion, leveraging our historic foundation by African entrepreneurs to offer unique banking solutions for business.

We also recognise the challenge of balancing the work to be done in growing your business and the administrative load of managing the compliance of your business. Through strategic acquisitions and continuous innovation; we commit to providing products, solutions, and expertise that serves your needs better and empowers you to focus on your business growth.

In addition we invest in our communities through:

Flagship Programmes

22 on Sloane support Black owned entrepreneurs

Women Capacity Building Programmes

Supporting female entrepreneurs to start, launch, commercialise and scale their businesses

Youth Development Programme

Assist 25 youth annually to start new businesses

Support the SA Special Olympic Programme

Shed the spotlight on the differently enabled

Whole School Development Programme

In partnership with the Bank of China

National Consumer Education programme

Focus on responsible financial management and credit, over indebtedness and where to get help, payment behaviour, debt counselling procedure, and financial planning tools

Our commitment to Communities



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