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About the report

Increasing annual investments in small and medium-sized enterprises by \$1 trillion would yield disproportionate dividends in terms of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. These investments also have the potential to deliver healthy returns for investors.

To boost investment in developing country small firms, this report finds that stronger investment facilitators (actors which connect firms to investors) are key. Other major findings: bundling investments for small firms into large packages helps scale up financing; disseminating information on small business credit performance improves risk assessments; and helping these firms to be investor-ready improves their commercial viability.

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