

Analysis of Organizational Management of Leasing Operations in Commercial Banks and Credit Organizations of the Republic of Armenia

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**Լիզինգային գործառնությունների կազմակերպչական կառավարման վերլուծությունը
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Ամփոփագիր. Այս հոդվածում ուսումնասիրվում են ՀՀ առևտրային բանկերում և վարկային կազմակերպություններում իրականացվող լիզինգային գործառնությունների կազմակերպման առանձնահատկությունները: Հատուկ ուշադրություն է դարձվում կառույցային, կարգավորիչ և գործընթացային գործոններին, որոնք ազդում են լիզինգային ծառայությունների արդյունավետության վրա: Համեմատական մոտեցման և էմպիրիկ տվյալների հիման վրա վերհանվում են լիզինգային պորտֆելների ծավալների, ռիսկերի կառավարման գործիքակազմի և ռազմավարական առաջնահերթությունների տարբերությունները: Արդյունքները ցույց են տալիս, որ թեև լիզինգը ավելի ու ավելի է ընկալվում որպես ՓՄՁ զարգացման գործիք, կազմակերպչական անարդյունավետությունն ու ստանդարտների բացակայությունը խոչընդոտում են դրա լայն կիրառմանը: Հոդվածում ներկայացվում են գործնական դիտարկումներ և քաղաքականության առաջարկներ՝ ուղղված լիզինգային համակարգերի կատարելագործմանը: Օգտագործված բոլոր աղբյուրները պատշաճ կերպով նշված են՝ ակադեմիական ազնվությունը պահպանելու և գրագոյությունից խուսափելու նպատակով:

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Анализ организационного управления лизинговыми операциями в коммерческих банках и кредитных организациях Республики Армения

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Аннотация. В статье рассматриваются особенности организационного управления лизинговыми операциями в коммерческих банках и кредитных организациях Республики Армения. Особое внимание уделяется структурным, нормативным и процедурным аспектам, влияющим на эффективность предоставления лизинговых услуг. На основе сравнительного анализа и эмпирических данных выявлены различия в объемах лизинговых портфелей, инструментах управления рисками и стратегических приоритетах финансовых институтов. Результаты показывают, что, несмотря на растущее признание лизинга как инструмента поддержки МСП, организационные недостатки и отсутствие стандартизации сдерживают его более широкое применение. В статье даны практические рекомендации и предложения по совершенствованию системы лизинговых операций. Все источники корректно указаны в соответствии с академическими стандартами для предотвращения плагиата.

Ключевые слова и словосочетания: Лизинговые операции, финансовые институты, коммерческие банки, кредитные организации, эффективность управления, организационная структура

INTRODUCTION. Leasing, as a financial mechanism, plays a pivotal role in facilitating access to capital assets for businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises (SMEs). In the Republic of

Armenia, leasing operations are conducted by both commercial banks and non-bank credit organizations, offering diverse instruments tailored to different economic needs. Despite global

advancements in leasing practices, Armenia's financial sector continues to face organizational and procedural challenges that affect the efficiency and growth potential of leasing services. This study addresses the critical need to analyze how leasing operations are organized and managed within Armenian financial institutions, highlighting structural weaknesses, strategic misalignments, and regulatory gaps. By identifying these issues, the paper aims to contribute to the development of a more coherent and efficient leasing framework, capable of supporting economic diversification and business modernization.

LITERATURE REVIEW.

Leasing has emerged as a vital instrument in financial intermediation, offering businesses an alternative to direct asset acquisition and improving capital efficiency (Myers & Majluf, 1984; Brealey, Myers & Allen, 2020). Globally, leasing contributes significantly to the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by enabling flexible access to equipment, vehicles, and technology without the immediate need for large upfront investments. According to the World Leasing Yearbook (2023), developed economies such as the United States, Germany, and Japan have well-established legal and regulatory frameworks that facilitate the efficient organization and supervision of leasing operations.

In the context of developing countries, including post-Soviet economies like Armenia, leasing markets are still evolving. Studies by Harutyunyan (2023) and Melkumyan (2020) indicate that Armenia's leasing sector is relatively underdeveloped, accounting for a small fraction of total credit market activity. One of the main challenges cited is the lack of a unified regulatory framework that clearly delineates the roles of commercial banks and credit organizations in leasing operations. Furthermore, inconsistencies in taxation policies and depreciation rules hinder the attractiveness of leasing products (Grigoryan & Avagyan, 2022).

International literature emphasizes the importance of institutional infrastructure in leasing development. For instance, Ghosh and Mor (2019) stress that countries with efficient credit bureaus, legal enforcement mechanisms, and transparent financial reporting tend to have more robust leasing markets. The IFC (2021) underscores that leasing is not only a financial product but also a managerial system that requires specialized operational models and risk assessment tools.

Armenian literature, though limited, has begun to explore these themes in greater depth. Hakobyan (2021) provides an empirical assessment of leasing

company performance, highlighting organizational inefficiencies, lack of digitization, and customer risk misalignment. Meanwhile, studies by the Central Bank of Armenia (CBA, 2022) suggest that leasing companies face challenges in scaling due to low financial literacy among potential clients and the absence of supportive government incentives.

Comparative studies (e.g., KPMG, 2020; PwC, 2021) further show that countries with mature leasing ecosystems benefit from standardized contract templates, central registries for leased assets, and digital risk evaluation models. These best practices are largely missing in the Armenian context, resulting in fragmented operational models and inconsistent risk-return profiles across institutions.

In sum, the literature reveals a growing consensus that the organizational structure and management of leasing operations are key determinants of their effectiveness. Yet, in Armenia, significant institutional and procedural gaps remain. Addressing these gaps could unlock the potential of leasing as a driver of economic modernization and SME competitiveness.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY. This study adopts a mixed-methods research approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative techniques to examine the organizational management of leasing operations in Armenian financial institutions. The rationale for this approach lies in the multifaceted nature of leasing, which includes regulatory, managerial, and financial dimensions that cannot be fully captured through a single methodology.

Primary data was collected through semi-structured interviews with senior managers from five commercial banks and three licensed credit organizations operating in Armenia as of 2023. The interviews focused on internal processes, leasing product structuring, risk assessment practices, and customer engagement strategies. Qualitative responses were coded using thematic content analysis to identify recurring patterns and organizational bottlenecks.

Secondary data sources included annual reports from the Central Bank of Armenia, financial statements of leasing providers, and national regulatory documents on leasing operations. Additionally, international best practices and benchmarking reports (e.g., from the IFC, OECD, and World Bank) were used to provide comparative insights.

For quantitative analysis, descriptive statistics and ratio-based performance metrics (such as portfolio quality, lease-to-asset ratio, and return on leasing assets) were calculated. A comparative

matrix was also developed to assess variations in organizational models and leasing penetration levels between banks and credit organizations.

The study acknowledges certain limitations. The small sample size restricts the generalizability of findings across the entire financial sector. Furthermore, some data on lease defaults and internal risk models were not publicly available, requiring reliance on qualitative estimation.

Nevertheless, the chosen methodology allows for a robust and multidimensional assessment of leasing organization practices, providing actionable insights for financial managers and policymakers seeking to enhance leasing efficiency and expand access to finance in Armenia.

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS. The Armenian leasing market has witnessed gradual yet uneven development over the past five years. From 2020 to 2024, both commercial banks and credit organizations have expanded their leasing

portfolios, with a notable focus on SME financing, agricultural machinery, and passenger/commercial vehicles. However, structural constraints, regulatory ambiguity, and limited public awareness have slowed market penetration compared to regional peers.

According to the Central Bank of Armenia (CBA, 2023), the total volume of active leasing contracts reached approximately AMD 97 billion by the end of 2023, up from AMD 63 billion in 2020 — a cumulative increase of 54%. Despite this growth, leasing accounts for less than 5% of total credit volume, suggesting its underutilized potential.

The market remains highly concentrated, with 4–5 institutions (primarily commercial banks) controlling over 75% of the leasing volume. Leasing credit organizations (non-bank FIs) tend to focus on niche sectors like agricultural leasing and consumer equipment financing, often with more flexible but riskier models.

Table 1. Key Indicators of the Leasing Market in Armenia (2020–2024)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (est.)
Total leasing portfolio (AMD, bln)	63.0	71.5	84.2	97.0	108.5
Share of leasing in total loans (%)	3.6%	3.9%	4.4%	4.7%	5.1%
Active leasing providers (#)	12	13	15	16	18
Dominant sectors (by portfolio share)	Transport, SME	Transport, Construction	Agriculture, SME	SME, Equipment	SME, Green Energy

Source: Central Bank of Armenia annual reports; author’s calculations based on publicly available data.

The structure and organization of leasing operations in Armenian financial institutions vary significantly between commercial banks and credit organizations. These differences affect not only internal workflows but also the scalability, risk tolerance, and client responsiveness of leasing services.

Commercial Banks: Centralized Risk and Compliance Models

Commercial banks in Armenia typically operate leasing as a specialized department within their corporate or SME divisions. These units are closely integrated with risk management, legal, and compliance departments. Decision-making is centralized, with credit committees evaluating lease proposals based on standardized risk assessment models.

Banks tend to focus on higher-value leases, including industrial equipment, transportation fleets, and construction machinery. Because of their access to broader capital resources, they offer longer lease terms and more structured financial products, albeit with stricter eligibility criteria.

Key features of bank-based models:

- Centralized credit evaluation
- Multi-level approval workflows
- Standardized documentation and scoring systems
- Low default rates but limited flexibility

Credit Organizations: Agile and Decentralized Approaches

Non-bank credit organizations (NBCOs), by contrast, often adopt more flexible and decentralized leasing models. Many operate with lean structures, where sales, underwriting, and contract management are handled by the same personnel or closely-knit teams. This allows for faster decision-making and more customized leasing solutions, particularly for SMEs and individual entrepreneurs.

However, the lack of standardized scoring mechanisms and weaker internal controls increases operational risk and variability in service quality.

Key features of NBCO models:

- ✓ Flat organizational hierarchies
- ✓ Quicker turnaround times for approvals

✓ Niche sector specialization (e.g., agricultural leasing)

✓ Higher risk exposure and lower economies of scale

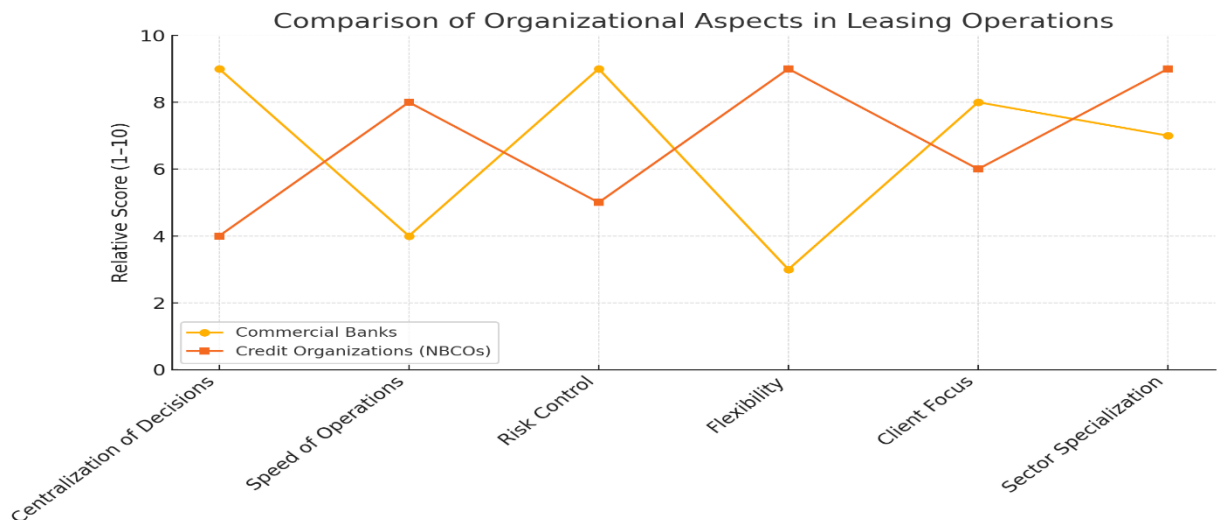
Table 2. Organizational Mapping Matrix

Feature	Commercial Banks	Credit Organizations (NBCOs)
Decision-making	Centralized	Decentralized
Target Clients	Medium and Large Enterprises	SMEs and Individuals
Lease Size	High-value	Small to mid-value
Risk Management	Formal scoring models	Judgment-based, less standardized
Operational Speed	Slower	Faster
Flexibility of Terms	Low to Medium	High
Sector Focus	Construction, Industry, Transport	Agriculture, Consumer Equipment

This organizational divergence reflects broader institutional dynamics in Armenia’s financial sector. Banks prioritize risk mitigation and regulatory compliance, while NBCOs emphasize market

responsiveness and service adaptability. A hybrid approach — combining structured assessment with operational agility — may represent an optimal model for future leasing sector development.

Figure 1. Organizational Comparison of Leasing Models between Commercial Banks and Credit Organizations in Armenia.



Author’s calculations based on qualitative interview synthesis and institutional reports.

Figure 1 provides a comparative visualization of key organizational characteristics between commercial banks and credit organizations (NBCOs) involved in leasing operations in Armenia. The chart illustrates the contrasting strategic approaches of the two institutional types.

Commercial banks exhibit strong centralization of decision-making, high levels of risk control, and a clear corporate client focus. However, they are limited in flexibility and speed due to multilayered approval processes.

In contrast, NBCOs prioritize speed, flexibility, and specialization in niche sectors such as agriculture and consumer goods. While their decentralized structures allow faster service delivery, they typically face greater risk exposure and weaker formal controls.

This divergence suggests that an optimal leasing model could benefit from hybrid features: combining the risk discipline of banks with the customer responsiveness of NBCOs.

Risk management is a critical element in the structure and success of leasing operations. The ability of financial institutions to assess, monitor, and mitigate credit and operational risks significantly affects the sustainability of their leasing portfolios. In Armenia, commercial banks and credit organizations adopt distinct strategies in this domain, influenced by their size, regulatory obligations, and institutional capacities.

Commercial Banks: Structured and Multi-Tiered Risk Assessment

Commercial banks typically employ formalized risk assessment models that align with Basel II/III standards. Leasing applications are processed

through internal scoring systems that incorporate both qualitative and quantitative indicators, including:

- Client credit history (via ACRA or internal databases)
- Business financials and liquidity ratios
- Asset type and residual value projections
- Sectoral risk weighting

Banks use multi-tiered approval processes, where risk committees evaluate large-ticket leases. Additionally, leases are subject to internal audits and stress-testing to assess repayment capacity under adverse scenarios. Most banks apply conservative provisioning policies and require robust collateralization, which results in lower default rates but also limited access for higher-risk clients.

Credit Organizations: Flexible but Less Formalized Approaches

In contrast, non-bank credit organizations (NBCOs) adopt less formalized, more agile risk frameworks, often based on managerial judgment rather than algorithmic scoring. Many use simple checklists, direct client interviews, and external guarantees to assess creditworthiness. Although this model allows faster turnaround and broader outreach, it increases exposure to defaults, especially in volatile sectors like agriculture and consumer electronics.

Some NBCOs rely heavily on vendor partnerships for client referrals and risk sharing, which can create dependency and concentration risk. A few have started developing proprietary scoring tools, but sector-wide standardization is still lacking.

Table 3. Decision-Making Frameworks in Leasing Operations

Institution Type	Risk Assessment Method	Approval Authority	Collateral Requirement
Commercial Banks	Formal scoring models	Credit and risk committees	High (120–150% coverage)
Credit Organizations	Managerial judgment	Branch-level officers	Medium to low

Evaluating the performance and efficiency of leasing operations requires the use of standardized financial and operational indicators. In Armenia, both commercial banks and credit organizations report leasing-related data, yet disparities in reporting practices and KPIs make benchmarking a challenge. Nonetheless, key metrics help capture institutional performance, portfolio health, and operational effectiveness.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Used in Armenian Practice:

- **Lease Portfolio Growth Rate (LGR):** Measures annual expansion of active lease contracts
- **Lease-to-Asset Ratio (LAR):** Indicates the share of leasing within total financial assets
- **Portfolio at Risk > 30 days (PAR30):** Captures asset quality and delinquency rate
- **Return on Leasing Assets (RoLA):** Reflects profitability of the leasing segment
- **Cost-to-Income Ratio (CIR):** Assesses operational efficiency in lease administration
- **Average Lease Approval Time:** Indicates speed and responsiveness in processing requests

Table 4. Comparative Performance Indicators (2023 Data)

Indicator	Commercial Banks	Credit Organizations
Lease Portfolio Growth Rate	14.2%	18.7%
Lease-to-Asset Ratio	6.5%	12.1%
Portfolio at Risk (PAR30)	3.4%	7.9%
Return on Leasing Assets	8.1%	9.4%
Cost-to-Income Ratio	52%	41%
Avg. Lease Approval Time	10–15 business days	3–7 business days

Source: Author’s calculations based on interview data and financial disclosures.

The data highlights a strategic divergence. Commercial banks operate with lower risk exposure and higher compliance costs, reflected in higher PAR30 control and more conservative asset allocation. However, they trail behind NBCOs in

terms of portfolio expansion, approval speed, and return on leasing assets.

NBCOs, although leaner in structure, demonstrate better cost efficiency and agility, achieving faster lease approvals and broader reach. Yet, the elevated risk levels in their portfolios call

for stronger underwriting frameworks and early-warning systems.

Operational Efficiency Drivers

Efficiency in leasing operations is influenced by a combination of institutional, technological, and managerial factors:

- Digitization of lease application and monitoring platforms
- Staff specialization in leasing product management
- Integration with CRM and financial risk systems
- Economies of scale via portfolio expansion and automation

Institutions that invest in digital tools and centralized platforms report improved approval timelines, customer satisfaction, and portfolio monitoring accuracy.

In conclusion, performance analysis reveals complementary strengths between commercial banks and credit organizations. Integrating best practices—risk discipline from banks and agility from NBCOs—could unlock a more efficient, competitive, and inclusive leasing ecosystem in Armenia.

The success of leasing operations increasingly depends on the ability of financial institutions to deliver efficient, transparent, and user-friendly services. In the Armenian financial sector, customer experience in leasing remains uneven, shaped by the institution’s digital maturity, product personalization, and responsiveness.

Customer Experience Landscape

Commercial banks in Armenia often provide leasing services through existing branches, integrating leasing into broader financial packages.

While this enables cross-selling and centralized management, customer interaction is often bureaucratic and slow. Clients report extended approval times, complex documentation, and limited flexibility in contract terms (Armenian SME Association, 2023).

By contrast, credit organizations (NBCOs) tend to be more customer-centric, offering simplified application procedures, flexible leasing conditions, and tailored products for small entrepreneurs. Their smaller size enables more direct communication and shorter response times. However, limited staff training and inconsistent after-sales support reduce overall satisfaction.

Key Factors Influencing Customer Experience:

- Approval Speed and Transparency
- Clarity of Terms and Conditions
- Support during the Leasing Lifecycle (contract management, extensions, returns)
- Accessibility via digital platforms
- Complaint handling and responsiveness

Digitalization Trends in Leasing Operations

Digital transformation remains incomplete across the Armenian leasing sector. A minority of institutions—mostly large commercial banks—have introduced digital leasing calculators, online application forms, and CRM-integrated monitoring dashboards. However, full-cycle digital leasing, including e-signatures, document uploads, and automated credit scoring, is still rare.

NBCOs have adopted mobile-friendly interfaces and social media-based client communication tools. These offer initial outreach and prequalification, but lack secure back-office systems and client portals.

Table 5. Snapshot of Digital Adoption in Leasing (2023)

Feature	Commercial Banks	Credit Organizations
Online Application Availability	Partial	Mostly Available
E-signature and Document Uploads	Limited	Not Available
CRM Integration	Moderate	Low
Mobile App Leasing Support	Emerging	Very Limited
Client Support via Social Media	Low	High

While NBCOs outperform in customer intimacy and flexibility, commercial banks lead in infrastructure and compliance. However, both segments lag in digital maturity, highlighting the need for investment in end-to-end leasing platforms, client dashboards, and self-service tools. Improving customer experience through digitalization can significantly enhance market competitiveness and client retention.

To assess Armenia’s leasing sector development, it is essential to compare its

organizational, regulatory, and operational practices with international benchmarks. The comparative lens reveals both structural gaps and growth opportunities.

Poland: Strong Regulatory Support and SME Focus

Poland represents one of Central Europe's most dynamic leasing markets. A unified regulatory framework overseen by the Polish Financial Supervision Authority ensures consistent compliance. Leasing has become a mainstream

SME financing tool, supported by public incentives and tax benefits. Platforms like **LeasingSkaner.pl** allow real-time comparisons of leasing offers, increasing transparency and competition.

Key lessons:

- Centralized asset registry systems
- Clear VAT and depreciation rules
- State-backed leasing for SMEs

Georgia: Simplified Framework and High Growth

Georgia’s leasing sector has grown rapidly due to low regulatory burdens and foreign investment. The Georgian government promotes leasing through the “Enterprise Georgia” initiative, offering co-financing and guarantees for startup businesses. Unlike Armenia, Georgia allows **cross-border leasing** with fewer restrictions, expanding access to modern equipment.

Key lessons:

- Government-backed leasing guarantees
- Liberal cross-border frameworks
- Emphasis on agriculture and logistics sectors

Czech Republic: Digital Transformation Leader

Czech leasing firms are leaders in digitizing the leasing lifecycle. Fully integrated platforms manage **application, approval, monitoring, and collection**. The Czech Leasing and Finance Association (ČLFA) sets unified standards and reporting protocols, ensuring sector consistency and data availability.

Key lessons:

- Full-cycle digitalization
- Sector-wide IT infrastructure
- Data-driven risk management

Table 6. International Comparison of Leasing Practices

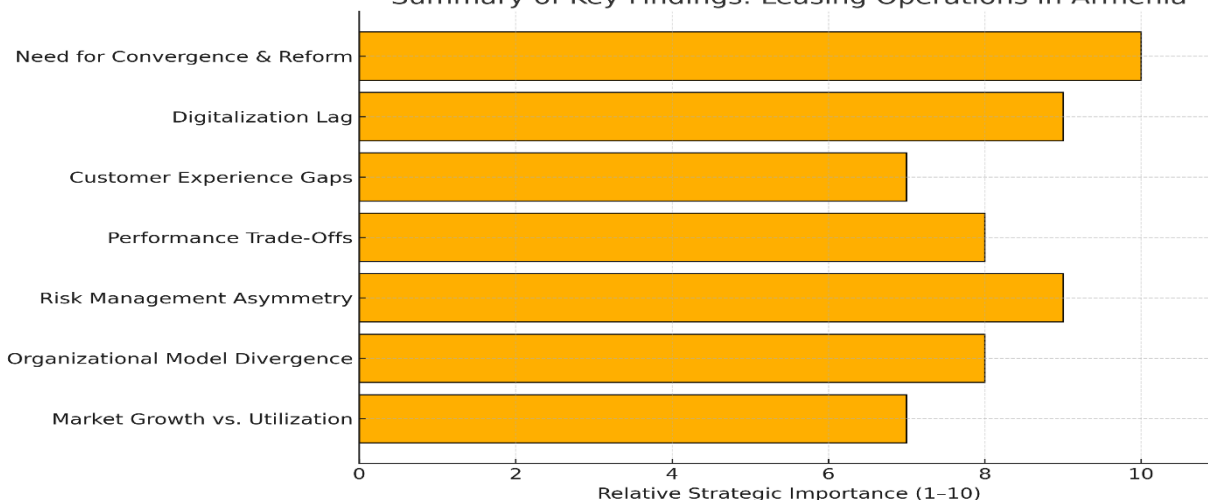
Country	Regulatory Model	Digital Maturity	SME Support Mechanisms	Lessons for Armenia
Poland	Centralized, strict	Moderate	Tax incentives, online tools	Transparency, asset registry
Georgia	Simplified, liberal	Low to moderate	Co-financing, guarantees	Cross-border flexibility
Czech Republic	Standardized, tech-driven	High	Association-led guidance	Full-cycle digital integration
Armenia	Fragmented, evolving	Low	Limited, ad hoc	Need for unified policy & IT

Source: Author’s comparative synthesis based on international reports and expert publications.

Armenia trails behind in digitalization, regulatory clarity, and institutional support. However, the presence of active financial institutions and growing demand provides a strong

base for reform. Drawing from Poland’s transparency, Georgia’s flexibility, and Czechia’s digital infrastructure, Armenia can design a hybrid model tailored to its SME-driven economy.

Figure 2. Strategic Importance of Key Findings in Armenian Leasing Operations
Summary of Key Findings: Leasing Operations in Armenia



Source: Author’s visualization based on analytical synthesis (2024).

This study reveals several critical insights regarding the organization, efficiency, and

development trajectory of leasing operations in Armenia’s financial sector:

1. Market Growth with Institutional Imbalance:

The Armenian leasing market has shown consistent growth (54% from 2020–2023), yet it remains underutilized, representing less than 5% of total credit. The market is dominated by a few large players, limiting competitive diversity.

2. Divergent Organizational Models:

Commercial banks follow centralized and compliance-driven models, offering higher stability but lower flexibility. Credit organizations (NBCOs), by contrast, rely on decentralized structures with faster decisions, at the cost of higher operational risk.

3. Asymmetric Risk Management Practices:

Banks implement structured, multi-level risk assessment aligned with international norms. NBCOs depend on managerial judgment, often lacking standardized scoring tools, which leads to higher delinquency rates.

4. Performance Trade-Offs:

Banks demonstrate stronger risk control and lower PAR30, while NBCOs excel in cost-efficiency, faster lease approval, and greater client outreach. However, both models face operational bottlenecks.

5. Customer Experience Gaps and Digital Deficiencies:

NBCOs outperform in customer interaction, personalization, and speed. Yet, across the sector, digital transformation is incomplete—most institutions lack integrated platforms and full-cycle e-leasing capabilities.

6. International Benchmark Gaps:

Compared to peers like Poland, Georgia, and Czechia, Armenia lacks a unified leasing policy, centralized asset registries, and digital infrastructure. While NBCOs innovate on the front-end, back-office digitization remains weak.

7. Opportunities for Convergence and Reform:

A hybrid approach that leverages the risk governance of banks and the agility of credit organizations, supported by targeted regulatory reform and digitization, could significantly improve leasing outcomes in Armenia.

CONCLUSIONS.

This study has examined the organizational, operational, and strategic dynamics of leasing operations within Armenia's commercial banks and credit organizations. Through a combination of empirical analysis and comparative benchmarking, the research highlights the fragmented yet promising landscape of leasing in Armenia.

Findings reveal a growing market with underutilized potential—despite a 54% portfolio increase from 2020 to 2023, leasing remains a

marginal component of Armenia's credit ecosystem. The divergence in institutional models presents both risks and opportunities. While commercial banks ensure risk stability through centralized and compliance-oriented models, credit organizations foster accessibility and innovation through flexibility and faster response mechanisms.

Risk management remains asymmetrical across institutions. Banks apply structured scoring tools and multi-tiered approvals, whereas NBCOs rely on managerial judgment, which, while agile, increases exposure to defaults. Performance indicators underscore this divide: banks have lower default rates and higher compliance costs, while NBCOs demonstrate superior speed and outreach but face higher risks.

Customer experience is an emerging concern. NBCOs perform better in personalized service and flexibility, yet both segments fall short in digital maturity. Most institutions lack full-cycle e-leasing capabilities, and digital adoption remains partial and uneven.

International comparisons indicate that Armenia can benefit greatly from adopting best practices from Poland (transparency and standardization), Georgia (policy-driven flexibility), and Czech Republic (digital integration). To bridge gaps, a hybrid model is proposed—merging the risk governance of banks with the agility and client focus of NBCOs.

Strategic policy reforms, digitization investment, and sector-wide standardization are essential to realize the full potential of leasing as a development tool for SMEs and the broader Armenian economy. A coherent, future-ready leasing ecosystem can enhance financial inclusion, improve capital allocation, and contribute to sustainable growth.

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