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In this month's issue we will introduce the newly created U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (USIDFC) and how it alters the playing field for equity investments across Africa. As an new entity with the authority to deploy equity rather than debt, loan guarantees or risk insurance, the USIDFC should unlock the American private sector investment in large-scale energy and infrastructure across emerging economies. The USIDFC will provide a vehicle for U.S. capital to enter African markets that have been long ignored due to unsteady regulatory environments and the perception of political risk. With no shortage of opportunities in renewable energy projects across the continent, and various initiatives in water and wastewater, American developers, investment and private equity funds, and institutional investors should now consider the opportunity USIDFC presents to deploy capital in emerging, yet underserved markets.

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