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Damian von Stauffenberg is the founder of **MicroRate**, the world's first rating agency specializing in microfinance. Through its Latin American and African operating subsidiaries, MicroRate has rated hundreds of microfinance institutions. Before dedicating himself to microfinance, Mr. von Stauffenberg worked for 25 years in the World Bank and its private sector affiliate, the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

In the past, Mr. von Stauffenberg has been closely associated with institutions that have played pioneering roles in connecting microfinance to capital markets, such as Seed Capital Development Fund (**SCDF**), **Profund** the first-ever microfinance equity fund, **MicroVest** and the Latin American Challenge Investment Fund, **LA-CIF**.