# infra300<sup>®</sup> Debt Index

A representative market index of the performance of private infrastructure credit market

# **September 2025 Report**

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# **Executive Summary**

- The infra300 Debt index experienced improved performance in Q3 2025 compared to Q2 2025, posting a 1.21% quarter-over-quarter total return. This gain was primarily driven by higher debt prices, supported by narrower credit spreads and declining interest rates in the US, while rates in Europe and Australia remained largely unchanged.
- In Q3 2025 Yield has increased by 3 bps to 4.71% as compared to Q2 2025. This
  increase marks a reversal from the prior quarter's decrease, reflecting improved
  investor sentiment and easing financial conditions, driven in part by anticipated
  monetary policy loosening in the US and stabilization of interest rates in the UK and
  Eurozone.
- In Q3 2025, the average senior infrastructure credit spread decreased slightly by 8 bps, reaching 96, compared to Q2 2025.
- The top five performing debt instruments recorded an average quarter-over-quarter price increase of 0.63%, primarily driven by lower yield, reflecting the impact of declining interest rate expectations.
- Cash returns of the infra300 Debt index were 4.14% year-over-year, supported by
  the stable interest payments of private infrastructure debt instruments. Alongside
  price appreciation, the income component reflects the predictable cash flows and
  strong debt servicing capacity of infrastructure borrowers.
- The Network Utilities sector was the top performing sector, with a total return of 9%.
- Contracted and Regulated revenue companies contributed the most to the index returns.

## The infra300 Debt Index

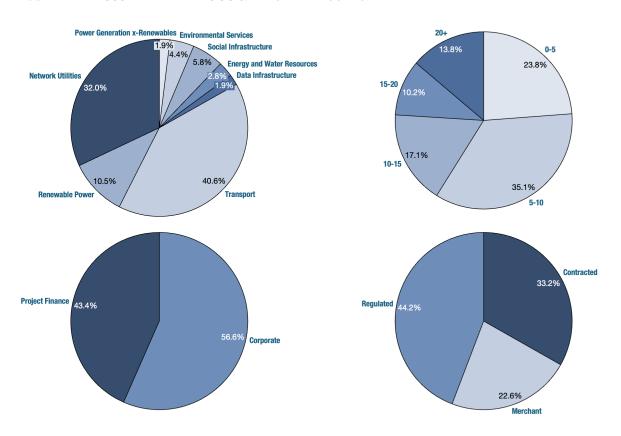
#### **Index Description**

The infra300 Debt Index reflects the monthly performance of recent senior debt from the 300 unlisted infrastructure companies that are also the constituents of the infra300 equity index. This index is an ESMA-registered market benchmark for private infrastructure debt investments provides an accurate image of the performance of the unlisted infrastructure debt sector. It achieves this by tracking the same TICCS® segments than the infra300® index, ensuring a broad and detailed representation of the unlisted infrastructure universe. As of 30th September 2025, it had a debt market value outstanding of USD105.9 billion and saw an increase of 1.21% in total return (local currency, equal weights) quarter-over-quarter. The market debt instrument price improved by USD 0.65 billion on the quarter.

#### **Index Allocation**

Transport has the largest index allocation with 40.6%, followed by Network Utilities (32%) and Renewable Power (10.5%), with smaller allocation from other sectors. Debt maturities are concentrated in 5-10 years (35.1%), followed by 0-5 years (23.8%) and 20+ years (13.8%). Corporate entities form 57% of the index, with Project Finance at 43%. Regulated companies dominate business models (44.2%), followed by Contracted (33.2%) and Merchant (22.6%).

FIGURE 1: INFRA300 DEBT INDEX TICCS & MATURITY ALLOCATION



## **Index Performance**

The infra300 Debt Index (EW LCU) delivered a three-month cumulative return of 1.21%. Year-to-date, the index has achieved a return of 5.24% driven by the further rate cuts in the third quarter of the year in US. Over a longer horizon, the index has delivered an annualized return of 0.93% over five years and 3.00% over ten years. Note that the long-term volatility of the infra300 Debt index is much lower in local currency than in USD terms (see table 1).

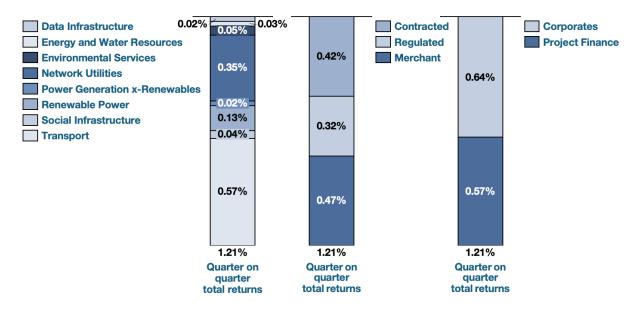
TABLE 1: TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE AND VOLATILITY FOR THE INFRA300 DEBT® INDEX IN Q3 2025.

| Index                    | Three-month Cumulative Return | YTD    | 5-year Ann.<br>Return | 10-year Ann.<br>Return | 5-y Ann.<br>Volatility | 10-y Ann.<br>Volatility |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| infra300 Debt®<br>EW LCU | 1.21%                         | 5.24%  | 0.93%                 | 3.00%                  | 5.29%                  | 4.52%                   |
| infra300 Debt®<br>EW USD | 0.30%                         | 12.30% | 0.69%                 | 2.53%                  | 10.55%                 | 8.68%                   |

#### **Index Performance Drivers**

In the second quarter 2025, the infra300 Debt Index saw significant contributions from the Transport and Network Utilities sectors, which added 0.57% and 0.35% to returns, respectively. Companies with regulated and contracted revenue models contributed 0.47% and 0.42%, while merchant model showed a relatively smaller contribution of 0.32%. Additionally, corporate debt contributed 0.64% to the overall return, compared to 0.57% from project finance debt.

FIGURE 2: INFRA300 DEBT® EW LCU RETURN CONTRIBUTION BY TICCS PILLARS.



Cash returns remained the primary contributors to the year-on-year total return for the infra300 Debt EW LCU Index in Q3 2025. Price returns contributed a modest 0.13% during the quarter, marking a notable decline from the 2.72% contribution recorded in Q2 2025. Meanwhile, the cash return component remained stable at 4.10%. As a result, the total year-on-year return decreased to 4.23% in Q3 2025, down from 6.77% in the previous quarter.

4.05%

4.23%

4.10%

2.72%

Q2 2025

Q3 2025

FIGURE 3: CASH AND PRICE RETURNS FOR INFRA300 DEBT® EW LCU, YEAR-ON-YEAR.

The top and bottom performers in Tables 2 and 3 highlight the drivers of total returns for debt instruments over the quarter. The top-performing instruments are from the network utilities, renewables sector benefiting from favourable price movements and robust cash flows. These returns reflect changes in face value, quarterly debt payments, and price adjustments, as well as currency effects. Instruments with weaker performance are impacted by sector-specific challenges, economic headwinds or market volatility, demonstrating the importance of sector resilience and cash flow consistency in determining total returns.

TABLE 2: INFRA300 DEBT® TOP PERFORMERS

| Instrument Name  | Sector Code | Sector Name            | Country       | Total Return |
|--|-------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Spire Alabama INC Maturity at origination 39.50Y                       | IC80        | Network Utilities      | United States | 3.67%        |
| Ventos de Santo Estevao Holding S/A.<br>Maturity at origination 14.75Y | IC70        | Renewables             | Brazil        | 3.62%        |
| Ventos de Santo Estevao Holding S/A<br>Maturity at origination 18Y     | IC70        | Renewables             | Brazil        | 3.47%        |
| Generate Capital INC. Maturity at origination 21.75Y                   | IC20        | Environmental Services | United States | 3.45%        |
| Spire Alabama INC Maturity at origination 29.50Y                       | IC80        | Network Utilities      | United States | 3.38%        |

The decline in total returns for the bottom performers was driven by mild increases in YTM, with long maturities amplifying price sensitivity due to their high duration. Instruments with longer maturity, such as Edinburgh Airport Limited (73Y) experienced amplified price sensitivity due to high duration, resulting in steeper declines. Cash returns remained zero for the Q2 & Q3 2025, offering no buffer against falling prices.

TABLE 3: INFRA300 DEBT® BOTTOM PERFORMERS

| Instrument Name                                       | Sector Code | Sector Name            | Country           | Total Return |
|---|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Edinburgh Airport Limited Maturity at origination 73Y | IC60        | Transport              | United<br>Kingdom | -0.33%       |
| Aquasure Maturity at origination 18Y                  | IC20        | Environmental Services | Australia         | 0.14%        |
| Våsberget Vindkraft AB Maturity at origination 14Y    | IC70        | Renewables             | Sweden            | 0.17%        |
| HWF 3 PTY LTD Maturity at origination 16.25Y          | IC70        | Renewables             | Australia         | 0.25%        |
| HWF 3 PTY LTD Maturity at origination 19.25Y          | IC70        | Renewables             | Australia         | 0.25%        |

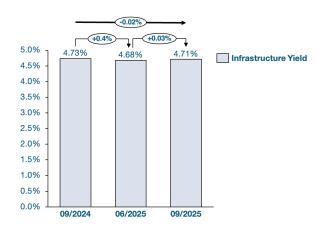
### **Valuation Drivers**

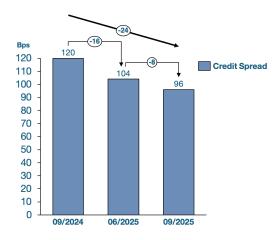
Infrastructure debt valuations remained broadly stable in Q3 2025, with the infra300 Debt Index yield rising slightly from 4.68% in June to 4.71% in September, following a small decline from 4.73% in September 2024 (Figure 4). This marginal increase in yields indicates a stabilization in investor return expectations, leading to only modest movements in market valuations.

Yields reflect both credit spreads and underlying government bond rates. During the quarter, credit spreads continued to compress, narrowing from 104 bps in June to 96 bps in September—a decline of 8 bps quarter-over-quarter and 24 bps year-over-year. This compression in spreads continued to provide support to pricing.

At the same time, government bond yields saw mixed movements across key markets (Figure 5). The UK 10-year gilt rose by 20 bps, the Eurozone 10-year bond increased by 11 bps, while the US 10-year Treasury declined by 7 bps. These shifts moderated the overall impact of spread compression, resulting in broadly steady yield levels and valuations for infrastructure debt in Q3 2025.

FIGURE 4: INFRA300 DEBT® AVERAGE YIELD AND CREDIT SPREAD





+0.39% +0.47% +0.12% -0.07% 2.71% 4.15% 3.79% 4.00% 2.13% 09/2024 06/2025 09/2025 09/2024 09/2025 09/2024 UK 10Y Gilt US 10Y Bond Europe 10YR Bond

FIGURE 5: UK, US AND EUROZONE 10-YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS

# **Index Credit Risk [Client Version Only]**

This information is only available in the client version only.

### **Index watchlist**

The following borrower has been added to the credit risk watchlist due to an elevated Probability of Default (PD), driven by weakening financial indicators and project-level risks. Persistent profitability pressures and volatile cash flow generation add to the borrower's financial vulnerability. Leverage is high for a single-borrower project, and the Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) is hovering near its floor, increasing sensitivity to even small declines in operating performance or cash inflows.

TABLE 4: INFRA300 DEBT® WATCHLIST

| Borrower Name            | TICCS Activity Code | TICCS Activity | Country | Credit Risk |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| Parque Solar Puertollano | IC70                | Renewables     | Spain   | High        |

# **Index Constituents Changes**

Three debt instruments issued by key infrastructure companies listed below have been removed in Q2 2025 from the infra300 Debt® Index as they approach their final maturity, with less than two years remaining. As dictated by the index <a href="mathebox">methodology</a>, which excludes short-term instruments to maintain a focus on long-term debt exposure. The affected companies represent infrastructure sectors, including Transport (IC60) and Network Utilities (IC80). These transitions ensure the index remains consistent with its methodology and investment objectives.

TABLE 5: CONSTITUENT REMOVED FROM THE INFRA300 DEBT® INDEX.

| Instrument Name                                     | Sector Code | Sector Name       |
|---|-------------|-------------------|
| East Link Maturity at origination 9.25Y             | IC60        | Transport         |
| Line 9 Metro Arganda Maturity at origination 10.75Y | IC60        | Transport         |
| Madrilena Red de Gas Maturity at origination 4.75Y  | IC80        | Network Utilities |
| SP Manweb Maturity at origination 14.75Y            | IC80        | Network Utilities |

TABLE 6: CONSTITUENT ADDED IN THE INFRA300 DEBT® INDEX.

| Instrument Name                                     | Sector Code | Sector Name |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Arenal Solar Maturity at origination 19.5Y          | IC70        | Renewables  |
| Sepalco Solar Project Maturity at origination 20.0Y | IC70        | Renewables  |
| Spower Opco A LLC Maturity at origination 15.0Y     | IC70        | Renewables  |

# **Index Methodology Changes**

Index construction and calculation methodology remained unchanged this quarter.

Full index methodology is available here.

### **Index Governance**

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# **Appendix: Credit Risk Model Summary**

The Credit Risk Model employs a reduced form framework to evaluate the likelihood of default for infrastructure firms. It calculates the multi-period default probability using conditional probability, incorporating explanatory variables observed at different time points. These explanatory variables, referred to as credit factors, include accounting ratios, TICCS variables, and macroeconomic indicators.

#### **Key Features:**

#### **Default Probability Calculation:**

- Utilizes a baseline hazard function  $(\lambda_0(t))$  representing the hazard rate in the absence of covariates.
- Incorporates time-varying coefficients  $(\beta_i(t))$  for each covariate, reflecting the dynamic nature of credit risks.
- Estimates default probability through the interaction of baseline hazards and explanatory variables.

#### Default Definition:

- A default event is defined as an entity experiencing hard/soft default or bankruptcy.
- It also includes cases where the Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) falls below 1.

#### Dynamic Adaptability:

• The model captures time-varying dynamics, adapting to evolving financial and economic conditions, ensuring precise risk evaluations.

#### **Covariates Influencing Credit Risk:**

The model considers a range of variables to assess creditworthiness:

- Corporate Debt: Includes metrics such as interest coverage ratio, debt-to-asset ratio, cash ratio, size, and age of the firm, reflecting financial stability and operational efficiency.
- Project Debt: Factors like leverage ratio, cash flow availability for debt service, quick ratio, and return on assets provide insights into project-level financial health.
- Macroeconomic/TICCS Indicators: Incorporates risk-free rates and other TICCS variables to contextualize default risks against economic conditions.

Full Credit Risk Model methodology is available here.

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