

SSA Spotlight: AIIB starts 2026 on strong footing

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At the recent turn of a calendar year, and the celebration of 10 years in operation, it's a natural time to highlight the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (Ticker: AIIB). This Market View puts AIIB in the SSA Spotlight—with a view to assessing the issuer's operating fundamentals, credit profile, bond supply and trading dynamics for interested investors.

Now just over a decade since inception, the AIIB is a multilateral development bank which seeks to finance infrastructure in a “lean, clean, and green” manner. Established after the Paris Agreement, AIIB has been keen to follow its Environment and Social Framework (ESF) from the start. They are a climate-committed institution with a growing project book (and thus, growing balance sheet), having loans and investments in 35 member countries and multiple key sectors. In support of its project financing, AIIB's Sustainable Development Bond programme is backed by structurally sound fundamentals—AAA credit ratings no surprise in this regard. In its eighth year in the capital markets, AIIB's funding is already off to a hot start in 2026, the growth of their bond stock being met with ample investor interest / demand.

Since first issuing a USD bond in 2019, AIIB has conducted ~\$60bln (USD equivalent) in gross supply. Deals have come in the form of 20 currencies, including benchmark transactions denominated in USD, GBP, EUR, CNY, HKD, and others. Recently stabilizing at ~\$10bln (USD equivalent) of issuance in recent years, AIIB is set to hit that mark again in 2026, with plans to grow the program to ~\$15bln per annum by the late 2020s. While the majority of that funding has come in the form of larger USD bonds, AIIB's curve is increasingly diverse (in denomination and tenor). The issuer kickstarted their 2026 funding with a \$1bln USD 10-year, which was 14x oversubscribed, priced at very competitive levels, and continues to perform well in secondary. The benchmark deal follows

prior seasonal issuance patterns from AIIB and the broader SSA space, which tends to get off to a hot start in January.

On the back of well-absorbed deals, AIIB spreads have performed particularly well of late. SOFR valuations have compressed across the curve, and G-spreads are notably tighter compared to where they resided last year. With the new 10Y trading flat-to-inverted on a G-basis, it's a testament to AIIB's strong fundamentals and diversification benefits amidst a broader theme of geopolitical anxieties and sovereign repricing.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) – Issuer Profile

Issuer Profile		
Ticker Status Ownership		
AIIB	MDB	111 Members
Credit Rating*		
S&P: AAA	Moody's: Aaa	Fitch: AAA
Debt & Borrowing		
Amount O/S	USD\$bln (equiv)	40.9
Due in 2026	USD\$bln (equiv)	8.4
W.Avg Term	Years	3.7
W.Avg Cpn	%	3.6
No. of Issues	#	116
Currency Composition		% of Total
		USD: 56.5
		GBP: 10.7
		EUR: 10.5
		CNY: 7.2
		HKD: 4.0
		Other: 11.2
EU Basel III R.W.	%	0
2026 Issue Target (Prior Year)	USD\$bln (equiv)	10 (10)

Source: NBC, Bloomberg | Note: DDIS Data as at 22-Jan-2026; For all DDIS data presented, issuer classification (current) is per Bloomberg; investors are encouraged to also consult issuer material directly; *Credit ratings are stable outlook, unless otherwise stated

Chart 1: Lean, green, clean (& expanding) business portfolio

AIIB annual approved financing

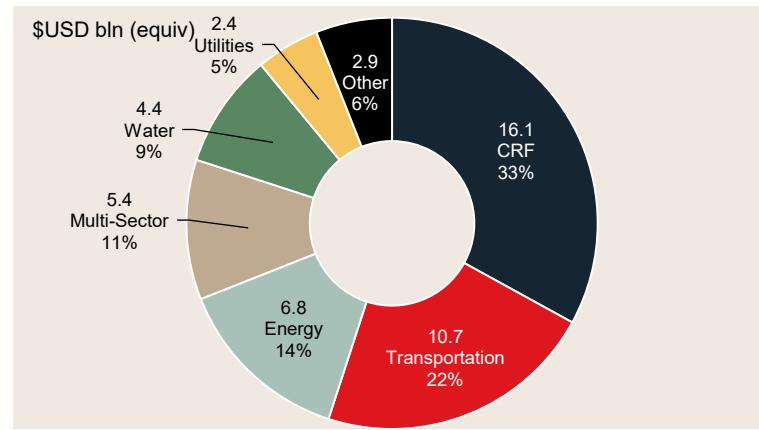


Source: NBC, AIIB | Note: Red labels refer to number of projects; As at 30-Sep-2025 / Q3

In its decade+ lifespan, AIIB has significantly increased its project base relative to when operations began. With nearly \$50bln (USD equivalent) of total investment exposure (as at Q3:2025), AIIB's business portfolio is diversified soundly, with loans and investments in 35 members and across several sectors, including in crisis recovery, transportation, energy, and other infrastructure.

Chart 2: Diverse book across sectors & in 35 members

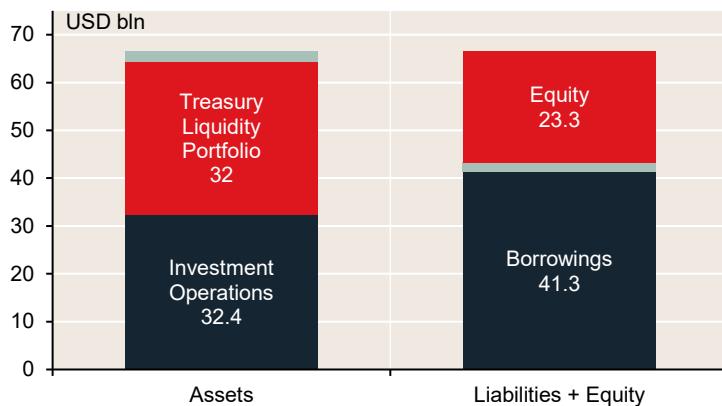
AIIB loan book exposure by sector



Source: NBC, AIIB | Note: Exposure refers to gross carrying AMT; As at 30-Sep-2025 / Q3

**Chart 3: Perspective on AIIB's sound balance sheet...**

Consolidated balance sheet of AIIB as at quarter-ended 30-Sep-2025

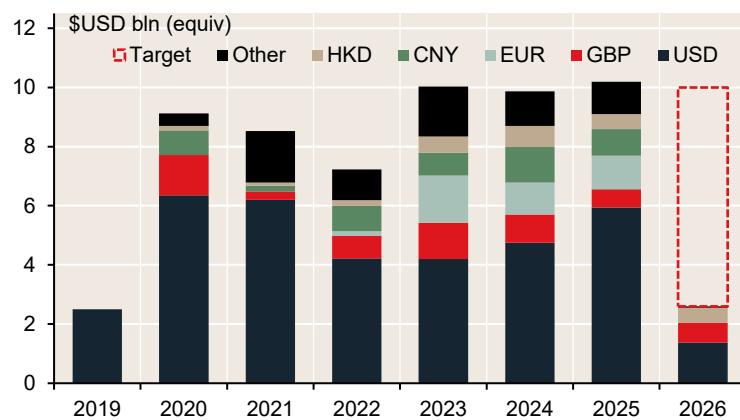


Source: NBC, AIIB | Note: Green component is 'other' A/L; As at 30-Sep-2025 / Q3

It's no surprise that AIIB is AAA-rated across the board when their fundamentals are observed—the MDB has a sound balance sheet, is backed by 111 members, boasts market-competitive leverage ratios, and holds no non-performing assets. Risk management is also exceptional, as AIIB consistently doubles up on its required liquidity portfolio.

Chart 5: Steady AIIB bond supply expected again in 2026...

Gross AIIB bond issuance by currency and calendar year

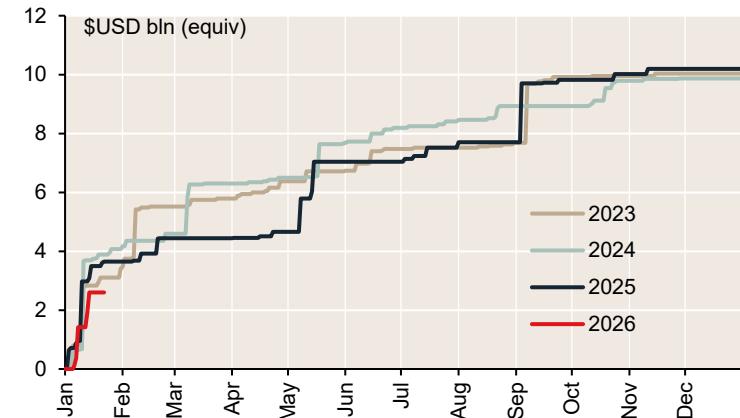


Source: NBC, AIIB, Bloomberg | Note: FX translated to USD equivalent at deal date; Target is expected 2026 funding per AIIB less bonds already issued in 2026 in USD equivalent

In its eighth consecutive year of USD issuance, AIIB is once again targeting \$10bln (equivalent) of issuance in 2026, a figure that's been largely steady since 2023. This is expected to rise gradually to reach ~\$15bln annually by the "late 2020s". That steady (and growing) supply is encouraging, as AIIB continues to develop an increasingly liquid and diverse bond stock.

Chart 7: Like years past, AIIB starts year with brisk supply...

AIIB gross bond supply pacing by year (all public deals, all currencies)

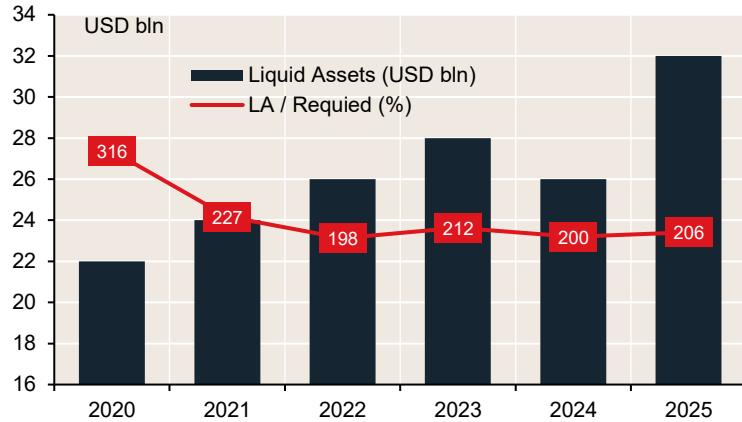


Source: NBC, Bloomberg | Note: FX translated to USD equivalent at deal date; deals to 22-Jan

January is typically a very busy month for broader SSA supply—issuers kickstarting their annual funding programs, capitalizing on investor cash holdings and general liquid conditions. It's no different for AIIB, who's issued ~25% of their 2026 funding requirement already, matching pacing from the past. If prior years are any guide, May and September might be a natural issuance window for AIIB.

Chart 4: ...and prudent liquidity risk management

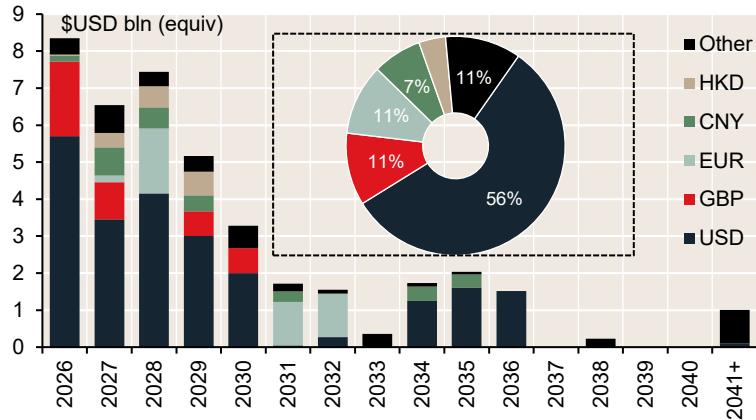
Treasury liquid assets vs required liquid assets (%), rolling 36M



Source: NBC, AIIB | Note: 2025 is as at 30-Sep-2025, otherwise as at 31-Dec year end; Red labels refer to ratio of liquid assets to required liquid assets (%)

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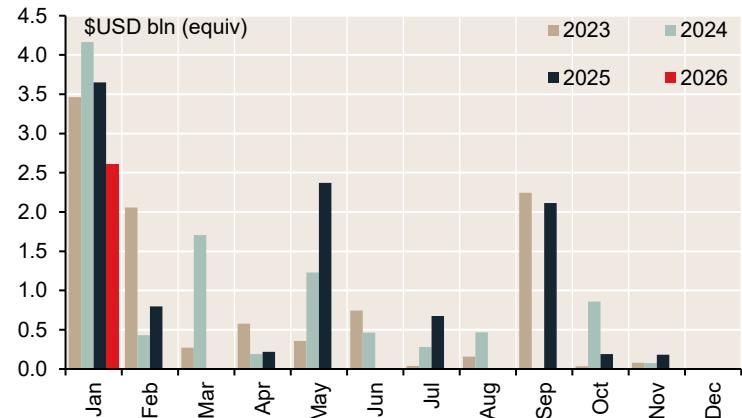
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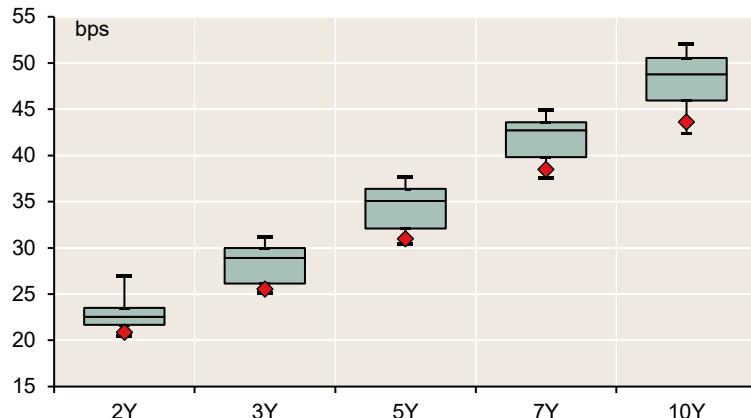
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**Chart 9: SOFR spreads have compressed notably...**

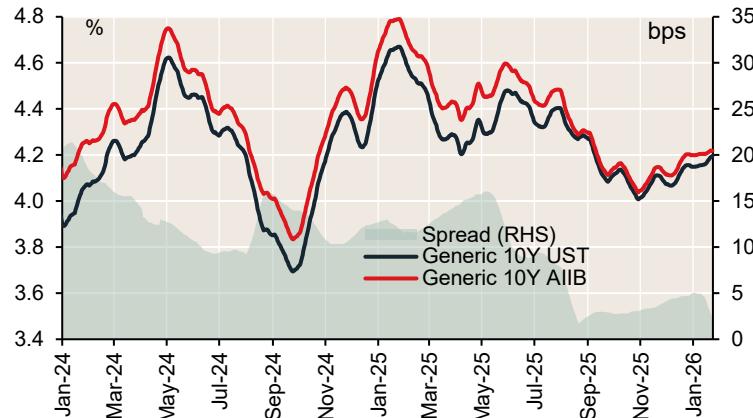
AIIB SOFR spread indications by tenor—3M trading range and current level



Source: NBC | Note: Red dots denote current indicative SOFR spread; Box is 2nd/3rd quartile

Chart 10: ...as AIIB trades tighter (& now flat) on a G basis

Generic 10Y USD AIIB and proxy constant maturity spread (CMS) to UST

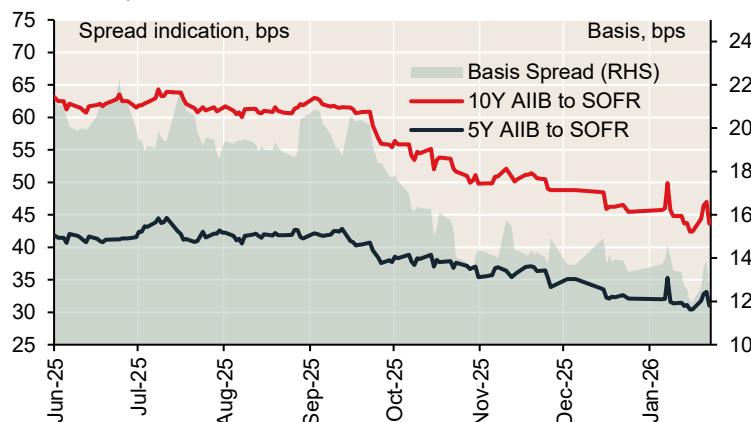


Source: NBC, Bloomberg | Note: CMS built using AIIB USD global issue with minimum \$0.5bln outstanding, rolled every 6M to closest 10Y bond; 20-day smoothed values are used

SSA credit entered 2026 on a strong footing—spreads to sovereign curves had compressed, and relatively loftier yield picks to swaps had come in. Today, AIIB issues are noticeably tighter vs SOFR, and the most recent 10Y USD benchmark is trading through its UST counterpart, acting as a key example of a broader narrative where alternatives to U.S. treasury assets have been well sought.

Chart 11: Term-out well received, indicative curve flattens

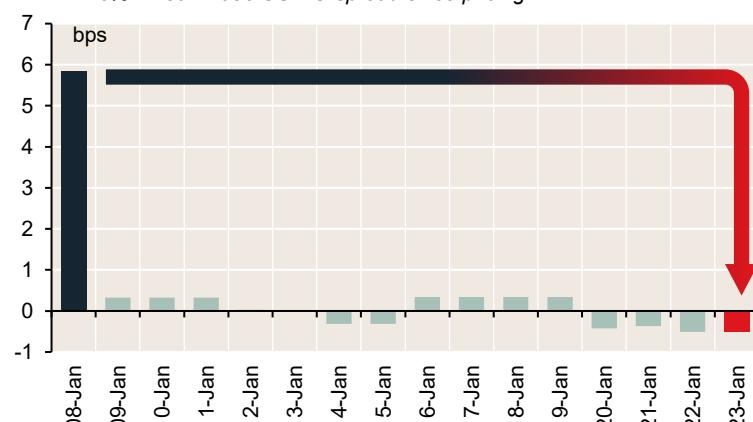
AIIB SOFR spread indications—5Y / 10Y tenors and basis



Source: NBC

Chart 12: 'Race to zero' complete for new USD benchmark

AIIB 4.125% 14-Jan-2036 USD G-spread since pricing

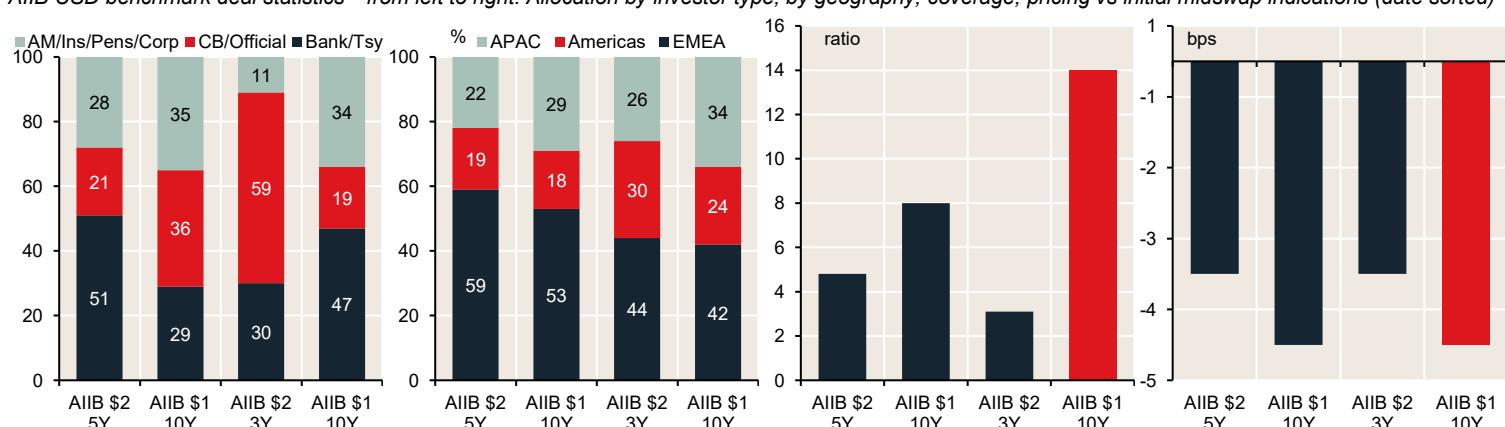


Source: NBC, Bloomberg

While market conditions have allowed for spread compression more broadly across SSA curves, longer tenors have been particularly well absorbed—in AIIB's case, that's led to notable basis spread flattening (5s10s presented above to left). Amidst geopolitical uncertainty, AIIB's most recent benchmark is trading flat to USTs, underscoring the attractiveness of the issuer's member diversification.

Chart 13-16: Perspective on investor uptake in most recent AIIB USD benchmark deals

AIIB USD benchmark deal statistics—from left to right: Allocation by investor type, by geography, coverage, pricing vs initial midswap indications (date sorted)



Source: NBC, AIIB, Bloomberg | Note: Highlights USD benchmark transactions since 2025. Date deals from left to right: 9-Jan-2025, 14-May-2025, 3-Sep-2025, 7-Jan-2026; \$ in billions

2025 marked the first year AIIB issued three USD benchmark bonds (across three tenors). This year's USD slate began with a particularly strong 10Y transaction, which was 14x oversubscribed, priced 4bps through IPTs at midswaps +44bps, and continued its presence in secondary, now trading flat-to-inverted on a G-basis. For context, the new 10Y came at a similar swap level to last January's 5Y deal and represented a near-20bps improvement on re-offer swap spread versus AIIB's same-size 10Y issued last May.



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