



# Fund Guide abrdn Inflation-Linked Infrastructure Debt Fund

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### abrdn's infrastructure debt strategy<sup>1</sup>

track record of investing

£4.3bn | 50bps

invested since inception1

avg. illiquidity premium

loss rate

## Summary

abrdn Inflation-Linked Infrastructure Debt Fund combines inflation protection with credit and illiquidity premia, allowing a capital-efficient, low risk way for investors to meet long-dated liabilities.

The Fund aims to provide a way for investors to protect returns against elevated levels of inflation by primarily investing in long-dated, high quality inflation-linked infrastructure assets in the UK.

## Why allocate to infrastructure debt?

01	The UK faces a prolonged inflation threat. Inflation- linked infrastructure can potentially preserve a real rate of return for investors
02	We believe infrastructure debt provides an attractive credit spread vs government debt but also increased credit certainty vs public corporate bonds
03	An allocation can sit alongside higher risk assets to provide downside protection on a portfolio level and help investors to hedge their inflation-linked liabilities
04	The strategy has a proven track record of superior performance vs public debt in periods of recession <sup>2</sup>
05	Credit spread provides extra return vs government bonds in a low growth environment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data as at 31 March 2024.

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## Why choose inflation-linked infrastructure debt over inflation-linked gilts?

	IL Gilts	IL Infra Debt
Yield	<ul> <li>Low diversification: single issuer</li> <li>High correlation to economic environment</li> <li>No covenant protection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Higher diversification: Breadth of issuers and sectors</li> <li>Lower correlation to economic environment</li> <li>Strong covenant protection</li> </ul>
Risk	<ul> <li>Low yield</li> <li>Demand vs supply imbalance may mean reduced yield</li> <li>May require investors to pay premium for unwanted liquidity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Credit spread provides extra return</li> <li>Illiquidity premium adds further yield</li> <li>Amortisation may allow reinvestment at higher market yields</li> <li>Diversification of credit risk with higher recovery rates relative to public bonds²</li> </ul>
Asset Inflation Linkage	Principal and interest payments linked to Retail Price Index (RPI) or Consumer Price Index (CPI)	<ul> <li>Interest and principal contractually linked to RPI, CPI or LPI</li> <li>Credit quality robustness - issuer revenues typically have contractual or economic linkage to inflation</li> </ul>

### abrdn's private credit competitive advantage

abrdn's differentiator	Why this matters for investors
• £13bn deployed in private credit <sup>3</sup> shows scale and breadth of platform	Size provides efficiencies and strong access to the best deal flow
Zero capital losses and low downgrade history	Secure and dependable return profile
Efficient access to private credit	Capture attractive illiquidity premium and risk diversification
50 global credit analysts Deep firm-wide expertise from global research platform	<ul> <li>Strong capital preservation requires a wide range of perspectives to fully understand risks</li> </ul>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on superior recovery and default rates against public corporate debt on senior unsecured corporate debt and senior secured infrastructure loans. Sourced from Moody's Annual Default Study: Corporate Default and Recovery Rates, 1983-2020 and Moody's Default and Recovery Statistics (ultimate recovery rates).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As at 31 March 2024.

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### What differentiates the Fund?

# 01. Exceptional access to infrastructure debt



- Diversified flow of opportunities
- Efficient deployment
- Supports UK infrastructure
- Targets sustainable ESG assets

#### 02. Superior risk return



- Captures illiquidity premium
- Superior resilience vs public bonds
- Covenant protection
- Low correlation to economic downturn

#### 03. Enhanced liquidity



- Semi open-ended structure
- Matches redemption requests against new subscriptions
- Natural cash flows from principal amortisations

## **Fund summary**

Investment strategy	Diversified investment grade long-dated inflation-linked UK infrastructure debt	
Vehicle	English limited partnership	
Rating	Investment grade on investment	
Regional limits	UK focus with up to 10% Eurozone	
Sustainability	Target assets that support forward looking ESG opportunities	
Base currency	GBP	
Minimum subscription	£5m, subject to Manager's discretion	
Term	Evergreen - semi open-ended structure	
Portfolio WAL	15 years	
Target credit spread <sup>4</sup>	UK Gilt + 150-200bps	
Illiquidity premium	mium Minimum 20bps above an appropriate publicly traded utilities index	

### Contact us

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Subject to market conditions.

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