# Creditreform ⊆ Rating

## **Rating Object:**

Bearer notes under German law with the ISIN: XS2092628275 issued by Institutional Infrastructure Holdings S.A., Compartment 30

Rating:

BBB-

## Rating Outlook / Addition:

Outlook stable

## **Rating Information:**

Initial Issue Date 16/03/2020 Jurisdiction Rating Object German law

Exchange

Luxembourg securitization company in the form of a Société anonyme (SA)

Issue Volumen Up to EUR 100,000,000.00
Seniority Non-subordinated

CollateralisationSecuredCredit EnhancementIntendedLegal Maturity28/01/2046Coupon3.5% p.a.Coupon PeriodSemi-annuallyCoupon TypeConditional

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## **Rating Rationale:**

CRA confirms the rating of BBB- and the stable outlook. Compared to the previous rating action the composition of the portfolio has not changed but there was progress on implementing the assets acquired in 2022. A second distribution of the investment vehicle has also taken place. Nevertheless, blind pool, development and construction risks remain. Additionally CRA expects a further build-up of the portfolio to sustainably support the current rating. The assessment of structural, operational and portfolio and credit risks has not changed. The updated quantitative analysis, which now takes into account all actual investments, shows stable results and continues to support the existing rating. Under consideration of qualitative factors, CRA furthermore derives a rating of BBB-.

## **Primary Key Rating Factors:**

- (+) Track record of the asset manager
- (+) Conditionality of coupon payments
- (+) Relatively good predictability of wind and solar farm yields from the time the operating phase is reached / Partial market and electricity price security through design of subsidy regimes or power purchase agreements
- (+) Geographical diversification of the assets planned / Financial basis established due to Financial Close above target
- (-) Subordinated use of issue proceeds within the whole transaction structure
- (-) Blind pool investment share of the Fund
- (-) Part of the portfolio comprises construction risks and FX risks
- (-) Offshore wind parks are exposed to a higher risk profile compared to onshore wind and solar farms / No reliable empirical experience on the long-term operation of offshore wind energy plants
- (-) Economic risks from geopolitical conflicts (war in Ukraine) and the risks of rising inflation and rising interest rates

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## **Ratings Sensitivities:**

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we increased the returns of the portfolio assets by an amount of 10% respectively, resulting in a rating of BBB.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed the returns of the portfolio assets by an amount of 20% respectively, resulting in a rating of BB-.

#### ESG-Criteria:

CRA generally considers ESG factors (environment, social and governance) within its rating decisions. In the present case, ESG criteria had a low comprehensive impact to the rating.

The subsequent ESG factors had had been considered:

- Impact on environmental quality through CO2 savings

## Latest Rating Date / Disclosure to Rated Entity / Maximum Validity:

31/05/2023 / 31/05/2023 / 25/01/2046

Between the disclosure of the credit rating to the rated entity and the public disclosure, no amendments were made to the credit rating.

## **Initial Rating Date:**

13/02/2020 / BBB- / Outlook stable

#### Status of Solicitation:

The rating is a solicited rating. The degree of participation was as follows:

With Rated Entity or Related Third Party Participation: Yes

With Access to Internal Documents: Yes

With Access to Management: Yes

## Notes:

This document is a CRA Press Release. The CRA Press Release outlines significant rating-relevant changes compared to CRA's most recent rating action. It immediately follows that the assigned rating must not be limited to the motivators mentioned in the CRA Press Release. Instead, a comprehensive acknowledgement of all explanations provided in previous reports, other forms of documentation, rating updates and, in particular, the CRA initial rating report is indispensable. At this point, CRA refers the reader to these forms of documentation, rating updates and reports.

## Creditreform C Rating

#### **Regulatory Requirements and Legal Disclosures:**

Creditreform Rating AG was mandated on 01/07/2020 by Institutional Infrastructure Holdings S.A., Compartment 30 to conduct a rating for the bearer notes under German law, issued by Institutional Infrastructure Holdings S.A., Compartment 30. This is a public rating which is regulatory applicable according to EU Regulation 1060/2009 (CRA-Regulation).

The rating was conducted on the basis of Creditreform Rating's "Issue Ratings" and "Technical Documentation - Portfolio Loss Distribution" in conjunction with Creditreform's basic document "Rating Criteria and Definitions".

Important sources of information in the context of the rating were, in addition to the submitted documents, a management call on 3/3/2022. The submitted documents and information provided by Macquarie or rather the Issuer were sufficient to meet the requirements of Creditreform Rating AG's rating methodology.

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## https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html

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## https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html

This rating was carried out by analysts Simon Cordes (Lead), Agne Bacionyte and Moritz Remmert, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Sascha Pomorin.

Closing of the transaction occured on 16/03/2020. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 15/05/2023, as provided by the Asset Manager or the Issuer.

The issuer or all relevant parties have examined the rating report prior to publication and were provided with at least one full working day to appeal the rating committee decision and provide additional information. The rating decision was not amended following this examination.

Ancillary services were provided. Pre-ratings were conducted.

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- 1. Transaction structure and participants
- 2. Transaction documents
- 3. Issuance documents

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