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January

A bigger seat at the table

Infrastructure debt is commanding a larger presence in the investment arena, shifting from a niche allocation into a core asset class. As more managers launch dedicated funds and compete for institutional capital, the question is no longer why investors are allocating to infrastructure debt, but what they are actually buying. How are investors distinguishing among increasingly varied infrastructure debt strategies, and how does this vary among different regions, markets and sectors? Is the growing diversity of strategies making infrastructure credit harder to define, compare and benchmark, and what does this mean for manager selection?

Working smarter

Companies are increasingly adopting AI into their operations and core processes to improve efficiencies and reduce downtimes. Meanwhile, AI and other smart technologies are increasingly being embedded into infrastructure assets and projects. But although technology can improve efficiencies, resilience and asset performance, it also introduces new risks and vulnerabilities. How are infrastructure managers and investors using AI in sourcing, diligence, underwriting, monitoring and asset management? And how are AI and smart systems changing infrastructure operations and economics from inside the assets themselves?

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February

BYO power

As the power industry grapples with grid bottlenecks and interconnection hurdles, companies that can bring their own power to a project or a facility hold a unique advantage. Behind-the-meter (BTM) solutions such as microgrids, distributed generation and storage are gaining traction for their ability to accelerate speed to power, reduce reliance on the grid and in some cases, sidestep regulatory red tape. How are both real estate and infrastructure players solving power challenges with BTM solutions? Do these solutions signify a fundamental shift in the industry's approach to power accessibility, or are they part of a cyclical trend. And what does it all mean for investors?

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March

Vehicle of choice

As infrastructure allocations mature and exit markets remain uneven, more investors are questioning whether the traditional closed-end private equity model is the right structure for long-term assets that are meant to be owned for decades. How are investors thinking about open-end funds? Are they moving up the risk curve? Which fund structures best match which underlying assets in the current market environment, and how can infrastructure investors utilize both closed- and open-end funds strategically to maximize returns?

Going nuclear

Nuclear energy seems to be making an institutional comeback as power needs intensify across the globe. But public skepticism continues to contribute to headline risk, and adoption is uneven. What are the biggest misconceptions about this power source, and where are the actual pain points? Is the industry reaching a point where nuclear's power-generation potential outweighs perceived risks? And just how investable is nuclear, really?

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April

Testing the thesis

Infrastructure has become a cornerstone of institutional portfolios due to its many positive characteristics. But are these characteristics holding strong amid current volatility? What have been the biggest stress tests for the industry, and how are investors balancing the desire for higher returns with the need to preserve infrastructure's traditional defensive characteristics? And as infrastructure becomes increasingly democratized and more accessible to investors outside the institutional sphere, are its core characteristics at risk of being diluted?

The new social license

The rapid and unprecedented buildout of data centers is beginning to garner more pushback from local communities, who are calling for greater restrictions on their development. And with data centers featured on the 2026 midterm ballots more than 30 times, their buildout is becoming increasingly political. How are industry stakeholders navigating NIMBYism and incorporating community feedback into site selection, underwriting, valuation and portfolio construction? How are the changing politics of data center siting influencing where institutional capital is flowing? And how important is social license to operate when underwriting data center investments?

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May

A rising tide

Demand for water is increasing amid rapid AI data center development, unprecedented electricity demand, industrial reshoring and semiconductor manufacturing. While some view trends such as AI as positive disruptors for the water sector, scarcity concerns and other unforeseen risks continue to prove challenging. How are investors thinking about water investment in the age of AI, and what other factors or trends are having a meaningful impact on the sector? Is it moving up the investment agenda, and how is water security factoring into business decisions?

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June

Tip of the iceberg

As the infrastructure universe grows larger, there seem to be more investment opportunities than ever. But what might be most valuable may go beyond the physical asset itself — think grid access, community backing, interconnection rites and geographic positioning. What makes an infrastructure asset strategically valuable in the current market? Which assets and qualities are investors, strategic buyers and investment managers looking for today, and how are scarcity, development pipelines, access to power, contracts and operating capabilities impacting valuations?

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The next urban frontier

Population growth across the globe is driving the need for infrastructure spending. With trillions of dollars needed to modernize infrastructure that supports economic progress, the investment opportunity is immense. As the geography of urban growth becomes more complicated, certain regions, markets and cities are poised to be significant beneficiaries. How are migration trends and urbanization patterns influencing asset selection and capital allocation, and which markets should investors be watching — or avoiding?

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