

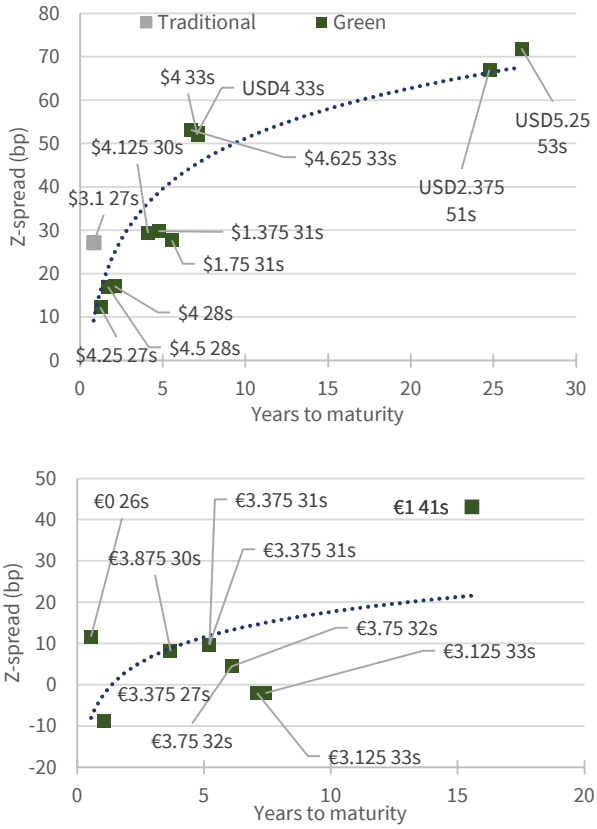
Hong Kong: green and infrastructure bonds new issues

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The HKSAR Government (ticker HKINTL) rated AA+/AA-/Aa3 (S&P/ Fitch/Moody's) is issuing green bonds in EUR (8-year), alongside infrastructure bonds in CNH (20- and 30-year), HKD (30-year), and USD (5-year). HKSAR is one of Asia's most active sovereign issuers with about USD32 billion of green bonds issued since 2019 across institutional, retail and tokenised formats under the Government Sustainable Bond Programme (GSBP).

This marks the first green bond issuance from an Asian sovereign in 2026. Initial price guidance for EUR tranches of the green bonds is wide relative to current trading levels at Mid swaps+40bps area respectively, see Figure 1 and Table 1, and we would expect final pricing to tighten significantly.

Figure 1. HKINTL USD (top) and EUR (bottom) bond curves. Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., accessed 7 May 2026.



Hong Kong is one of the most transparent, innovative sovereign issuers in the region. Now, with its 2026 transition finance taxonomy operational and grant subsidies attracting new issuance, Hong Kong is positioning itself as the credible gateway to Asia's next growth phase—channelling capital through proven frameworks to support regional decarbonisation while leveraging China's clean technology capabilities.

Hong Kong's new green bond offering represents an entry point for investors into a high-quality sovereign in one of the more sophisticated sustainable finance ecosystems in Asia.

Table 1. New EUR green bonds details and comparable existing EUR bonds. Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., accessed 7 May 2026.

ISIN	Issuer	Crncy	Coupon	Maturity	Price	G Sprd	Z-Sprd	Yield	Green
	New issue HKINTL	EUR		May-34		MS+40bps IPT	~30	~3.3	Yes
HK0000929684	HKINTL 3 ¾ 06/07/32	EUR	3.75	7/6/2032	104.46	18.96	7.0	2.94	Yes
HK0001151015	HKINTL 3 ⅛ 06/10/33	EUR	3.125	10/6/2033	101.22	10.17	2.3	2.93	Yes

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Green bond eligible projects

Eligible projects for the new green bonds will focus on water and wastewater management categories, which include polishing and water treatment plants.[1] Water and wastewater management is one of the one of six eligible categories for the green bond programme. Projects have included the trunk sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities and upgrades and water management infrastructure.

Hong Kong: sustainable finance hub

Hong Kong has established itself as a leading sustainable finance innovator. In November 2025, it issued the world's largest digital green bond (HKD10 billion/~USD1.28 billion) across four currencies, becoming the first government to offer tokenized green bonds using blockchain-based settlement to reduce settlement time, costs, and counterparty credit risk.[2] The blockchain feature refers to the ability to settle via tokenised central bank money.

In January 2026, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) published a comprehensive transition finance taxonomy covering transition finance and climate adaptation as part of a three-year roadmap to strengthen Hong Kong's position as Asia's green finance hub.[3] The framework supports Hong Kong's unique role as the gateway to China, enabling cross-border capital flows for mainland and broader Asian transition finance needs.

Hong Kong has built a comprehensive sustainable finance ecosystem through an evolving taxonomy, financing grants to subsidize issuance costs and incentivize large-scale bond issuance,[4] adoption of ISSB-aligned disclosure standards by 2028,[5] and digital innovations including blockchain technology. With the framework and incentives now in place, investors and issuers are well-positioned to tap into a credible market that channels capital toward Asia's decarbonisation pathways.

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