

Associated British Ports: Factsheet

Deal information

Deal announced	3rd June 2026
Sector	Ports and supply chain
Location	UK-wide
Counterparty	Associated British Ports (“ABP”)
NWF Finance	£200m
Product	Debt



Summary

The National Wealth Fund is providing a £200m, 17.5-year senior amortising term loan to Associated British Ports (ABP) to accelerate a nationwide upgrade programme across its port network. The financing enables a diversified pipeline of upgrades across clean energy, logistics, and industrial infrastructure – supporting expansion of port capacity, strengthening supply chains and unlocking regional growth. The investment aligns with HM Government’s ambition to expand port capacity as a driver of economic growth and job creation¹, and contributes to the National Wealth Fund’s £5.8bn commitment to priority sectors under its five-year strategic plan.

¹ [National Policy Statement for Ports](#)

Sector context

Ports underpin UK logistics, manufacturing, and industrial activity. Their concentration in coastal and industrial regions supports durable employment, skills development, and supply chain clustering – often in areas with historically lower levels of investment². Ports are also central to the UK’s clean energy ambitions, enabling the manufacturing, assembly, storage and deployment of offshore wind infrastructure. More broadly, ports support the onshoring of strategic industrial capacity, strengthening national resilience and economic security.

Impact and additionality

The National Wealth Fund’s provision of long-dated capital provides flexibility for ABP, facilitating their capex expansion programme. NWF will be lending alongside Bank of America, Lloyds and NatWest, crowding private sector investment into infrastructure critical for the UK’s growth and clean energy objectives.

This investment supports upgrades across multiple port locations, with benefits concentrated in regions with relatively higher deprivation and strong potential for place-based growth. A key component is the expansion of the Immingham Eastern RoRo Terminal, which will increase freight capacity across the North Sea, improve operational efficiency, and support growth in the Humber region. The National Wealth Fund’s financing enables delivery of a broader and more geographically distributed set of upgrades at a quicker pace, including smaller but critical projects across the network. This supports timely implementation alongside larger developments, strengthening ports’ role as core UK logistics hubs and improving resilience in trade and industrial activity.

The programme also supports clean growth ambitions through investments in renewable generation and storage, contributing to ABP’s decarbonisation objectives.

ESRG considerations

Environmental, social, resilience and governance (ESRG) considerations have been assessed as part of the transaction, recognising inherent risks associated with port operations. ABP demonstrates established policies and governance frameworks, with its ‘Ready for Tomorrow’ strategy providing a robust approach to addressing key ESG issues such as climate change and health and safety. NWF will continue to monitor ABP’s approach to managing higher-risk areas.

Impact metrics

Impact	Metric
10	# of Ports included within project list ³

² UK Parliament (House of Commons Library), *The future of coastal communities (2022)*.

³ The eligible project list may change in line with ABP’s priorities and may not cover all locations. Proceeds of NWF’s debt must be allocated to a minimum of five projects.

700+	Direct Jobs Created and Supported ⁴
£100m	Private Finance Mobilised

⁴ Includes ABP's reasonable central estimates based on key projects. Total employment figures are likely to be higher than this given the short-term construction jobs from the remaining eligible projects.