

## Audax Renovables, S.A.

Audax Renovables, S.A.'s expected rating reflects the company's limited scale in the competitive, volatile European utility supply sector, modest vertical integration in power generation, top customer concentration and high leverage expected over 2026-2028. The rating also factors in Audax's growth record, stable margins underpinned by robust risk governance and a cash flow-supportive market access agreement (MAA) with Shell plc (AA-/Stable) through 2028.

The Stable Outlook reflects Fitch Ratings' expectation that funds from operations (FFO) net leverage will remain within 'B+' sensitivities through 2028 with largely prefunded 2030 plan, assuming the expected issuance.

The final ratings are contingent on the planned refinancing, including a revolving credit facility (RCF) of up to EUR100 million.

### Key Rating Drivers

**Mid-Sized B2B Supplier; Limited Integration:** Audax is a well-established mid-sized European electricity (63% of 2025 volumes) and gas (37%) supplier serving B2B clients, with volumes of about 16 terawatt-hours (TWh) in 2025. Supply is the core business at about 90% of EBITDA. Vertical integration is limited, with a small 0.3 gigawatts (GW) operating renewable portfolio at end-2025, mainly in Spain and largely contracted through internal power-purchase agreements, alongside a 0.7 GW development pipeline.

Audax holds leading positions among independent B2B suppliers in Spain, the Netherlands and Hungary, supported by M&A-led international expansion during 2014-2020. Still, its overall scale is modest relative to large integrated incumbents, with a market share below 2% in Spain. The achievement of the targeted organic volume growth to 20 TWh by 2028 should enhance operating efficiency, reduce customer acquisition and servicing costs and support margin stability.

**Fairly High Leverage:** Fitch-adjusted FFO net leverage improved to about 3.8x in 2025 from 7x-8x in 2021-2022, due to the successful integration and expansion of international businesses acquired (i.e. Main Energie and E.On Hungary). Fitch expects FFO net leverage to be about 4.0x on average in 2026-2028, following EUR142 million power generation-driven capex, with minimal associated returns before 2028. We expect deleveraging from 2029 if capex normalises, with EBITDA benefiting from the new generation capacity. Growth capex and shareholder distributions are largely discretionary and flexible.

**Robust Risk Management Is Key:** Gross margin visibility benefits from a balanced commercial strategy and prudent hedging. This mitigates the inherent volatility of the power and gas supply industry, characterised by intense competition, relatively low barriers to entry and high churn rates. Half of the volumes are sold under indexed contracts, where pricing requires minimum markups (EUR5-30/MWh, depending on the customer segment) to secure targeted profitability. The remaining fixed-price contracts are almost fully hedged when they are entered into, under a strict hedging policy.

**Resilient Margins:** The contract mix and disciplined hedging limit exposure to sharp price movements, although margins may compress with declining prices or unexpected events (i.e. the Spanish blackout in April 2025). The company maintained stable Fitch-adjusted EBITDA at about EUR50 million at the peak of the energy crisis, followed by robust growth thereafter. Fitch-adjusted EBITDA was about EUR111 million in 2025, broadly flat year on year (yoy); we expect it to remain above EUR100 million throughout 2028.

**Cyclical Exposure Eased by Diversification:** Exposure to SMEs (about 44% of end-2025 volumes) and industrial clients (49%) introduces volume cyclicality, mitigated by the customer base's geographic diversification across the Netherlands (39%), Iberia (27%), Hungary (26%) and other European countries (8%), as well as by end-business diversification. Audax targets further expansion, beyond 2028, in Italy, Germany, Poland and Portugal, supported by the launch of an in-house designed IT platform and service bundling (i.e. telco), although visibility on these medium-term targets remains limited.

**Single-Name Customer Concentration:** The largest industrial client represents about 9% of volumes, with counterparty risk mitigated by its investment-grade status, a contract through 2027 and a long-term power-purchase agreement under negotiation. Audax's single-name concentration is credit-negative, but it shows its ability to serve large blue-chip clients. The remaining almost 500,000 counterparties are highly granular, keeping concentration risk manageable beyond the top single-name customer.

**Cash Flow-Beneficial MAA:** Shell plc's MAA, covering all energy procurement for its Spanish customers, is credit-positive for Audax. It enhances liquidity, as Shell fronts the market and provides required collateral, and improves working-capital efficiency through the reversal of the cash conversion cycle under the contract terms, in exchange for a fee. However, it creates single-counterparty dependence. Fitch's base case assumes the agreement will be renewed through 2031, with lower fees in Spain and extension to new geographies. Security provisions over trade payables with Shell stock are captured in our recovery analysis.

**Supply Drives Growth:** Management targets EBITDA of about EUR180 million by 2030 (from EUR115 million in 2025 adjusted for the Spanish blackout). Growth is largely backloaded to 2029-2030, and should come mainly from the supply business, supported by deeper penetration in core markets and selective expansion into new ones. Renewable generation contributes modestly, with additional returns beyond 2028 as new assets are commissioned. Fitch focuses on 2025-2028, given limited longer-term visibility for the merchant businesses.

**Standalone Profile Drives Rating:** Audax's IDR is based on its Standalone Credit Profile of 'b+'. Its ultimate parent is Excelsior Times SLU, a financial holding company ultimately controlled by Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro, who founded the group in 2009. According to management, Audax has structural ring-fencing, with bondholders further protected by its listing status, and Excelsior Time SLU is debt-free.

## Rating Sensitivities

### Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

- FFO net leverage consistently above 4.5x
- FFO interest coverage below 2.5x on a sustained basis
- Adverse changes in competitive conditions or non-renewal/adverse renegotiation of the Shell MAA that materially weaken operating trends and erode working-capital dynamics and cash flow stability

### Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

- FFO net leverage sustainably below 3.0x
- FO interest coverage sustainably above 4.0x
- Positive free cash flow generation, alongside a conservative financial policy supporting a higher rating
- Increasing integration with generation and stronger supply market positioning

## Issuer Profile

Audax is a mid-size power and gas supplier and a small renewable generator with a strong B2B focus, operating across nine countries and mainly concentrated in Spain, the Netherlands and Hungary.

## Financial Summary

(EURm)	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Debt	591	622	637	636	667	700
EBITDA	93	112	111	103	107	118
FFO	52	45	69	51	53	60
FFO interest coverage (x)	3.0	2.6	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
FFO net leverage (x)	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.7

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

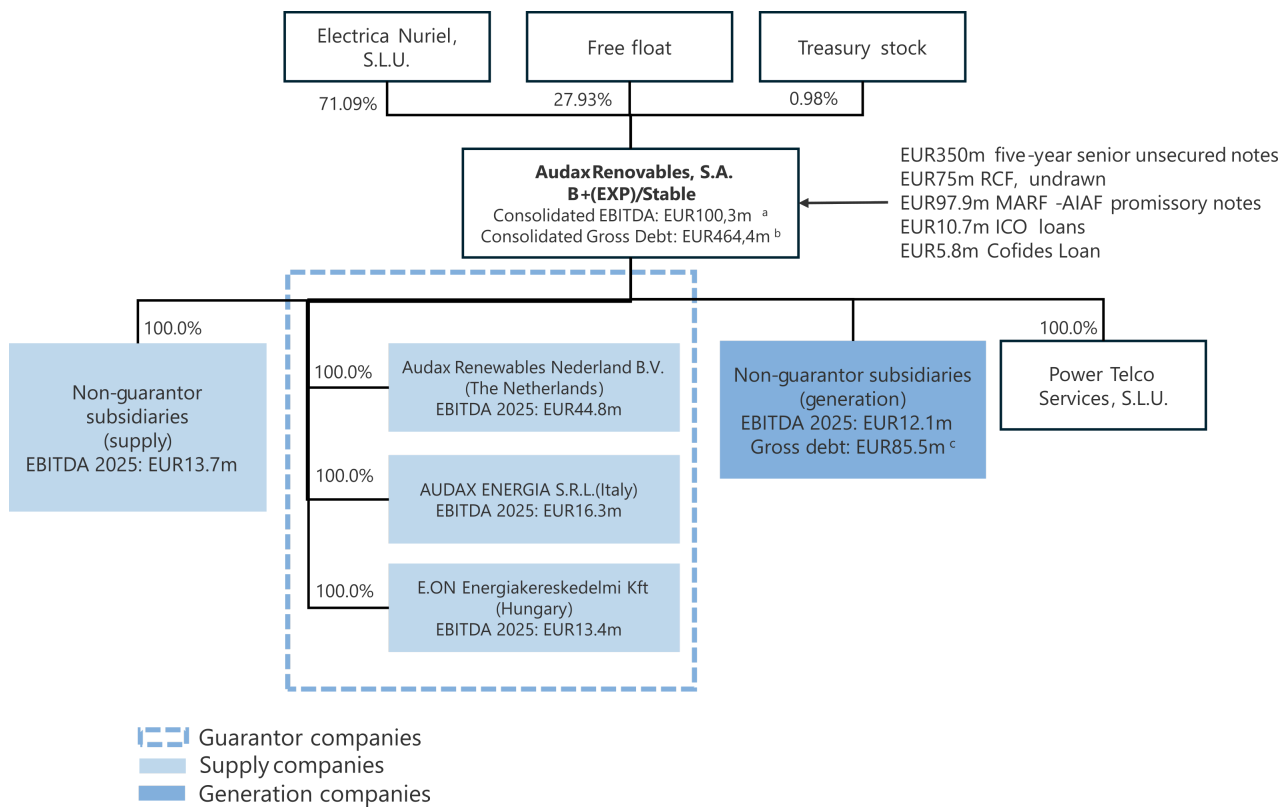
## Corporate Rating Tool Inputs and Scores

Fitch scored the issuer as follows, using our Corporate Rating Tool (CRT) to produce the Standalone Credit Profile (SCP): Business and financial profile factors (assessment, relative importance): management ('bb+', Lower), sector characteristics ('bb', Moderate), market and competitive positioning ('b', Higher), diversification and asset quality ('bb-', Lower), company operational characteristics ('b', Moderate), profitability ('b+', Moderate), financial structure ('bb', Higher), and financial flexibility ('bb-', Moderate).

The quantitative financial subfactors are based on custom CRT financial period parameters: 25% weight for the historical year 2025, 25% for the forecast year 2026, 25% for the forecast year 2027 and 25% for the forecast year 2028.

- B+ to CC considerations apply in our analysis and have no impact.
- The governance assessment of 'good' has no impact.
- The operating environment assessment of 'a-' has no impact.
- The calibration adjustment applies and results in an adjustment of -1 notch.
- The SCP is 'b+'.
- To derive the Long-Term IDR: Fitch made no adjustments to the SCP, resulting in an IDR of 'B+'.

## Simplified Group Structure Diagram



<sup>a</sup> Fitch-calculated EBITDA is EUR111 million, once adjusted by operating leases and the one-off black-out incident in Spain.

<sup>b</sup> Pro forma the refinancing. Excludes off-balance non-recourse factoring for EUR3.4 million and Fitch's adjustment for funding under the Shell agreement for EUR26.3 million.

<sup>c</sup> Including EUR18.1 million project finance debt from a minority shareholder in IKAV Alegria.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Audax, as of end-2025

## Ratings Navigator

Global Electricity Generation

Note: The rating is expected.

	Business Profile					Financial Profile			Standalone Credit Profile	Foreign Currency LT Issuer Default Rating
	Management	Sector Characteristics	Market and Competitive Positioning	Diversification and Asset Quality	Company Operational Characteristics	Profitability	Financial Structure	Financial Flexibility		
aaa									aaa	AAA
aa+									aa+	AA+
aa									aa	AA
aa-									aa-	AA-
a+									a+	A+
a									a	A
a-									a-	A-
bbb+									bbb+	BBB+
bbb									bbb	BBB
bbb-									bbb-	BBB-
bb+	Lower	Moderate					Higher		bb+	BB+
bb	Lower			Lower		Moderate			bb	BB
bb-		Moderate			Moderate		Higher	Moderate	bb-	BB-
b+			Higher	Lower	Moderate	Moderate			b+	B+ Sta
b			Higher		Moderate				b	B
b-			Higher		Moderate				b-	B-
ccc+									ccc+	CCC+
ccc									ccc	CCC
ccc-									ccc-	CCC-
cc									cc	CC
c									c	C
d or rd									d or rd	D or RD

Factor Outlook: Stable (grey square), Evolving (grey diamond), Positive (grey triangle up), Negative (grey triangle down)  
Relative Importance: Lower (light blue square), Moderate (dark blue square), Higher (red square)

## Additional Adjustments to the Standalone Credit Profile

	Assessment	Impact
Weakest link considerations	Not applied	0
Additional sector considerations	Not applied	0
B+ to CC considerations	Applied	0
Governance	Good	0
Operating environment	a-	0
Other risk elements	Not applied	0
Calibration	Applied	-1
<b>Standalone Credit Profile</b>		<b>b+</b>
Parent subsidiary linkage	Not applied	—
Government related entities	Not applied	—
Other criteria considerations	Not applied	0
Country Ceiling considerations	Not applied	0

Factor / Subfactor	Score / Outlook / Importance	Description
<b>Management</b>	bb+ / stable / lower	
Risk tolerance	bb / moderate	Management has a more fluid approach to risk appetite.
Management strategy	bb / moderate	Coherent strategy generally soundly implemented with occasional minor deviation.
Management quality	bbb / moderate	Experienced management or proven track record. Management composition is broadly stable. No evidence of material risk management weaknesses.

Factor / Subfactor	Score / Outlook / Importance	Description
<b>Sector characteristics</b>	bb / stable / moderate	
Volatility of supply/demand	bb / moderate	Lower certainty outlook for prices. Potential price volatility from bulky capacity/demand expansion in system.
System and capacity payments	bb / lower	Less transparent or frequently changing market pricing structure with moderate risk of regulatory/political intervention.

Factor / Subfactor	Score / Outlook / Importance	Description
<b>Market and competitive positioning</b>	b / stable / higher	
Competitive advantage	bbb / lower	Efficient generation with recurrent merit dispatch.
Scale - operation	b- / moderate	Company supplies more than 5% of electricity to the systems where it operates or moderate competitive position.
Merit order and cost pass-through	bb / lower	Large variable generation costs or inability to pass through all changes in commodity costs.

Factor / Subfactor	Score / Outlook / Importance	Description
<b>Diversification and asset quality</b>	bb- / stable / lower	
Asset diversification	b / moderate	No meaningful diversification by geography and/or generation source.
Asset quality	bb / moderate	Below average asset quality.
Environmental exposure	a- / lower	No exposure to environmental regulations. Energy generation mostly from clean sources and low carbon exposure.
Capex intensity	bbb- / moderate	Moderate reinvestments requirements in established technologies.
Resource predictability	bb- / lower	Somewhat volatile capacity factor.

Factor / Subfactor	Score / Outlook / Importance	Description
<b>Company operational characteristics</b>	b / stable / moderate	
Contracted structure	b / moderate	Merchant contractual position with low likelihood of entering into long-term PPAs or getting incentives. More than 50% merchant position or materially over-contracted.
Contract management	b / moderate	Low re-contracting prospects with weak contractual terms. Generation costs likely above expected clearing market prices.
Degree of integration	b / higher	Minimal supply integration. Significant long or short generation position.
Counterparty risk	b+ / moderate	No diversification with high counterparty and event risk or weighted average credit quality of actual and potential off-takers is in line with 'B' rating.
Hedging strategy	bbb / moderate	Portfolio/cash flow smoothing effects from extensive contractual hedge.

Factor / Subfactor	Score / Outlook / Importance	Description
<b>Profitability</b>	b+ / stable / moderate	
Free cash flow	bb+ / moderate	Structurally moderately negative FCF across the investment cycle.
Cash flow predictability	b+ / higher	Stability and predictability of cash flow viewed as negative outliers relative to peers.

Factor/Subfactor	Score/Outlook/Importance	Description
<b>Financial structure</b>	bb / stable / higher	
EBITDA leverage (x)	b- / lower	5.8
FFO leverage (x)	b- / lower	6.0
FFO net leverage (x)	bb+ / higher	4.5

Factor/Subfactor	Score/Outlook/Importance	Description
<b>Financial flexibility</b>	bb- / stable / moderate	
Financial access	bb / moderate	Unequivocal access through the cycle to: Local financial markets with FMD of 'bb', or International financial markets with (primarily) FMD of 'bb'. If the issuer is an infrequent/untested issuer, the issuer must be very likely to be able to freely access these markets through the cycle. Alternatively, limited access to international financial markets of 'bbb' and above.
Liquidity	bb / moderate	Liquidity ratio around 1.0x. Less smooth debt maturity or concentrated funding.
FFO interest coverage (x)	b+ / moderate	2.0
DSCR	n.a. / n.a.	Subfactor not relevant to the issuer.
FX exposure	bb / moderate	FX exposure on profitability and/or debt/cash flow match. Some hedging in place but only partly effective.

Factor / Subfactor	Score / Outlook / Importance	Description
<b>Governance</b>	Good / — / —	
Ownership and decision-making concentration	Some Deficiencies / moderate	Concentrated ownership or decision-making. Unclear board oversight or checks and balances. Potential for key person risk.
Group structure transparency and contagion risk	Good / moderate	Transparent group structure. No contagion risks.
Information quality/transparency	Good / moderate	Timely and good provision of financial and operational information, facilitating the analysis of the credit profile.

## B+ and Below Considerations

Factors	b+	b	b-	ccc+	ccc	ccc-	cc
Business model	Robust	Sustainable	Intact	Redeemable	Compromised	Disrupted	Irredeemable
Execution risk in strategy	Limited	Moderate	Meaningful	Challenging yet achievable	Uncertain	Highly speculative	Not credible
Cash flow profile	Consistently positive	Neutral to positive	Volatile	Mostly negative	Consistently negative	Accelerating cash outflow	Irreversible outflow
Leverage profile	Clear deleveraging path	Deleveraging capacity	High but sustainable	Significant outlier	Unsustainable	Disproportionate and increasing	Unrecoverable
Financial policy	Committed	Some commitment to deleveraging	Aggressive	Ineffective	Uncommitted	Hostile	Inevitable balance sheet restructuring
Refinancing risk	Limited	Manageable	High	Off market options	Excessive	Unavailable	Imminent
Liquidity	Comfortable	Satisfactory	Limited	Minimal headroom	Poor/partly funded	Unfunded	De facto insolvent

Source: Fitch Ratings

## Recovery Analysis

Issuer	Audax Renovables, S.A.		
Issuer Default Rating	B+(EXP)	As of	31 Dec 25
Sector	Utilities	Currency	EURm
Country	Spain	Country group	B

Going concern (GC) enterprise value (EV)		Liquidation value	Book value	Advance rate (%)	Available to creditors
GC EBITDA	79	Cash	273	0	-
EBITDA multiple (x)	4.5	Accounts receivable	251	80	201
GC value from alternative method	-	Inventory	20	50	10
Additional value from affiliates, minority interest, other	15	Net property, plant and equipment	-	50	-
GC EV	371	Liquidation value of off-balance-sheet assets	-	100	-
EV for claims distribution		Additional value from affiliates, minority interest, other	15	100	15
Greater of GC enterprise or liquidation value	371	<b>Total liquidation value</b>			<b>226</b>
Less administrative claims	37				
<b>Total EV</b>	<b>333</b>				

#### Distribution of value

Priority	Amount	Concession allocation	Value recovered	Recovery (%)	Before country-specific considerations			After country-specific considerations		
					Recovery Rating	Notching	Rating	Recovery Rating	Notching	Rating
First-lien secured	45	0	45	100	RR1	+3	BB+	RR2	+2	BB
Unsecured	539	0	288	53	RR3	+1	BB-	RR3	+1	BB-

Note: EUR85 million of project finance is excluded from this analysis alongside EBITDA contribution from the projects.  
Source: Fitch Ratings

The recovery analysis assumes that Audax would be considered a going concern (GC) in bankruptcy and would be reorganised rather than liquidated. We assume a 10% administrative claim. Our GC recourse EBITDA estimate of EUR79 million reflects a sustainable, post-reorganisation recourse EBITDA (i.e. excluding contribution from assets under project finance), on which we base the company's valuation.

The estimate is about 20% below the Fitch-defined recourse EBITDA in 2025. We use an enterprise value multiple of 4.5x to calculate a post-reorganisation valuation, reflecting a medium-to-low distressed multiple based on industry dynamics defined by fairly low barriers to entry, earnings volatility, structurally low margins and high churn rates, as well as the company's moderate scale, single-name customer concentration. These are partly offset by earnings visibility derived from effective hedging and disciplined commercial policies.

We estimate recourse debt claims at EUR584 million, including the upcoming EUR350 million notes, the execution of the announced refinancing (including early debt repayment totalling EUR408 million), EUR73 million of remaining promissory notes (after our assumption of replacement of additional EUR25 million with the new RCF drawings), limited other senior unsecured debt at holdco for EUR17 million, full drawings on the available RCF assumed at EUR100 million, which ranks pari-passu with the rest of unsecured debt, and the execution of the pledge over EUR45 million estimated payables to Shell by end-2026. The full amount excludes about EUR85 million of project finance debt to our recourse-only approach. We assume use of factoring was limited by end-2025 and that would remain available under a distress scenario.

Our recovery analysis for Audax's upcoming EUR350 million senior unsecured bond results in an instrument rating of 'BB-' and a Recovery Rating of 'RR3'. Our estimate of recoveries is close to threshold for 'RR4', which could be breached in the event of delayed execution of the debt repayment following the new bond issuance, or a higher amount under the upcoming bond or RCF that is not offset by greater debt repayment.

### Fitch's Key Rating-Case Assumptions

- Supply volumes rising to 20 TWh in 2028 (8% CAGR) from about 16 TWh in 2025
- Average unit gross margin at about EUR11.9/MWh in 2026-2028
- Average EUR14 million EBITDA contribution from generation in 2026-2028
- Net capex of EUR118 million for generation and capex of about EUR24 million for supply/IT in 2026-2028
- Annual dividend of EUR15 million in 2026-2028
- Favourable working-capital effects from the MAA
- Execution of the refinancing as proposed, with EUR350 million of note proceeds allocated to repay about EUR350 million of existing bonds and reduce promissory notes by about EUR56 million, with any remaining amount funded from available cash

### Liquidity and Debt Structure

Audax reported cash and cash equivalents of EUR325 million at end-2025, with Fitch-adjusted readily available cash and cash equivalents and unpledged fixed-term deposits of EUR271 million. Following the proposed refinancing, the company will have a largely undrawn credit facility of up to EUR100 million maturing in 2031 and limited debt maturities over the next two years.

We expect the refinancing, including the issuance of the five-year EUR350 million senior unsecured notes with customary high-yield provisions, to be leverage neutral, to strengthen liquidity and enhance the company's ability to pursue organic growth, reducing near-term refinancing pressure. Successful issuance is an important consideration for the 'B+(EXP)' rating. We expect the company to reduce short-term debt and optimise its large cash position after refinancing.

We expect the business to generate negative pre-dividend free cash flow in 2027-2028, averaging about EUR12 million, driven by high capex. We expect Audax to maintain cash of about EUR300 million through 2028, also reflecting lower use of commercial paper following the refinancing and a minimum annual distribution of EUR15 million in 2026-2028.

### Liquidity and Debt Maturities

## Liquidity Analysis

(EURm)	2026F	2027F	2028F
<b>Available liquidity</b>			
Beginning cash balance	271	170	71
Rating case FCF after acquisitions and divestitures	6	-18	-23
EUR350m proposed five-year senior unsecured notes	350	—	—
EUR277m bond early repayment due in 2027	-277	—	—
EUR12.5m bond early repayment due in 2028	-13	—	—
EUR62.6m bond early repayment due in 2028	-63	—	—
EUR56m early repayment Promissory Notes	-56	—	—
<b>Total available liquidity (A)</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Liquidity uses</b>			
Debt maturities	-49	-81	-4
<b>Total liquidity uses (B)</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>-81</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>Liquidity calculation</b>			
Ending cash balance (A+B)	170	71	45
Revolver availability	100	100	100
<b>Ending liquidity</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>145</b>
Liquidity score (x)	6.5	3.1	38.1

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Audax Renovables, S.A.

## Scheduled Debt Maturities

(EURm)	31 Dec 25 <sup>a</sup>
2026	105
2027	358
2028	79
2029	33
Thereafter	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>

<sup>a</sup> Prior to refinancing. Excludes off-balance non-recourse factoring for EUR3.4 million and Fitch's adjustment for funding under the Shell agreement for EUR26.3 million.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Audax Renovables, S.A.

## Financial Data

(EURm)	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
<b>Summary income statement</b>						
Gross revenue	2,290	1,982	1,875	2,039	2,203	2,275
Revenue growth (%)	-12.8	-13.5	-5.4	8.7	8.0	3.3
EBITDA before income from associates	93	112	111	103	107	118
EBITDA margin (%)	4.1	5.7	5.9	5.0	4.8	5.2
EBITDA after associates and minorities	93	111	110	102	106	117
EBIT	74	92	95	78	76	85
EBIT margin (%)	3.2	4.7	5.1	3.8	3.5	3.7
Gross interest expense	-34	-32	-33	-36	-42	-43
Pretax income including associate income/loss	45	89	45	45	39	46
<b>Summary balance sheet</b>						
Readily available cash and equivalents	265	304	271	275	296	316
Debt	591	622	637	636	667	700
Net debt	326	318	366	361	370	384
<b>Summary cash flow statement</b>						
EBITDA	93	112	111	103	107	118
Cash interest paid	-26	-27	-28	-36	-42	-43
Cash tax	-16	-41	-18	-15	-11	-14
Dividends received less dividends paid to minorities (inflow/outflow)	-0	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1
Other items before FFO	1	2	4	—	—	—
FFO	52	45	69	51	53	60
FFO margin (%)	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.5	2.4	2.6
Change in working capital	78	16	-10	-6	-3	-4
CFO (Fitch-defined)	131	61	59	45	50	56
Total non-operating/nonrecurring cash flow	—	—	-15	—	—	—
Capex	-31	-57	-63	—	—	—
Capital intensity (capex/revenue) (%)	1.4	2.9	3.4	—	—	—
Common dividends	—	-15	-15	—	—	—
FCF	100	-11	-35	—	—	—
FCF margin (%)	4.3	-0.5	-1.9	—	—	—
Net acquisitions and divestitures	0	11	6	—	—	—
Other investing and financing cash flow items	-19	4	-0	—	—	—
Net debt proceeds	-56	36	-10	-2	31	33
Net equity proceeds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total change in cash	24	39	-33	4	21	19
<b>Calculations for forecast publication</b>						
Capex, dividends, acquisitions and other items before FCF	-31	-61	-88	-40	-68	-79
FCF after acquisitions and divestitures	100	-0	-29	6	-18	-23
FCF margin after net acquisitions (%)	4.4	-0.0	-1.6	0.3	-0.8	-1.0
<b>Gross leverage ratios (x)</b>						
FFO leverage	7.6	8.7	6.7	7.3	7.0	6.8

(EURm)	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
(CFO-capex)/debt (%)	16.8	0.7	-0.7	3.3	-0.4	-1.1
<b>Net leverage ratios (x)</b>						
FFO net leverage	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.7
(CFO-capex)/net debt (%)	30.5	1.3	-1.2	5.7	-0.7	-2.1
<b>Coverage ratios (x)</b>						
FFO interest coverage	3.0	2.6	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
FFO fixed-charge coverage	3.0	2.6	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
CFO – Cash flow from operations Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions						

## How to Interpret the Forecast Presented

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## Fitch Adjusted Financials

(EURm as of 31 December 2025)	Notes and formulas	Standardised values	Cash adjustment	Preferred dividends, associates and minorities cash adjustments	Lease treatment	Other adjustments	Adjusted values
<b>Income statement summary</b>							
Revenue		1,875	—	—	—	—	1,875
EBITDA	(a)	100	—	—	-4	15	111
Depreciation and amortisation		-19	—	—	2	-0	-16
EBIT		81	—	—	-1	15	95
<b>Balance sheet summary</b>							
Debt	(b)	611	—	—	—	26	637
Of which other off-balance-sheet debt		—	—	—	—	—	—
Lease-equivalent debt		—	—	—	—	—	—
Lease-adjusted debt		611	—	—	—	26	637
Readily available cash and equivalents	(c)	222	50	—	—	0	271
Not readily available cash and equivalents		51	-30	—	—	-0	22
<b>Cash flow summary</b>							
EBITDA	(a)	100	—	—	-4	15	111
Dividends received from associates less dividends paid to minorities	(d)	—	—	—	—	-2	-2
Interest paid	(e)	-28	—	—	—	—	-28
Interest received	(f)	1	—	—	—	—	1
Preferred dividends paid	(g)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cash tax paid		-39	—	—	—	21	-18
Other items before FFO		-11	—	—	1	14	4
FFO	(h)	23	—	-2	-2	50	69
Change in working capital		28	—	—	—	-38	-10
CFO	(i)	51	—	-2	-2	12	59
Non-operating/nonrecurring cash flow		—	—	—	—	-15	-15
Capex	(j)	-63	—	—	—	—	-63
Common dividends paid		-17	—	—	—	2	-15
FCF		-29	—	-2	-2	-1	-35
<b>Gross leverage (x)</b>							
FFO leverage	b/(h-e-f-g)	12.3	—	—	—	—	6.7
(CFO-capex)/debt (%)	(i+j)/b	-2.0	—	—	—	—	-0.7
<b>Net leverage (x)</b>							
FFO net leverage	(b-c)/(h-e-f-g)	7.8	—	—	—	—	3.8
(CFO-capex)/net debt (%)	(i+j)/(b-c)	-3.1	—	—	—	—	-1.2
<b>Coverage (x)</b>							
FFO interest coverage	(h-e-f-g)/(-e-g)	1.8	—	—	—	—	3.4

CFO – Cash flow from operations

Note: The standardised items presented above are based on Fitch's taxonomy for the given sector and region.

Reported items may not match the Fitch taxonomy, but they are captured into corresponding lines accordingly.

Debt includes other off-balance-sheet debt.

Debt in the standardised values column excludes lease liabilities of EUR26.852 million.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Audax Renovables, S.A.

## Peer Analysis

Audax's supply-heavy business model and limited integration with generation mean it can only be loosely compared with larger Southern European pure renewable generators such as Corporacion Acciona Energias Renovables, S.A. (BBB-/Negative) and ERG S.p.A. (BBB-/Stable), as well as with smaller regional multi-utilities such as C.V.A. S.p.A. a s.u. (BBB+/Negative) and Alperia SpA (BBB/Positive).

The four companies benefit from materially larger operating scale as electricity generators, higher earnings visibility from contracted or regulated generation and structurally stronger business risk profiles, resulting in higher debt capacity. ERG and Acciona Energia are rated below Alperia and C.V.A., reflecting higher leverage rather than weaker business risk profiles.

Audax's business profile reflects its smaller scale and structurally higher exposure to the supply business, with working-capital volatility, albeit mitigated by disciplined risk governance. Audax's leverage is similar to that of the investment-grade pure renewable peers, at about 4.0x FFO net leverage, but its weaker business profile results in lower debt capacity and, ultimately, lower rating.

## Peer Financial Summary

Company	Issuer Default Rating	Financial statement date	EBITDAR margin (%)	Capex (EURm)	EBITDAR (EURm)	FCF margin (%)	EBITDA net leverage (x)
Audax Renovables, S.A.	B+(EXP)	2025	5.9	-63	111	-1.9	3.3
		2024	5.7	-57	112	-0.5	2.9
		2023	4.1	-31	93	4.3	3.5
Corporacion Acciona Energias Renovables, S.A.	BBB-	2024	32.7	-1,526	996	-38.6	3.7
		2023	32.3	-2,286	1,147	-55.9	3.0
C.V.A. S.p.A. a s.u.	BBB+	2024	29.5	-222	415	12.6	1.1
		2023	17.4	-414	289	0.6	1.7
Alperia SpA	BBB	2025	18.0	-186	429	8.2	0.9
		2024	21.3	-229	504	-0.4	1.0
		2023	11.6	-179	316	22.2	1.6
ERG S.p.A.	BBB-	2024	65.2	-245	517	2.3	3.6
		2023	67.8	-303	520	27.6	2.8

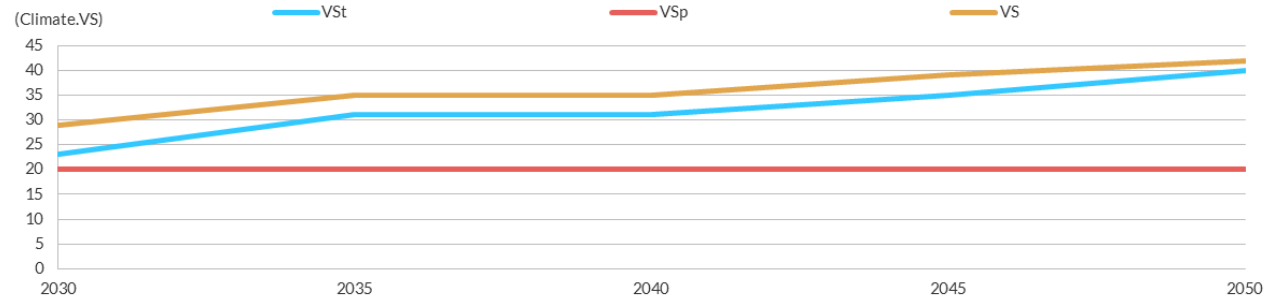
Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

Climate Vulnerability Considerations

Fitch uses Climate Vulnerability Signals (Climate.VS) as a screening tool to identify credits with higher exposure to climate-related risks. If Fitch identifies an entity as higher risk (i.e. its Climate.VS in 2035 is 50 or higher), the entity receives additional analysis and consideration in rating reviews. Climate.VS range from 0 (lowest risk) to 100 (highest risk). For more information on Climate.VS, see Fitch’s [Corporate Rating Criteria](#). For more detailed, sector-specific information on how Fitch perceives climate-related transition risks, see Fitch’s latest [Climate Vulnerability Signals for Non-Financial Corporate Sectors](#) report.

The Climate.VS for 2035 is 35 out of 100. This reflects a VSp of 20 and a VSt of 31.

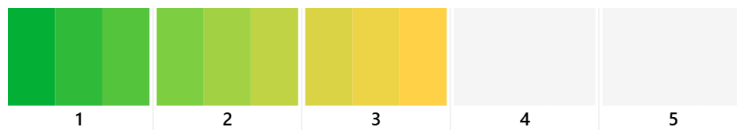
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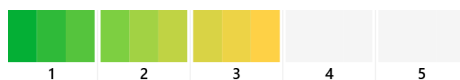
ESG Considerations

The highest level of ESG credit relevance is a score of '3', unless otherwise disclosed in this section. A score of '3' means ESG issues are credit-neutral or have only a minimal credit impact on the entity, either due to their nature or the way in which they are being managed by the entity. Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores are not inputs in the rating process; they are an observation on the relevance and materiality of ESG factors in the rating decision. For more information on Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores, visit [www.fitchratings.com/topics/esg/products#esg-relevance-scores](http://www.fitchratings.com/topics/esg/products#esg-relevance-scores).



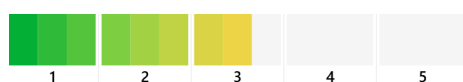
Environmental Relevance Scores

General issues	Score	Sector-specific issues	Reference
GHG Emissions & Air Quality	3	Emissions from operations	Diversification and Asset Quality
Energy Management	3	Fuel use to generate energy and serve load	Diversification and Asset Quality; Company Operational Characteristics; Profitability
Water & Wastewater Management	3	Water used by hydro plants or by other generation plants, also effluent management	Diversification and Asset Quality; Profitability
Waste & Hazardous Materials Management; Ecological Impacts	3	Impact of waste from operations	Diversification and Asset Quality; Profitability
Exposure to Environmental Impacts	3	Plants' and networks' exposure to extreme weather	Diversification and Asset Quality; Profitability



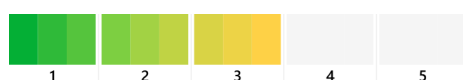
## Social Relevance Scores

General issues	Score	Sector-specific issues	Reference
Human Rights, Community Relations, Access & Affordability	3	Product affordability and access	Diversification and Asset Quality; Company Operational Characteristics; Profitability
Customer Welfare - Fair Messaging, Privacy & Data Security	3	Quality and safety of products and services; data security	Diversification and Asset Quality
Labor Relations & Practices	3	Impact of labor negotiations and employee (dis)satisfaction	Diversification and Asset Quality; Profitability
Employee Wellbeing	2	Worker safety and accident prevention	Diversification and Asset Quality
Exposure to Social Impacts	3	Social resistance to major projects that leads to delays and cost increases	Diversification and Asset Quality; Company Operational Characteristics; Profitability; Financial Structure



## Governance Relevance Scores

General issues	Score	Sector-specific issues	Reference
Management Strategy	3	Strategy development and implementation	Management; Governance; Financial Structure
Governance Structure	3	Board independence and effectiveness; ownership concentration	Governance
Group Structure	3	Complexity, transparency and related-party transactions	Governance; Market and Competitive Positioning; Company Operational Characteristics
Financial Transparency	3	Quality and timing of financial disclosure	Governance



## ESG Scoring






ESG relevance scores range from '1' to '5' based on a 15-level colour gradation. Red (5) is most relevant to the credit rating and green (1) is least relevant.

The Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) tables break out the general and the sector-specific issues that are most relevant to each industry group. Relevance scores are assigned to each sector-specific issue, signalling the credit relevance of the sector-specific issues to an issuer's overall credit rating. The Reference column highlights the factor(s) within which the corresponding ESG issues are captured in Fitch's credit analysis.

The panels underneath the relevance scores tables are visualisations of the frequency of occurrence of the highest ESG relevance scores across the combined E, S and G categories. The Score columns summarise rating relevance and impact to credit from ESG issues. The column on the far left identifies any ESG relevance sub-factor issues that are drivers or potential drivers of an issuer's credit rating (corresponding with scores of '3', '4' or '5'). All scores of '4' and '5' are assumed to reflect a negative impact unless indicated with a '+' sign for positive impact.

Classification of ESG issues has been developed from Fitch's sector ratings criteria. The general and sector-specific issues draw on the classification standards published by the UN Principles for Responsible Investing, the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board and the World Bank.

## Credit-Relevant ESG Scale

	5	Highly relevant, a key rating driver that has a significant impact on the rating on an individual basis. Equivalent to 'Higher' relative importance within the Navigator.
	4	Relevant to rating, not a key rating driver but has an impact on the rating in combination with other factors. Equivalent to 'Moderate' relative importance within the Navigator.
	3	Minimally relevant to rating, either very low impact or actively managed in a way that results in no impact on the entity rating. Equivalent to 'Lower' relative importance within the Navigator.
	2	Irrelevant to the entity rating but relevant to the sector.
	1	Irrelevant to the entity rating and irrelevant to the sector.

## Ratings

Long-Term IDR	B+(EXP)
<b>Outlook</b>	
Long-Term Foreign-Currency IDR	Stable

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## ESG and Climate

### Highest ESG Relevance Scores

Environmental	3
Social	3
Governance	3
2035 Climate Vulnerability Signal	35
Transition (Climate.VSt)	31
Physical (Climate.VSp)	20



## Applicable Criteria

Country-Specific Treatment of Recovery Ratings Criteria (February 2026)  
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Corporate Rating Criteria (January 2026)  
Corporates Recovery Ratings and Instrument Ratings Criteria (August 2024)

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European Utilities Outlook 2026 (December 2025)

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