# GLOBAL INFRA-ENERGY FUND | MONTHLY UPDATE

30 November 2022



### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Global Infra-Energy Fund (the Fund) is focused on infrastructure and energy business segments to provide exposure to companies that are operating in essential industries around the world. We explore the entire infrastructure and energy value chain where we believe we can add value under different economic scenarios.

The Fund targets an annual total return of 10% with income component of greater than 3.5% yield.

Our investment approach is bottom-up, value-oriented with a quality overlay, thematic-driven and index agnostic.

### **FUND OVERVIEW**

Portfolio Manager Roy Chen

Performance Target 10% per annum

Asset Class International Shares

Coverage All Global Equity Markets

Currency AUD Unhedged

Cash Holdings Up to 35%

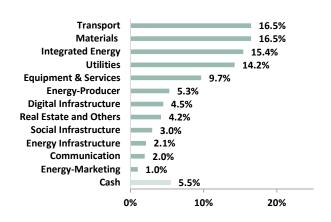
Entry/Exit Price \$1.0419/\$1.0357

### **PERFOMANCE**

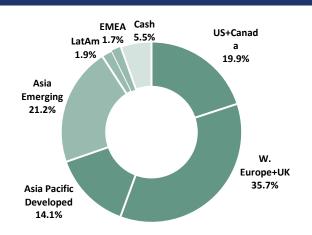
Total Return	1 month	3 month	6 month	YTD	1 Year	2021	Since Inception**
Global Infra-Energy Fund*	3.7%	7.8%	3.0%	8.5%	10.9%	16.8%	36.3%
Performance Target					10.0%	10.0%	

<sup>\*</sup>Performance is based on the movement in net asset value per unit plus distributions before tax and after all fees and charges. Imputation and foreign tax offsets are not included in these numbers. \*\*Inception date is 1 August 2017, calculated cumulatively, and assuming all distributions have been reinvested.

#### **SECTOR EXPOSURE**



### **REGIONAL EXPOSURE**



## **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

	Company	Country	Industry Segment	Mkt Cap \$USbn	ND/EBITDA	Div Yield	Weight
1	Linde plc	Germany	Materials	166	1.4	1.3%	1.8%
2	Alstom SA	France	<b>Equipment &amp; Services</b>	10	3.0	1.0%	1.8%
3	Eni S.p.A.	Italy	Integrated Energy	53	0.7	6.1%	1.6%
4	Woodside Energy Group Ltd	Australia	Energy-Producer	47	0.6	8.3%	1.6%
5	TotalEnergies SE	France	Integrated Energy	163	0.8	4.4%	1.6%
6	East Japan Railway Company	Japan	Transport	21	17.4	1.3%	1.6%
7	PETRONAS Chemicals Group.	Malaysia	Materials	15	-1.7	5.6%	1.5%
8	B.Grimm Power Public Company	Thailand	Utilities	3	6.8	0.8%	1.5%
9	Air Liquide SA	France	Materials	74	2.1	1.9%	1.5%
10	OCI NV	Netherlands	Materials	9	0.3	12.3%	1.4%

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### **PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY**

- Of our top performing MSCI sectors, Materials was the best performer +8.9% followed by Industrials +4.2% and Utilities +2% while Energy was the worst -1.2%. The Fund benefited overall with 70% in these 4 sectors.
- We also benefited with exposure to Asia Pacific (+9.8%), the best performing region followed by Europe (+6.3%) In contrast, North America lagged (+0.7%). The Fund has 35.5% exposure in both Asia Pac and Europe while North America is only 20% (cf MSCI index weight of over 70%).
- Segments that added value were Transport and Equipment & Services followed by Materials in which we held high weightings. We only had a small exposure to Digital infrastructure, the best performing segment.
- We realised good profits in Cosco Shipping Energy (+25%), D/S Norden (+14%) both in Transport as well as Japanese conglomerate Mitsui & Co(+16%) and French chips-maker STMicroelctronics (+15%).
- We further diversified the portfolio with initiations in 2
   Digital Infrastructure stocks ASML Netherland, Renesas
   Electronics Japan, 2 Airlines Singapore Airlines and
   Cathay Pac HK, 2 Hotels IHG UK and Hyatt US and 1
   Social Infrastructure company- Shandong Weigao China.

### PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

- We believe oil and gas companies have been overbought hence we reduced exposure though we continue to overweight the strong FCF generative and best dividend paying segment of Integrated Energy. We also reduced fertiliser segment in favour of Industrial Gases and Specialty & Petrochemicals within Material sector.
- By Region, we increased Asia Pac including oversold HK
   Chinese and Japanese companies benefiting from its
   reopening. Asia Pac is our largest regional exposure
   followed by Europe with both regions overweight
   relative to our underweight in North America as shown
   in the regional pie-chart.
- **Top country weighting** While maintaining the highest position, the USA is at around 19% followed by Japan with 9% and China/HK at 8.7% which overtook Thailand at 7.7%. The next two key weightings are in Europe with France at 7.7% and Germany at 7% of the Fund.
- Industrials now the main sector and a key driver with 26.2% split between Transport 16.5% and Equipment & Services 9.7%, the industrial sector captures many of the key megatrends we consider as the "sweet spots" Energy Transition, Efficiency, Automation, the Transport of Energy and Automotives and Infrastructure.
- Travel-related segments. Many of our new initiations are in this area. These segments have gone full circle since Covid-19 especially selective airlines, airports,

- passenger rails and hotels. There have been many false starts since mid-2020 but this time the recovery is real. We continued to adhere to our discipline of selecting those with the strongest balance sheets and of course those that are paying/resuming dividends.
- On the other-hand, as oil and gas companies have done
  most of running this year, in November we saw those
  with renewable exposure doing the best be in IT,
  Materials, Utilities or Industrials. We strongly believe
  post-Covid 19 both types of energy will be needed.
- As we reduced weighting to Energy, it also resulted in a
  decrease in LNG exposure with a preference to
  integrated energy companies. We are maintaining our
  overweight positions in Energy Transport and Carriers
  for Automotives as we see strong demand driving freight
  rates which far outweigh the supply of vessels available.

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Net Asset Value	\$1.0388
Number of stocks	81
Net cash position	5.5%
Dividend yield	5.5%
Price/Earnings FY1	9.7
Market capitalisation \$USbn	53.8
EV/EBITDA	10.8
ND/EBITDA	2.9

### **TOP 5 PERFORMERS**

	Company	Return
1	Infineon Technologies AG	27.2%
2	Wallenius Wilhelmsen ASA	23.4%
3	SINOPEC S/PETROCHE	19.3%
4	Alstom SA	18.5%
5	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	18.3%

### **BOTTOM 5 PERFORMERS**

	Company	Return
1	New Fortress Energy Inc. Class A	-11.7%
2	ConocoPhillips	-6.1%
3	PTT Public Co., Ltd.	-4.8%
4	Ecopetrol SA Sponsored ADR	-4.4%
5	Exxon Mobil Corporation	-3.3%

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