# SHINING A LIGHT ON THE...... FP Foresight Global Real Infrastructure Fund

#### AT A GLANCE

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to grow, over any 5 year period, by more than 3% per annum above the rate of UK inflation (as measured by the UK Consumer Prices Index). There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve a positive return over this, or any other, period and you may not get back the original amount you invested. The Fund will invest directly in the shares of companies (including listed Investment Trusts, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), ETFs and other investment company structures depending on the relevant jurisdictions) or units of Master Limited Partnerships that, in each case, are publicly traded (listed) on stock exchanges in developed markets (meaning North America, Western Europe and Asia Pacific); and that own or operate real infrastructure or renewable energy assets anywhere in the world.

Inception Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
Fund Factsheet Link	https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapsh
	ot/snapshot.aspx?id=F000013N4C

Management	
Manager Name Start Date	
Nick Scullion	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
Mark Brennan	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
Carly Magee	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Performance from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020:

	2019	2020
FP Foresight Global Real Infrastructure Fund	14.75%	14.75%
iShares MSCI World ETF	13.89%	0.18%

Performance over 12 months, and since launch:

	1 year	Since launch
FP Foresight Global Real Infrastructure Fund	16.43%	31.68%
iShares MSCI World ETF	6.82%	14.10%

You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.

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Tracking Error	Active Share Class	Upside Capture Ratio	Downside Capture Ratio	Batting Average	Beta	Alpha	Equity Style
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Blend/Mid

Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	-
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	-

Investment Style Details		
Giant	0.00%	
Large	11.09%	
Medium	26.33%	
Small	39.04%	
Micro	0.00%	

Top 5 Holdings – 20 holdings		
Brookfield Infrastructure Partne	Utilities	9.37%
Easterly Government Properties Inc	Real Estate	6.48%
Greencoat Renewables	-	6.03%
Scatec Solar ASA	Utilities	5.51%
Infratil Ltd	Utilities	5.38%

Top 5 Sectors	
Utilities	67.91%
Real Estate	32.09%

Top 5 Regions	
United States	37.41%
Canada	17.95%
Brazil	12.26%
New Zealand	11.93%
Norway	7.21%

## **UPDATE....**

These updates have been written at the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020, which has impacted the global financial markets in a way that has never been seen before.

We have met this team before, and although the fund is relatively new the strategy focuses very much on the type of business that they represent i.e. sustainable investors. They see infrastructure as the shock absorber within a portfolio of assets. This year when markets were down nearly 30%, this was down around 17%. The fund will lag when markets recover sharply although it is ahead of the index since launch.

In terms of the recent market dislocation the fund recovered from the lows within about 2 weeks, whereas the global markets took a couple of months to reach the same place. This is a defensive fund and the market was quick to see that the companies they invest in will continue to operate and be paid. They believe the fund will recover further.

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They invest in real assets and this is a conviction-based fund. They believe the future is very bright because both infrastructure and climate change are relevant and here to stay. A Biden victory would be positive but private capital is being incentivised to invest in climate change and governments will spend on infrastructure.

We discussed some of the holdings.

Easterly Government Properties own and lease specialist properties to the US Government, including Veterans Affairs Outpatient Facility. Keppel Infrastructure Trust focuses on distribution and network, energy and waste and water, Greencoat Renewables PLC holds renewable energy infrasture assets in Europe and Boralex focuses on renewable energy via wind, solar, hydroelectricity and thermal one its holdings includes Yellow Falls Hydroelectic site.

When investing all companies must meet the UN Global Compact, and engagement is really important. They do not rely on others but want to do the research themselves to identify those companies with the best assets. This is a global fund, and they can move to where they see the best pockets of value, like the US and Canada.

They see themselves as long term holders of assets. The work goes in at the start and they are only likely to change if something significant happens, for example a company has fallen foul of the UN Global Company. If the asset has become expensive then they may sell down and re-distribute that money to other assets.

In summary, there are not really any sustainable real asset infrastructure funds and therefore this fund appears to be offering something different. Just looking at the assets, this has a mix of social and environmental. With greater volatility in the market this offers something different, with downside protection. When markets are racing this will lag. The target return is 3% above CPI over the medium term but they expect to achieve a higher return than this.

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