

KBIGI Global Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy

Summary Details

Assets under Mgmt.	£231.9m
Inception Date	01 Oct 2017
Benchmark	S&P Global Infrastructure Index
Number of Stocks	47
Revenue Alignment SDG Score	74.9%

Risk Characteristics

Beta (3 Yrs)	0.68
Information Ratio (3 Yrs)	1.44
Tracking Error (3 Yrs)	8.52

Portfolio Statistics	Strategy	Index
Current Dividend Yield	3.4%	3.0%
Price to Earnings	17.7x	23.3x
Price to Book	1.7x	2.2x
Weighted Avg Market Cap.	\$25.9bn	\$39.2bn

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 30/06/21. The risk characteristics are calculated independently by KBI Global Investors using monthly gross returns of the composite over a 3 year period relative to the Index as at the 30/06/21. Portfolio and Benchmark Statistics are from a representative account managed to the same strategy and the benchmark respectively. KBI Global Investors independently estimate these statistics for both the portfolio and the benchmark. The AUM listed above is Global Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy AUM. Weighted Avg. Mkt. Cap figures are in US Dollars. The Revenue Alignment SDG Score measures the portfolio contribution to the achievement of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Calculations are based on KBIGI's own methodology and are not independently verified as at 12/31/2020 (annually).

Investment Thesis

There are compelling investment opportunities in infrastructure companies providing solutions to resource scarcity across water, food and energy driven by five long term trends.

- Inadequate supply of water, cleaner energy and arable land for farming
- Increasing demand for resources, driven by population growth, industrialisation and urbanisation
- Increasing regulation and government support
- Increasing investment in infrastructure to address urgent global requirements
- Increasing investment in technology to create solutions and facilitate the more efficient use of resources

Annualised Performance (£)

	3Mths	YTD	1Yr	2Yrs	3Yrs	Since Incep
Fund (Gross)	4.5	8.6	26.2	15.7	15.7	12.6
Benchmark	2.0	3.9	9.3	-2.4	3.1	2.4

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 30/06/21.

KBI calculate both composite returns and benchmark returns. Returns are gross of fees in GBP. Our firm claims GIPS compliance and is annually verified by an independent verification firm to be so. The verification report from our verifier and our GIPS composite presentation are available upon request. The performance record disclosed here is that of the firm's composite for this strategy. The Infrastructure strategy invests in sustainable publicly-traded infrastructure companies that deliver strong investment returns within a robust risk framework. The strategy delivers material and diverse exposure to water and clean energy infrastructure, food storage, transportation and farmland. Further, integrating ESG considerations is key to our investment process given our belief that companies with good governance and whose products and services enhance social or environmental goals are likely to have long, durable, sustainable business models. The material risks associated with the composite include market risk and stock-specific event risk. Share prices can decline and there is a risk that the composite may under-perform its benchmark. The benchmark is the S&P Global Infrastructure index, net of taxes on dividend income. The index is comprised of listed infrastructure securities from across the world. To create diversified exposure, the index provider includes three distinct infrastructure clusters within the index structure; energy, transportation and utilities. See disclaimers for further information

Portfolio Positioning

Sector Breakdown

Sector	%
Utilities	48.3
Asset Owners	31.0
Infrastructure Capex	20.7

Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
Europe	52.3
North America	38.4
Emerging Markets	6.8
Japan	2.5

Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
National Grid Plc	UK	5.8
Greencoat Renewables PLC	Ireland	4.5
Iberdrola SA	Spain	4.3
Nextera Energy Inc	US	4.2
Hydro One Ltd	Canada	3.8
Veolia Environnement SA	France	3.8
E.ON SE	Germany	3.7
Essential Utilities Inc	US	3.3
Covanta Holding Corporation	US	3.3
Bunge Limited	US	3.1

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. Data as of 30/06/21

Strategy Overview

The KBI Global Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy is a global portfolio of 30-60 sustainable publicly traded infrastructure companies. The composition of our portfolio is demonstrative of where we believe we have a core competency, but more importantly where we believe a significant proportion of future infrastructure will occur, and where we believe investors lack exposure. Many commentators continue to highlight the vast amounts of money required to be spent on water infrastructure, clean energy infrastructure and the infrastructure necessary for the storage and transportation of food as a direct result of:

- Ageing and depleted assets in dire need of rehabilitation/replacement
- Population growth
- Rapidly expanding cities
- Societal and economic demand

The strategy provides exposure to companies that demonstrate strong infrastructure investment characteristics:

- High regulatory support
- Predictable and stable cash flow
- Long-term contractual businesses
- Low volatility of earnings
- Quality of assets and management

The strategy offers new sources of alpha to investors in the infrastructure asset class, and seeks to provide protection from long-term inflation. It is demonstrative of future investment and displays strong ESG credentials as well as providing investors with differentiation and diversification in what is an efficient asset class.

Investment Process

Our investment process is designed to use our specialist skills to precisely define each theme, construct a proprietary investment universe and then build a concentrated, high conviction portfolio designed to outperform the benchmark.

Identification of sustainable companies as either:

- **Pure plays** (>50% of sales from either Water, Agri or Clean Energy) or
- **Market leaders** (>10% sales and also be a global leader)

Identification of infrastructure companies as either:

- Owners or operators of sustainable infrastructure assets or
- Beneficiaries of sustainable infrastructure investment

Weighting Sector

- Focus on bottom up fundamentals and valuation with an overlay of top down influences

Stock Selection

- Focus on asset-intensive (often monopolistic) businesses with long-duration contracts (often with strong regulatory or government backing) producing stable cash flow generation with inflation protection.
- Emphasis on companies with predictive and stable dividend yields, strong fundamentals, stable management and attractive valuations.

Investment Team

Infrastructure Portfolio Management Team	Role	Investment Experience
Colm O'Connor	Lead Portfolio Manager	18yrs
Noel O'Halloran	Co Portfolio Manger	33yrs
Martin Conroy	Co Portfolio Manager	17yrs
Investment Team	Title	Investment Experience
Treasa Ni Chonghaile	Senior Portfolio Manager	22yrs
Catherine Cahill	Senior Portfolio Manager	21yrs
Matt Sheldon	Senior Portfolio Manager	19yrs
Andros Florides	Senior Portfolio Manager	26yrs
Eoin Fahy	Head of Responsible Investing	33yrs
Ben Cooke	Investment Analyst	5Yrs
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	15yrs

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Overview

There are three key drivers supporting increased growth in sustainable infrastructure. Significant demographic changes are set to sharply raise demand for infrastructure over coming decades. Secondly, concern over rising emissions has prompted governments to prioritise climate change objectives when enacting fiscal incentives schemes that support infrastructure end markets. Finally, advances in technology across renewable energy end markets has accelerated the trend of decarbonisation. Increased growth in intermittent wind and solar energy requires additional spend in electric grid infrastructure.

We believe the strategy is well positioned to outperform for the remainder of 2021, due to two key factors.

Firstly, governments are keen to reflate their economies and take advantage of the low interest rate environment to instigate infrastructure programmes. The recent sharp economic contraction due to the pandemic presents an opportunity for governments to help local economies by investing in labour intensive infrastructure projects.

Secondly, we expect governments to recalibrate their decarbonisation efforts over the coming years, in the wake of recent changes in government and because of the global pandemic. The policy response to climate change since the onset of the pandemic has been noteworthy; several countries have announced new net zero carbon targets while stimulus packages have incorporated climate protection measures.

The new US administration marks the dawn of a new era for federal energy policy. President Biden has announced a goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions for the electricity sector by 2035 as well as his intention to extend the wind and solar tax grants. The recent \$2tr infrastructure plan incorporates ambitious spending targets across a range of end markets including water pipes, grid infrastructure and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

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