## Q3 2025 USD

## **KBI Global Investors**

# **KBIGI Water Strategy**



ails
\$3.5bn
04 Mar 2006
MSCI ACWI Index NR
51
73.6%

Risk Characteristics			
Beta (10 Yrs)	1.05		
Information Ratio (10 Yrs)	0.04		
Portfolio Statistics	Strategy Index		
Current Dividend Yield	2.2%	1.7%	
Price to Earnings (forward)	<b>(forward)</b> 16.8x 19.7x		
Price to Book	2.7x 3.6x		
Weighted Avg Market Cap.	\$15.6bn	\$857.4bn	

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 09/30/25. The risk characteristics are calculated independently by KBI Global Investors using monthly gross returns of the composite over a 10 year period relative to the Index as at the 09/30/25. 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 Water Strategy AUM. This is the combined AUM of KBI Global Investors Ltd and KBI Global Investors (North America) Ltd excluding Assets under Advisement from Q1 2022. 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 KBIGlâs own methodology and are not independently verified as at 06/30/2025 (quarterly).

## **Investment Thesis**

There are compelling investment opportunities in 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	3Yrs	5Yrs	10Yrs
Strategy (Gross)	2.4	15.8	5.7	19.2	13.8	12.2
Strategy (Net)	2.2	15.1	4.8	18.2	12.8	11.3
Benchmark	7.6	18.4	17.3	23.1	13.5	11.9

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream as of 09/30/25.

KBI calculate both composite returns and benchmark returns. Returns are gross of fees in USD and we use a model fee, 0.85% to calculate the net return. We divide the gross return by the period fee rate in decimal form to calculate the period net return. 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 Water strategy gives investors the opportunity to invest in companies whose revenues are closely linked to the water industry. The strategy invests in circa 30 to 60 internationally diversified companies active across the water cycle - the range of activities needed to provide clean water to the end user (human, industrial, agricultural) and return it to nature. The firm invests across all parts of the cycle including: Water and Testing, Wastewater Water Infrastructure, Treatment. Engineering/Consulting Services and Pumps/Valves. The investment team evaluates and integrates ESG into the analysis conducted to determine the fundamental value of the companies it invests in. The strategy is managed by a dedicated, specialist team of investment professionals in Boston, USA and Dublin, Ireland. 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 MSCI AC World Index, inclusive of net income. The benchmark is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging market countries from where the strategy draws its securities. The benchmark is market-cap weighted. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the composite and the benchmark; but not materially so. See disclaimers for further information.

## Portfolio Positioning Segment Breakdown

Sector	%
Infrastructure	36.6
Water Technologies	34.7
Utilities	28.7

## Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
North America	57.7
Europe	29.3
Emerging Markets	7.1
Japan	5.9

### **Top 10 Holdings**

Stock	Country	%
Veolia Environnement SA	France	6.3
Xylem Inc	US	5.0
Idex Corp	US	4.6
Kurita Water Industries Limited	Japan	3.9
United Utilities Group Plc	UK	3.7
Pennon Group Plc	UK	3.1
Ecolab Inc	US	3.1
American Water Works Company Inc	US	3.1
Pentair PLC	US	2.9
Arcadis NV	Netherlands	2.8

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. The above information represents the top 10 largest positions in the strategy as of 09/30/25 based on the aggregate USD value. Each quarter KBI Global Investors uses this same objective, non-performance based criteria to select the ten largest holdings. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for the strategy, and the reader should not assume that investments in the securities identified and discussed were or will be profitable. All information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy the securities mentioned.

## **Strategy Overview**

The KBI Global Investors' Water Strategy is a long-only, high-conviction global equity portfolio investing in 30-60 global companies providing solutions to water scarcity. The strategy has been investing in companies active across all parts of the water cycle including Water and Wastewater Utilities, Water Infrastructure and Water Technology since 2000.

The Water Strategy provides exposure to a number of dominant and persistent themes:

- Global growth
- Natural resource scarcity
- Infrastructure spending
- Emerging market growth
- Mergers and acquisitions

Water brings new sources of alpha to a global equity allocation. Specialist active management is the best way to capture this alpha, carefully qualifying a universe of stocks to ensure exposure to the water theme and then identifying companies with strong fundamentals, leading products, and attractive valuations.

#### **Investment Team**

Water Portfolio Management Team	Role	Industry Experience
Catherine Cahill	Lead Portfolio Manager	25yrs
Matt Sheldon	Lead Portfolio Manager	23yrs
Martin Conroy	Co Portfolio Manager	22yrs
Colm O'Connor	Head of Portfolio Management NR Team	23yrs
Treasa Ni Chonghaile	Senior Portfolio Manager	26yrs
Andros Florides	Senior Portfolio Manager	30yrs
Craig Bonthron	Senior Portfolio Manager	24yrs
Ben Cooke	Portfolio Manager	9yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	Head of RI Policy & Stewardship	25yrs
Robert Fullam	Investment Analyst	11yrs

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#### **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 broad market and passive alternatives

## **Investment Universe Definition**

- Precisely defined opportunity set for investment to ensure exposure to drivers of resource scarcity
- Companies for inclusion: Pure Plays and Market Leaders

#### **Weighting Sector**

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

## **Stock Selection**

 Focus on stocks with exposure to key themes driving earnings growth, strong fundamentals, competitive advantages, strong management and attractive valuation

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