

# Global Sustainable Listed Infrastructure Fund

Portfolio sustainability characteristics as of 31 March 2024

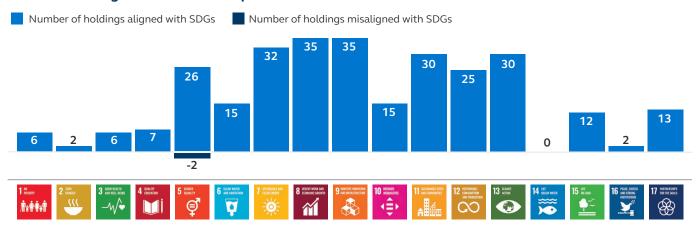
The Global Sustainable Listed Infrastructure Fund is a bottom-up investment strategy that seeks to achieve consistent and attractive risk-adjusted excess total returns by investing in infrastructure companies that contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, utilities (electric, gas, water), transportation infrastructure (airports, highways, railways, marine ports), energy infrastructure, and communications infrastructure.

# Focus SDG alignment of our portfolio

		% of portfolio aligned	Utilities	Transportation	Energy	Communications
% of total portfolio			51%	22%	13%	15%
6 CLIAN WATER AND SANTARION	Clean water & sanitation	46%	32%	7%	7%	0%
7 AFFORDALE AND CLEAN DATEST	Affordable & clean energy	87%	46%	18%	10%	13%
8 ECCINT WORK AND ICONOMIC GROWTH	Decent work & economic growth	97%	51%	22%	10%	15%
9 MARSTRY, DOMINITION AND INTERSTRUCTURE	Industry, innovation & infrastructure	97%	51%	19%	13%	15%
11 SISTEMBLE CITIES AND COMMENTES	Sustainable cities & communities	84%	43%	22%	5%	15%
13 CLIMATE ACTION	Climate action	80%	40%	22%	5%	13%

Percentages are excluding cash and may not equal 100% due to rounding.

## Overall SDG alignment across the portfolio



Top 10 holdings	03/31/2024 weight	6 CLEAN MATER AND SANTATION	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN DEBOY	8 DECENT HORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	9 MOUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	11 SUSTAINABLE OTES AND COMMONTIES	13 CLIMATE ACTEON	Alignment commentary
NextEra Energy, Inc.	8.17%	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	Global leader in renewables adoption and development and well-positioned to capture market share in future energy transition technologies. Efficiency and relatively low customer rates encourage economic development, and industry-leading storm hardening and hurricane recovery efforts mitigate effects of climate change. New target to reach "Real Zero" by no later than 2045, defined as zero absolute scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions with no reliance on offsets, is industry-leading.
American Tower Corporation	5.55%		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	American Tower's alignment is a function of its efforts to increase access to wireless communication in each of its markets, including in several developing countries. As well, its business model of developing and leasing neutral infrastructure to multiple communications providers as an alternative to each company building its own, fundamentally reduces consumption of energy, materials, and resources. The sustainability strategy was refreshed in 2021 and is aligned with UN's SDGs.
American Electric Power Company, Inc.	4.80%	<b>~</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		Rate as Aligned based on positive rate of change. High legacy coal exposure sets AEP up as one of the better emissions reduction stories in the U.S. utility sector, with coal set to decline from 42% to 17% of generation capacity and renewables to increase from 23% to 50%, both between 2023 and 2033. AEP targets net zero by 2045 and has one of the most aggressive regulated renewables growth programs in the U.S. As a major transmission developer AEP enables the connection of new renewables to the grid and helps to enhance resilience.
Williams Companies, Inc.	4.55%	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>		Williams was one of the first energy infrastructure companies to establish a net zero 2050 target and also targets a 30% reduction in CO2 intensity between 2018 and 2028. The company has reduced GHG emissions by 47% on an absolute basis since 2005. The company has been an innovator in developing solar power for its own needs. As a natural gas infrastructure company, Williams is one of the major enablers of the replacement of coal fired power generation in the U.S.
Crown Castle, Inc.	4.16%		<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	Crown Castle's business model is based on the principal of shared infrastructure. By developing and leasing neutral infrastructure to multiple communications providers, as an alternative to each company building its own, this fundamentally reduces consumption of energy, materials and resources, whilst increasing the reach of data and connectivity to a wider community.
PG&E Corporation	3.99%		<b>✓</b>	~	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	PCG is at the forefront of wildfire mitigation efforts in California. Wildfires have negative environmental and social consequences. Thus the company's 94% risk reduction, per its most recent analyst day, is a major driver of emissions reduction as well as a benefit to public safety and economic growth. The company also enables electrification of home and vehicle infrastructure in one of the most proelectrification jurisdictions in the world.
Entergy Corporation	3.96%	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	~	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	We see unique opportunities for Entergy to drive decarbonization through electrification of its industrial customers' processes on the Gulf Coast. Entergy is further differentiated by its storm hardening programs which are crucial for climate change mitigation in its service territories. Entergy is a leader in developing a hydrogen capability for power generation and industrial customers. The company already has one of the lowest emission-intensity generation fleets among major utilities.
CMS Energy Corporation	3.35%		<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	CMS will be one of the earliest vertically integrated electric utilities to exit coal generation, in 2025. It targets net zero GHG's by 2050 and has earlier targets for some components, targeting net zero CO2 by 2040 and net zero methane by 2030. The company is transitioning its generation and energy supply towards renewables aggressively, targeting over 50% carbon free supply by 2031, compared to 26% in 2023.
Canadian National Railway Company	3.33%			<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	CN has the strongest reporting across the railroads and equal best (with UNP) targets among the rail names. Explicitly demonstrates alignment with SDG's in sustainability report. Freight rail as a whole has environmental advantage over trucking, plays a core role in economic growth and are key local employers.
National Grid plc	3.25%		<b>✓</b>	<u> </u>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	National Grid supplies gas and electricity to millions in the UK and the U.S. The company's efforts directly contribute to the decarbonisation of the energy system, from building and maintaining transmission lines that bring clean energy to demand and exploring ways to reduce the carbon intensity of gas. NG has made several strong, public commitments which demonstrate alignment with SDGs 5, 7, 9 and 13. The geographic location of its businesses also makes resiliency planning important (SDG 11).

**Key:**  $\checkmark$  Aligned  $\overset{\frown}{\times}$  Misaligned

Companies shown are taken from the top ten holdings of the Global Sustainable Listed Infrastructure Fund Portfolio as of 31 March 2024. A check indicates full alignment with the goal and an X indicates some material aspect of a company's operations or products are misaligned with the goal. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) are a collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly. This is provided for information only and should not be construed as specific investment advice, a recommendation to buy, sell or hold, or be relied on in any way as a guarantee, promise, forecast or prediction of future events regarding an investment or the markets in general.

MSCI ESG ratings as of 03/31/2024	Fund	Benchmark
ESG overall rating	AA	А
Overall industry-adjusted company quality score	7.40	7.01

MSCI Carbon scores as of 03/31/2024	Fund	Benchmark
Total portfolio carbon emissions (1M invested)	423.74	498.48
Carbon intensity (1M sales)	868.51	1,063.61
Issuer carbon intensity	988.62	946.68

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## **Current engagement priorities**

Our engagement efforts over the period 2022-2024 will emphasize the following topics.

### 1. Management alignment

We believe that management teams whose compensation is aligned with sustainability initiatives are more likely to deliver positive sustainability outcomes. We will ask issuers to add and/or increase relevance of ESG and sustainability metrics to incentive programs, in particular long-term incentive programs.

### 2. Credibility of emissions reduction targets

We believe emissions reduction targets need to be backed by robust management planning and accountability. We will advocate for issuers to provide concrete plans in support of emissions reduction targets, encourage third party validation of targets where appropriate, and encourage acceleration of targets where possible. Particularly for those issuers for whom Scope 3 emissions are material, we will encourage Scope 3 emissions disclosures and/or Scope 3 emissions target setting.

# 3. Workforce diversity

We believe companies with workforces that reflect the diversity of their service territories will be better positioned to meet the evolving needs of their customers. We will ask issuers to disclose workforce breakdowns as relevant in their local markets. We will also encourage the publication of related targets. For companies that are clear laggards in terms of board diversity, we will also advocate for improvement.

### 4. Market perception of underappreciated issuers

We believe improved market recognition of a company's sustainability credentials can support our efforts to generate excess returns. We will engage with issuers, MSCI, and other third-party research providers with the aim of clearing misconceptions around an issuer's sustainability credentials, in particular for emerging market and small-cap companies.

### **Risk considerations**

- The potential for profit is accompanied by the possibility of loss.
- Potential investors should be aware of the risks inherent to investing in infrastructure, including value fluctuations, capital market pricing volatility, liquidity risks, leverage, credit risk and legal risk.
- Equity markets are subject to many factors, including economic conditions, government regulations, market sentiment, local and international political events, and environmental and technological issues that may impact return and volatility. There is a risk that an investment will decline in value.
- The Fund may utilize a number of derivative instruments in managing the Investment Objective of the Fund. The primary risks associated with the use of such instruments are credit risk, counterparty risk and collateral risk.
- There are specific risks associated with investments in emerging markets, resulting from potentially less developed market practices. These include legal, political and fiscal instability, settlement, liquidity, currency, accounting standards and custodial risk.
- The Fund promotes sustainability characteristics by investing substantially all of its assets in a diversified portfolio of equity or equity-related securities issued by Sustainable Infrastructure Companies. The remaining investments will meet minimum environmental or social safeguards which are in line with the Fund's overall objective.



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**Index description:** The FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index includes the listed stocks of companies that meet FTSE Russell's definition of core infrastructure. To be included in the index, companies must derive a minimum of 65% of their revenue from FTSE Russell-defined core infrastructure activities.'

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