

FP Foresight Global Real Infrastructure Fund (Lux) Fund Commentary

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The Fund invests in developed market "real infrastructure" companies that own or operate critical infrastructure assets which ensure the smooth functioning of economies, and that provide a net social or environmental benefit. The Manager takes an active approach to investing in infrastructure companies with high quality, predictable and often inflation linked cash flows from strong counterparties. The Fund seeks 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).

2.11%
Monthly Performance

(19.16%)
Total Return Since Incention*

€22.29m

Class A Acc (EUR). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Target yield is not guaranteed. *The fund's inception date is 29 October 2021.

Market Update

- At the November 2024 meeting the Federal Open Market Committee lowered rates by 25bps, noting expectations
 for a gradual pace of rate cuts over the coming year. Markets have now recalibrated expectations to align with the
 Federal Reserve, instead of running ahead as over the previous few months. Economic indicators continue to
 demonstrate robustness and resilience of the US economy and consumer, while October 2024 CPI came in at 2.6%
 during the month, remaining elevated compared to the Federal Reserve's long-term target.
- In Europe, industrial outlook and growth remains relatively weak, supporting the European central bank's decision to cut interest rates by 25bps during the month.
- During the period, the outcome of the US presidential election saw Trump secure a second term, resulting in market volatility, particularly in sectors sensitive to regulatory and policy changes under a Republican administration. Investors are closely monitoring Trump's cabinet appointments and policy signals, with more clarity expected following his inauguration in the new year, which will provide insight into shifts in trade, tariffs, and climate regulations. The market remains on alert for any developments that could either mitigate or amplify these risks, particularly in industries reliant on these policy directions.

Portfolio News

- In the run up to the US election, the Fund managers thoroughly evaluated potential impacts from a Trump or Harris election victory, focusing on earnings growth and sector sentiment. A Trump win was expected to challenge offshore and onshore wind but have limited impact on solar, digital infrastructure and core infrastructure. Leading up to the election, the fund reduced its renewable energy weighting to its lowest since launch, to mitigate potential short-term risks, while maintaining conviction in geographically diversified assets. Following Trump's decisive win, digital infrastructure stocks faced notable pressure from rising treasury yields, but renewable energy holdings such as Clearway Energy rebounded slightly, reflecting ongoing long-term confidence in the sector's fundamentals, such as demand for power in the US, and global opportunities for renewable energy investment. Looking forward, the team remains committed to long-term fundamentals, focusing on global infrastructure tailwinds such as decarbonisation, energy security, and increased electricity demand, while strategically positioning the fund to capitalise on opportunities in areas like electricity transmission and digital infrastructure.
- Equinix ("EQIX"), a leading global owner and operator of data centres, has announced plans to invest over \$260M in its new SG6 data centre in Singapore, aimed at supporting next-gen workloads like AI in the region's growing digital economy. The facility will feature advanced sustainability measures, including liquid cooling, and provide 20MW of capacity when fully operational in Q1 2027. SG6 will incorporate both environmental and operational











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efficiencies, helping customers and Singapore meet digital and sustainability goals, including those outlined in the Green Plan 2030, which aims to drive sustainable development, reduce carbon emissions, and improve environmental resilience by 2030. FCM views Equinix's global scale as a key attraction, and although this deal is relatively small, it highlights the company's ability to capitalise on the growing demand for data centers in highgrowth markets such as Singapore

- Cordiant Digital Infrastructure ("CORD") announced its interim results during the period, where the company continues to perform well, exceeding IPO targets with strong growth in its portfolio. CORD saw significant improvements in earnings, driven by strategic acquisitions, contract wins, and effective cost management. Recent acquisitions in the data centre sector further strengthen Cordiant's position, creating a leading platform in the Belgian data centre market. The company's dividend is well-supported by strong cash flow and earnings, reflecting the overall positive trajectory of the business. This performance highlights Cordiant's strong management team and disciplined capital allocation, positioning the company for continued growth and value creation.
- Clearway Energy ("CWEN"), a leading US-based owner and operator of renewable energy assets, has announced
 a deal to acquire a 137MW wind farm in Washington from Turlock Irrigation District. The wind farm, operational
 since 2009, will continue to supply clean energy to Turlock (former owner) under a 15-year PPA extending until
 2040. The acquisition, valued between \$70M and \$75M, will be financed through Clearway's existing resources
 and is expected to close in early 2025. This transaction underscores CWEN's strategic commitment to expanding
 its diversified portfolio, which includes a broad range of wind, solar, and energy storage projects across the United
 States.

Portfolio Changes

No significant portfolio changes during the month.

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