FP Foresight UK Infrastructure Income Fund Fund Commentary

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The Fund predominantly invests in listed UK infrastructure companies that own or operate critical infrastructure assets which ensure the smooth functioning of economies. The Manager takes an active approach to investing in infrastructure companies with high quality, predictable and inflation linked cash flows from strong counterparties. The Fund seeks to achieve a positive total return underpinned by a 5.00% dividend yield over an investment term of 5 years.



11.55% Total Return Since Inception¹ £303.49m

12-Month Trailing Dividend

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Target yield is not guaranteed. 'The Fund's inception date is 4 December 2017.

Market Update

- Gilt yields moderated in March as markets reacted positively to the February inflation print with early signs of cooling wage growth. Disinflation continues with the yearly CPI rising by 3.4% in February as prices increased at the slowest rate since 2021.
- There remains a disconnect between private and public market valuations. Company shares trade at double digit discounts to Net Asset Value ("NAV"), while asset disposals remain at or above book value. Positive catalysts include potential M&A activity, a resolution to cost disclosures and reversal of flows as macro stabilises.

Portfolio News

- The month saw several updates from portfolio companies executing on asset disposal and deleveraging programmes while private capital interest in the renewables sector remains evident.
- The Renewables Infrastructure Group (TRIG) announced several asset disposals at favourable valuations, including
 its 50MW Irish onshore wind farm, Pallas Wind Farm in Kerry, to an undisclosed buyer for EUR62 million, reflecting
 a 15% premium. Additionally, TRIG sold two onshore wind farm assets in Scotland, The Forss and Little Raith
 (32MW), for a total consideration of £51m, representing a 4% premium. These premiums are calculated in relation
 the company's last published portfolio valuation as of 31 December 2023. The asset disposals form a strategic
 component of the company's portfolio enhancement plan aimed at optimising its construction and performance
 portfolio, while concurrently reducing its floating-rate debt.
- International Public Partnerships ("INPP") delivered a positive NAV total return in 2H23. The Thames Tideway project has completed construction and is on track to be fully operational in FY24. The Board has increased the FY24 target dividend by +3% to 8.37p, ahead of the previous guidance of +2.5% growth.
- Greencoat Renewables ("GRP") achieved gross dividend cover of 2.7x (2.6x net of SPV-level debt repayment) in FY23, due to strong cash generation. The Board confirmed a +5% increase for the year ahead dividend target, with the Company outlining strong dividend cover over the next 5 years, due to the high level of inflation-linked, contracted revenues across the portfolio.
- SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust's ("SEIT") interim update statement announced that it has selected a preferred bidder for a large asset disposal, with proceeds earmarked to repay the RCF. SEIT deployed £52m in organic investment opportunities over the six-month period at guided double-digit IRRs.
- Outside of the portfolio, KKR made a bid for the takeover of European renewable energy company, Encavis ("ECV"), at EUR 17.50 per share, a 57.5% premium to last price on 1st March 2024. ECV is an owner and operator of wind and solar assets across Europe, and the transaction illustrates how well-funded private entities are capitalising on depressed share prices in listed markets and paying levels that materially exceed public market pricing.

Portfolio Changes

• The Manager decreased the combined position in Physicians Realty Trust and Healthpeak Properties due to the finalisation of the merger (-1.48% to 3.18%).









• The Manager initiated a position in Spanish listed communications infrastructure owner, Cellnex Telecom, as the Company progresses with strategic initiatives and improving shareholder returns (+1.68%).

Source: Foresight Group, Company Reports, April 2024.

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