

# 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).

(5.11%)

(23.29%)

€17.46m

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 its December 2024 meeting, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates by 25bps bringing the total rate cuts to 100bps since September. Despite the cut, Treasury yields moved out after the Federal Reserve increased its inflation forecast for 2025 and dialled back projections for future cuts as officials incorporated sticky inflation and Trump policy expectations into projections. Economic indicators continue to reflect resilience in the U.S. economy and Consumer Pricing Index ("CPI") rose to 2.7% in November, up from 2.6% in October 2024.
- In the UK, the Bank of England held rates steady in December at 4.75%, noting risks of persistent services inflation driven by higher wages and higher business costs following the Autumn budget announcements.
- The 'last mile' inflation experience in the US and the UK diverges from Europe, where the European Central Bank continued reducing the policy rate by a further 25bps to 3.0% in December. Persistently weak industrial growth and subdued economic activity reinforce the need for accommodative monetary policy to support the region's recovery.

#### Portfolio News

- Chorus Ltd ("CNU"), a New Zealand-based owner and operator of fibre infrastructure, hosted an Investor Day during the period, which highlighted plans to generate NZ\$30-50m from copper cabling recycling and a review of non-core assets, potentially unlocking NZ\$95m in value. Looking ahead, Chorus aims to transition to a fully fibre network by 2030, as well an increase in the adoption of its fibre connections by households and businesses, driven by the continued rise in streaming and data consumption. The company reiterated FY25 guidance and its commitment to delivering a sustainable, inflation-linked dividend. The investor day ultimately showcased the stable nature of CNU's asset base and how management is positioning the company to benefit from the long-term, growing demand for reliable, scalable digital infrastructure.
- Northland Power ("NPI"), a Canadian-listed renewable independent power producer, announced the appointment of Christine Healy as President and CEO, effective January 20, 2025, following the previously announced departure of CEO Mike Crawley. Healy brings extensive experience in energy transition, having most recently served as President of Asia, the Middle East, and Australia at AtkinsRéalis, along with other senior roles at various energy-focused companies. This leadership change is viewed positively for Northland Power, occurring at a time when many key projects have already been advanced under Crawley's leadership. Healy's expertise aligns well with the company's growth and energy transition goals, positioning her to lead the next phase of development and strategic expansion.
- Innergex ("INE"), a Canadian-listed renewable independent power producer, secured a significant win in BC Hydro's
  latest wind request for proposal (RFP), totalling 560 MW of capacity (274 MW net for INE) in partnership with First
  Nations groups. The projects include a 200 MW wind farm with Stellat'en First Nation, another 200 MW project
  with West Moberly First Nation, and a 160 MW project with Westbank First Nation. All projects will be awarded











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30-year off-take agreements indexed to inflation, with operations expected to start in 2030, providing revenue stability as they move into development. Despite recent challenges, including the impact of rising interest rates and a dividend reset to preserve cash, INE's focus on high-return projects is expected to drive long-term value. INE's unique partnerships with First Nations groups has played a key role in the company's success through the bidding process, reinforcing the company's medium-term earnings growth outlook.

#### Portfolio Changes

During the period, Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane ("INW") was added to the fund. INW is an Italian-listed operator
of telecommunications infrastructure and holds a dominant position in Italy, focusing on providing tower and
wireless communication infrastructure services to major mobile operators. The position was added due to its
attractive valuation, which presented a compelling entry point for the fund. INW benefits from strong, defensive
cash flows generated by its asset base, providing significant strategic flexibility for management. This robust cash
generation supports deleveraging, share buybacks, and shareholder returns through a stable ~5% dividend.

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