# FP Foresight Global Real Infrastructure (Lux) Fund Management Commentary

# **Foresight**

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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).

5.06%

(17.00%)
Total Return Since Inception\*

€22.92m

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

### Market Update

- Inflation continues to moderate in major economies, with US Consumer Pricing Index ("CPI") slowing for a fifth
  consecutive month to 2.5% in August 2024 from 2.9% in July 2024. Core inflation persists due to elevated service
  sector costs, but both the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank undertook cuts in line with sustained
  evidence of current inflation trajectories.
- The Federal Reserve cut the Fed Funds policy rate by 50bps in September and the European Central Bank cut rates by a further 25bps. Markets were divided over the size of the US cut, as concerns regarding growth and labour market resiliency mounted. The reduction in rates bodes well for listed infrastructure equities, reducing borrowing costs and improving asset valuations.

#### Portfolio News

- Infratil Ltd ("IFT"), a New Zealand-based investor of diverse infrastructure assets, announced its support for Contact Energy's proposed acquisition of Manawa Energy. Infratil currently holds a 51% stake in Manawa, which has now entered into a Scheme Implementation Agreement that will allow Contact to acquire full ownership (100%). Since 1994, Infratil has played a pivotal role in facilitating Manawa's growth through multiple transformative transactions, and this acquisition is seen as the logical next step in that journey. Should the deal proceed successfully, it will generate a substantial return on Infratil's initial investment while providing the company with capital to invest in other accretive opportunities.
- During the period, Cordiant Digital Infrastructure ("CORD"), a UK-based investor in digital infrastructure, hosted an investor site visit in Prague to explore the assets of České Radiokomunikace ("CRA"). The visit included a tour of CRA's flagship asset, the 216-meter Žižkov Tower, which supports FM and radio broadcasting, telecommunication services, and a data centre at its base. The visit showcased the significant value of CRA's extensive broadcast tower portfolio, highlighting the strong cash generation potential, which underpins CORD's strategy to invest capital into high-growth data centre opportunities. The visit reaffirmed CORD's strength as a high-quality manager, demonstrating its expertise in acquiring assets at attractive multiples, while delivering strong returns.
- Greencoat Renewables ("GRP"), an Ireland based owner of renewable energy assets, also posted healthy 1H24
  results with strong cash generation resulting in a 2.9x dividend cover. GRP continues to demonstrate disciplined
  capital allocation, progressing with the buyback program and expecting over €400m of excess cash generation
  over the next five years.









### Portfolio Changes

During the month, the Managers completed building a position in National Grid Plc ("NG"). NG is the first investment
in grid networks for the Fund and importantly meets all of the Fund's infrastructure investment principles. As
governments pursue decarbonisation targets, grid infrastructure must modernise to accommodate a more diverse
energy mix, including renewable sources, while adapting to decentralised electricity networks.

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