

# HSBC Global Infrastructure Equity Fund

Fund report | 31 October 2024

## About the Fund

The HSBC Global Infrastructure Equity Fund is an actively managed portfolio of 30-45 global infrastructure stocks that aims to provide long term total return while maintaining a focus on sustainability, environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors. The Fund is managed by a London and Sydney-based investment team that is part of the worldwide HSBC network.



#### Fund Manager HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited.

Responsible Entity/Distributor Copia Investment Partners

## Inception Date (Strategy)

31 January 2024 (31 July 2010)

#### Objective

To provide long-term capital growth and income, and outperform its benchmark by 2% p.a. (after fees) over 5 years.

Benchmark Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index (Hedged to AUD)

Currency AUD Hedged

Investment Time Frame At least 5 years

Number of Stocks 30-45

**Distributions** Annually

Minimum Investment Amount Initial: \$20,000 Additional: \$5,000

Management Fee 0.90%p.a. of the NAV of the Fund

Performance Fee Nil

Fund Rating Zenith Recommended

Performance (%) at month end	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	SI (cum)*
HSBC Global Infrastructure Equity Fund	-1.11	3.37	11.84	-	15.98
Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index*	-0.17	5.24	14.80	-	15.48
Outperformance	-0.94	-1.87	-2.96	-	0.50

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The total return performance figures quoted are historical, calculated using end-of month prices and do not allow for the effects of income tax or inflation. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. The performance is quoted net of all fees and expenses. The indices do not incur these costs. \*Inception of the HSBC Global Infrastructure Equities Fund - Hedged for performance calculation purposes is 31st January 2024. + (Hedged to AUD)

Top 10 Holdings	Sector	Absolute (%)	Active (%)
Enbridge Inc	Energy	7.3	0.1
Cheniere Energy Inc	Energy	6.2	3.5
American Tower Corp	Property Trusts	5.6	-0.8
National Grid PLC	Utilities	5.0	0.0
Eversource Energy	Utilities	4.6	3.1
Cellnex Telecom SA	Communication Services	4.0	2.3
Crown Castle Inc	Property Trusts	3.9	0.9
Edison International	Utilities	3.9	1.8
Sempra Energy	Utilities	3.8	0.4
Koninklijke Vopak NV	Energy	3.7	3.5

Top 5 Contributors	Top 5 Detractors
Cheniere Energy Inc	Kinder Morgan Inc
Transurban Group	TC Energy Corp
Ferrovial SE	ONEOK Inc
Dominion Energy Inc	Williams Cos Inc/The
APA Group	Cellnex Telecom SA

## **Fund Commentary**

In October, 2024's positive momentum reversed with the global equities falling -2.0% whilst historically defensive infrastructure equities outperformed by +0.3% (in USD). It was a volatile month for equity markets, with rising market fears around future earnings growth, as well as the upcoming US presidential election.

The Fund underperformed the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index (in USD, gross of fees) during the month. The underperformance was mostly driven by the Energy sector on a GICS sector basis. On a regional basis, North America was the largest detractor during the month. This was slightly offset by the positive contribution from Asia Pacific. On a stock specific basis, Cheniere Energy was the top contributor in November. Cheniere Energy, a North American energy infrastructure company, performed well on the back of their Q3 earnings results. The company raised its FY earning guidance and is continuing their stock buybacks.

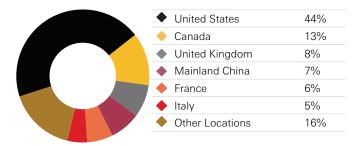
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## **Sector Allocation**

٠	Utilities	35%
٠	Energy	29%
٠	Industrials	14%
٠	Property Trusts	9%
۲	Communication Services	9%
٠	Cash	4%

## **Geographic Allocation**



## Portfolio Strategy and Outlook

Infrastructure is at the beginning of a multi-decade investment cycle, due to secular trends such as energy transition and digitalisation. We believe that the growth of listed infrastructure will continue to be supported by these strong secular tailwinds and its underlying characteristics, such as resilient cash flows generating potentially high distribution levels that are very attractive in this market environment.

The Fund maintained an overweight position to the telecommunications sector. With 5G technology and mid-band spectrum made available to the market, 5G deployment and densification have been the key driver of organic growth in the communication infrastructure space. Although the premium of US towers over EU towers has been reduced, we continue to prefer European (and APAC) assets due to more supportive valuation.

We also have an overweight position to the industrials sector. We expect wealth effects, new transport technologies and continued urbanisation to support long term growth in demand for mobility. In the short run, the sharp 'recovery' in volume from COVID has transitioned into more normalised rates of growth aligned to employment, growth and industrial production trends. This has resulted in more idiosyncratic trends, depending on geography and type of asset. We remain focused on assets supported by strong local demographic factors. We have reduced our underweight position to the utilities sector. Whilst macro-economic and commodity prices pressures have come off their peaks in recent years, which has also helped create a more supportive environment for utilities to invest, we are currently underweight the sector due to relative valuations.

Our underweight position to Energy has increased due to the sector's recent strong performance fuelled by the market's anticipation of a second Trump term. Energy infrastructure companies continue to be well positioned to capitalise on growth opportunities arising from global demand needs and emerging energy transition technologies (e.g. carbon capture and hydrogen), in our view.

## Features of global listed infrastructure

#### **Essential assets**

Assets that are the backbone of society, providing essential and valuable services for the stability and growth of the economy

#### Sustainable earnings

Assets that can generate inflation-linked, long-dated and sustainable earnings growth through economic cycles

### For more information, contact Copia.

## Government backing

Infrastructure spending has been heavily featured in recovery programs as governments aim for GDP multiplier effects

### Long cycle

A multi-decade investment cycle, supported by trends such as urbanisation, energy transition and digitalisation

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