Performance report | 31 August 2025

4D Global Infrastructure Fund (Unhedged)

Overview

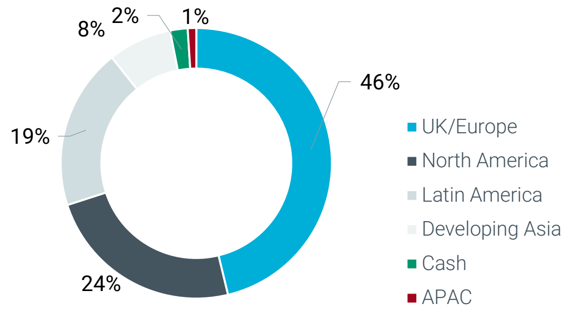
4D Infrastructure is a boutique asset manager investing in listed infrastructure companies across all four corners of the globe. Our investment objective is to identify quality infrastructure companies that are trading below fair value and have sustainable, growing earnings combined with sustainable, growing dividends. The 4D Global Infrastructure Fund (Unhedged) aims to outperform the OECD G7 Inflation Index + 5.5% p.a. over the medium to long term (before fees). It is currency unhedged.

Net returns

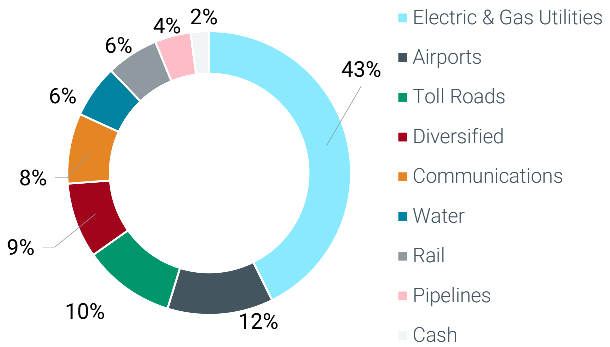
	1 mth	3 mths	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	Since inception[2] p.a.
Fund	1.72%	2.07%	16.49%	12.41%	11.26%	9.90%
Benchmark[1]	0.64%	2.18%	8.01%	8.93%	9.86%	8.50%
Value added	1.08%	-0.12%	8.48%	3.48%	1.40%	1.40%
FTSE Global Core Infra 50/50 Net Total Return Index (AUD)[3]	-0.16%	1.00%	11.73%	7.88%	10.53%	8.98%
S&P Global Infra. Net Total Return Index (AUD)[4]	0.24%	2.15%	22.75%	13.13%	14.36%	9.68%

Performance figures are net of fees and expenses.
'Value added' calculation does not use rounded performance figures. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Regional breakdown



Sector breakdown



Top 10 positions

Stock	End weight %
Cellnex	5.49
Iberdrola	5.00
SSE	4.95
NextEra Energy	4.52
Motiva	3.70
National Grid	3.51
Severn Trent	3.49
EcoRodovias	3.37
Italgas	3.34
Dominion	3.13
Total	40.51

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Portfolio performance review

The 4D Global Infrastructure Fund (Unhedged) was up net 1.72% (AUD) in August, outperforming the benchmark return of 0.64% (by 1.08%) and the FTSE 50/50 Infrastructure Index which was down -0.16% (AUD). Currency detracted 6bps from performance in August.

The strongest performer for August was Brazilian toll road operator Ecorodovias up 25.9%. This follows a solid Q2 reporting season and increasing confidence in both the Brazilian macro & political outlook as well as company fundamentals and execution of growth strategy

The weakest performer in August was Brazilian rail operator Rumo down 12.0%. Despite very strong crop yields, soft export prices have seen farmers stock piling rather than transporting grain. This is a headwind for the 2025 rail volume outlook and the stock has been oversold on the back of it.

Markets remain volatile on the outlook for inflation, economic growth and the state of the labour market as well as geopolitical concerns. Interest rates are generally stabilising. However, there remains a fine balancing act between rates, resilient demand, inflation and geopolitical threats to trend. Listed infrastructure, as an asset class, fundamentally can do well in all scenarios - with explicit or implicit inflation hedges and long-term predictable earnings profiles underpinned by contract or regulation.

Month in review

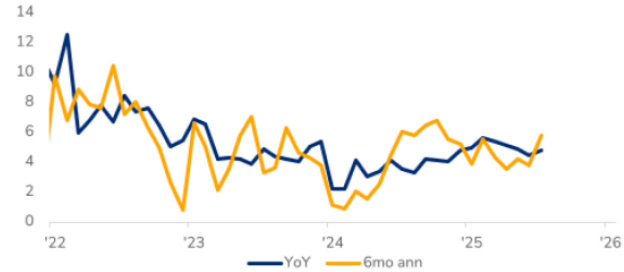
On the first of the month, the US nonfarm jobs data was much weaker than expected. Not only was July jobs growth worse than expected (73k v 104k consensus) but there was a sharp downward revision to the prior two months' payrolls totalling -258k. This very weak report led to a sharp repricing of a September Fed rate cut to 98%, but the overall level of rate cuts by year end remained the same (2 cuts). With CPI remaining subdued despite the onset of higher tariffs (core CPI in July was in line with expectations at +0.3% MoM), the focus of the Fed and markets is firmly around softening growth and weaker labour market dynamics. On the growth side, both S&P and ISM Services PMI Index for July remain above 50, which is expansion territory. Retail sales also came in higher than expected, with the core control group +50bps MoM, with strength from motor vehicles, clothing and sporting goods.

Chart 1; Weak US nonfarm jobs data revisions

(Source- Edward Jones)

Given this delicate balance between growth and employment, determining the trajectory of the US economy is very data dependent month to month. Fed Chair Powell noted at the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium "in the near term, risks to inflation are tilted to the upside, and risks to employment to the downside—a challenging situation. When our goals are in tension like this, our framework calls for us to balance both sides of our dual mandate."

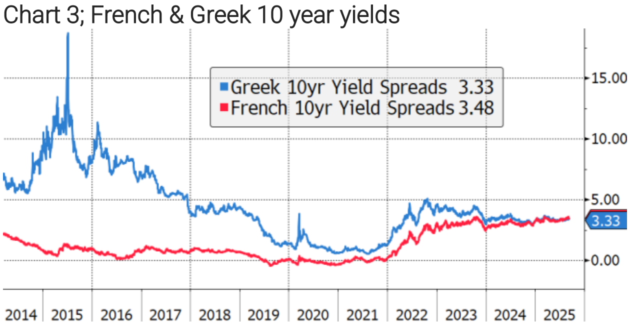
Chart 2; US control group retail sales remain solid



(Source – Wolfe Research, 6mo ann = 6 month annualised)

French equities sold off in the last week of August when PM Bayrou called for a confidence vote in early September which he subsequently lost, leading to his resignation. This was due to his proposed 2026 budget cuts aiming to reduce the budget deficit, which sits at -5.5% and is the largest in Europe alongside its 112% debt to GDP ratio. With the PM ousted, President Macron needs to cobble together another minority government and new PM, appoint a technocratic government or call for new elections of the National Assembly (low probability of later). The political uncertainty will weigh on French equities as a path towards needed budget restraint and 2027 presidential elections approach. In a rather dramatic example of the diverging paths of two governments fiscal discipline, French 10 year bonds are now trading higher than Greek ten year bonds.

Chart 3; French & Greek 10 year yields



(Source – 4D, Bloomberg)

Central banks were active in portfolio countries. In the UK, the BOE lowered rates by 25bps to 4%, which was expected. The BOE is attempting to support growth, which has started to wane in the last few months (printing negative in April and May). The RBA in Australia cut rates 25bps to 3.6%, the third cut this year following reductions in Feb and May. Inflation has continued to fall back and is now within the RBA's 2-3% target range (but not midpoint), and Governor Bullock did not write off back-to-back cuts. Lastly, Indonesia unexpectedly cut interest rates 25bps to 5%. The Bank of Indonesia expects inflation to remain muted but is attempting to protect the downside risk posed to growth from US tariffs which ended up being negotiated down to 19%.

Fund details

Feature	Information
APIR code	BFL0019AU
Investment manager	4D Infrastructure
Portfolio manager	Sarah Shaw
Reporting currency	A$ Unhedged
Recommended investment period	Five years
Cash limit	10%
No. of securities	39
Application/redemption price (AUD)[5]	1.8468/1.8394
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Management fees and costs[6]	1.00% p.a. (including GST)
Performance fee[7]	10.25% p.a. (including GST)
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.20%
Minimum investment (AUD)	25,000

How to invest

The Fund is open to investors directly via the PDS (available on our website), mFund (code: 4DI01) or the following platforms. Visit How to invest to find out more.

Platforms

AMP North
BT (Panorama)
CFS (Edge)
Dash (uXchange)
Hub24 (Super, IDPS)
Insignia (Expand, Expand Extra)
Macquarie Wrap (IDPS, Super)
Mason Stevens
Netwealth (Wealth, Super Accelerator Plus)
Powerwrap (IDPS)
Praemium (IDPS, Super)

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1 OECD G7 Inflation Index + 5.5%.

2 Inception date is 7 March 2016.

3 The reference index is the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Net Total Return in AUD. This is provided as an indictive comparison only and is not the Fund Benchmark.

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5 All unit prices carry a distribution entitlement.

6 Management fees and costs consist of annual management fee rate and capped recoverable expenses. For a detailed split of the fees and costs, please refer to the fund(s) PDS.

7 Performance fee is 10.25% (including GST net of reduced input tax credits) of any amount by which the investment return is greater than the return of the benchmark (OECD G7 inflation index + 5.5% per annum). All values are in Australian dollars.