Performance report | 31 July 2026

4D Global Infrastructure Fund (Unhedged)

Overview

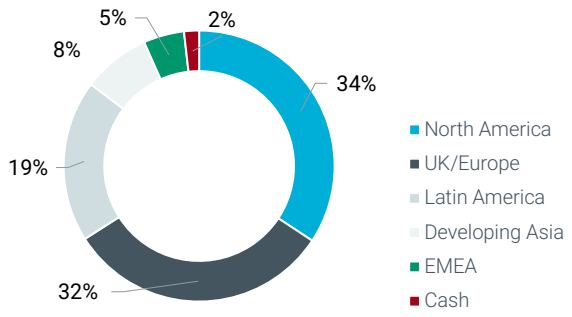
4D Infrastructure is a boutique asset manager investing in listed infrastructure companies across all four corners of the globe. Our investment objective is to identify quality infrastructure companies that are trading below fair value and have sustainable, growing earnings combined with sustainable, 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

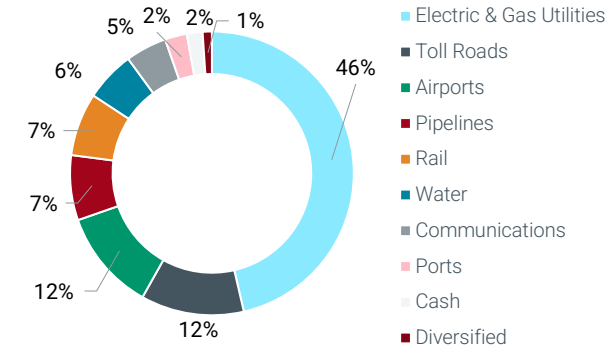
	1 mth	3 mths	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	10 years p.a.	Since inception[2] p.a.
Fund	-1.57%	-1.37%	9.94%	10.06%	9.21%	9.06%	9.81%
Benchmark[1]	1.19%	3.38%	8.75%	8.43%	9.86%	8.60%	8.53%
Value added	-2.76%	-4.76%	1.19%	1.63%	-0.65%	0.46%	1.28%
FTSE Global Core Infra 50/50 Net Total Return Index (AUD)[3]	-0.82%	1.71%	6.38%	10.13%	8.47%	8.15%	8.82%
S&P Global Infra. Net Total Return Index (AUD)[4]	-1.24%	1.07%	6.19%	13.54%	11.78%	8.65%	9.39%

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 %
Iberdrola	5.13
American Electric power	5.01
GEK TERNA	4.86
Cellnex	4.70
SSE	4.50
NextEra Energy	4.45
Alliant	4.28
National Grid	4.28
Motiva	3.46
Equatorial	3.26
Total	**43.93%**

A Bennelong boutique

Portfolio performance review

The 4D Global Infrastructure Fund (Unhedged) was down net 1.57% (AUD) in July, underperforming the benchmark return of 1.19% (by 2.76%) and the FTSE 50/50 Infrastructure Index which was down 0.82%. Currency detracted 65bps from our performance in July.

The strongest performer in July was Chinese port operator China Merchants Port +23.9% recovering off an oversold position in June of no fundamental news. We had used the weakness to increase our position.

The weakest performer in July was Mexican airport operator GAP down 14.8% after the World Cup did not translate into the passenger boost some had expected. The stock is oversold on recent short-term impacts (cartel activity, aircraft recall etc.) with the long-term thesis still very attractive.

Markets remain volatile on the outlook for inflation, economic growth and the state of the labour market, the rise of AI with all its associated risks/opportunities as well as increasing geopolitical concerns and military action led by President Trump. Policy rates have generally been stabilising, while long term yields steepening. 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 supported by contract or regulation. However, it is not immune to equity market volatility which can offer a trading opportunity.

Month in review

On the surface, markets appeared calm in July with MSCI (Local) +0.22% and S&P 500 down 0.13%. However, under the hood there was significant volatility – oil rallied over 20% on the breaking of the June MoU between Iran and US, whilst AI buildout concerns led to the US Semiconductor index falling 20.6%. US Q2 corporate earnings provided a tailwind, with the actual earnings growth rate (48% YoY) and share of companies beating expectations at five year highs (85% vs long term average of 67%).

The Fed held rates flat in July, but three officials dissented in favour of a hike. The new Chair Warsh is favouring less forward communication and guidance, which has increased uncertainties on the Fed's willingness to tackle above-target inflation. This led to the 30-year yields touching 19-year highs. June CPI surprised to the downside at 0% (flat) MoM and 2.6% YoY, showing that disinflation broadened beyond energy, with softer price pressures across multiple consumer categories. However, the volatility in energy prices has kept inflation concerns elevated amongst policy makers looking forward. 1-year forward inflation remains 150bps lower than the height of the Iran war and 5-year forward inflation remains subdued around 2.3%.

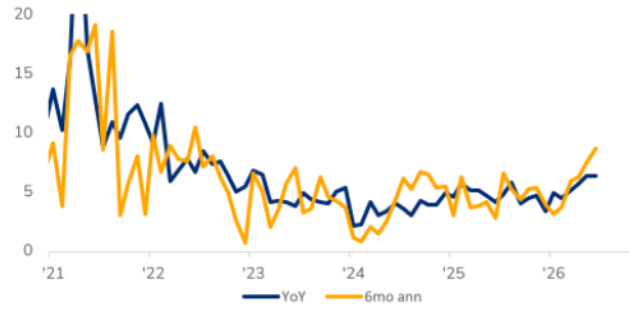
Chart 1- US 1 year and 5y5y CPI vs oil (WTI)



(Source – 4D, Bloomberg)

The US consumer remains resilient, with retail sales for June coming in at +0.54% MoM for the control group, showing a strong underlying trend, and 9% on a six-month annualised.

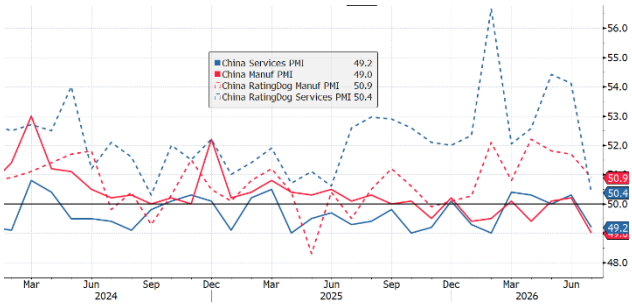
Chart 2 – US Retail Sales; Year on Year and 6m annualised



(Source – Wolfe Research, control group)

In the UK, Burnham became Prime Minister on 20 July, becoming the UK's seventh PM since 2016. He pledged to cut taxes on energy bills funded by ending the country's digital ID program and emphasized decentralising power amongst the regions. The appointment of John Healey as Chancellor was taken positively by gilt markets, due to his comments on enforcing fiscal rules and limits – yet they remain elevated around 5%.

Chart 3 – Official & non-official Chinese PMI



China's PMIs showed broad-based weakening across the economy, with manufacturing and non-manufacturing PMIs falling into contraction (<50) in July. Policy makers have been relying on strong external demand to hold up growth (via exports), to offset the prolonged weak domestic situation.

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	37
Application/redemption price (AUD)[5]	1.9338/1.9260
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Management fees and costs[6]	1.01% 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) 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)

Get in touch

4Dinfra.com

client.experience@bennelongfunds.com

1800 895 388 (AU) or 0800 442 304 (NZ)

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.

4 The reference index is the S&P Global Infra AUD Net Total Return Index. This is provided as an indictive comparison only and is not the Fund Benchmark.

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.

This information is issued by Bennelong Funds Management Ltd (ABN 39 111 214 085, AFSL 296806) (BFML) in relation to the 4D Global Infrastructure Fund (Unhedged). The Fund is managed by 4D Infrastructure, a Bennelong boutique. This is general information only, and does not constitute financial, tax or legal advice or an offer or solicitation to subscribe for units in any fund of which BFML is the Trustee or Responsible Entity (Bennelong Fund). This information has been prepared without taking account of your objectives, financial situation or needs. Before acting on the information or deciding whether to acquire or hold a product, you should consider the appropriateness of the information based on your own objectives, financial situation or needs or consult a professional adviser. You should also consider the relevant Information Memorandum (IM) and or Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) which is available on the BFML website, bennelongfunds.com, or by phoning 1800 895 388 (AU) or 0800 442 304 (NZ). Information about the Target Market Determinations (TMDs) for the Bennelong Funds is available on the BFML website. BFML may receive management and or performance fees from the Bennelong Funds, details of which are also set out in the current IM and or PDS. BFML and the Bennelong Funds, their affiliates and associates accept no liability for any inaccurate, incomplete or omitted information of any kind or any losses caused by using this information. All investments carry risks. There can be no assurance that any Bennelong Fund will achieve its targeted rate of return and no guarantee against loss resulting from an investment in any Bennelong Fund. Past fund performance is not indicative of future performance. Information is current as at the date of this document. 4D Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN 26 604 979 259) is a Corporate Authorised Representative of BFML.