Performance report | 31 August 2026

4D Global Infrastructure Fund (AUD Hedged)

Overview

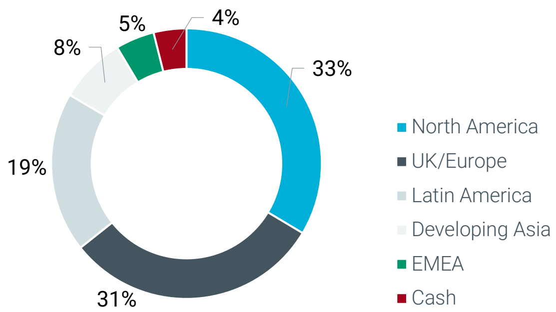
4D Infrastructure is a boutique asset manager investing in listed infrastructure companies across all four corners of the globe. Our investment objective is to identify quality infrastructure companies that are trading below fair value and have sustainable, growing earnings combined with sustainable,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

Net returns

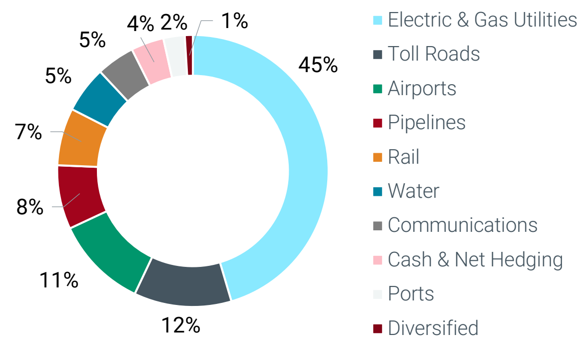
	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	3 years p.a.	Since inception[2] p.a.
Fund	-1.55%	-0.22%	-5.78%	11.44%	10.43%	6.98%
Benchmark[1]	0.91%	3.48%	5.45%	9.04%	8.52%	9.13%
Value added	-2.46%	-3.69%	-11.23%	2.39%	1.91%	-2.15%
FTSE Global Core Infra 50/50 Net Total Return Index (Hedged)[3]	-2.02%	0.35%	-2.33%	12.22%	12.33%	6.01%
S&P Global Infra. Net Total Return Index (Hedged)[4]	-2.71%	-0.36%	-3.83%	11.21%	15.13%	9.62%

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 %
American Electric power	4.99
Iberdrola	4.96
GEK TERNA	4.71
Cellnex	4.63
SSE	4.60
Alliant Energy	4.48
National Grid	4.26
NextEra Energy	4.25
Motiva	3.60
Equatorial	3.39
Total	43.87%

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Portfolio performance review

The 4D Global Infrastructure Fund (AUD Hedged) was down 1.55% in August, underperforming the benchmark's return of 0.91% (by 2.46%) and outperforming the FTSE 50/50 Infrastructure Index which was down 2.02%.

The strongest performer in August was US LNG transporter, Cheniere Energy up 10.88% as it continues to benefit from the Middle East conflict and elevated commodity prices.

The weakest performer in August was Brazilian water utility, Copasa -13.95% after the sector reported weaker than expected Q2 results. The fundamental thesis remains intact, but post-privatisation one-offs and increased capex saw the bottom line miss in Q2.

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 and opportunities as well as increasing geopolitical concerns and military action led by President Trump. Policy rates have generally been stabilising, while long-term yields are steepening. There remains a fine balancing act between rates, resilient demand, inflation and geopolitical threats to trend. We believe listed infrastructure, as an asset class, can perform well across a range of 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

Global equities rose in August (MSCI Local +2.46%), and Brent oil held above $90 after a 20% rally in July as the US-Iran conflict entered its sixth month. Further military strikes occurred in the Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea during August, whilst additional US economic sanctions on Iran did little to provide an offramp to a sustained ceasefire.

Global long-term yields hit multi decade highs in major economies such as the US, Japan, UK and Australia.

Chart 1; Higher long term yields

(Source – 4D, Bloomberg)

The US fiscal position has moved from a background risk to the forefront. Trends are not improving, with deficits structurally stuck at 6% of GDP and overall debt to GDP expected to rise from 101% in 2026 to 120% by 2036 (over US$56trn). Interest payments now rank third among government spending, behind healthcare and social security payments.

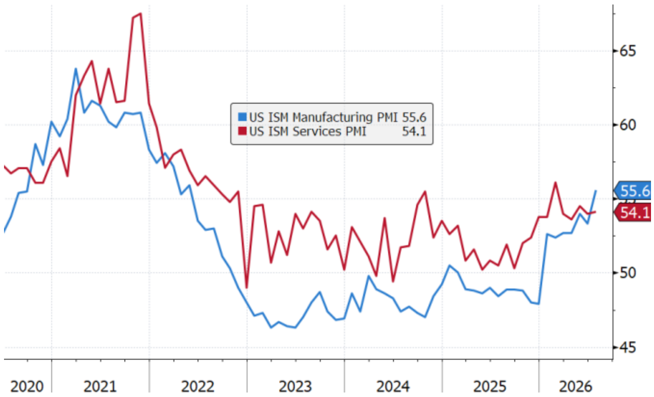
Fed Chairman Warsh continues to be hawkish in words but not in action - tough rhetoric unmatched by policy action has led investors to question his ability to hike, which is adding to risk premia and long-term yields. A question mark remains as to how much he is willing to hike rates to tackle inflation. The higher yields are also putting pressure on the Trump Administration, with 5% for 10 years seen as a key behaviour/policy change trigger. Treasury Secretary Bessent announced greater purchases of longer-term yields, but these are offset by selling 2 years (a mini 'operation twist'), but did nothing to offset the trend higher in yields.

Chart 2 – US fiscal balance and public debt % GDP

(Source -Standard Chartered)

Despite the march higher in yields, the US continues to exhibit strong economic activity. ISM manufacturing hit 55.6 (above 50 is expansionary), its highest in four years.

Chart 3; US Manufacturing & Services PMI



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In Europe, gas prices rose 20% with the re-escalation in the Iran conflict, ending the month at over $23.50, 15% above the March crisis highs but well below the Ukraine War peaks (>$40–80). This is putting upward pressure on the inflation outlook and the market is now expecting two full hikes by the end of 2026.

In Brazil, the Selic rate was cut 25bp as expected as forward inflation expectations start to moderate. In China, weak Chinese monthly data showed a continued weak household (retail sales and consumer confidence) but the economy remains buoyed by strong exports.

Fund details

Feature	Information
APIR code	BFL3306AU
Investment manager	4D Infrastructure
Portfolio manager	Sarah Shaw
Reporting currency	A$ Hedged
Recommended investment period	Five years
Cash limit	10%
No. of securities	37
Application/redemption price (AUD)[5]	1.2086/1.2038
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 (Scheme)

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 1 August 2022.

3 The reference index is the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Net Total Return (Hedged). 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.