

# 4D Emerging Markets Infrastructure Fund

ARSN: 621 199 399

## Monthly performance update

As at 31 January 2020

### Overview

4D Infrastructure (4D) 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, trading at or below fair value with sustainable, growing earnings combined with sustainable, growing dividends. The 4D Emerging Markets Infrastructure Fund ('the Fund') aims to outperform the OECD G20 Inflation Index + 8% p.a. over the medium to long term (before fees).

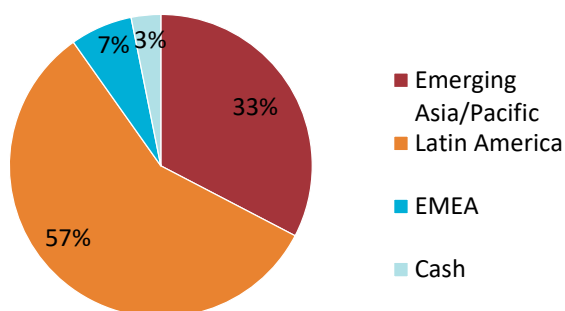
### Performance

	1 month	3 month	6 month	1 year	2 years (pa)	3 years (pa)	Inception (pa)*
4D Emerging Markets Infrastructure Fund	0.44%	4.54%	5.52%	14.60%	12.80%		10.14%
Benchmark: OECD G20 Inflation Index + 8%	1.19 %	3.08%	5.69%	11.48%	11.70%		11.45%
<b>Over/under performance</b>	<b>-0.75%</b>	<b>1.46%</b>	<b>-0.17%</b>	<b>3.12%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>		<b>-1.30%</b>

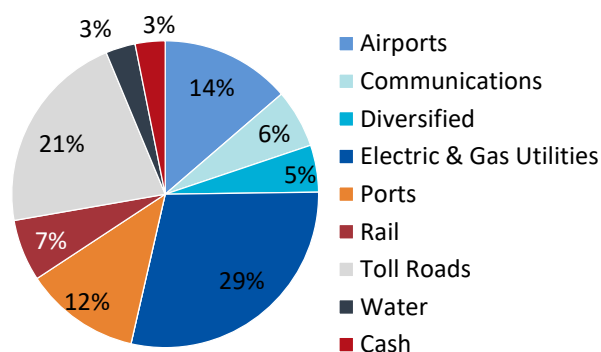
Performance figures are net of fees and expenses unless otherwise stated.

\*Inception date is 16 August 2017

### Regional Breakdown



### Sector Breakdown



### Top 10 Positions

IN ORDER OF PORTFOLIO WEIGHT	END WEIGHT %
DP World	6.65
GAP	5.23
Ecorodovias	5.11
TAESA	4.98
Shenzhen International	4.96
Jasa Marga	4.91
CEMIG	4.89
CCR	4.42
Rumo	4.36
OMA	4.07
<b>Top 10 Total</b>	<b>49.58</b>

FUND DETAILS	
APIR Code	BFL7394AU
Investment Manager	4D Infrastructure
Portfolio Manager	Sarah Shaw
Benchmark	OECD G20 Inflation Index + 8%
Inception Date	16 August 2017
Reporting Currency	A\$ Unhedged
Recommended Investment Period	Five years
Stock / Cash Limit	+7% / 10%
No. of Securities	32
Application/Redemption Price (AUD) <sup>1</sup>	1.2279/1.2205
Distribution Frequency	Annually
Management Fee <sup>2</sup>	1.15% p.a. (including GST)
Performance Fee <sup>3</sup>	10.25% p.a. (including GST)
Buy/Sell Spread	+/- 0.30%
Minimum Investment (AUD)	25,000



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#### Portfolio performance review

The 4D Emerging Market Infrastructure Fund was up a net 0.44% (AUD) in December, under-performing the benchmark return of 1.19% (by 0.75%).

The strongest portfolio performer for the month of January was Mexican rail operator GMexico Transportes up 10.2% moving with the overall Mexican market as political overhang dissipates.

The weakest performer in January was Chinese airport operator Beijing Capital International Airport down 16.8% on the back of Coronavirus fears. Travel bans have hit the transport players during peak New Year celebrations and while there will be a fundamental earnings impact, we believe the market has oversold.

We head into 2020, with a macro backdrop of slower growth and lower interest rates but no imminent recession which supports further EM out-performance. Our biggest concern remains ongoing geo-political issues compounded by 2020 being a US election year with Trump looking to cement his position.

#### Market review

2020 was a mixed start to the year for equity markets with MSCI EM Index down 5%.

Despite it being the traditional holiday period, several significant macro events presented in January. Firstly, after a 3 year skirmish the US and China signed Phase 1 of a trade deal. Equity markets liked this and rallied accordingly. While obviously only the first step in a trade war resolution it is one that we had long expected and should see a return in market confidence and be an ongoing positive for equities.

The UK and EU parliaments approved the UK's EU exit to be effective on 31 January. What a long and twisted saga this has been, but its resolution allows Britain to move forward independently forging its own identity, removing uncertainty and restoring confidence and conviction in equity markets.

Demonstrating that there is ongoing life in the all-important US consumer shopping records have been smashed. Marking the biggest single day in US retail history, 'Super Saturday' on 21 December saw sales reach US\$34.4b, topping Black Friday's \$31.2b by 10%. Online spending accounted for ~58% of sales growth from a year earlier. US recession talk has receded.

The Eurozone Composite PMI was unchanged at 50.9 in January indicating ongoing modest growth at the start of 2020.

The Coronavirus outbreak sent fears through equity markets towards month-end. Its potential impact on global growth is the

main concern from a financial perspective. When the SARS outbreak occurred in 2003 China's economy represented ~4% of the global economy compared to ~16% today. This will remain a key focus of equity markets until resolution is achieved.

Middle East tensions also escalated with the assassination of an Iranian General followed by an Iranian missile response and the tragic shooting down of a domestic passenger airliner. The Middle East remains a troubled jurisdiction.

In Emerging Markets, the RIO Times reports that the Brazilian Government plans to auction 44 infrastructure assets in 2020 including: concessions for 22 airports, 7 highways, 9 port terminals, 2 railroads, and the renewal of 4 rail freight transportation contracts. This asset recycling strategy, to some extent pioneered in Australia, will, we believe, become more common globally as government's struggle to fund much needed new infrastructure. Directly or indirectly many of these assets will find their way to the public equity markets fueling the ongoing rapid expansion of the asset class.

We remain positive about the market outlook for 2020. With some of the big macro issues having progressed we should see a lift in market confidence and global economic activity – all good for equities. While 2019 saw an economic slowdown there are tentative signs this decline may be bottoming so hopefully an acceleration of economic growth will emerge.

#### Outlook

We have a very positive outlook for emerging market listed infrastructure (EMLI) over the medium term. There are a number of powerful macro forces at play, which we believe will continue to support the sector. For example, the world's population is expected to grow by 53% by the end of this century, which will be accompanied by an emerging middle class, especially in Asia. These forces will compel new, improved and expanded infrastructure around the world.

#### How to invest

The Fund is open to investors directly via the PDS (available at [4dinfra.com](http://4dinfra.com)).

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1. All unit prices carry a distribution entitlement.
  2. Management fee is 1.15% p.a. (including GST net of reduced input tax credits) of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.
  3. 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 G20 inflation index + 8% per annum).
- All values are in Australian dollars.

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