

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

GLOBAL LISTED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – NOVEMBER 2023

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### **Diversification**

Tangible, long-lived assets with the potential for steady cash flow streams, which could provide investors with an additional means to diversify their portfolios



### **Income Generation**

Infrastructure investments typically feature steady cash flows derived from tangible, long-life assets with monopoly-like pricing power; many are regulated and may feature income linked directly to inflation.

### Long-term return potential

Infrastructure assets offer potential for attractive, stable, long-term returns given that their earnings are often regulated, predictable, and largely resistant to economic downturns



### Global, multi-manager approach

The fund is managed by experienced infrastructure sub-advisers, with each taking an active management investment approach with a 'pureplay' bias. Our sub-advisers strive to invest in what they believe to be the best opportunities, no matter where in the world they are located.

### Investment objective

To provide a total return, before costs and tax, higher than the S&P Global Listed Infrastructure Index NZD Hedged (Net TR) over the long term. The Fund targets a 20% carbon footprint reduction relative to its market index.

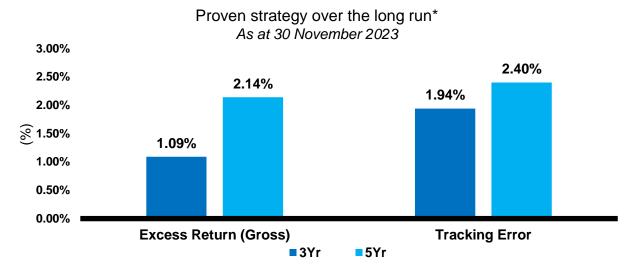
#### Key facts

Fund structure	Portfolio Investment Entity
Benchmark	S&P Global Infrastructure Index - NZDH
Inception date	16 March 2022
Fund size	\$118.7M
Portfolio Manager	Patrick Nikodem
Target alpha (gross)	2% p.a. over a rolling market cycle
Target tracking error	4% p.a.
Est. Total Annual Fund Charge (incl. GST)	1.05%
Buy / Sell Spreads	0.20% / 0.15%

Source: Russell Investments. Estimated Total Annual Fund Charges as at 31 March 2023, All other data as at 30 November 2023, and denominated in NZD unless otherwise stated.

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### Meet the Manager



Patrick Nikodem Location: Chicago, U.S.

Patrick is a portfolio manager on the alternatives at Russell team Investments. Patrick is responsible for managing Russell Investments listed real estate strategies, including funds for institutional and private investors in the U.S. and Canada. Patrick was previously an associate portfolio assisting with fund manager, construction, risk analysis and client communication for Russell Investments suite of listed real assets products.

Portfolio Manager, Alternative Investments, Investment Division

B.S., Finance, Wharton; B.A., International Studies and German, University of Pennsylvania

Source: Russell Investments. Excess Return and Tracking Error refers to AUT version of strategy, the Russell Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund – Hedged, and denominated in AUD, as at 30 November 2023. AUT version was launched on 28 Sep 2009.



Manager line up

MANAGER	TARGET WEIGHT	# OF HOLDINGS	ROLE IN FUND
First Sentier Investors	38%	30 - 70	<ul> <li>Pure-play infrastructure manager with a slight GARP (growth at a reasonable price) approach</li> <li>Fundamentally-based approach with an extensive qualitative risk evaluation component</li> <li>Ex-benchmark exposure, including communications and rail</li> </ul>
nuveen	37%	100 - 155	<ul> <li>Active trader with higher historical turnover and tracking error</li> <li>Focus on firms that build or own and operate tangible assets that offer steady, predictable cash flows with limited ongoing capital expenditures.</li> <li>Bottom-up stock selection; relative-value philosophy</li> <li>Also invests in areas such as public transportation, renewable energy, and environmental services that are not included in the benchmark.</li> </ul>
COHEN & STEERS	15%	50 - 85	<ul> <li>Unique style among line-up; formal top-down subsector allocation component</li> <li>Strategy covers utilities and non-utilities sectors such as toll roads, airports, seaports, rail, and communications in each of the major global regions.</li> <li>Objective is to provide income generation, total return, low volatility and low correlations to broader equities.</li> </ul>
Russell Investments	10%	Variable	<ul> <li>Utilised to manage the Fund's top-down sector exposures relative to the benchmark</li> <li>Strategy used to target desired total portfolio positioning and can be adjusted as needed by the Portfolio Manager</li> </ul>

Source: Russell Investments, as at 30 November 2023. Any reference to specific money managers should not be taken as a recommendation. Money managers are subject to change. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. For illustrative purposes only.

# **Portfolio Summary**

### Period ending 30 November 2023

#### **Trailing performance**

Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	1 month	3 months	Year-to-date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since incep.
Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (gross)	7.87%	1.41%	3.68%	-0.36%	-	-	-	2.63%
Global Listed Infrastructure Fund Fund (net)	7.77%	1.15%	2.69%	-1.40%	-	-	-	1.56%
S&P Global Listed Infrastructure (NR) NZD-H	7.46%	0.63%	1.53%	-1.83%	-	-	-	1.11%
Difference (gross)	0.41%	0.78%	2.15%	1.47%	-	-	-	1.52%

#### Trailing performance (AUD) - AUT version of the fund

Global Listed Infrastructure Fund – Hedged	1 month	3 months	Year-to-date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since incep.
Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (gross)	7.50%	1.18%	2.26%	-1.74%	7.01%	6.63%	8.16%	10.50%
S&P Global Listed Infrastructure (NR) AUD-H	7.49%	0.39%	0.40%	-3.02%	5.45%	4.39%	6.09%	7.63%
Difference (gross)	0.01%	0.79%	1.86%	1.28%	1.56%	2.24%	2.07%	2.87%

#### **Fund Commentary:**

The Russell Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (NZD hedged) outperformed the benchmark in November.

An ex-benchmark exposure to communication services contributed positively to performance over the period; notably our holding in Spanish wireless telecommunications infrastructure and services company Cellnex Telecom SA, which jumped almost 25% for the month. An ex-benchmark exposure to real estate investment trusts was also positive, including our holdings in US names American Tower Corp., Crown Castle and SBA Communications. In terms of strategic factor positioning, our underweight to size added value in November as small caps outperformed their larger counterparts over the period. Momentum, value, volatility and quality had no material impact on overall performance. In contrast, stock selection amongst electric utilities detracted from returns; notably underweights to US names NextEra Energy and Duke Energy. An underweight exposure and poor stock selection within the airports space also weighed on performance. This included underweights to Mexico's Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacífico, S.A.B. de C.V. and Spain's Aena SME SA. Returns were further impacted by an ex-benchmark exposure to rail transportation, including our holdings in Canadian Pacific Kansas City and East Japan Railway Co.

Moving forward, the Fund is overweight North America and the UK and underweight Continental Europe, Japan, Asia ex Japan, Australia and emerging markets. The Fund also maintains underweights to airports, multi utilities and energy. We remain underweight size due to our strategic preference for smaller companies within the index.

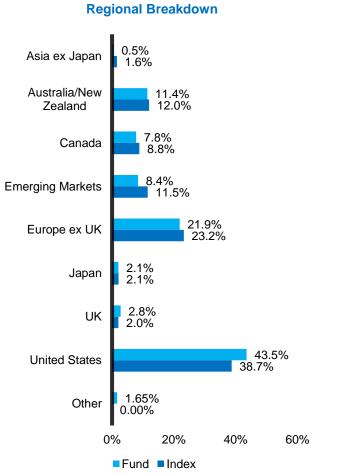
Source: Russell Investments, S&P as of 30 November 2023. Net of fees assume highest possible fee and includes estimated in-fund-costs. NZ PIE fund performance reflects BNP unit pricing methodology using the latest asset price information available. Global assets are valued using asset prices as at previous day and domestic assets as at last day of the month. The benchmark return shown is net of certain withholding tax on dividends, does not include any fees and is not intended to be an indicator of the return to an investor. Performance data is provided for informational purposes only and it is not intended to imply a recommendation about a product or form the basis for making an investment decision. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

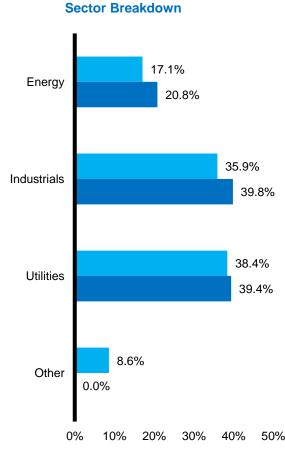
### Portfolio Summary to 30 November 2023

Holding	Sector	Fund	Index
Transurban Group	Utilities	4.63%	5.01%
Aena Sme Sa	Industrials	4.48%	5.57%
Nextera Energy Inc	Industrials	4.33%	4.33%
Cheniere Energy Inc	Energy	3.86%	2.74%
Southern Co/The	Industrials	2.79%	3.29%
Getlink Se	Utilities	2.72%	2.83%
Targa Resources Corp	Energy	2.29%	1.26%
Enbridge Inc	Energy	2.18%	4.61%
Atlas Arteria	Utilities	2.14%	2.08%
Xcel Energy Inc	Industrials	2.11%	1.43%

Portfolio characteristics	Fund	Index
Number of holdings	114	75
Dividend Yield (%)	3.83%	4.00%
Fund distribution yield (%)	2.45%	
Price-to-book ratio (x)	2.21	1.89
Price-to-earnings ratio (x)	21.78	21.98

Source: Russell Investments. S&P Dow Jones Indices. As of 30 November 2023. Benchmark index is S&P Global Infrastructure (NR) - NZDH.

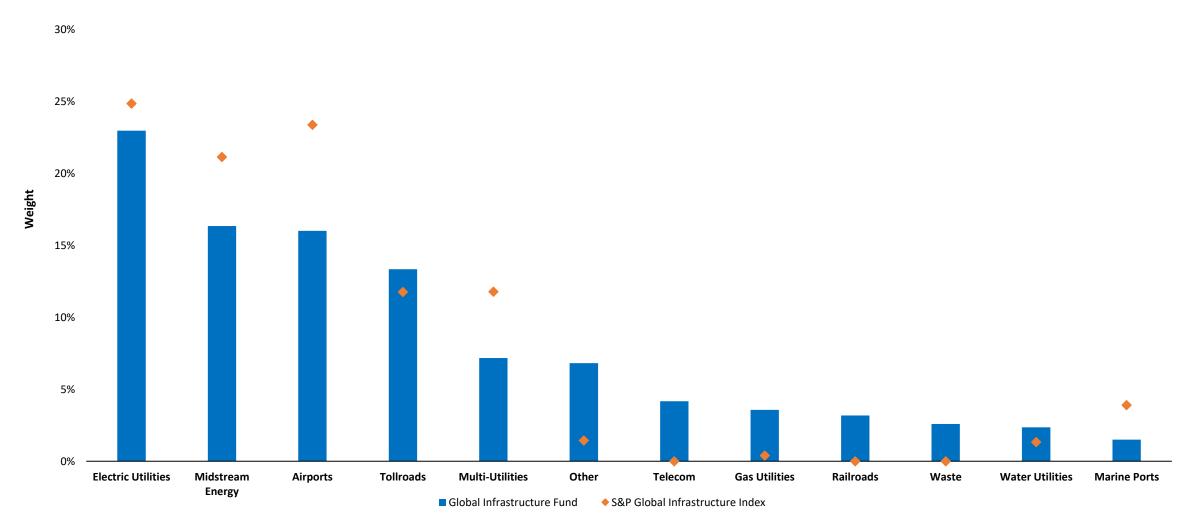




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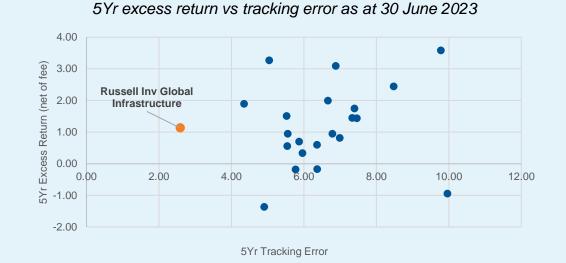
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Top-down sector positioning – Deeper dive

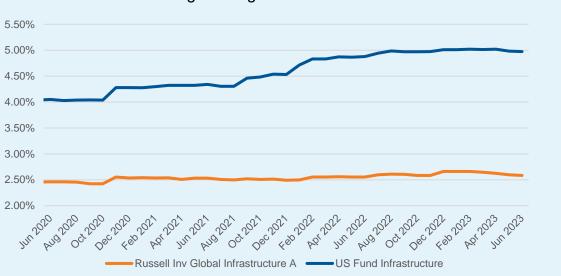


Source: Russell Investments. Sector weight refers to the average weight over three months to 30 November 2023.

Multi-manager expected to deliver less volatile and repeatable outperformance vs single manager



Russell Investments multi-manager vs category



#### Russell Investments multi-manager vs category 5Yr rolling tracking error to 30 June 2023

5Yr Risk Stats	Excess Return	Tracking Error	Information ratio	Beta	Standard deviation
Russell Inv Global Infrastructure A	1.13%	2.58%	0.44	0.91	17.45%
US Fund Infrastructure	0.91%	4.97%	0.18	0.86	16.49%

An actively managed multi-manager portfolio should help mitigate single manager risk, in addition to providing access to the rich source of potential active management opportunities that infrastructure allows, including balanced sector exposures, alpha generation potential and prudent risk management.

Source: Morningstar Direct, S&P. Data as at 30 June 2023. Peer group is Morningstar category US Fund Infrastructure, with Oldest Share Class used as representative class. Calculation index is S&P Global Infrastructure NR USD. All data denoted in USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## Biography



Masters of Public Administration, London School of Economics and Political Science

Postgraduate Diploma – Finance, Massey University

Bachelor of Business Studies, Massey University

### Scott O'Ryan

Business Development Manager, Adviser and Intermediary Sales

Scott is based in the Auckland office. He is part of the team that is responsible for growing Russell Investments' profile within the financial advisory and wealth management sector.

Prior to joining Russell Investments in 2020, Scott worked at Morningstar, where he held senior roles in the Client Solutions team and was involved in delivering data and research to advisory and institutional clients. Prior to returning to New Zealand in 2019, O'Ryan held a variety of roles within Morningstar's Data and Research teams in the United Kingdom.

Scott is a graduate of Massey University (2010, 2011), holding a degree in Business Studies and a postgraduate diploma in Finance. He has also completed a Masters in Public Administration at the London School of Economics (2017).



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## Biography



Bachelor of Commerce, Victoria University of Wellington

### Falesha Kidd

#### **Business Development Associate**

Falesha is also based in the Auckland office and part of the team that is responsible for growing Russell Investments' profile within the financial advisory and wealth management sector, mainly through distributing the firm's range of multi-manager and directly managed funds.

Prior to joining Russell Investments in 2023, Falesha worked as a Client Relationship Manager for Syndex, dealing with some of New Zealand's largest private market issuers and investors.



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