



# **Alpha Infrastructure Fund**

#### **Alpha Infrastructure Fund - Snapshot**

Morningstar Category Infrastructure - Global

Inception Date 1/02/2012

#### **Fund and Market Commentary**

The S&P Global Infrastructure benchmark rose 3.57% in March with the Alpha Infrastructure fund performing in line with the benchmark. The Fund has so far gathered limited return history and therefore no comment can be made about its long-term performance.

Global equity markets were mixed during March given the uncertainty over the prospects for the United States (US) new administration's agenda and European political risk. The Trump administration failed to push through the policy reform on healthcare, raising the concerns about its ability to enact other parts of its agenda including tax cuts, infrastructure spending and deregulation. Given the strong data in the US job market, improving inflation and potentially more aggressive fiscal policy under the new administration, the Federal Open Market Committee decided to raise the rate by 25 basis points to 1%. The market expects two more rate hikes in 2017. The Dow Jones and S&P 500 indices lost 0.72% and 0.04% respectively in March, the first losing month since the election last November.

The European Central Bank left rates unchanged at 0%. The United Kingdom (UK) invoked Article 50 this month leaving them two years to conclude a final exit deal with the European Union, unless both sides agree on an extension. The UK economy post Brexit has not been affected as much as forecasted, but the real change may only happen once negotiations start. Across Europe, equity markets performed well in March with the FTSE 100 rising 0.82%, Germany's DAX lifting 3.17% and Italy's MIB index gaining a large 8.35%. Asian markets were mixed with Japan's Nikkei 225 index down 1.1%, China's Shanghai Composite falling 0.59%, while Hang Seng Index jumped 1.56%.

Considering the prospects for assets beyond short-term volatility, our preference is to take a longer term approach to the markets. This does not mean we are not actively managing the Fund. To the contrary, the structure of our Fund is always reflective of our current assessment of market risk. In structuring the Fund, Alpha Fund Managers seek to select high quality managers and blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

# Top 10 Holdings - March 2017

#### **Stock Name**

Transurban Group

Crown Castle International Corp

SES SA DR

Groupe Eurotunnel S.E

Flughafen Zuerich Ag

American Tower Corp

Enbridge Inc

Fraport AG

PG&E Corp

National Grid PLC

# Sector

Industrials

Communication

Consumer Cyclical

Industrials

Industrials

Communication

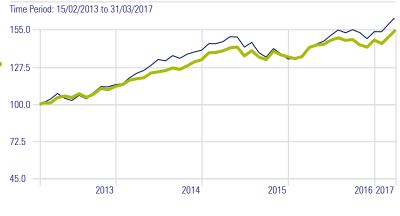
Energy

Industrials

Utilities

Utilities

## Investment Growth (net of fees) versus Benchmark\*



-S&P Global Infrastructure TR Hdg AUD

# Returns (net of fees) versus Benchmark\*

-Alpha Infrastructure

As of Date: 31/03/2017 Data Point: Return

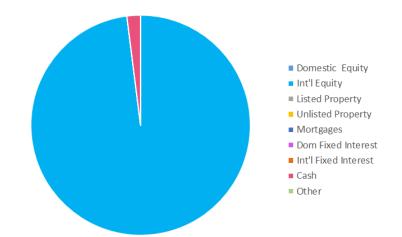
AS 01 Date. 31/03/2017	Data Point. Neturn								
	Month	Quarter	6 Mth	1Yr	2Yr pa	3Yr pa	4Yr pa	5Yr pa	
Alpha Infrastructure	3.57	5.03	4.77	9.05	5.38	9.21	11.29		

S&P Global Infrastructure TR Hdg AUD 3.57 7.17 6.16 16.11 6.11 10.24 12.22 12.84

#### Alpha Infrastructure - Monthly Returns (net of fees)\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	0ct	Nov	Dec	Year
2017	-1.80	3.27	3.57										
2016	-0.93	1.14	4.96	1.23	0.38	2.05	1.24	-1.28	0.44	-2.66	-1.17	3.69	9.20
2015	3.90	0.14	0.85	1.59	0.42	-4.63	2.91	-3.44	-1.34	4.64	-1.83	-1.16	1.60
2014	1.22	2.77	0.98	0.57	2.99	0.66	0.76	1.58	-0.89	2.09	2.32	1.18	17.42
2013			-0.14	3.94	1.13	-1.10	2.76	-2.51	2.31	3.87	-0.92	2.25	
2012													

#### **Asset Allocation**



#### **Investment Objective**

The Alpha Infrastructure Fund is designed for investors seeking a diversified portfolio of specialist global listed Infrastructure investment managers. It aims to outperform (before fund fees and expenses, and before taxes) the S&P Global Infrastructure Total Return AUD Index on a rolling 3 to 5 year basis.

The Alpha Infrastructure Fund invests in infrastructure assets through securities listed on global stock exchanges. The fund aims to be fully invested at all times with cash exposure not exceeding 20 per cent for any length of time. The underlying funds in which the Alpha Infrastructure Fund invests may utilise approved derivative instruments subject to the specific restriction that derivative instruments cannot be used to gear the portfolio exposure.

Fund Style: Actively Managed Australian Equity Large Blend Portfolio

## **Current Manager Line-up**

**Magellan Asset Management Limited** is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Australian Securities Exchange-listed Magellan Financial Group Limited. Magellan establishes and operates globally focused investment funds for retail, high net worth and institutional investors.

The Magellan Infrastructure Strategy invests in global listed infrastructure securities. Magellan believes that quality infrastructure assets have two key characteristics: the asset provides a service that is essential for the efficient functioning of a community, and the cash-flows generated by the asset are reliable and do not face external risks (such as sovereign risk, competition, commodity price movements or technological obsolescence). The Magellan Infrastructure strategy aims to provide consistent long-term absolute returns, which exceed the risk adjusted returns expected of the asset class.

Manager Style: High Conviction Global Infrastructure

**Maple-Brown Abbott** is one of Australia's first boutique investment managers and have managed institutional investment portfolios for over 30 years. The firms specializes in the management of investment portfolios across Australian equities, Asia Pacific ex-Japan equities and global listed infrastructure securities. Current FUM across all strategies is AUD \$11 billion. The Infrastructure fund is an actively managed portfolio of global listed infrastructure securities with a focus on regulated, contracted and concession assets or networks that provide essential services. The investment team are highly experienced and aligned to investors holding a large equity stake in the fund.

Manager Style: High Conviction Global Infrastructure

#### **About Alpha Fund Managers**

Alpha Fund Managers' investment philosophy is based on the premise that there are particular investment managers that have the ability to consistently generate "alpha" over the medium to long-term, and through all financial market cycles irrespective of any style bias (growth vs. value, large cap vs. small cap, etc.). "Alpha" in this context is defined as an investment manager's unique ability to select a portfolio of securities that differs from and outperforms its benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. In other words, it is an investment manager's ability to beat the index. Alpha Fund Managers' investment process is based on a balanced approach to quantitative and qualitative research and analysis techniques to assess and select the underlying investment managers in each Alpha Fund Series fund. Alpha Fund Managers seek to add value by selecting investment managers who demonstrate a high-level of investment conviction, unique investment processes and a proven record in managing risk and generating long-term "alpha" over full market cycle. Alpha Fund Managers then blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

#### **Investment Details**

APIR Code	ETL0319AU
Ticker	19540
Net Assets (\$Mil)	15
Month End Price Date	31/03/2017
Month End Price	1.4390
Purchase Information	
Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000

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Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000
Minimum Balance	\$25,000
Minimum Additional Investment/Withdrawal	\$10,000
Buy-sell Spread	0.35%
Income Distribution	Half Yearly
Valuation/Unit Pricing	Daily
Management Fee	1.23%
Performance Fee	Applicable - refer to PDS on Website

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