Strategy Update: 30 June 2021

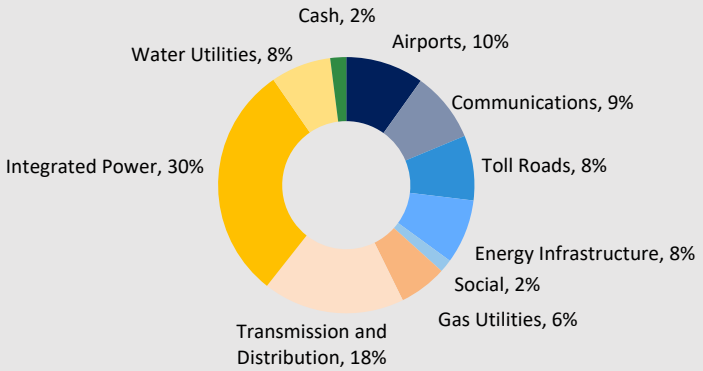
Magellan Global Core Infrastructure (AUD Hedged)

Portfolio Manager	Strategy Inception Date	Total Strategy Assets	Total Infrastructure Assets[1]
Gerald Stack	17 December 2009	AUD $9,074.5 million	AUD $18,948.5 million

Objective	Approach
Capital preservation in adverse markets	Diversified rules-based portfolio applying our proprietary infrastructure classification
Pre-fee return of CPI plus 5%p.a. through the economic cycle	Benchmark unaware
	Highly defensive, inflation-linked exposure

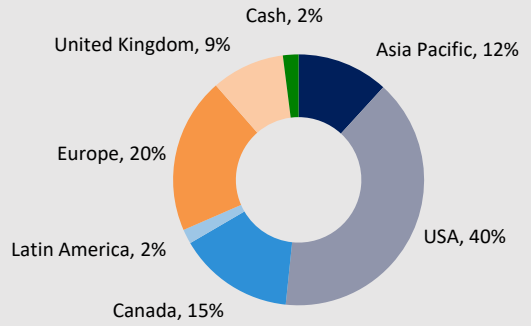
Top 10 Holdings[2]	Sector[2]	%
TC Energy Corporation	Energy Infrastructure	3.0
Fortis Inc	Transmission and Distribution	3.0
Transurban Group	Toll Roads	3.0
Enbridge Inc	Energy Infrastructure	3.0
National Grid PLC	Transmission and Distribution	3.0
Vinci SA	Toll Roads	3.0
Cellnex Telecom SA	Communications	2.9
Aena SME SA	Airports	2.4
Sydney Airports	Airports	2.4
Snam SpA	Gas Utilities	2.2
	TOTAL:	27.9

Sector Exposure[2]



AUD 5 Year Risk Measures[3]	Against MSCI World NTR Index (A$ Hedged)	Against Infrastructure Benchmark[4]
Upside Capture	0.4	0.9
Downside Capture	0.3	0.8
Beta	0.5	0.7
Correlation	0.6	0.9

Geographical Exposure[2]



3 Year rolling returns[5] (measured monthly)	Last 12 Months	Last 36 Months	Last 60 Months	Since Inception (104 Months)
Against the Infrastructure Benchmark[4]				
Average excess return (% p.a.) (Gross)	5.8	3.9	4.3	4.8
Average excess return (% p.a.) (Net)	5.1	3.2	3.6	4.0
Outperformance consistency (Gross)	100%	92%	95%	97%
Outperformance consistency (Net)	100%	86%	92%	95%

Performance[6]	3 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (% p.a.)	5 Years (% p.a.)	10 Years (% p.a.)	Since Inception (% p.a.)
Composite (Gross)	3.2	10.9	8.5	7.1	12.2	13.1
Composite (Net)	3.1	10.3	7.9	6.5	11.5	12.4
Global Infrastructure Benchmark	1.8	17.2	3.3	4.8	7.9	7.8
Excess (Gross)	1.4	-6.3	5.2	2.3	4.3	5.3
MSCI World NTR Index (A$ Hedged)	7.6	35.6	13.4	14.4	12.7	12.7

Annual Performance[6] (%)	CYTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Composite (Gross)	6.6	-5.5	28.3	-1.7	15.4	10.6	7.9	28.0	16.7	16.3	15.6
Composite (Net)	6.3	-6.0	27.5	-2.4	14.6	9.8	7.2	27.1	15.8	15.5	14.8
Global Infrastructure Benchmark[4]	6.0	-11.9	25.3	-6.7	14.4	14.1	-5.4	22.9	18.5	9.1	4.7
Excess (Gross)	0.6	6.4	3.0	5.0	1.0	-3.5	13.3	5.1	-1.8	7.2	10.9
MSCI World NTR Index (A$ Hedged)	14.2	10.3	26.7	-7.4	19.8	10.4	3.8	12.3	31.8	18.8	-2.3

Strategy Commentary

The strategy recorded a positive return in the June quarter when utilities was the only sector of 11 in the MSCI World Index to decline in US dollars. The stocks that contributed the most were the investments in Cellnex Telecom of Spain, National Grid of the UK and Enbridge of Canada. Cellnex, a wireless telecommunications infrastructure and services company with more than 50,000 sites across Europe, gained as the market overhang associated with the company's recent capital raising dissipated. National Grid, an electricity and gas utility with operations in the UK and the US, rose after its operating profit for fiscal 2021 beat consensus by 2 percentage points. Enbridge rose on the back of strong first-quarter results, which revealed that the company's critical Mainline asset is once again operating in a fully utilised and apportioned manner, after disruptions associated with the health crisis weighed on volumes during 2020. Trading in the company's stock was also supported by a favourable judgment, issued by the Minnesota Court of Appeals, reaffirming the regulator's approval of the company's Line 3 replacement project. The decision reassured investors that the project would meet its previously guided fourth-quarter 2021 in-service date.

The stocks that detracted the most were the investments in Sydney Airport, Eversource Energy of the US and APA Group of Australia. Sydney Airport slid after Melbourne then Sydney were placed in 'lockdown' after the virus escaped quarantine. Eversource Energy fell after the Connecticut Public Utility Regulatory Authority slammed the utility that through subsidiaries offers electricity, natural gas and water services for its preparation for and response to Tropical Storm Isaias that hit in 2020. In a politically charged decision, the authority found that Eversource did not satisfy relevant performance standards, ordered an indefinite reduction of 90 basis points to subsidiary Connecticut Light & Power's authorised return on equity, ordered the opening of a regulatory docket to consider issuing civil penalties against the subsidiary and foreshadowed the disallowance of certain costs that the authority asserts were imprudently incurred were Eversource to seek recovery. Eversource has indicated it will appeal these findings. APA declined amid talk that the assets of Australia's largest natural gas infrastructure business would be worth less in the transition to cleaner energy.

In relative terms, the portfolio outperformed the benchmark index over the quarter. Outperformance relative to the benchmark was principally attributable to the portfolio's overweight exposure to regulated utilities in developed markets, which comprise more than 60% of the portfolio and less than 20% of the benchmark. Regulated utilities performed strongly during the quarter, supported by softening nominal yields on 10 year US Treasury bonds. Nominal yields on the key risk-free rate proxy declined by about 30 basis points during the quarter, despite comments from the US Federal Reserve that it is likely to begin tightening monetary policy sooner than previously signalled. This pronouncement by the Fed prompted market participants to revise their expectations of future inflation lower, driving real yields on 10-year US Treasury bonds even more deeply negative. Relative performance also benefited from the greater global diversification of our regulated utility holdings in comparison with the benchmark; regulated utilities domiciled outside the US, which performed strongly during the quarter, comprise more than 25% of our portfolio compared with just under 2% of the benchmark.

Stock story: CMS Energy

CMS Energy is a high-quality US regulated utility delivering consistent earnings growth with exposure to the net-zero structural shift.

CMS operates in the supportive US regulatory jurisdiction of Michigan, serving 1.9 million electric customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers. Michigan's above-average authorised returns and incremental allowances for renewables and efficiency position CMS as one of the most attractive regulated utilities in the US. Moreover, Michigan's forward-looking test-year rate-setting methodology reduces regulatory lag and dampens inflation risk, providing a high degree of confidence that the company will earn its authorised rate of return in full. Bipartisan support for a highly regulated utility sector in Michigan accentuates the constructive environment in which CMS operates.

CMS is in the early stages of its shift to renewables, a transition that is likely to support attractive growth in the company’s rate base and earnings well into the future. In 2020, just 11% of the electricity delivered by CMS was sourced from renewables. Yet this figure is set to rise dramatically. CMS recently outlined one of the most aggressive decarbonisation goals in the industry, targeting an exit from coal-fired generation by 2025 and net-zero emissions by 2040. The capital required to achieve this goal will sustain high levels of investment for the next 20 years. Beyond this, Michigan's goal to be carbon neutral by 2050 and the resulting increase in electrification should sustain CMS's investment in the electricity grid at relatively high levels. CMS's rate base (the key measure of a utility’s earnings potential) is projected to grow at a rate of about 7.5% p.a. over the next decade, supporting growth in earnings per share at a similar level.

We view favourably CMS’s recent decision to divest its non-core home improvement lending company, EnerBank. The move reinforces the CMS ‘Clean and Lean’ strategy, leaving an almost entirely pure-play regulated utility. CMS's June 2021 ‘Integrated Resource Plan’ also sees the company transferring assets from its unregulated business, CMS Enterprises, to its regulated business, sheltering these assets from the risks inherent in competitive wholesale energy markets and providing a further boost to the growth prospects of its core utility operations.

CMS has delivered consistent earnings growth of about 7% p.a. over the past decade and on average earned above its authorised return, reflecting support from regulatory incentives and adder mechanisms. Considering the constructive regulatory environment in Michigan and a strong capital investment plan supported by decarbonisation goals, CMS is well placed to maintain consistent, reliable earnings growth and cash flows over the next three decades.

Stock story: Alliant Energy

Alliant Energy is a US utility that provides power to nearly one million electricity and 420,000 gas customers in Iowa and Wisconsin. The utility that earned revenue of US$3.4 billion in 2020 (85% from electricity and the remainder mainly from gas) sees its future in renewables.

The company has plans to 'green' its services in the two Midwest states where it operates. The utility is building wind and solar energy capabilities to replace two coal-based facilities in Iowa and plans to retire two large coal-fired plants with solar-based assets in Wisconsin.

Alliant Energy is aiming to reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 compared with 2005 levels. The company is expected to attain this goal as it had achieved a 42% reduction by 2020. Such success has prompted the utility to declare that by 2025, half its generating assets will be renewables.

Alliant Energy says it intends to eliminate all coal generation by 2040 but will likely achieve this feat earlier. Achieving this would help the company meet its aspirational goal of net-zero carbon emissions from the energy it generates by 2050.

The investment appeal of Alliant Energy is that in turning green it will expand its 'rate base', the capital investment on which it earns a regulator-approved return. Alliant Energy is expected to spend US$5.9 billion from 2021 to 2024 and another US$7 billion to US$9 billion in the following five years on going green.

Alliant Energy's plan holds promise because the company operates in states where regulators support investment in renewable energy. The company expects to grow its rate base (on which it can earn regulator-approved returns) from about US$11 billion in 2020 to about US$14 billion in 2024.

Alliant Energy has delivered 5% to 7% underlying earnings-per-share growth over the past decade. The utility's green journey has the potential to deliver similar returns in coming years.

[1] Comprised of all Infrastructure Strategies.
[2] The data is based on a representative portfolio for the strategy. Refer to the GIPS Disclosure below for further information. Sectors are internally defined. Geographical exposure is by domicile of listing. Exposures may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
[3] Risk measures are for the Global Core Infrastructure Hedged to AUD Composite before fees. The Global Equity Index is the MSCI World NTR Index ($A Hedged)
[4] The Benchmark or Global Infrastructure benchmark is comprised of the following: from inception to 31 December 2014 the benchmark is UBS Developed Infrastructure & Utilities NTR Index ($A Hedged) and from 1 January 2015 onwards, the benchmark is the S&P Global Infrastructure NTR Index ($A Hedged). Note: the UBS Developed Infrastructure and Utilities NTR Index ($A Hedged) ceased to be published from 31 May 2015, replaced on 1 January 2015 with the S&P Global Infrastructure NTR Index ($A Hedged).
[5] Rolling 3-year returns are calculated and rolled monthly for the duration of each period shown. The average excess return is then calculated for each period, with the outperformance consistency indicating the percentage of positive excess returns.
[6] Returns are for the Global Core Infrastructure Hedged to AUD Composite and denoted in AUD. Performance would vary if returns were denominated in a currency other than AUD. Refer to the GIPS Disclosure section below for further information. Composite (Net) returns are net of fees charged to clients and have been reduced by the amount of the highest fee charged to any client employing that strategy during the period under consideration. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size. Fees are available upon request.

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