

# First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund (UK OEIC)

Quarterly Investment Report

31 March 2025

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## Risk Factors

This document is a financial promotion for the First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund in the UK and elsewhere where lawful. Investing involves certain risks including:

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**If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of our funds for your investment needs, please seek investment advice.**

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# Portfolio Overview

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## Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve an investment return from income and capital growth over the long term (at least five years).

The Fund invests in shares of companies that are involved in infrastructure around the world and are listed on exchanges worldwide. The infrastructure sector includes operating assets from the transport, utilities, energy and communications sectors.

The Fund does not invest directly in infrastructure assets.

The Fund may invest up to 10% in other funds.

The Fund will only use derivatives to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently in limited cases.

## Fund Information

Fund Launch Date	08 February 2021
Fund Size (£m)	22.8
UK's Investment Association Sector	Infrastructure
Benchmark	FTSE Developed Core Infrastructure ex-Pipelines Index Net TR*
Number Of Holdings	34
Fund Manager(s)	Rebecca Sherlock/Peter Meany
Fund Yield	2.8%

\* The benchmark and IA sector for this Fund have been identified as a means by which investors can compare the performance of the Fund and have been chosen because their constituents most closely represent the scope of the investable assets. The benchmark and sector are not used to limit or constrain how the portfolio is constructed nor are they part of a target set for Fund performance. The IA Infrastructure Sector was split out of the IA Global Sector as of 13 September 2021 to create a new IA Infrastructure Sector. The Fund joined the new IA Infrastructure Sector at the same time. Please note that the number of funds in each Investment Association sector will vary over time. The benchmark of the Fund changed from FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Net Index to FTSE Developed Core Infrastructure ex-Pipelines Index Net TR with effect from 30 November 2022. This change has been reflected in the calculation of the benchmark performance.

## Available Share Classes

ISIN	Sedol	Share Class
GB00BMXP3956	BMXP395	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund GBP Class E (Accumulation)
GB00BMBQLK73	BMBQLK7	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund GBP Class B (Accumulation)
GB00BKQMYG32	BKQMYG3	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund GBP Class E Hedged (Accumulation)
GB00BKP85030	BKP8503	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund GBP Class E (Income)

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# Performance

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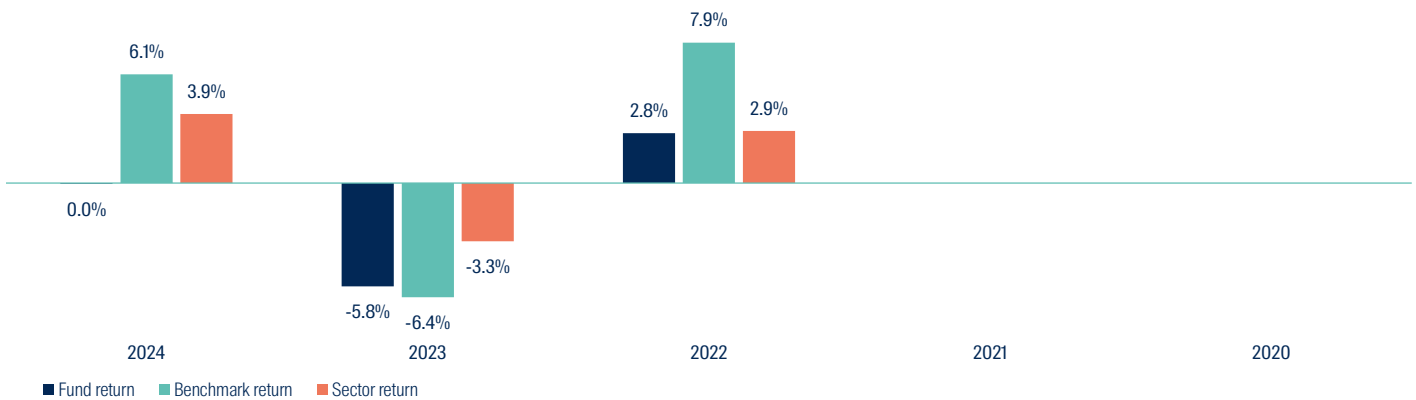
## Annual Performance (% in GBP) to 31 March 2025

	12 mths to 31/03/25	12 mths to 31/03/24	12 mths to 31/03/23	12 mths to 31/03/22	12 mths to 31/03/21
First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund	3.7	-3.2	-5.6	15.3	-
FTSE Developed Core Infrastructure ex-Pipelines Index Net TR	7.3	-1.0	-2.9	20.0	-
Sector return	7.7	-3.2	-4.9	16.5	-

## Cumulative Performance (% in GBP) to 31 March 2025

	Since Inception	10 yrs	5 yrs	3 yrs	1 yr	YTD	6 mths	3 mths
First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund	12.0	-	-	-5.2	3.7	1.4	-2.7	1.4
FTSE Developed Core Infrastructure ex-Pipelines Index Net TR	27.1	-	-	3.1	7.3	2.7	0.7	2.7
Sector return	21.6	-	-	1.1	7.7	2.5	-0.1	2.5

## Calendar Year Performance (% in GBP) to 31 March 2025



These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. For investors based in countries with currencies other than GBP, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Since inception performance figures have been calculated from 08 February 2021. All performance data for the First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund Class B (Accumulation) GBP as at 31 March 2025. Source for fund - Lipper IM / First Sentier Investors (UK) Funds Limited. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for benchmark - FTSE, income reinvested net of tax.

Sector returns calculated by Lipper and denote the arithmetic mean performance of funds in the relevant UK's Investment Association Sector.

# Commentary

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## Market Review

Global listed infrastructure gained during the March quarter as mounting tariff concerns drove a rotation into defensive assets. The Fund returned +1.5% before fees, compared with a +2.7% return from its benchmark index.

## Performance Review

Towers were buoyed by healthy December quarter earnings numbers and lower bond yields. Regulated utilities gained on the appeal of their lack of sensitivity to tariffs and the broader economic environment, and inelastic demand for their essential services.

However, airports fell owing to the relative sensitivity of passenger volumes to the broader economic environment. Railroads declined as investors became concerned about the potential impact that US tariffs may have on North American freight haulage. Data centres also ended the quarter lower, on news that Microsoft had pulled back from new data centre projects in the US, Europe and Australia.

## Fund Activity

The Fund initiated a position in US-listed tower company Crown Castle, which owns and operates a portfolio of approximately ~40,000 mobile towers across the United States. The company earns revenue by collecting rent from mobile phone companies who install network equipment on its towers. In March, the company divested its substantial fibre and small cell business segment – assets we view as having weaker infrastructure credentials than its core tower business. Following this transaction, the company's valuation multiples have scope to expand due to growing awareness its higher quality asset profile, improving tower leasing trends, and its unique appeal as the only pure-play tower stock with a business footprint located solely in the US.

## Outlook

The Fund invests in a range of listed infrastructure assets including toll roads, airports, railroads, utilities and renewables, mobile towers and data centres. These sectors share common characteristics, like barriers to entry and pricing power, which can provide investors with inflation-protected income and strong capital growth over the medium-term. The Fund's focus on sustainable development, guided by the UN Sustainable Development Goals, can create opportunities for positive risk-adjusted performance. It can generate investment ideas, as well as lowering the overall risk profile of a portfolio through a better understanding of Responsible Investment-related risks.

Trump's early-April "Liberation Day" tariff announcement has caused turbulence in financial markets. Equity markets fell sharply on investor uncertainty and concerns about potential risks to the global economy. If the tariffs are implemented in their current form, the likeliest outcomes appear to be a period of slower economic growth and higher inflation.

Typically, these conditions favour the global listed infrastructure asset class, at least in relative terms. Infrastructure growth is less dependent on the economic cycle, and many infrastructure assets have a proven ability to recover inflation. Recent falls in bond yields are also likely to prove supportive of infrastructure valuations.

Overall, we believe that the asset class remains well-positioned to perform defensively through this period of market disruption.

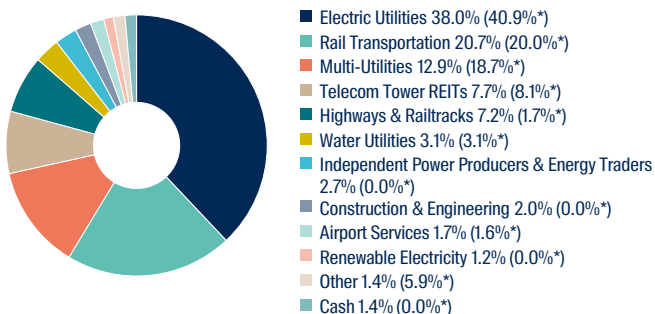
# Portfolio Allocation and Stock Holdings

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## Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 March 2025

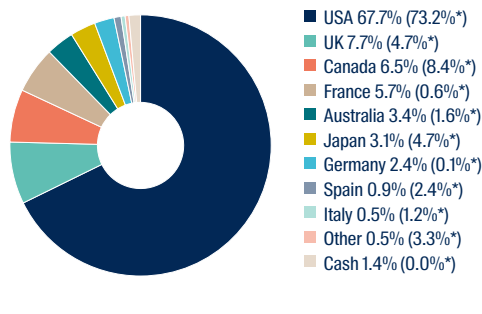
Stock Name	Country	Sector	Portfolio Weight (%)	Index Weight (%)
American Electric Power Co., Inc.	USA	Electric Utilities	8.4	2.7
NextEra Energy, Inc.	USA	Electric Utilities	5.8	6.9
Duke Energy Corporation	USA	Electric Utilities	5.8	4.4
Xcel Energy Inc.	USA	Electric Utilities	5.7	1.9
Exelon Corporation	USA	Electric Utilities	5.3	2.1
Norfolk Southern Corporation	USA	Rail Transportation	5.0	2.5
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	Canada	Rail Transportation	5.0	3.1
Dominion Energy Inc	USA	Multi-Utilities	4.9	2.2
National Grid plc	UK	Multi-Utilities	4.6	3.0
Union Pacific Corporation	USA	Rail Transportation	4.5	6.8

## Sector Breakdown



\*Index Weight

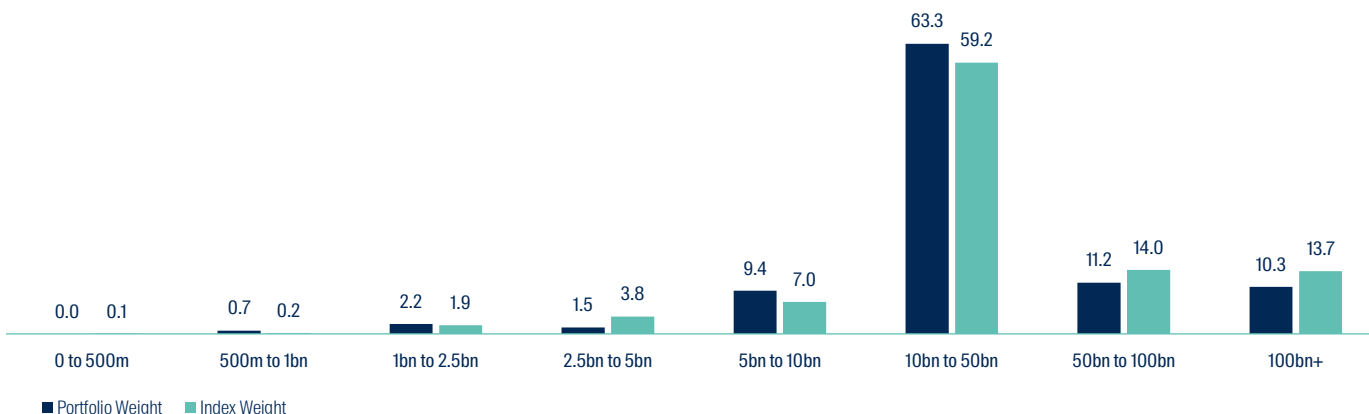
## Country Breakdown



\*Index Weight

Sector and Country classifications provided by Factset and First Sentier Investors. The Fund may hold multiple equity securities in the same company, which have been combined to provide the Fund's total position in that company. Index weights, if any, typically include only the main domestic-listed security. The above Fund weightings may or may not include reference to multiple securities.

## Market Capitalisation Breakdown (GBP)



Data source: For illustration purposes only. Portfolio weights may not add up to 100% as cash holdings are excluded and full coverage of stocks is not always available. This information is calculated by First Sentier Investors.

# Stock Contribution

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## Top 5 contributors to absolute performance

3 months to 31 March 2025

Stock Name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
American Electric Power Company, Inc.	USA	Electric Utilities	112
Exelon Corporation	USA	Electric Utilities	100
American Tower Corporation	USA	Telecom Tower REITs	66
Innogy Renewable Energy Inc.	Canada	Renewable Electricity	64
Duke Energy Corporation	USA	Electric Utilities	34

12 months to 31 March 2025

Stock Name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
NextEra Energy, Inc.	USA	Electric Utilities	141
Xcel Energy Inc.	USA	Electric Utilities	121
Exelon Corporation	USA	Electric Utilities	121
American Electric Power Company, Inc.	USA	Electric Utilities	96
National Grid plc	UK	Multi-Utilities	84

## Bottom 5 contributors to absolute performance

3 months to 31 March 2025

Stock Name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	Canada	Rail Transportation	-68
CSX Corporation	USA	Rail Transportation	-53
PG&E Corporation	USA	Electric Utilities	-52
Japan Airport Terminal Co., Ltd.	Japan	Airport Services	-31
EDP Renovaveis SA EUR5	Portugal	Renewable Electricity	-23

12 months to 31 March 2025

Stock Name	Country	Sector	Value added (bps*)
Canadian National Railway Company	Canada	Rail Transportation	-99
EDP Renovaveis SA EUR5	Portugal	Renewable Electricity	-85
CSX Corporation	USA	Rail Transportation	-71
Solaria Energia Y Comstk	Spain	Renewable Electricity	-70
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	Canada	Rail Transportation	-69

Stock Contributions show the impact of the individual stock's performance to the total fund performance. These stock contributions show the top 5 and bottom 5 contributors to the fund and are not representative of the performance of the fund as a whole.

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Contributions are calculated at the investee company level before the deduction of any fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses) but after the deduction of transactional costs.

Stocks held/listed in non-index countries have economic activity > 50% from developing economies.

\* A basis point is a unit of measure used in finance to describe the percentage change in value or rate of a financial instrument. One basis point is equivalent to 0.01% (1/100th of a percent) or 0.0001 in decimal form.

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# Risk Analysis

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## Portfolio Risk Analysis - Ex-Post 3 Years Annualised to 31 March 2025

Risk Measure	Value	Risk Description
Beta	1.06	Beta is a measure of volatility relative to the market. A beta of 1 would indicate that the fund tended to move in line with the market; a beta greater than 1 would indicate that the fund has been more volatile than the market; whereas a beta less than 1 would indicate that the fund has been less volatile than the market.
Information Ratio	-0.39	The fund's excess return divided by its tracking error. It is designed to assess a portfolio's performance relative to its level of benchmark risk. The higher the fund's information ratio, the more excess return it generates for each unit of tracking error.
Portfolio Standard Deviation	11.77%	A measure of how much the returns of the fund vary relative to the arithmetical average. The higher the fund's standard deviation, the more its returns tend to deviate from the mean.
Benchmark Standard Deviation	10.83%	A measure of how much the returns of the index vary relative to the arithmetical average. The higher the index's standard deviation, the more its returns tend to deviate from the mean.
Tracking Error	2.59%	The standard deviation of the difference between the fund's returns and those of the index. The higher the fund's tracking error, the more its performance relative to the benchmark may vary.

## Portfolio Risk Analysis - Ex-Ante at 31 March 2025

Risk Measure	Value	Risk Description
Dividend Yield (Index)	3.10%	The annual dividend yield paid per share divided by the share price. This factor measures the value of company shares according to the stream of dividend income resulting from share ownership.
Price to Book (Index)	2.05	The ratio of the company's book value (the sum of shareholders' equity plus accumulated retained earnings from the P & L account) to its share price. This factor has been one of the most successful measures of the intrinsic value of company shares.
Price to Earnings (Index)	19.51	Annual earnings (adjusted for amortizations of intangibles, extraordinary charges and credits) per share divided by the share price. This factor measures the worth of a company's ability to support each share with after tax earnings.

Data source: Ex-post information is calculated by First Sentier Investors, ex-ante information is provided by FactSet.



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