

Market insights

Global listed infrastructure eased during the June quarter against a backdrop of US tariff uncertainty and elevated geopolitical tension. The Fund returned -0.1% after fees, compared with a -1.8% return from its benchmark index. Global equities ended the quarter +5.0% higher.

Fund performance

Annual Performance (% in GBP) to 30 June 2025

Period	12 mths to 30/06/25	12 mths to 30/06/24	12 mths to 30/06/23	12 mths to 30/06/22	12 mths to 30/06/21
First Sentier Global Listed Infrastructure Fund B GBP Acc	9.57	3.16	-2.96	14.45	4.75
FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index Net TR GBP	7.96	4.94	-5.07	17.05	5.99
MSCI World Net Total Return Index GBP ¹	7.24	20.88	13.21	-2.56	24.36

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 the base currency of the share class, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Performance data calculated since the launch date. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management and administration fee) and other costs charged to the fund (e.g. transaction and custody costs), 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. First Sentier Global Listed Infrastructure Fund, Class B (Accumulation) GBP shares. Benchmark is the FTSE Global Core Infra 50/50 TR Index from 1 April 2015, prev. UBS Global Infra & Utilities 50/50 TR Index.

¹ MSCI World Index (GBP) is provided for information purposes only. Index returns are net of tax. Data to 30 June 2025. Source: First Sentier Investors UK Funds Limited/Lipper IM.

Risk factors

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Investing involves certain risks including:

- **The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and are not guaranteed. Investors may get back significantly less than the original amount invested.**
- **Currency risk:** the Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.
- **Single sector risk:** investing in a single economic sector may be riskier than investing in a number of different sectors. Investing in a larger number of sectors helps to spread risk.
- **Listed infrastructure risk:** the infrastructure sector and the value of the Fund is particularly affected by factors such as natural disasters, operational disruption and national and local environmental laws.
- **Concentration risk:** the Fund invests in a relatively small number of companies which may be riskier than a fund that invests in a large number of companies.
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Sector and region performance

Airports rose on a favourable outlook for passenger volumes, robust March quarter earnings and favourable regulatory developments. Toll roads were aided by the appeal of their domestically focused businesses with limited direct exposure to tariffs. North American freight railroads rallied on the view that haulage volumes may be less affected by US tariffs than initially feared. Towers/Data Centres also gained; large-cap US tower operators were supported by the appeal of their defensive business models, stable cash flows and reasonable valuation multiples.

Energy midstream stocks lagged as lower oil and natural gas prices raised concerns about the sector's growth outlook. Utilities / renewables delivered flattish returns against a backdrop of regulatory uncertainty, as President's Trump's tax cut and spending package, known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill", drew closer to being signed into law. The terms of the Bill reduce future support for renewables development within the US. However, existing utility capex plans are unlikely to be disrupted, owing to safe-harbours provisions.

Portfolio activity

A position was initiated in large cap regulated US utility Sempra. The company has three divisions – a Californian electric and gas utility servicing customers in San Diego; a Texas electric utility with a Dallas Fort Worth service territory; and Sempra Infrastructure, which operates energy infrastructure assets in Texas, Louisiana and Mexico. The company is trading at modest valuation multiples, having announced disappointing 2024 earnings results. We believe the stock has scope to recover ground, aided by potential catalysts including the planned sale of a stake in Sempra Infrastructure segment, and improved regulation and additional investment into its fast-growing Texas utility business.

A position in Canadian-listed utility/energy midstream stock AltaGas was sold. Its share price has risen steadily under well-regarded CEO Vern Yu, who has introduced a range of measures to simplify and de-risk the business since being appointed in mid-2023. We believe the company's improved prospects are now reflected in its current valuation multiples. North American waste management company GFL Environmental was divested after a period of strong share price gains reduced mispricing and moved the stock to a lower position in our investment process.

Market outlook

The Fund invests in a range of listed infrastructure assets including toll roads, airports, railroads, utilities and renewables, energy midstream, wireless 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.

Financial markets quickly shrugged off the concerns sparked by Trump's "Liberation Day" tariff announcements in early April. However, rising trade costs may still reduce global economic growth rates and push inflation higher. Listed infrastructure would likely hold up well in the face of these potential headwinds, owing to its essential service provision, regulated/contracted cash flows and relatively modest valuation multiples.

The asset class also remains supported by several structural growth drivers. Electric utilities, particularly in the US, face higher capital expenditure needs to meet the increases in electricity demand being driven by AI, data centres, onshoring of manufacturing and electrification. This backdrop is leading many utilities to pursue an "all-of-the-above" approach to power generation – extending the life of existing coal and nuclear plants and adding new gas-fired power plants, as well as continuing with the build-out of renewables. Regulated utilities typically earn an agreed return on money spent in this way, meaning that additional opportunities to spend capex are supportive of earnings growth.

Rising demand for energy is also likely to bolster the appetite for natural gas, which has a crucial role to play in maintaining energy reliability and affordability. This is likely to prove supportive of North American energy transportation, storage and export assets, presenting energy midstream companies with new opportunities to invest and grow.

Digitalisation is another key theme for the asset class. We expect structural growth in demand for mobile data (underpinned by an ever-growing reliance on digital connectivity) to support long-term earnings growth for Towers. The adoption of 5G technology over coming years will require networks to handle increased data speed and lower latency as well as a much higher number of connected devices. The surge of interest in AI is driving data center demand, as well as boosting the need for electricity.

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