

## Ecofin Global Utilities and Infrastructure Trust plc (EGL)

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- 29 years of experience in equities and utilities/infrastructure; 12 years as a specialist PM and, previously, 17 years on the sell-side as a research analyst
- Director of Direct Energie S.A. since 2012

#### **Experience:**

Tortoise/Ecofin	Since 2008	London
UV Capital LLP (Founder)	2005 – 2008	London
Goldman Sachs	2002 – 2005	London
Credit Suisse First Boston	1996 – 2002	London
Enskilda Securities	1989 – 1996	Paris

- ➤ Plus team of 4 analysts and 1 risk manager in London
- > Plus Tortoise's investment team



## **INTRODUCTION TO TORTOISE** *Ecofin Platform*







- Ecofin acquired by Tortoise in late 2018
- > Tortoise invests in assets and services that serve essential needs in society; these also serve needs, such as diversification and income, in clients' portfolios
- Approximately \$21 billion in assets under management through its family of registered investment advisors
- Locations in US, London and Luxembourg

## **Capabilities**

- Securities
  - Equities
  - Fixed income
- Investments
  - Public
  - Private
- Strategies
  - Active
  - Passive

#### **Investments**

- Energy infrastructure
- Sustainable infrastructure
  - Clean energy, renewables, energy transition
  - Water
- Global infrastructure
  - Utilities and broad infrastructure
- Social infrastructure
- Credit

#### **Vehicles**

- Separately managed accounts
- Closed-end funds
- Open-end funds/UCITS
- Private funds
- Exchange-traded products









#### A defensive strategy with exposure to growth

Global	Income	Growth

Diversified with respect to geography, sub-sector and investment themes

Balance North America/Europe

Invested in securities which produce a yield

*Yield* > 4%

Growth-oriented infrastructure businesses and utilities

DPS growth +5-7% p.a.

#### A mix of regulated and growth oriented business segments:



**Electric & Gas Utilities:** Generation, Transmission & Distribution of Electricity, Gas and Liquid Fuels and Renewable Energies



**Transportation Services:**Roads, Railways, Ports and Airports



Water & Environment:

Water Supply, Wastewater, Water Treatment and Environmental Services

Target total return: 6-12% per annum

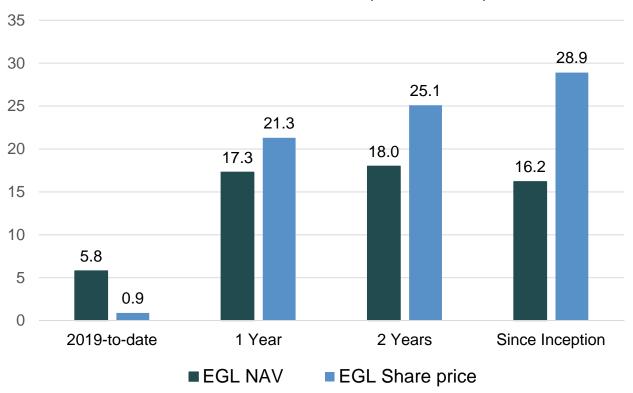








## EGL NAV and Share Price (total returns)



- NAV and share price total returns of 16.2% and 28.9%, respectively, since admission on 26 September, 2016
- Lower volatility than equity markets

	31 Dec 2016	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2018	28 Feb 2019
<b>Discount to NAV</b>	15.6%	6.5%	7.7%	12.2%









(total return in £)	2019-to-date	1 Year %	2 Years %	Since inception <sup>1</sup>
EGL NAV	5.8	17.3	18.0	16.2
EGL Share price	0.9	21.3	25.1	28.9
MSCI World Utilities Index	3.7	22.1	14.0	18.5
S&P Global Infrastructure Index	6.9	10.7	8.5	12.5
MSCI World Index	6.8	4.9	11.6	24.9
FTSE All-Share Index	6.6	1.7	6.1	13.2



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Since admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange on 26 September, 2016







#### Economic infrastructure and utilities offer unique characteristics that make them an attractive asset class for investors

Core assets respond Low volatility and low to essential needs Defensive asset class beta **Asset-backed services** Competitive Strong cash flow environment under generation control of regulators **Solid regulatory** frameworks Protection of the companies' operating Secure earnings base environment and Quasi monopolies/ inflation hedge High barriers to entry Secure, above market Predictable and average dividend **Fixed-term contracts** sustainable cash flows yields



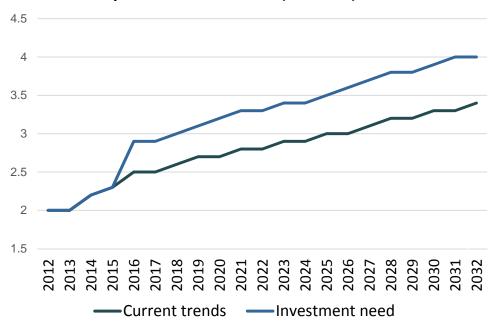
### INFRASTRUCTURE CAPEX REQUIREMENTS - INVESTMENT RATIONALE







# Global annual infrastructure spending to provide vital services (\$ trillion)<sup>1</sup>:

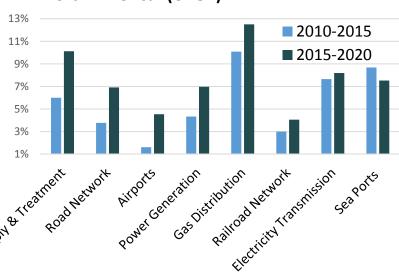


c. **\$2.3 trillion p.a.** in 2015 c. **2x** c. **\$4.6 trillion p.a.** by 2040

#### **Drivers:**

- Replacement of ageing infrastructure
- Innovation; development of renewable energies

# Infrastructure Investment in Europe and North America<sup>2</sup> (CAGR)





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Global Infrastructure Hub, Oxford Economics (Electricity, airports, roads & rail, telecoms, sea ports)

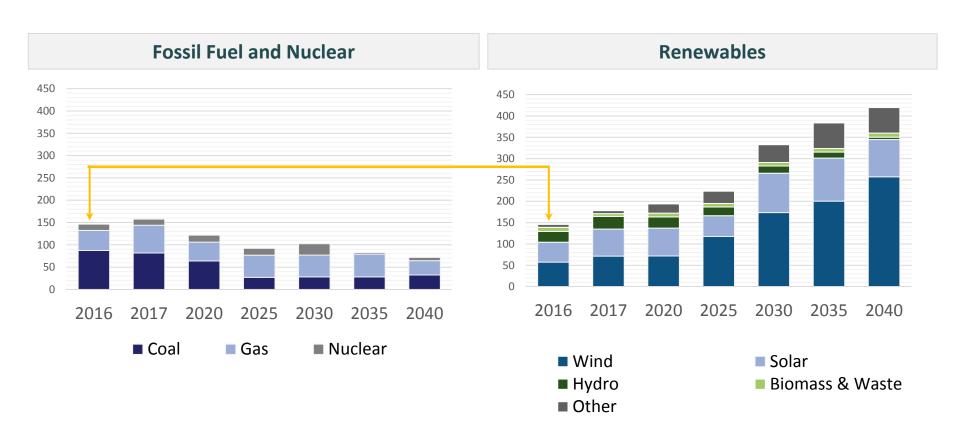
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> McKinsey & Co report based on projections of demand equalling 3.5% of global GDP, 2013-2030







## **Global Power Generation Capacity Additions (GW) 2016-2040**



Source: BNEF, Tortoise Advisors UK Limited



#### **FUNDAMENTALS HAVE BEEN IMPROVING**

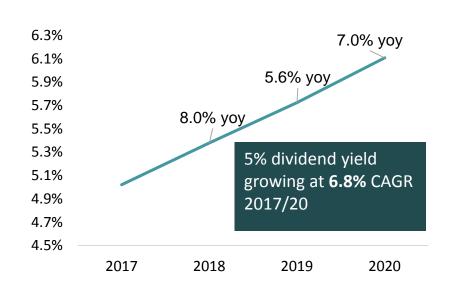




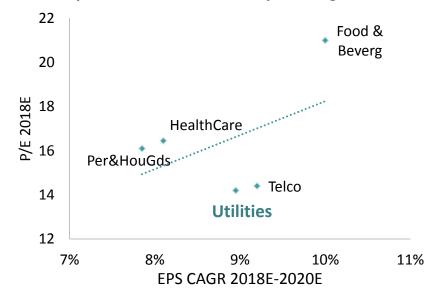


- Earnings and cash flows are increasing, helped by significantly higher commodity, CO<sub>2</sub> and power prices
- EPS growth of circa 8% p.a. over next 3 years in Europe, higher than expected market EPS growth; c. 6% p.a. in the US
- Free cash flows now in positive territory after deleveraging of last 10 years
- Portfolio dividend growth forecast upgraded to 6.8% (from 6.1% p.a. 2 years ago) through 2020
- M&A is returning to the sector

#### **EGL: Portfolio Dividend Growth Profile**



## Compared to other defensive sectors, European utilities are cheaper on P/E but offer comparable growth



Source: Goldman Sachs

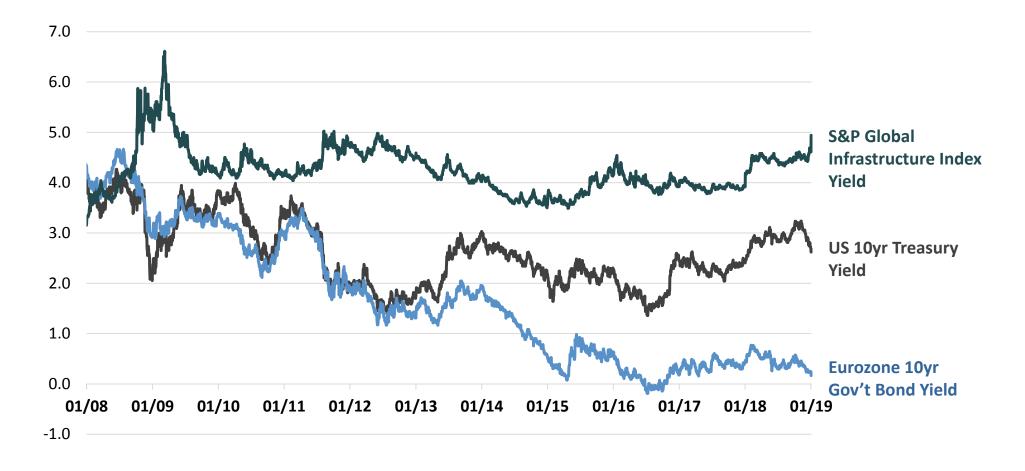
Source: Tortoise Advisors UK Limited

#### INFRASTRUCTURE DIVIDEND YIELDS ATTRACTIVE VS GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS









Source: Bloomberg



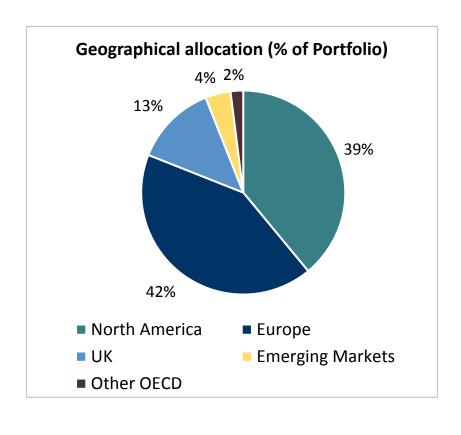
## PORTFOLIO PROFILE (28 February 2019)







10 Largest holdings	Country	% of Portfolio
NextEra Energy	US	6.2
Exelon	US	4.6
Enel	Italy	4.5
Iberdrola	Spain	4.4
EDF	France	4.1
Covanta	US	3.7
National Grid	UK	3.4
Terraform Power	US	3.4
RWE	Germany	3.2
Algonquin Power & Utilities	Canada	3.4
Total (of 40 holdings)		40.8%



- Focus on clean generators and grid infrastructure; retail services sub-sector continues to be highly competitive and targeted by politicians
- UK utilities fell 10.5% in 2017 and a further 6.5% in 2018. Political pressure now well discounted?









#### **The Opportunity**

- A defensive strategy: long-term contracted business models offer defensive characteristics in uncertain markets and low correlation with general equities markets
- Profitable growth in infrastructure investment space:
  the need to replace ageing infrastructure as well as
  the implications of the rapid development of
  renewable energy worldwide are bound to support
  capital expenditure requirements and profitable
  growth in EGL's investment universe
- Improving fundamentals: after a decade of restructuring and debt reduction, fundamentals look solid. Earnings and cash flows will be supported by a favourable context for global energy markets (thanks notably to 2018's power price gains, related to capacity closures and the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)
- Compelling valuation of the global utilities & infrastructure investment universe: solid cash flows ensure the sustainability of future dividend flows, and dividend yields versus long bond yields are close to historic highs

#### Risks?

#### Interest rates

 Debate path of adjustment from abnormally low rates worldwide

#### Regulation and politics

- Politicians are pressuring governments and regulators about 'excess profits' in retail
- Governments have generally become more lenient as they seek to incentivise companies/utilities to invest in clean power & new/upgraded infrastructure



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