Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund

Wealth Management

QUARTERLY COMMENTARY AS OF MARCH 31, 2020



PORTFOLIO MANAGER: First State Investments

INCEPTION DATE: October 18, 2013

CIFSC CATEGORY*: Global Infrastructure Equity

Contributors to performance

- \rightarrow Overweight exposure to the Towers sector
- ightarrow Underweight exposure to the Airports sector

Detractors from performance

- ightarrow Overweight exposure to the Pipelines sector
- \rightarrow Positioning within the Gas Utilities sector

Major changes to portfolio in the period

- → Adding a 2% position in Xcel Energy to the portfolio US-listed regulated utility operating across eight states, primarily Colorado and Minnesota. Robust rate base growth and steady, low risk EPS growth of between 5% and 7% per annum are being driven by the replacement of coal-fired generation assets with renewables.
- → Divesting a 1% position in AENA from the portfolio This Spanish airport operator was sold in early February, having produced strong returns since the Fund participated in its IPO in 2015. The company has delivered margin improvements and benefited from a boom in tourism, but now faces the risk of less favourable regulatory terms for the 2022 – 2026 period.

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