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#### Shareholder information meetings

Please find attached the presentation slides for the upcoming Shareholder Information Meetings of Argo Investments Limited (ASX: ARG) and Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ASX: ALI), being held in Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Perth.

Yours faithfully,

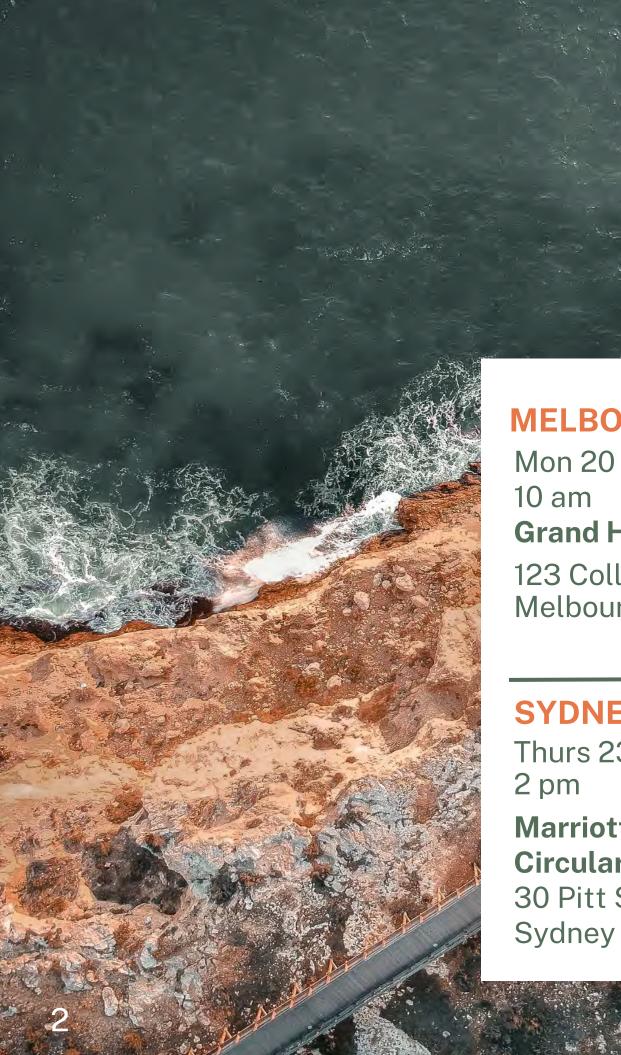
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## Information Meetings







# UPCOMING

**MELBOURNE** Mon 20 May 10 am **Grand Hyatt Hotel** 123 Collins St Melbourne

**ADELAIDE** 

Tues 21 May 10 am

**Adelaide Convention** Centre North Terrace Adelaide

**SYDNEY** Thurs 23 May Marriott Hotel at **Circular Quay** 30 Pitt St

#### **CANBERRA**

Wed 5 June 10 am

Hyatt Hotel Canberra 120 Commonwealth Ave Yarralumla



#### BRISBANE

Wed 22 May 10 am

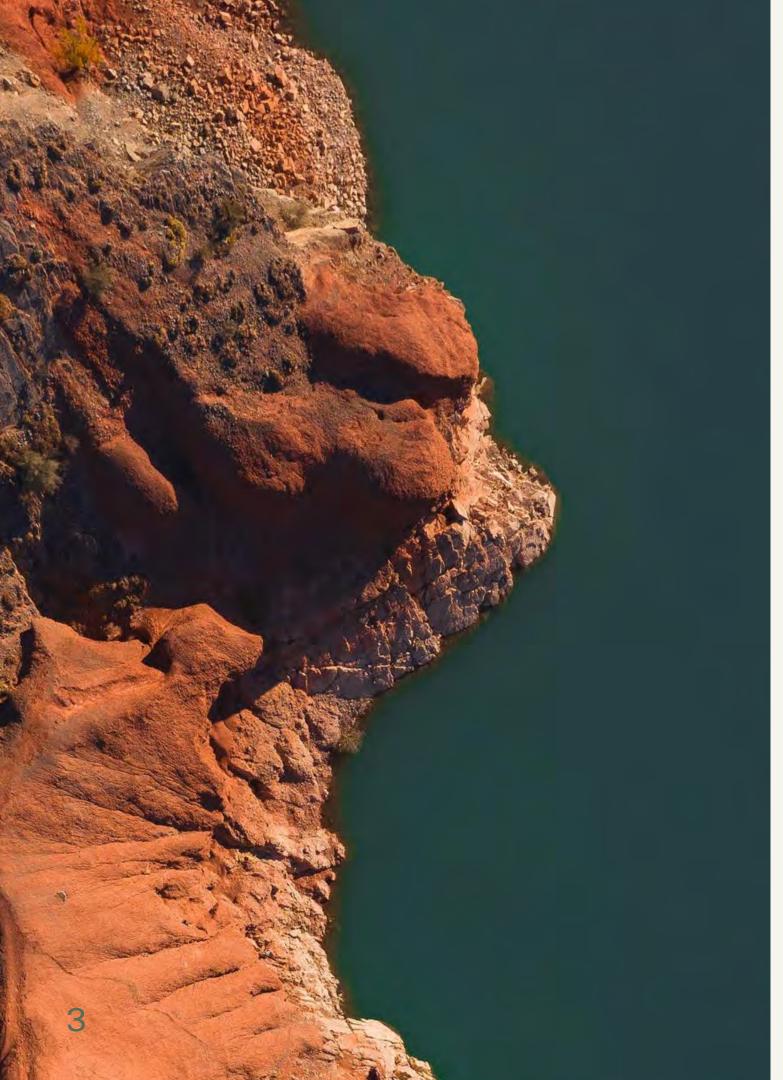
**Pullman King George Square** Cnr Ann St & Roma St Brisbane

#### PERTH

Wed 26 June 10 am

#### **Parmelia Hilton**

14 Mill St Perth



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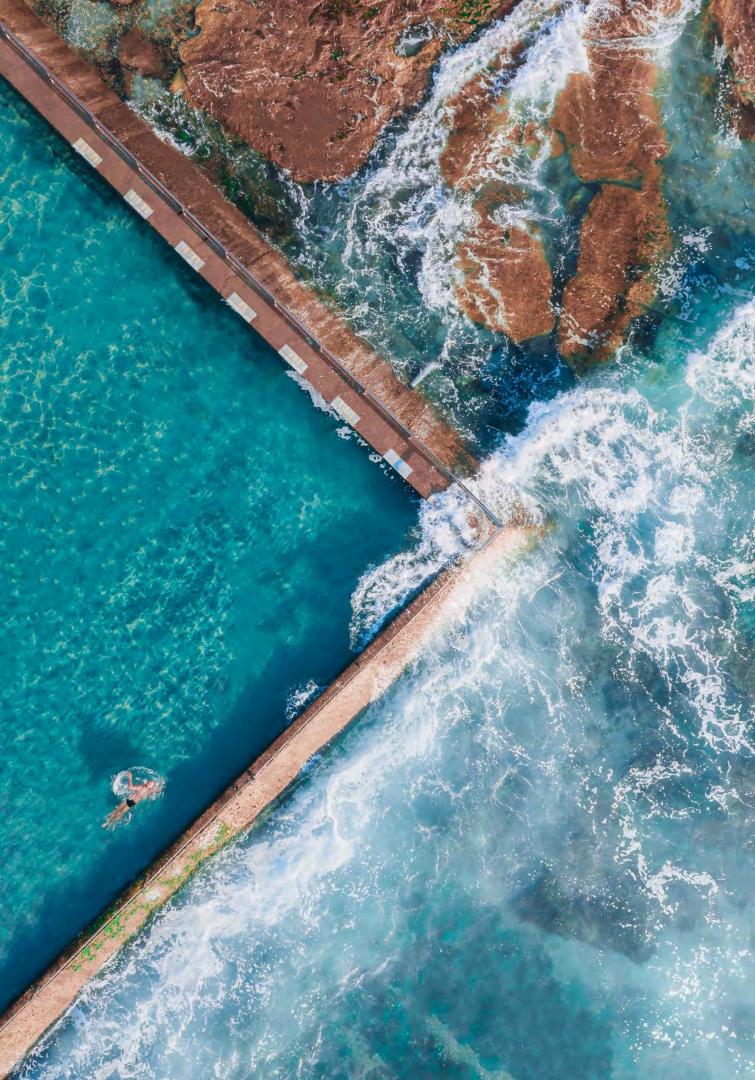
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## OUR AGENDA

- 1. Meet the team
- 2. Share market over time
- 3. About Argo Investments
- 4. Banking sector
- 5. Healthcare sector
- 6. Outlook
- 7. About Argo Infrastructure
- 8. Cohen & Steers



## **REPRESENTING ARGO**



JASON BEDDOW Managing Director



ANDY FORSTER Senior Investment Officer



**COLIN WHITEHEAD** Investment Analyst



PAUL FROST Investment Analyst



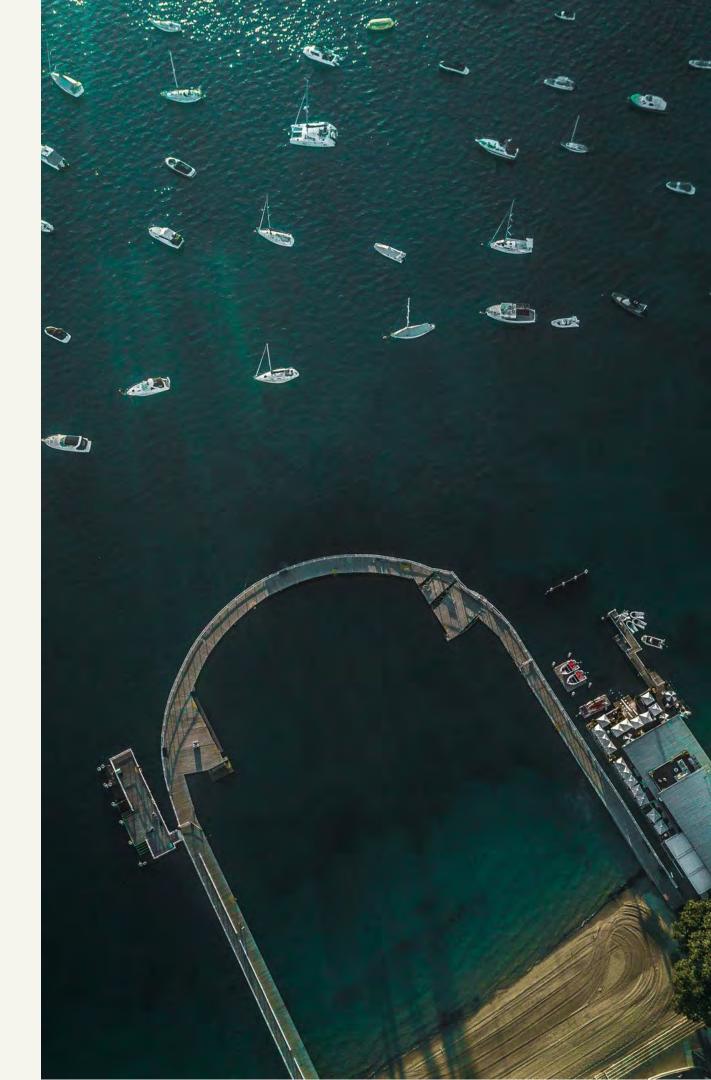
MEREDITH HEMSLEY Communications Manager



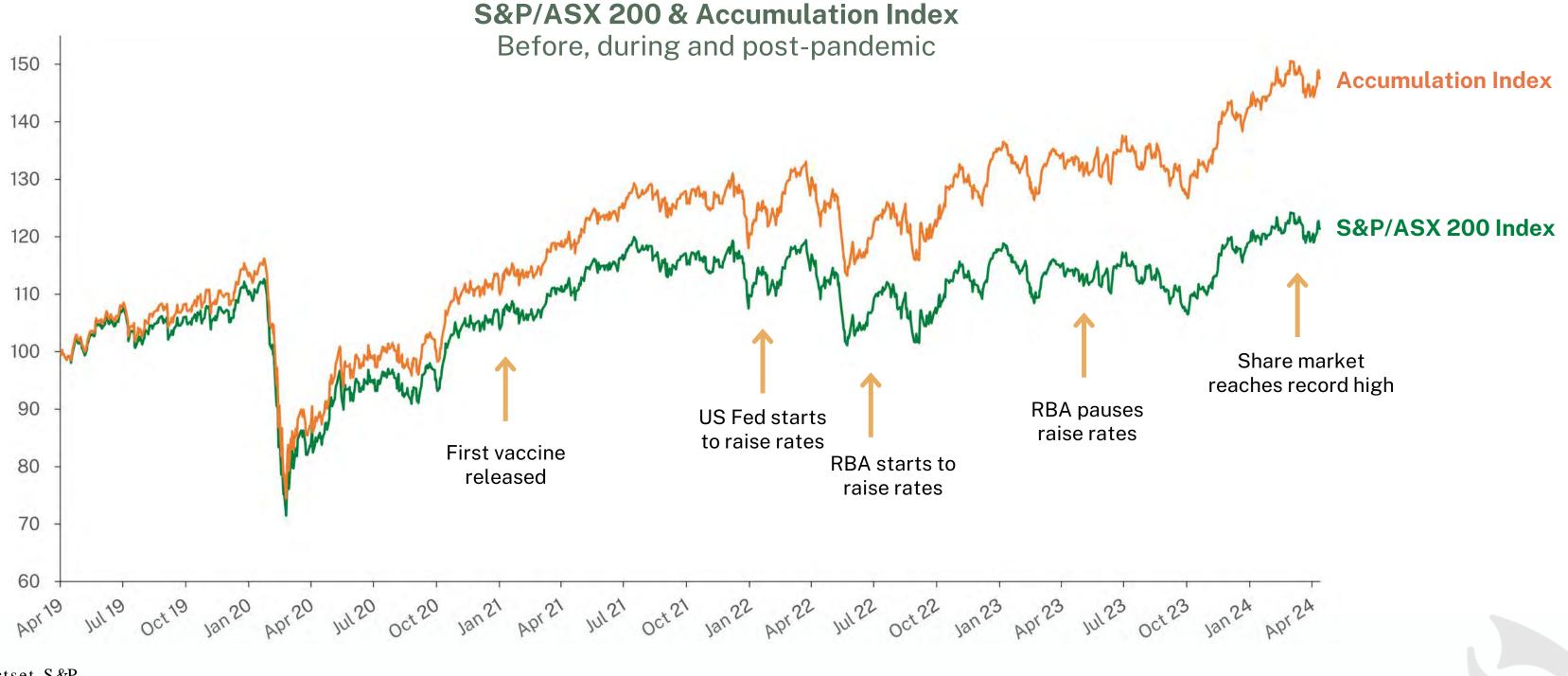
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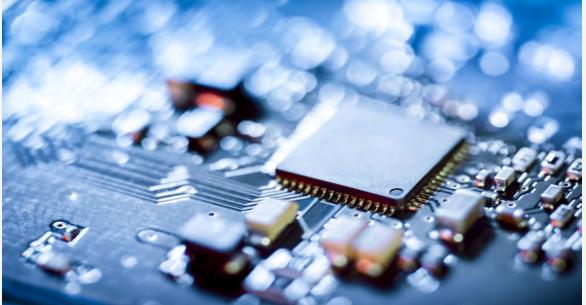


## SHARE MARKET OVER TIME



## **ARGO INVESTMENTS OVERVIEW**









## OVERVIEW

Half-year profit \$125.3 million \$137.0m in 2023 Half-year earnings per share
16.5 cents
18.2c per share in 2023

#### **Dividend yield**

5.7%

Grossed up to include franking credits

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0.15%

(Management Expense Ratio)

### Interim dividend, fully franked per share

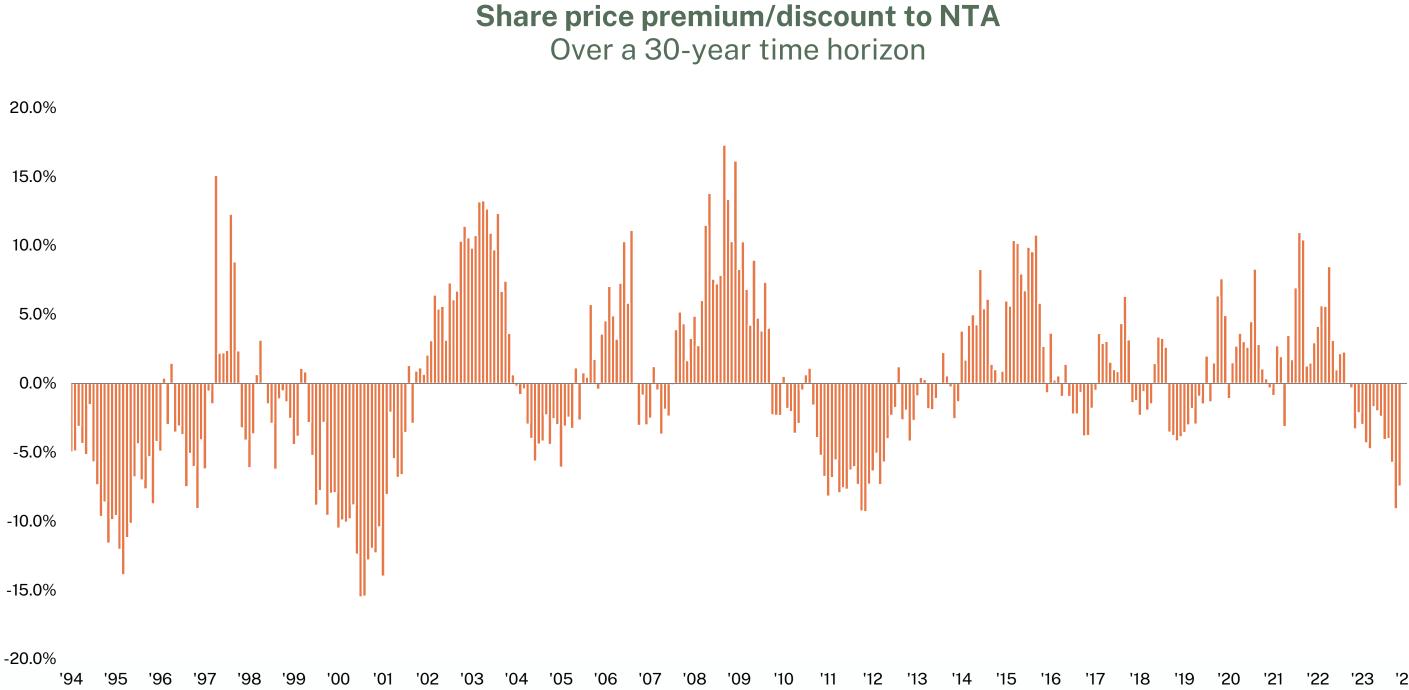
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#### **Total assets**

#### **\$7.1 billion** \$6.6 billion in 2023

## **PREMIUM/DISCOUNT TO NTA**



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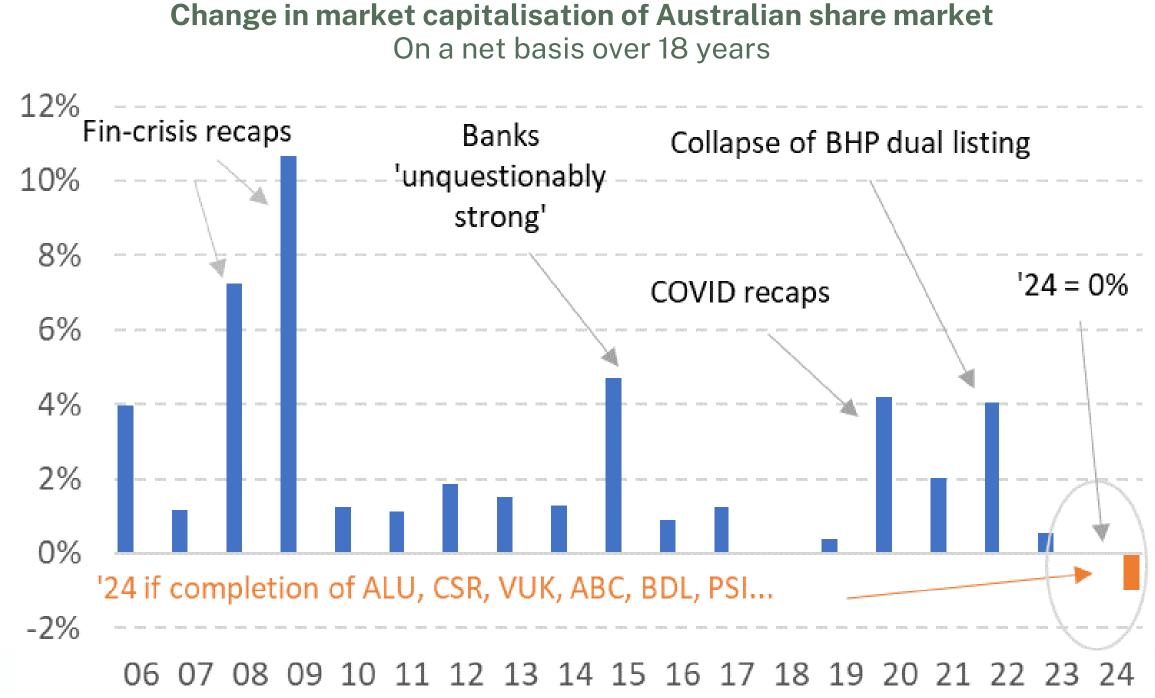


## **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

Sector diversification		Top 10 holdings	
	Materials 15.3%		
	Other Financials 14.4%		
	Banks 13.5%	Macquarie Group	6.8%
	Health Care 10.2%	BHP	5.7%
	= Telcos & I.T. 8.6%	CSL	5.1%
	Consumer Staples 8.5%	CBA	4.4%
	Industrials 7.9%	Wesfarmers	4.3%
	Energy 7.4%	Rio Tinto	4.0%
	Consumer Discret. 6.5%	ANZ	3.2%
	Property 2.7%	Westpac	3.0%
	<ul> <li>LICs 2.0%</li> <li>Utilities 1.7%</li> </ul>	Santos	2.9%
		NAB	2.8%
	Cash 1.3%		



### THE SHRINKING SHARE MARKET



## AUSTRALIAN BANKING SECTOR





## BANKS REMAIN WELL POSITIONED

Half year profit \$3.3 billion down 16%

Interim dividend \$0.75 per share up 7%

Plus special dividend \$0.15c



Half year profit \$3.5 billion down 13%

Interim dividend \$0.84 per share up 1% Commonwealth Bank

Half year profit \$5.0 billion down 3%

Interim dividend \$2.15 per share up 2%



Half year profit \$3.6 billion down 7%

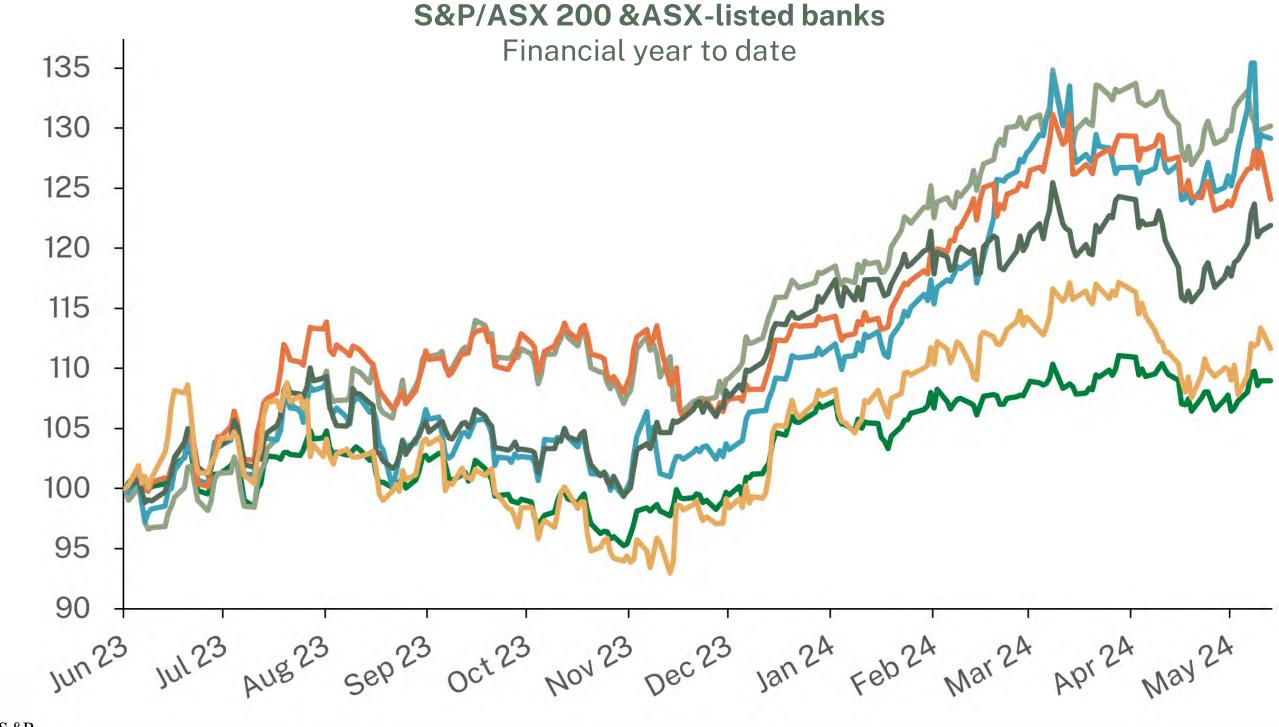
Interim dividend \$0.83 per share up 2%



Full year profit \$3.5 billion down 32%

Full year dividend \$6.40 per share down 15%

## **BANKS OUTPERFORM MARKET**



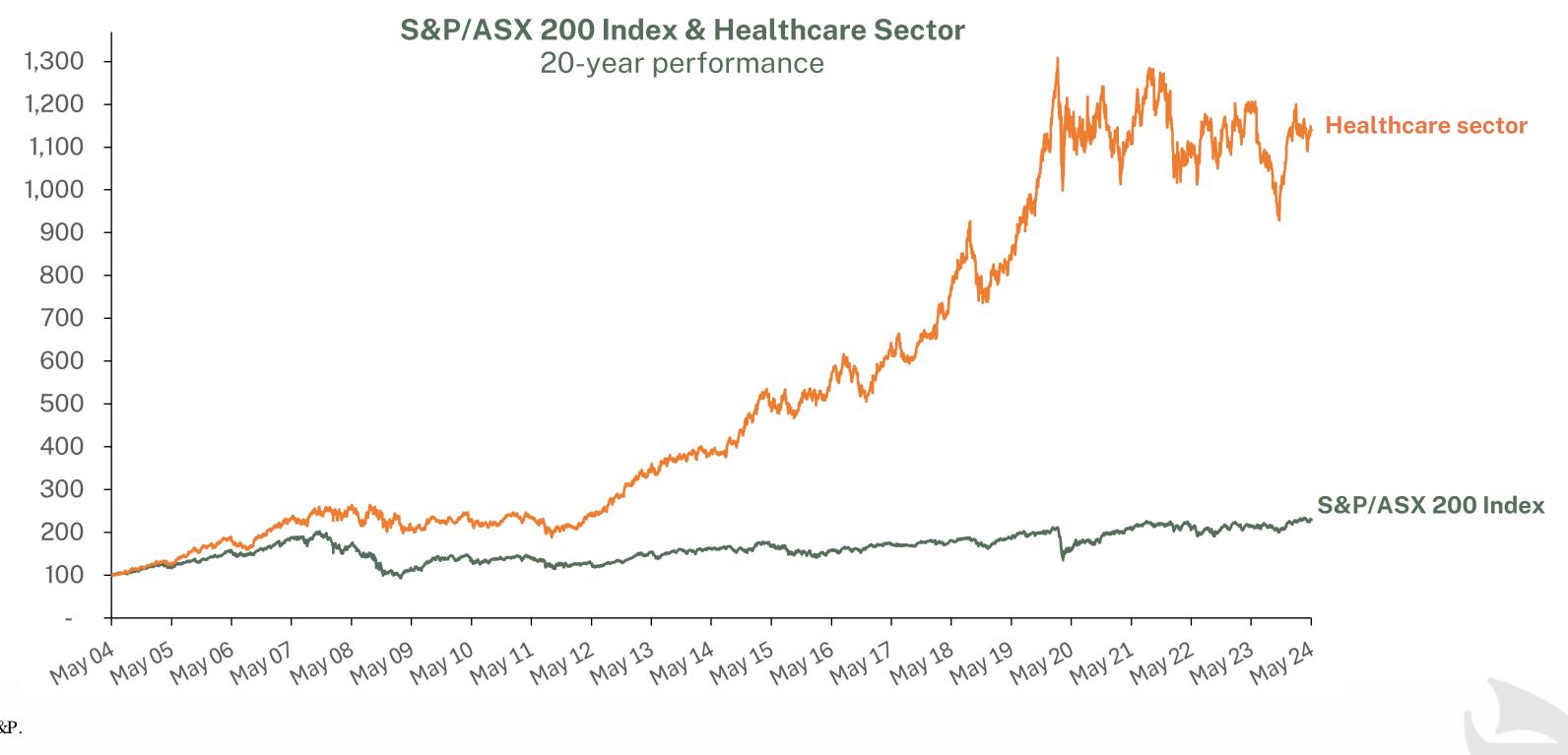
Nab Westpac ANZ **Commonwealth Bank** 

**Macquarie Group** S&P/ASX 200 Index

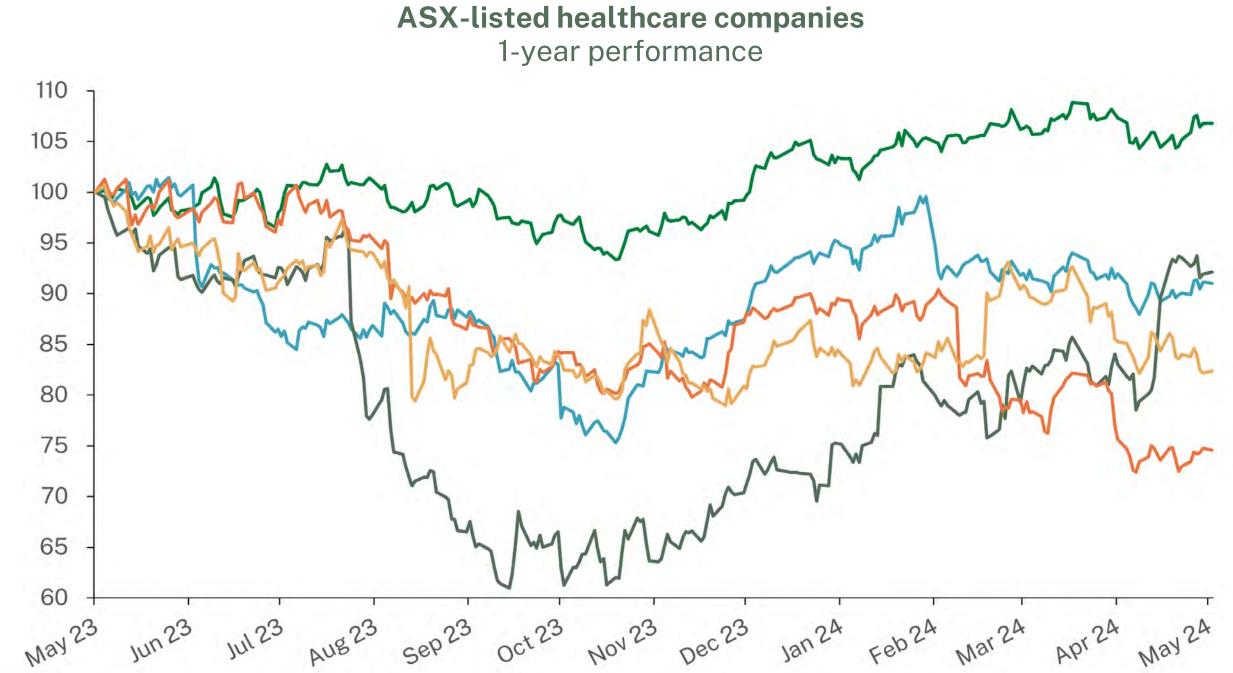
## **PORTFOLIO MOVEMENTS**



### HEALTHCARE PERFORMANCE



### **SHORT-TERM PERFORMANCE**



#### S&P/ASX 200 Index

Resmed CSL

**Ramsay Health Care** 

**Sonic Healthcare** 



## DEMOGRAPHIC TAILWINDS

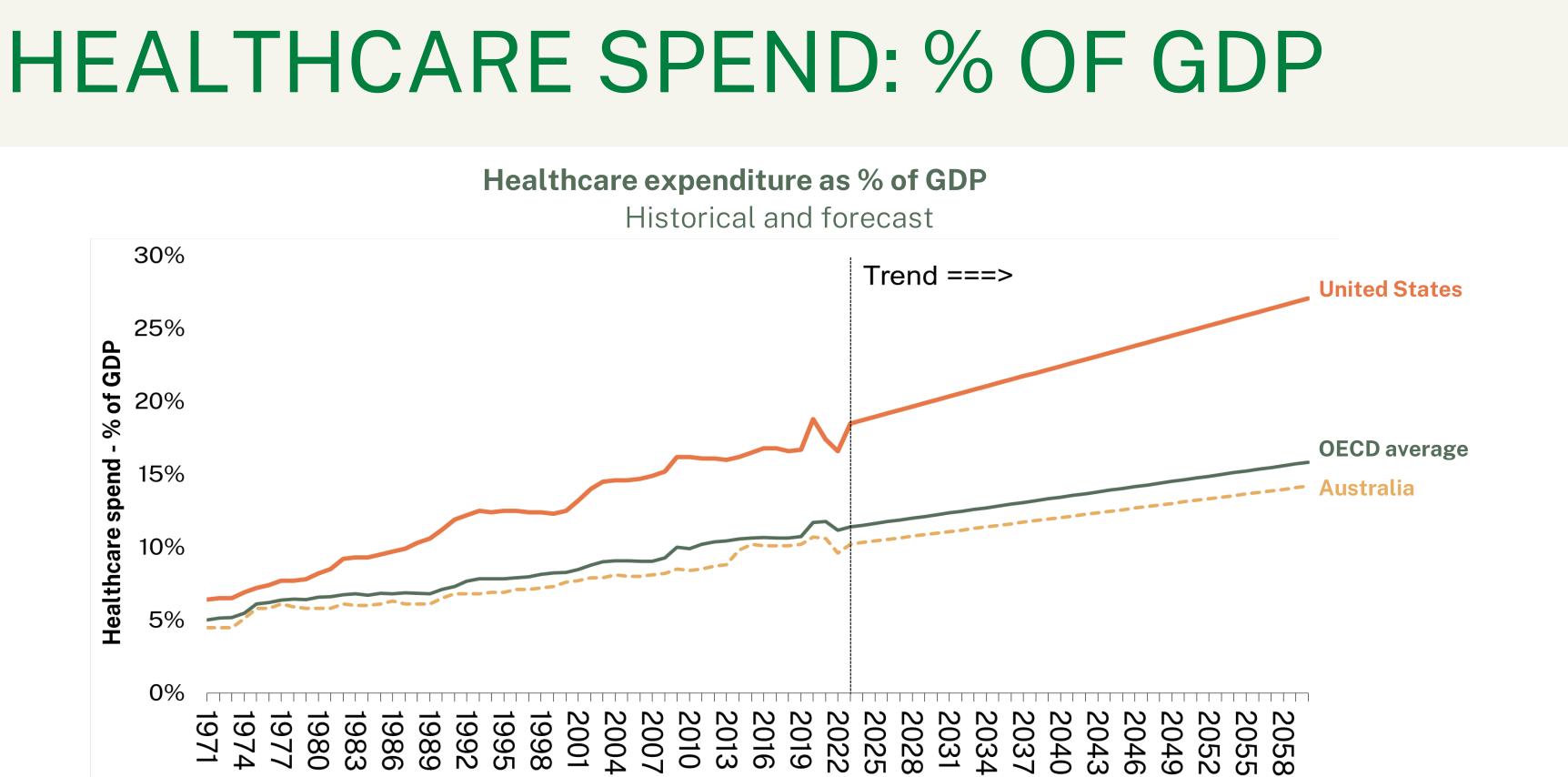
#### 100% 6% 7% 10% 12% 90% 26% 80% 29% 28% 28% 70% 60% 50% 41% 39% 40% 38% 40% 30% 20% 27% 25% 22% 21% 10% 0% 2010 2020 2030 2040

#### US % share of total population by age

13%	75+ years
29%	<b>50-74 years</b>
37%	<b>20-49 years</b>
21%	0-19 years
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Historical and forecast



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2058 2055 2052



## HEALTHCARE SECTOR PROFILE

#### **Services**







#### **Devices & Consumables**









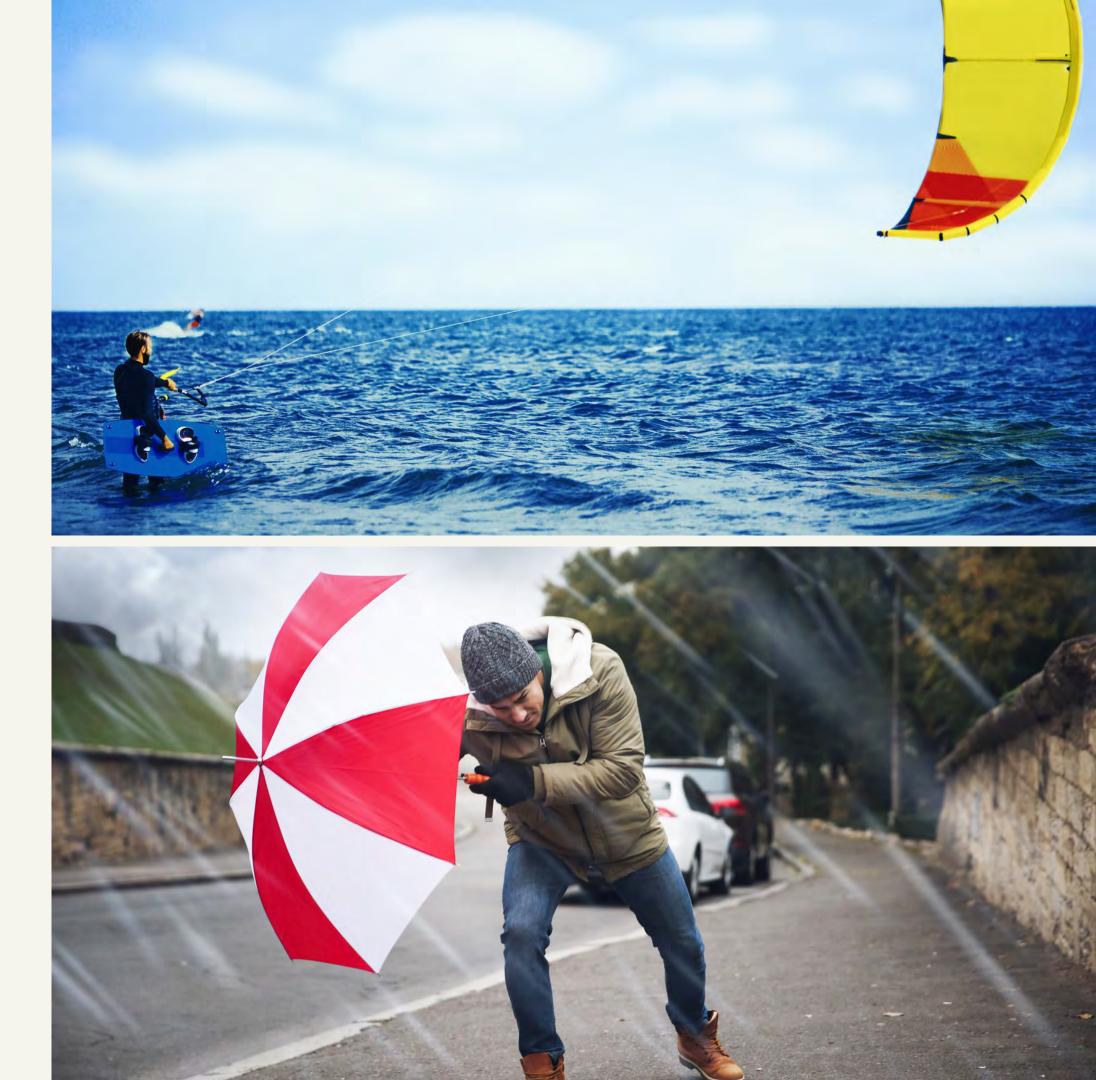
#### Infrastructure



#### **Product Manufacture & Distribution**



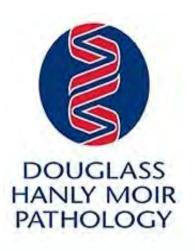
## SECTOR TAILWINDS & HEADWINDS



## **COVID DISRUPTION**

#### **Industry winners**











#### **Industry losers**











## **POST-COVID DYNAMICS**

#### **Industry winners**





### **CSL Plasma**





#### **Industry losers**







### **OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES**

#### Long-term tailwinds







#### **Short-term challenges**





## LOOKING AHEAD



## FROM RATE CUTS TO HIKES?

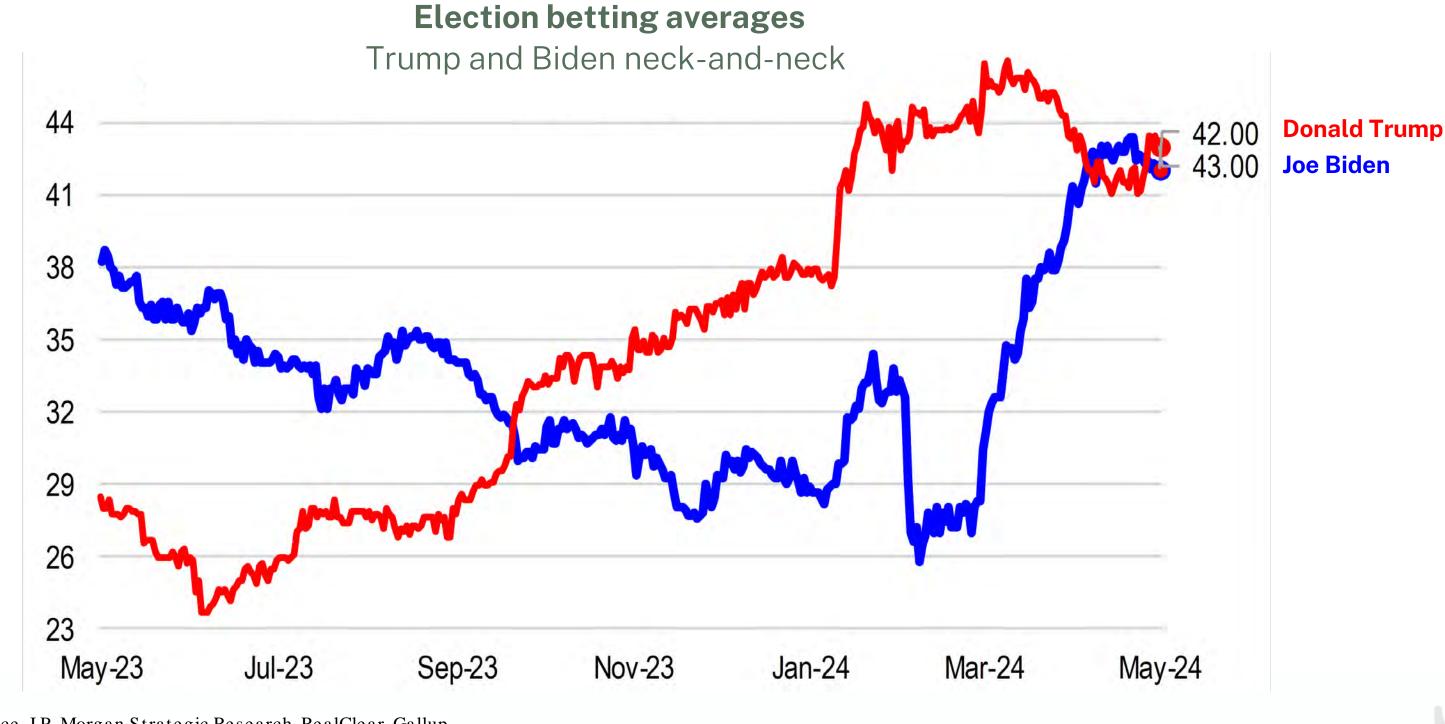
#### **Forecast number of cuts**

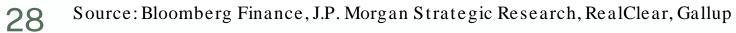
To be made by the US Federal Reserve



Source: Bloomberg Finance, J.P. Morgan forecasts. 27

## **US ELECTION**

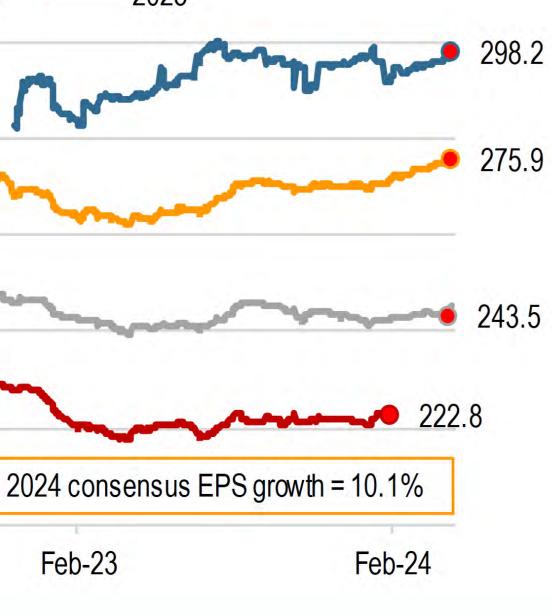




## **US OUTLOOK HEALTHY**

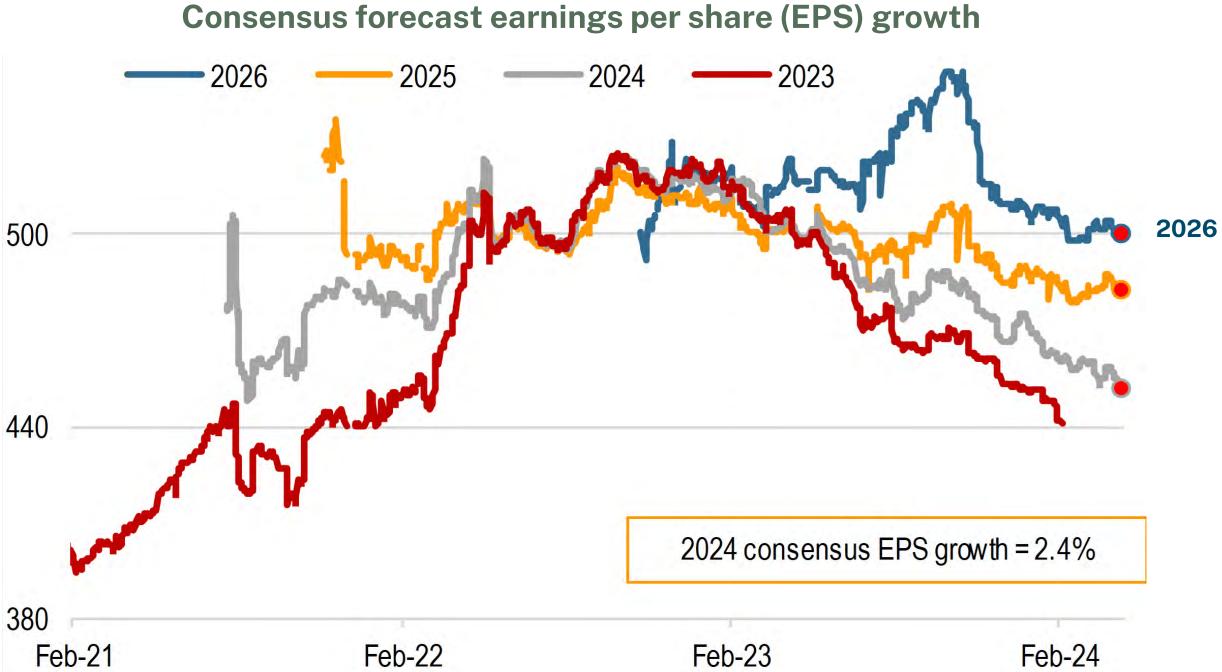
**Consensus forecast earnings per share (EPS) growth** 2026 -2024 2025 2023 300 280 260 240 220 200 Feb-21 Feb-22 Feb-23







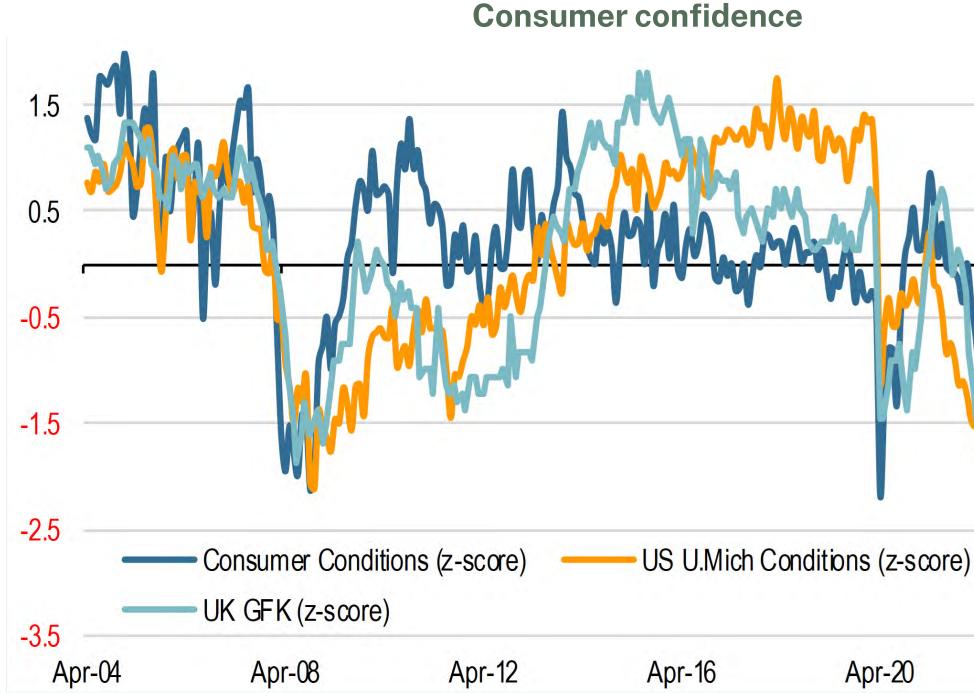
## DOMESTIC OUTLOOK SOFTER

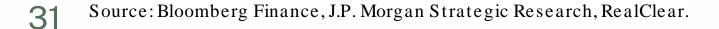


Source: Bloomberg Finance, J.P. Morgan forecasts.



## **AUSTRALIAN CONSUMERS GLOOMY**





**UK consumers** 

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0.81

**US consumers** 

**Australian consumers** 

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## ARGO INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW





## OVERVIEW

ASX code	<b>Dividend yield</b>	Consecutive fu franked divider
ALI	5.9%	12
	Grossed up to include franking credits	Dividends paid even since inception

**Total assets** \$410 million

\$434m in 2023

Manager

Argo Investments **Portfolio Manager** 

Cohen & **Steers** 

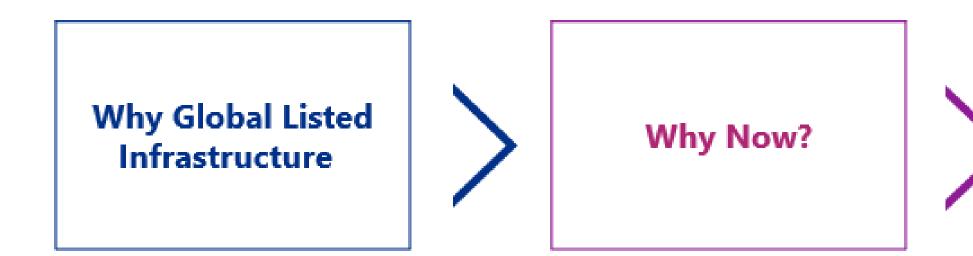


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## KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR INVESTORS





#### Why Cohen & Steers?

## THE INVESTMENT CASE FOR GLOBAL LISTED INFRASTRUCTURE

Key characteristics of the asset class Differentiated performance profile



- Essential services
- High barriers to entry
- Predictable often inflationlinked cash flows
- Long operational life
- Relative stability of cash flows



- Equity-like returns potential with historically lower volatility
- Attractive downside capture
- Inflation beta
- Expected returns comprised of 3–4% dividend yield and 4–6% long term cash flow growth

#### Structural drivers of long-term investment



- Infrastructure spending is key for economic and societal growth:
  - Aging infrastructure
  - Population growth
  - Urbanization
  - Technological advancements

# INFRASTRUCTURE IS ESSENTIAL FOR **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

### **Characteristics of Global Listed Infrastructure**

• Long-lived real assets • High barriers to entry • Inflation-linked pricing

### **Communications**

Wireless towers, satellites, data centers



### **Midstream Energy**

Energy transportation, gathering & processing, storage



### **Transportation**

Toll roads, marine ports, railways, airports



Often regulated or concession-based

### **Utilities**

Electric, gas, water, renewables



# WHY INFRASTRUCTURE NOW

### Supportive secular drivers

Differentiated performance profile

Supported valuations

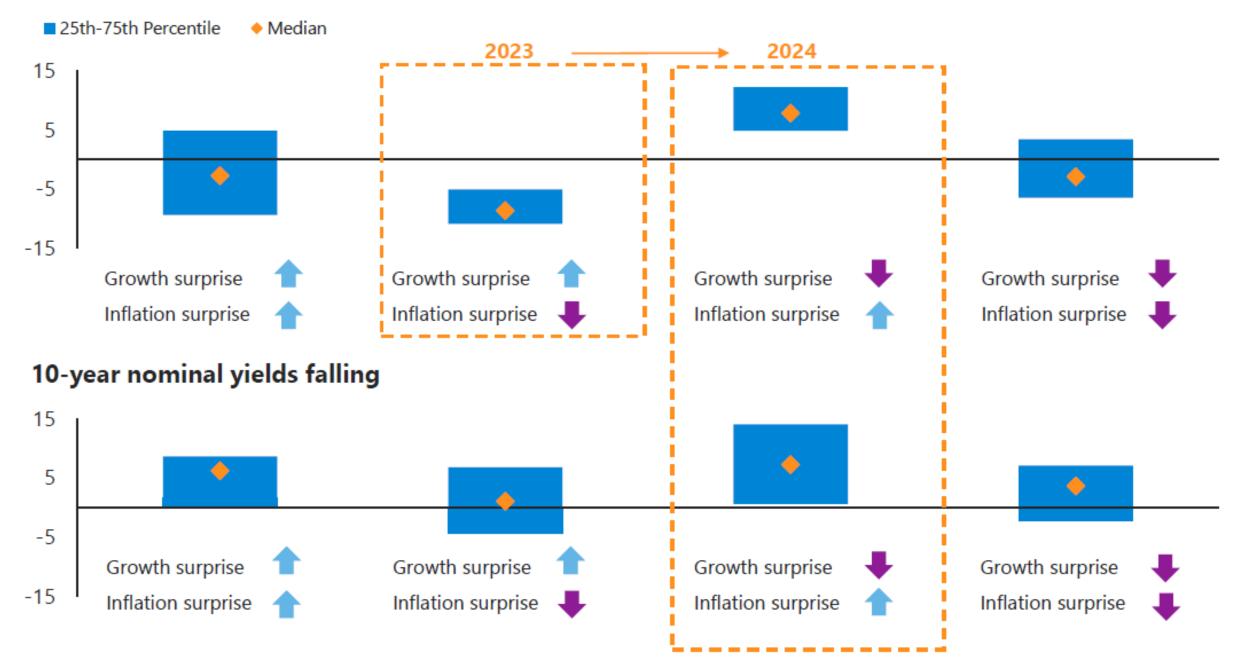
Key sub-sector themes



### RELATIVE PERFORMANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN VARIOUS GROWTH, INFLATION AND RATES REGIMES

### Real total return relative to MSCI World Equities (1979-2023), in (%)

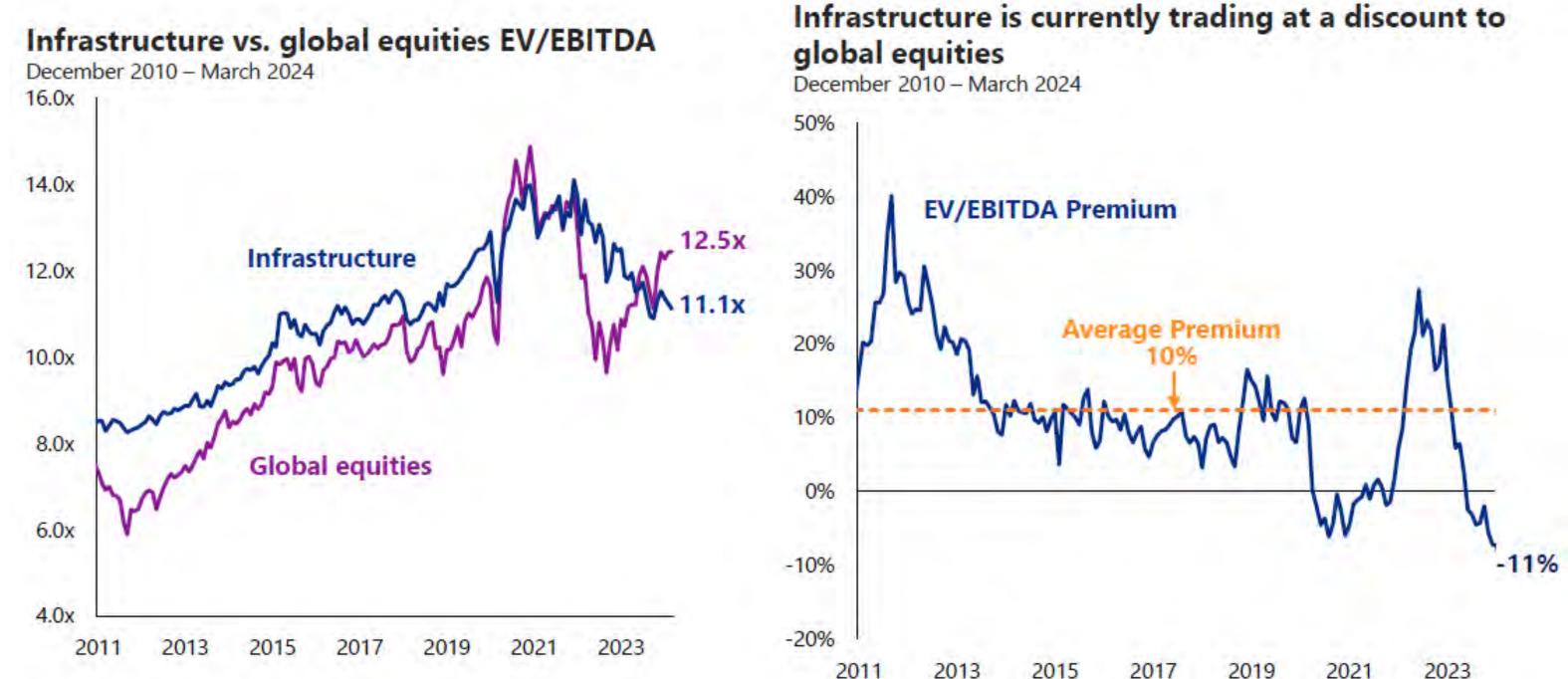
### 10-year nominal yields rising



At March 31, 2024. Source Cohen and Steers proprietary analysis.

Surprise compared to expectations 12 months prior, based on the Philadelphia Fed Survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF) median RGDP forecast and University of Michigan Consumer

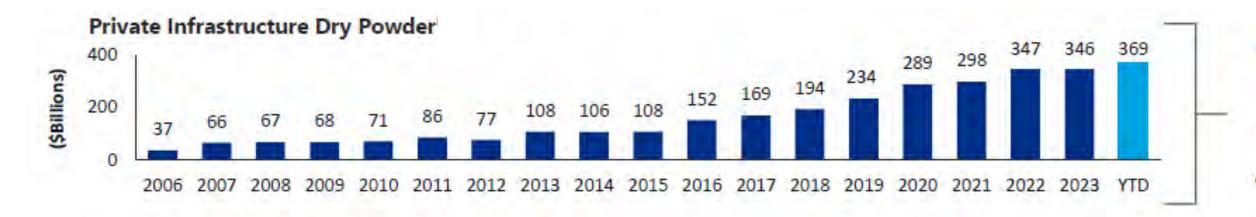
# **CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE VALUATIONS ARE** ATTRACTIVE RELATIVE TO GLOBAL EQUITIES



At March 31, 2024. Source: MSCI, FTSE, FactSet and Cohen & Steers Data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.

2023 2021 2015 2017 2019

### **RECORD DRY POWDER CREATING A** VALUATION FLOOR



### **Recent Infrastructure Transactions**

Asset	Buyer	Year	EV/EBITDA
50% of Offshore Business	Stonepeak	2024	- 6
LA & MS LDC Assets	Bernhard Capital Partners	2024	
EDP Transmissao SP-MG/Mata Grade Transmissao de Energia	Edify	2023	10.0x
Cellnex Sweden/Cellnex Denmark	Stonepeak	2023	24x
Moray East Offshore	Equitix	2023	
Wind Portfolio	Orlen	2023	(-
20% stake in National Gas (gas transmission)	Macquarie + Others	2023	13.4x
NIPSCO	Blackstone	2023	1. H
Commercial Renewables	Brookfield	2023	9.2x
AMT Data Center Business (29% stake)	Stonepeak	2023	27.0x

At March 31, 2024. Source: Pregin, Goldman Sachs and Cohen & Steers.

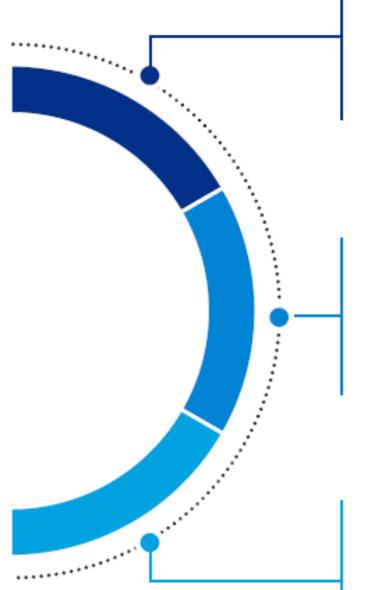
Over \$369B in assets on the sidelines. This could cause private investors to chase a limited number of deals, with increased competition possibly driving down returns

> Institutional investors are under allocated to infrastructure, only hitting an average of 70% of allocation targets

Private funds are acquiring assets at significant premiums over prices prior to acquisition

> Average premium 31%

## KEY THEMES WITHIN LISTED INFRASTRUCTURE TODAY



### **Evolving global supply chains**

Growing data intensity will require major investments in wireless networks and data centers

Sectors impacted: Cell towers. Telecommunications

### **Digital transformation**

Significant growth opportunities exist as society maintains a balance of traditional and renewable energy sources

Sectors impacted: Electric utilities, Renewable energy developers, Midstream

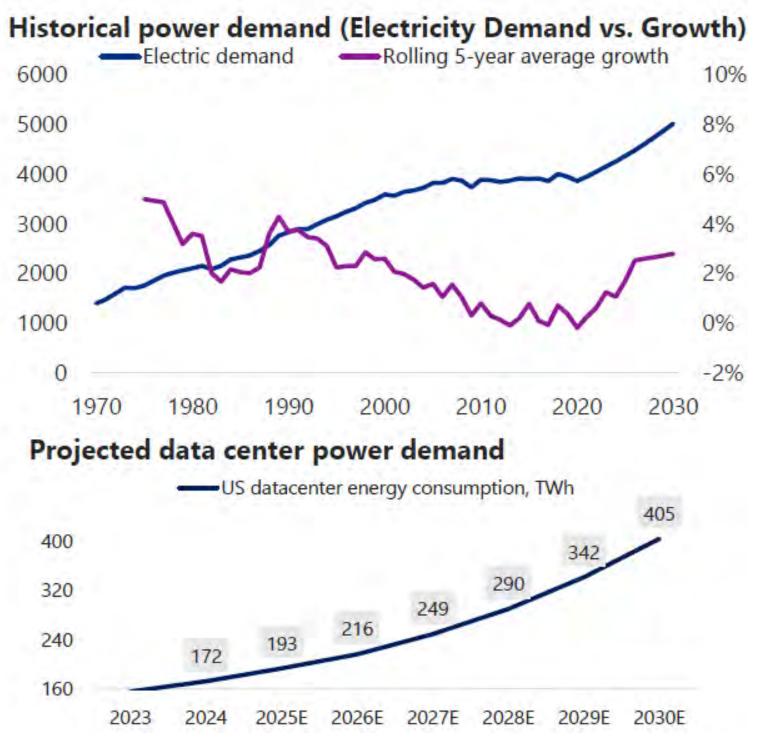
### **Energy** 'addition'

Ongoing evolution of global supply chains as a result of factors such as: operational efficiency, deglobalization, and nearshoring

Sectors impacted: Marine ports; Airports; Freight rails



## HIGHER POWER DEMAND CAN BENEFIT **REGULATED UTILITIES**



### Summary

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At March 31, 2024. Source: McKinsey Energy Solutions Global Energy Perspective, Cohen & Steers, EIA.

 Power demand in the US has hardly grown since 2007, although new data centers are expected to add 405 TWh of new load by 2030.

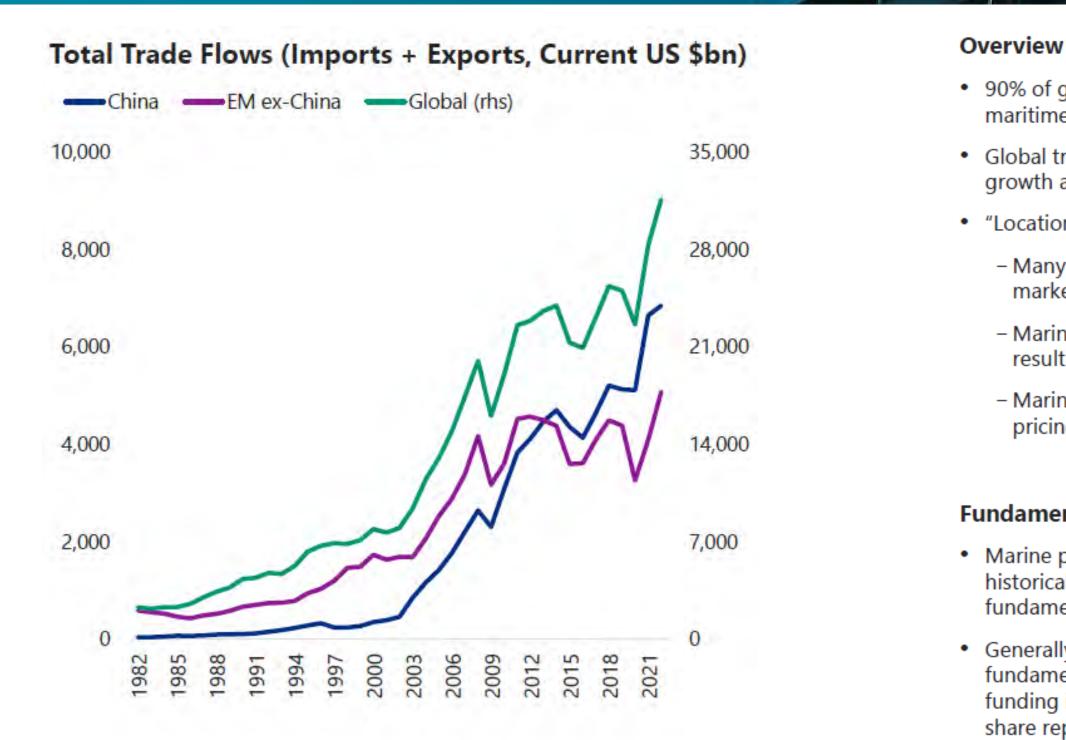
Data centers, electric vehicles, onshoring and the decarbonization of industrial processes will likely drive the biggest step-change in power demand since air conditioning. Several utilities have revised annualized load growth forecasts higher (from ~2% to ~5%) to account this new demand.

This new demand should catalyze higher rate base and EPS growth for the sector, although regulatory support will be critical to monitor.

However, the benefits of power demand growth are currently being overshadowed by higher interest rates

- 80% of utility financing costs reside at operating companies, meaning that changes in those costs are recovered from customers.

### MARINE PORTS ARE BENEFITING FROM INCREASED VOLUMES AND THE REROUTING OF GLOBAL TRADE FLOWS



- 90% of global trade relies on ocean freight, making maritime shipping crucial to the global economy
- Global trade flows continue to expand, driving volume growth at ports
  - "Location, location, location!"
  - Many of the busiest ports in the world are in emerging market countries (i.e. China, India, UAE, Brazil, Malaysia)
  - Marine port real estate has long been 'spoken for', resulting in a wide moat for incumbents
  - Marine ports in tightly balanced markets benefit from pricing power

#### Fundamentals & valuation

- Marine ports have generally traded at discounts to historical valuations, despite continuous improvement in fundamentals
- Generally good balance sheets and strong business fundamentals have translated into shareholder value, funding investments toward new growth projects, M&A, share repurchases and dividend acceleration

# PORTFOLIO IN ACTION

	PPL Corporation (PPL) Electric Utilities	Norfolk Southern Corporation (NSC) Freight Rails	Internation Container Ter (ICT) Marine Por	
	<ul> <li>Large cap regulated US utility operating in constructive regulatory jurisdictions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>North American freight rail company with assets across the eastern half of the United States</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Largest independ port operator with across six contine focus on Origin 8</li> </ul>	
Overview sheet to fund transfrom coal to clean energy sources	<ul> <li>Best in class balance sheet to fund transition from coal to cleaner energy sources</li> <li>6-8% earnings growth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Turnaround opportunity with activist-led credible path to improve operating margins over 3 ears</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Destination term</li> <li>Significant organ growth opportur across core asset footprint</li> </ul>	
	with upside from power demand	<ul> <li>Current 18x P/E multiple relative to peers at 20x+</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tariff increases d strong EBITDA gr</li> </ul>	
Weight	3.60%	3.05%		







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### TC Energy (TRP) Midstream

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- Owner and operator of franchise North American energy infrastructure assets
- Currently pursuing a spin of legacy crude oil pipeline business to unlock value
- 7.3% dividend yield with attractive growth potential

3.87%

### **COHEN & STEERS' COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES**

**Experienced global** investment team

Substantial market position

Unique and rigorous investment process

**Dedicated real assets** manager

Alignment of interest



### **Cycle-tested record**

# TOP HOLDINGS

### Top ten holdings

NextEra Energy Inc. Duke Energy Corporation American Tower Corporation TC Energy Corp NiSource Inc. Cheniere Energy Inc. PPL Corporation PG&E Corporation Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated

Norfolk Southern Corporation





Portfolio %	
5.60	
5.01	
4.72	
3.87	
3.80	
3.66	
3.60	
3.22	
3.19	
3.05	
39.72	

## **COHEN & STEERS TEAM**

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Chief Investment Officer 19/29

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Head of Global Listed Infrastructure, Senior Portfolio Manager New York 21/26

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Portfolio Manager New York 12/15

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Andrew Burd Senior Analyst New York 6/14

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#### **Evan Serton**

Senior Portfolio Specialist 18/25

#### **Risk Management**

Head of Risk Management Yigal Jhirad 17/37 3 Analysts

#### **Quantitative Research**

Head of Portfolio Solutions Group Joseph Handelman 8/21 1 Analyst

Avg. years with CNS	Avg. years experience
13	19
7	17
10	23

# SUMMARY

### Why Invest in global listed infrastructure

- Massive infrastructure investments are needed globally
- Historically compelling risk-adjusted returns with attractive income component
- Low long-term correlations to broad stock and bond markets
- Liquidity of listed market provides ability to invest and manage a portfolio efficiently
- Access to large, diverse universe
- Investor-friendly terms compared with long lockup periods and high fees associated with private infrastructure investments

- core strategy for firm
- and bottom-up research

- and continuity



### Why Cohen & Steers

 Cohen & Steers is a pioneer and leader in the listed real assets space; listed infrastructure is

Disciplined process that combines top-down

 Strong 18-year + track record, outperforming in both up and down markets

 Dedicated team with significant experience and global presence; current investment team members have been on the team since inception

Ownership structure promotes independence

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