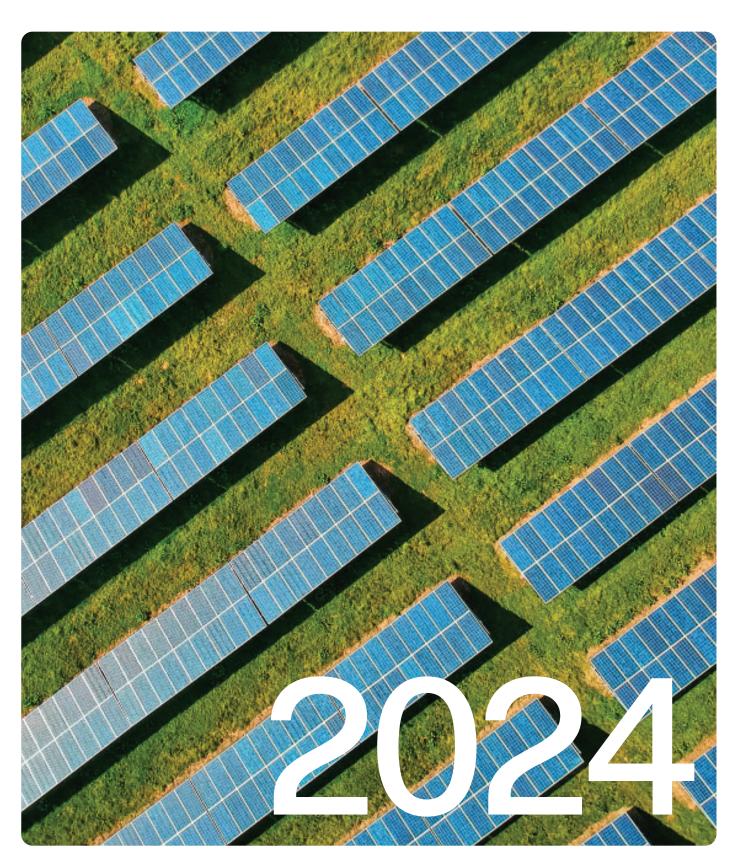
# Annual Report





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### 2024 overview

**Net assets** 

\$417m

At 30 June 2024 \$418 million at 30 June 2023

## Portfolio performance

+4.8%

Year ended 30 June 2024

## Full year dividends

9.0c

Per share, fully franked 8.5 cents in 2023

## Fully franked dividends

13

Consecutive fully franked dividends paid

## **Total dividends**

57.75c

Per share, paid since inception in 2015

## NTA per share

\$2.37

\$2.39 at 30 June 2023

## **Shareholders**

9,000

At 30 June 2024

## Letter from the Chairman



Russell Higgins AO Chairman

Dear valued shareholder,

I am pleased to present Argo Infrastructure's 2024 Annual Report.

It has been another difficult year for global infrastructure stocks, which despite generating a positive return, significantly lagged strong broader equity markets.

However, the Company recorded a profit of \$12.8 million and its portfolio of infrastructure stocks generated income of \$14.9 million, an increase of +3.8% on the prior year. In an environment of persistently high inflation, the increased income underscores the benefit of inflation-linked pricing mechanisms, which allow many infrastructure businesses to raise their user fees in line with inflation.

Pleasingly, Argo Infrastructure's full year dividends increased to a record high of 9.0 cents per share, fully franked. In a demonstration of our commitment to delivering sustainable returns, we have now paid our shareholders 13 consecutive fully franked dividends.

Argo Infrastructure's track record of delivering franked dividends underscores a key benefit of our listed investment company (LIC) structure. When Argo Infrastructure pays tax on profits and realised gains in Australia, we generate imputation credits for our shareholders. Investing in overseas assets directly or via a trust structure does not provide this advantage.

As we approach the tenth anniversary of Argo Infrastructure's listing on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), we remain focused on our objective of delivering total returns for long-term investors consisting of capital growth and dividend income from our global portfolio of listed infrastructure companies. Although the sector has recently been out of favour with investors, we are pleased to have delivered portfolio growth of 7.7% p.a. since inception with less volatility than broader equity markets.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your continued and loyal support of Argo Infrastructure and welcome all our new shareholders.

Yours faithfully,

Russell Higgins AO

Chairman

26 August 2024

## Letter from the Managing Director



Jason Beddow Managing Director

Dear valued shareholder,

The 2024 financial year saw broader global equity markets generate strong returns, gaining almost +20% (in A\$ terms) and reaching several record highs. The positive sentiment was primarily in response to anticipated rate cuts. Investors favoured growth-style stocks, particularly technology companies poised to benefit from the artificial intelligence boom.

Global infrastructure stocks generated a positive return (up +4.0% in A\$ terms), although they substantially underperformed broader equities in the predominantly 'risk-on' environment. Importantly, infrastructure stocks displayed resilience during the frequent periods of volatility during the year. As the global growth outlook improved, infrastructure subsectors most sensitive to economic conditions were the best performers. In addition, optimism about the potential increased energy demand, including for powering data centres, drove the strong performance of Electric Utilities, Midstream Energy and Gas Distribution stocks, particularly in the last quarter.

For the 12 months to 30 June 2024, Argo Infrastructure's global portfolio of listed infrastructure companies delivered a total return of +4.8%, ahead of the benchmark index. Our specialist, New York-based portfolio manager, Cohen & Steers, has outperformed the infrastructure benchmark over every period since Argo Infrastructure's inception in July 2015. For more about Cohen & Steers, including the benefits of having an investment team with a global presence, see page 7.

Despite the sector being relatively out of favour with investors during the year, the long-term outlook for global listed infrastructure remains positive, supported by various secular drivers, such as the global energy transition and digital transformation, and will require significant private and public capital investment over many decades. Argo Infrastructure's global portfolio of infrastructure stocks provides exposure to these key investment themes.

Yours faithfully,

Jason Beddow

Managing Director

26 August 2024

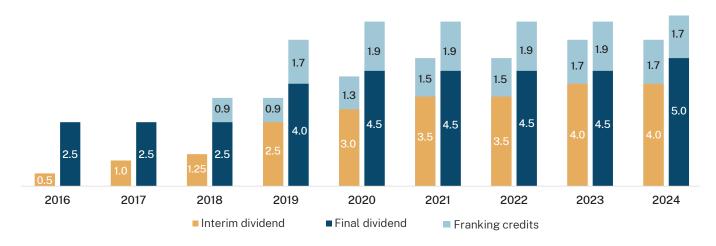
## Shareholder returns

#### Shareholder returns - \$10,000 invested since inception

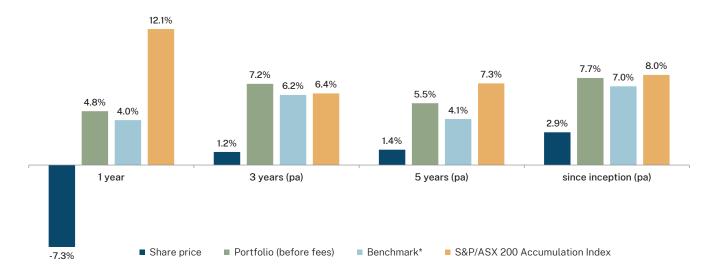


A \$10,000 investment in ALI shares in July 2015 would have grown to a value of \$12,944 (+2.9% per annum) at 30 June 2024. The tax effective value taking into account franking credits is \$14,098 (+3.9% per annum).

#### **Annual dividends paid (cents per share)**



#### **Total returns**



## About Argo Infrastructure

Argo Infrastructure offers investors exposure to a diverse and actively managed global portfolio of infrastructure stocks, through a single ASX-listed company.

Argo Global Listed Infrastructure (Argo Infrastructure) was founded in 2015 by Argo Investments to provide an international diversification opportunity for Australian investors, who are typically predominately exposed to Australian equities.

Argo Infrastructure is managed by Argo Investments which brings considerable experience as one of Australia's oldest and largest listed investment companies. Management of Argo Infrastructure's investment portfolio is outsourced to specialist global manager, Cohen & Steers.

#### Infrastructure benefits

Infrastructure provides the essential services vital to society and economic progress. These assets are built to last many decades, are difficult to replace and generate consistent and predictable income, often with pricing mechanisms linked to inflation.

Argo Infrastructure invests in the listed infrastructure companies that own these assets all around the world.

#### **Access global opportunities**

Opportunities to invest in Australian listed infrastructure companies have dwindled in recent years. In contrast, there are approximately 350 listed infrastructure companies globally.

Argo Infrastructure offers diverse exposure to these global listed infrastructure opportunities. The portfolio spans both emerging and developed economies and covers the full spectrum of infrastructure assets, such as water utilities, communication towers, pipelines and many other assets not accessible via the Australian share market.

#### Straightforward global investing

Our straightforward listed investment company (LIC) structure filters out the administrative complexity of investing overseas.

In addition, Argo Infrastructure offers the opportunity to receive fully franked dividends. A key benefit of investing in international assets via our Australian LIC structure is the ability to generate franking credits when company tax is paid in Australia.

#### Specialist global fund manager

Cohen & Steers is one of the world's largest and most respected listed infrastructure investors. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Cohen & Steers has an experienced team of analysts in offices across the world providing 'on the ground' insights. For more about Cohen & Steers, see page 7.

#### Simple to invest

Argo Infrastructure shares are bought and sold on the ASX. There are no upfront, ongoing or exit fees to invest in Argo Infrastructure. The only costs to invest are stockbroking charges to buy or sell shares.

#### **Our objective**

Our objective is to provide a total return for long-term investors consisting of capital growth and dividend income from a global listed infrastructure portfolio which can provide diversification benefits for Australian investors.

## Shareholder benefits



#### **Global diversification**

Exposure across various geographies and both emerging and developed economies.



#### Specialist global fund manager

Access to a world-leading, specialist infrastructure fund manager.



#### Access new infrastructure opportunities

New opportunities offshore through government privatisations.



#### Proven investment approach

Experienced investment team with a long and successful track record.



#### **Enhanced risk-adjusted returns**

Less volatile than broader equities providing some relative downside protection.



#### Simple global investing

Exposure to a large and complex asset class through one simple ASX trade.

## About the Portfolio Manager

The management of Argo Infrastructure's investment portfolio is outsourced to specialist global fund manager, Cohen & Steers.

One of the world's largest and most highly respected investors in global listed infrastructure and real assets, Cohen & Steers manages approximately A\$140 billion on behalf of institutional clients and sovereign wealth funds.

Based in New York and listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE code: CNS), the firm has an experienced team of analysts across the globe providing local insights to inform investment decisions.

Due to high levels of regulation and the political sensitivity of infrastructure assets, changes in governments or policies can impact infrastructure companies and their returns.

Having people 'on the ground' in close proximity to infrastructure assets, provides clear competitive advantages, including access to key industry participants and government regulators.

#### For more information

To find out more about Cohen & Steers, visit the firm's website: cohenandsteers.com.

# COHEN & STEERS



Ben Morton
BAS, MES
Senior Portfolio
Manager



Thuy Quynh Dang
BA
Portfolio Manager



Tyler Rosenlicht
BA, MBA
Portfolio Manager



## Understanding global listed infrastructure

Infrastructure assets typically generate consistent and predictable income for the listed companies that own and operate them.

#### What is infrastructure?

The real or 'hard' assets critical to economic growth and the functioning of society. These assets fall into four broad categories:



#### Communications

Wireless communication towers, data centres and satellites.



#### **Transportation**

Toll roads, ports, freight and passenger railways and airports.



#### **Utilities**

Gas, electricity, water and renewables.



#### Midstream energy

Pipelines and storage.

#### **Key characteristics**

Infrastructure assets cover a diverse range of industries, yet they share key characteristics that translate into reliable, long-term income streams.

#### Stable and predictable cash flows

The essential service nature of most infrastructure assets means demand is reasonably inelastic. This generates stable and predictable cash flows, even in economic downturns.

#### High barriers to entry

Infrastructure assets are costly to build and difficult to replicate. This reduces competition and creates monopolistic market positions and pricing power.

#### Long-life assets

As infrastructure assets are typically built to last 30 to 50 years plus, they provide long-term investment income.

#### Inflation-linked pricing

Asset regulators generally take inflation into account when setting asset-pricing structures. So, as inflation rises, asset operators are often permitted to increase user fees.

#### Listed versus unlisted infrastructure

Listed infrastructure companies own the same kinds of assets as unlisted private infrastructure owners, with the added benefits of exchange-traded stocks including:

#### Transparency

Exchange-listed companies are public companies subject to various disclosure and governance requirements.

#### Diversification

Small minimum investments allow capital to be spread broadly across asset types. In contrast, direct infrastructure investments typically require a significant minimum capital commitment.

#### **Flexibility**

No fixed period for investment commitment. In contrast, direct infrastructure investments generally require the long-term lock-up of capital.

#### Liquidity

Highly liquid investment universe offers active managers the ability to rapidly adjust portfolio positions as conditions change.

## Investment approach

The investment approach of Argo Infrastructure's portfolio manager has seen the portfolio outperform our benchmark infrastructure index over all time periods since inception.

#### **Investment strategy**

Argo Infrastructure's portfolio manager, Cohen & Steers, employs a high conviction and active approach which seeks to position our portfolio to benefit from the growing demand for infrastructure investment and the continued privatisation of traditionally government-owned assets and services worldwide.

#### **Investment process**

Cohen & Steers' investment process is based on fundamental research, incorporating a disciplined top-down screen of the global infrastructure universe to identify attractive subsectors, coupled with detailed bottom-up analysis of individual securities.

Cohen & Steers uses proprietary valuation models to rank the relative attractiveness of infrastructure subsectors depending on economic conditions globally, adjusting weightings as required to optimise portfolio performance.

The individual security analysis includes forming an independent view on a company's fundamentals, regulatory trends and financials. This analysis includes time spent in local markets meeting with management teams, visiting assets, and spending time with regulators.

Cohen & Steers' research analysts then develop projections for each company's earnings, cash flow and dividend growth potential, with the most effective metrics then selected for each subsector. Security level weightings are determined based on fundamental research and valuation models.

#### **ESG** integration

Cohen & Steers believes that environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors can influence the returns from companies it invests in.

Recognising their significant importance, ESG factors are integrated into Cohen & Steers' fundamental stock analysis.

Cohen & Steers' ESG integration investment process follows four main steps:

- 1. Identify ESG factors and assign weights by asset class sector.
- 2. Generate proprietary ESG scores.
- 3. Integrate scores into investment decisions.
- 4. Engage companies to gain insight and drive positive change.

"...companies that integrate ESG considerations into their strategic plans and operations can enhance long-term shareholder value while mitigating potential risks."

- Cohen & Steers

#### More information

Detailed information about Cohen & Steers' investment approach, ESG integration and responsible investing is provided on their website: cohenandsteers.com.

## Portfolio overview

Argo Infrastructure's actively-managed global portfolio of 50-70 listed infrastructure securities is diversified across various subsectors and geographies, including both emerging and developed economies.

The large and highly liquid nature of the global listed infrastructure universe offers the flexibility to build a diversified portfolio.

Argo Infrastructure's portfolio only includes listed companies that derive at least 70% of revenues from, or have at least 70% of assets committed to, the construction, development or financing of infrastructure assets, or the management, ownership and/or operation of infrastructure assets.

Up to 5% of the portfolio may be held in cash securities which provides the ability to pursue market opportunities as they arise. The portfolio is unhedged for currency and has no debt.

#### Top 10 holdings

Security name	Country of listing	Sub-sector	Portfolio (%)	Index (%)
NextEra Energy	US	Electric	6.8	5.7
American Tower	US	Communications	5.2	3.2
Duke Energy	US	Electric	4.0	3.0
TC Energy	CAN	Midstream Energy	4.0	1.4
NiSource	US	Gas Distribution	3.9	0.5
Cheniere Energy	US	Midstream Energy	3.4	1.4
Public Service Enterprise Group	US	Electric	3.3	1.4
PG&E	US	Electric	3.2	1.5
PPL	US	Electric	3.0	0.8
Pembina Pipeline	CAN	Midstream Energy	2.9	0.7
			39.7	19.6

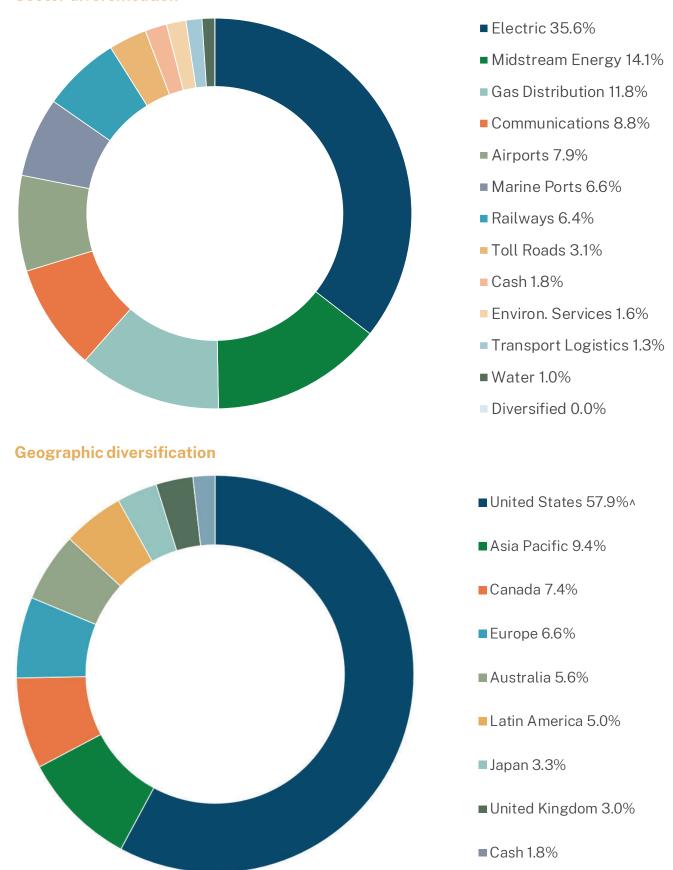
All figures are at 30 June 2024

#### Portfolio holdings

Argo Infrastructure's portfolio of investments, including the value of each holding, can be found on page 59 of this Annual Report.

## Portfolio diversification

#### **Sector diversification**



<sup>^</sup> Many of the largest infrastructure companies are listed in the United States, although their operations and earnings are often global.

All figures are at 30 June 2024.

## Directors' Report

The Directors present their ninth Annual Report together with the financial report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ALI or Company) for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, including the Independent Auditor's Report.

#### **Directors**

At the date of this report, the Board comprised four Non-executive Directors and the Managing Director.

The Directors in office during or since the end of the financial year are as follows:



Russell Higgins AO Non-Independent Non-executive Director and Chairman

BEc, FAICD

Joined the Board in 2018 Appointed Chairman in 2018

#### **Experience**

Highly experienced company director who has also held several senior government positions, particularly in industry, science and energy, and in economic and fiscal policy, in Australia and overseas.

#### **ASX directorships, current**

Argo Investments (since 2011, Chairman)

ASX directorships, last 3 years

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#### Other directorships

Telstra Foundation (Chair), Argo Service Company (Chair)



#### **Sarah Brennan**

**Independent Non-executive Director** 

BA, GAICD

Joined the Board on 1 July 2024 Audit & Risk Committee member

#### Experience

Extensive financial services experience as an executive and non-executive director including in funds management, superannuation, advisory, banking and broking.

#### **ASX directorships, current**

NobleOak Life (since 2021), Netwealth Group (since 2024)

ASX directorships, last 3 years

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#### Other directorships

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Mark Hall
Independent Non-executive Director
BComm, FCPA, GradDipTax
Joined the Board in 2019

Audit & Risk Committee member (Chair)

#### **Experience**

Highly qualified and experienced in financial and taxation matters. Executive career included over 20 years with Telstra Corporation Ltd in senior finance roles including Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer.

#### **ASX directorships, current**

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#### **ASX directorships, last 3 years**

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#### Other directorships

Online Education Services



Fiona Hele
Independent Non-executive Director

BCom, FCA, FAICD

Joined the Board in 2022

Audit & Risk Committee member

#### **Experience**

Extensive experience advising public and private organisations on strategy, growth mergers and acquisitions, risk management, and governance in Australia and overseas.

#### **ASX directorships, current** Kelsian Group (since 2016, Chair)

#### **ASX directorships, last 3 years**

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#### Other directorships

**CEA Technologies** 



Jason Beddow
Non-Independent Managing Director
BEng, GdipAppFin (SecInst), GAICD
Joined the Board in 2015

#### **Experience**

Started his career in mining engineering before moving into the investment industry, working in broking, research and funds management. Joined Argo in 2001 as an investment analyst, became Chief Investment Officer in 2008 and Chief Executive Officer in 2010.

#### **ASX** directorships, current

Argo Investments (since 2014, Managing Director)

ASX directorships, last 3 years

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#### Other directorships

Argo Service Company (Managing Director)

#### **Retired Director**



### Joycelyn Morton Non-Independent Non-executive Director (Retired on 30 June 2024)

BEc, FCA, FCPA, FIPA, FGIA, FAICD

Joined the Board in 2015 Audit & Risk Committee member

#### **Experience**

Highly experienced corporate and government company director with executive experience in corporate, tax and accounting roles both in Australia and overseas.

#### **ASX** directorships, current

Felix Group Holdings (since 2021), ABx Group (since 2024)

#### ASX directorships, last 3 years

Argo Investments (2012-2022), Beach Energy (2018-2021)

#### Other directorships

Gelion plc, Epic Energy

#### **Directors' relevant interests**

The Directors' relevant interests in shares notified to the ASX in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, at the date of this report are as follows:

	Shares
R.A. Higgins AO	242,785
S.J. Brennan	
M.J.H. Hall	113,507
F.A. Hele	27,461
J. Beddow	87,184

#### **Board and committee meetings**

At the date of this report, the Company has an Audit & Risk Committee of the Board.

There were four Board meetings and four Audit & Risk Committee meetings held during the financial year. The number of meetings attended during the financial year by each of the Directors while in office were:

	Во	Board		& Risk nittee
	No. of meetings held while a Director	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held while a member	No. of meetings attended
R.A. Higgins AO	4	4	_	4*
M.J.H. Hall	4	4	4	4
F.A. Hele	4	4	4	4
J.C. Morton	4	4	4	4
J. Beddow	4	4	-	4*

<sup>\*</sup> Includes meetings attended as non-members

#### **Company Secretary**

Tim Binks *BEc, CA, FGIA, GAICD* held the role of Company Secretary during the year and at the date of this report.

Mr. Binks is also the Chief Operating Officer of Argo. He joined Argo in 2007 and is an experienced governance executive with a background in accounting, funds management and stockbroking. He was appointed as Argo's Company Secretary in 2010 and became Chief Operating Officer in 2015, whilst still maintaining the company secretarial duties. He is also Company Secretary of Argo's wholly-owned subsidiary, Argo Service Company Pty Ltd (ASCO), which acts as ALI's Manager.

#### **Other Key Management Personnel**

The names of the other Key Management Personnel disclosed in this report are Mr. T.C.A. Binks (Company Secretary) and Mr. A.B. Hill (Chief Financial Officer). Both Mr. Binks and Mr. Hill are remunerated under service agreements with the Manager, ASCO. Mr. A.B. Hill retires on 31 August 2024 with Mr. S.G. Mortimer promoted to Chief Financial Officer from 1 September 2024.

Other Key Management Personnel's interests in shares at the date of this report are as follows:

	Shares
T.C.A. Binks	16,179
A.B. Hill	18,486

#### Principal activities and state of affairs

The Company is a listed investment company established to provide a total return for long-term investors consisting of capital growth and dividend income, from a global listed infrastructure portfolio which can provide diversification benefits for Australian investors.

The Directors do not anticipate any particular developments in the operations of the Company which will affect the results of future financial years other than those mentioned in this report.

#### **Operating and Financial Review**

#### Summary of business model

The business objective of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ASX code: ALI) is to provide a total return for long-term investors consisting of capital growth and dividend income, from a global listed infrastructure portfolio which can provide diversification benefits for Australian investors. ALI provides investors with exposure to a complex international investment class via a single ASX-listed company.

The Company generates operating revenue from dividends and distributions received from its investment portfolio. It also receives a small amount of interest on any cash balances held from time to time.

In addition to this operating income, ALI's total reported profit includes gains and losses resulting from the sale of investments during the year and the revaluation to market value of the investments which are held at the end of the year. This element of income is more volatile due to fluctuations in markets and currencies.

ALI's major expense is a management fee, as it is externally managed and has no employees of its own. ALI's management fee is 1.2% per annum of its assets under management under \$500 million, calculated monthly. A sliding scale operates to reduce the fee on assets above \$500 million to 1.1% and above \$1 billion to 1.0%. The fee is split equally between the Manager and the Portfolio Manager. No performance fees are charged.

The Manager is Argo Service Company Pty Ltd (ASCO), which is a whollyowned subsidiary of Argo Investments Limited (ASX code: ARG). ASCO provides administrative, operational and financial services to ALI, in addition to overseeing the Portfolio Manager and providing the Company's Managing Director, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. The Portfolio Manager is Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (CNS), which is a leading global investment manager based in New York. Its parent company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE code: CNS) and it is one of the world's largest investors in global listed infrastructure.

Other ALI expenses include transaction costs, custody fees, insurance, share registry charges and Directors' remuneration.

The Board determines the dividends paid to shareholders half-yearly, having regard to the income received by the Company from its portfolio dividends during the period, together with net realised gains on portfolio sales. When realised gains occur, franking credits can be generated from the corporate tax that ALI pays in Australia. These franking credits will be distributed to shareholders when available.

Due to ALI's international investment activities and its Australian domicile, the Company's returns are also impacted by foreign exchange translation on transactions during the year and balances at year end. The portfolio is unhedged for currency to assist the objective of providing returns which are uncorrelated to the Australian equity market.

Although the portfolio is diversified across 15-20 countries and a range of different currencies, approximately 60% of assets are valued in US dollars. As a result, the Australian dollar (A\$) versus the US dollar (US\$) is the exchange rate which most influences the value and profitability of the Company.

## Review of events and activities during the year

The global listed infrastructure sector delivered a positive return this year but again lagged strong broader equity markets, many of which hit record highs, which were driven by investor appetite for growth-related stocks and particularly technology companies which may benefit from artificial intelligence productivity gains.

ALI's portfolio returned +4.8% for the year ended 30 June 2024 (before fees), ahead of its benchmark FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index (A\$), which returned +4.0%. There is generally a low correlation between ALI's returns and those of Australian equities, represented by the S&P ASX 200 Accumulation Index which returned +12.1%.

The global infrastructure sector was hindered by sticky inflation and the persistence of elevated interest rates during the year. The weaker infrastructure subsectors were mostly the more defensive or interest rate sensitive ones, such as Water Utilities (-3%), Communications (-5%) and Toll Roads (-7%). However among the utilities, Electric fared better (+6%) due to increasing demand for electricity to power the data centres which are multiplying around the world.

The subsectors which benefit most from increasing economic activity were easily the best performers this year, led by Marine Ports (+52%) which saw strong container volumes, particularly in the Indian region. Midstream Energy also posted strong returns (+21%) amid expectations of increasing natural gas demand.

The Australian dollar finished the year where it started, at US\$0.67 after trading in a range between \$US0.63 and US\$0.68 during the year.

There was a substantial widening of the ALI share price discount to NTA per share during the year, moving from -5% to -15%. This

disappointing movement can be attributed to several factors, including widening discounts among LICs in general (which often occurs in strong equity markets), relatively attractive cash interest rates available during the year and the global infrastructure sector being out of favour with investors who were generally seeking riskier assets with greater exposure to strong markets.

Due to the share price discount to NTA, a Share Purchase Plan (SPP) was not offered to shareholders this year as investors could purchase shares on-market at a greater discount than would be possible to offer in a SPP.

A Dividend Substitution Share Plan (DSSP) was introduced this year, as an alternative to the existing Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP). Shareholders should note that when participating in the DSSP, dividends are foregone for tax purposes, along with franking credits, whereas the DRP utilises dividends whilst retaining franking, to purchase more ALI shares. The distinction can be appealing to some investors and financial advice is recommended when considering the DSSP.

There was one change to the composition of the Board of Directors which occurred at the end of the financial year. Joycelyn Morton retired on 30 June 2024 after over nine years of service as an inaugural director. She was succeeded by Sarah Brennan, who was appointed to the Board on 1 July 2024.

#### Discussion of results and financial position

ALI's profit for the year ended 30 June 2024 was \$12.8 million, compared to \$9.6 million for the prior period. The portfolio produced \$14.9 million in dividends, distributions and interest this year, up 3.8% on last year, highlighting the benefit of inflation-linked pricing mechanisms for many infrastructure companies.

Accounting standards require ALI to value its portfolio at each year end and treat the unrealised appreciation

or depreciation in that value as a profit or loss for the year, which can result in significant fluctuations in reported profits.

This year, the unrealised movement in portfolio value amounted to a depreciation of \$2.6 million, compared to a depreciation of \$25.6 million in the previous year. Realised gains on portfolio sales were lower this year, with a net gain of \$10.3 million, compared to \$31.1 million in the previous year.

ALI's annual dividends to shareholders increased to a record high 9.0 cents fully franked this year. The final dividend is franked at the base rate entity tax rate of 25% due to lower turnover and is ALI's 13th consecutive fully franked dividend.

The Company's balance sheet remains strong, with net assets at 30 June 2024 of \$417 million, marginally down from \$418 million at 30 June 2023. The portfolio accounts for the majority of assets and can fluctuate significantly due to market and currency movements.

NTA backing per share at 30 June 2024 was \$2.37, down from \$2.39 at 30 June 2023.

#### Future prospects, strategies and risks

ALI's future results will depend largely on the performance of the companies and other entities held in the portfolio. Although CNS actively manages the portfolio with a view to maximising these outcomes, ultimately the performance of those investee entities is influenced by many factors which are difficult to predict, including economic growth rates, inflation, interest rates, exchange rates, regulatory changes, sovereign risk and taxation levels. There are also company-specific issues such as management competence, capital strength, industry trends and competitive behaviour.

The future prospects of ALI will continue to be influenced by the macro-economic outlook with respect to inflation and interest rates globally. Geopolitical uncertainty remains, including the US election later in the year.

However in uncertain times, infrastructure tends to be a relatively resilient sector. In addition, infrastructure exposure through listed stocks allows more flexible, active management of positions than exposure through direct investment.

The constantly changing nature of markets and other investment conditions requires the Company to diligently appraise any opportunities that may present themselves, although ALI does not envisage any significant changes to its business model.

The Directors firmly believe that ALI can bring important diversification benefits to Australian equity investors from an asset class, geographic and currency perspective.

As a close-ended listed investment company with no debt, ALI is well placed to benefit from the long-term growth and income potential of the global listed infrastructure sector which remains compelling.

#### Matters arising since year end

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the financial year which has significantly affected or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### **Dividends**

An interim dividend of 4.0 cents per share, fully franked at the 30% tax rate, was paid on 22 March 2024.

On 26 August 2024, the Directors declared a final dividend of 5.0 cents per share, fully franked at the 25% tax rate, to be paid on 27 September 2024.

Total dividends for the year amount to 9.0 cents per share, maintaining last year's record high.

#### **Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP)**

The DRP raised \$1.5 million of new capital for investment during the year.

The DRP will operate for the 5.0 cents per share dividend payable on 27 September 2024 and the Directors have resolved that the shares will be allotted to participating shareholders at the market price of ALI shares, as defined by the DRP. No discount will apply.

#### **Dividend Substitution Share Plan (DSSP)**

The Company has introduced a Dividend Substitution Share Plan.

The DSSP is an optional method by which eligible shareholders may receive additional ALI shares as an alternative to receiving dividends. As participants forgo their dividends they do not receive franking credits. Further information is available on ALI's website and taxation advice is recommended.

#### Share buy-back

The Company has an on-market share buyback facility in place, in order that its shares can be bought back and cancelled where they can be purchased at a significant discount to the net tangible asset backing per share. Any such purchases have the effect of increasing the value of the remaining shares on issue. No share buy-backs occurred during the year.

#### **Environmental Regulations**

The Company's operations are not directly affected by environmental regulations.

# **Indemnification of Directors and Officers and insurance arrangements**

The Company indemnifies its past, present and future Directors and Officers against liabilities arising out of their position with the Company, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith. The deed stipulates that the Company will meet the full amount of any such liabilities, including costs and expenses.

The Company has paid a premium in respect of a Directors' and Officers' insurance policy covering the liability of past, present or future Directors and Officers, including executive officers of the Company. The terms of the policy prohibit disclosure of the details of the amount of insurance cover and the premium paid.

#### **Rounding of Amounts**

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 applies to the Company and accordingly amounts have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars in accordance with that Instrument, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Audit and Non-Audit Services**

Details of the amounts paid or payable to Ernst & Young for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in Note 18 to the financial statements of this report.

The Board has considered the position and, in accordance with advice from the Audit & Risk Committee, is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- (a) all non-audit services have been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Committee to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor; and
- (b) the non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to audit independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

The Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, is included on page 23.

#### **Remuneration Report (audited)**

This report details the remuneration arrangements for each Non-executive Director of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited. The Managing Director, Jason Beddow and the other executive Key Management Personnel are remunerated under their service agreements with the Manager, ASCO.

Non-executive Directors are remunerated by fees within the aggregate maximum annual limit of \$400,000 as set out in the Company's Constitution. Any increase in the aggregate amount of Non-executive Directors' fees must be approved by a resolution of shareholders as required by the Company's Constitution.

Non-executive Directors receive a base fee, do not receive additional fees for participating in Board Committees, and are not entitled to any other remuneration (excluding Superannuation Guarantee entitlements).

The Board determines the remuneration levels and ensures they are set to attract and retain appropriately qualified and experienced Directors. The Directors' performance is reviewed annually and their remuneration is not directly linked to the Company's performance.

For the year ended 30 June 2024, the Chairman received a fee of \$59,700 and the other Non-executive Directors received \$47,600. All Non-executive Directors' Fees are inclusive of Superannuation Guarantee contributions.

#### **Remuneration of Non-executive Directors**

The table below sets out the Non-executive Directors' remuneration paid and payable by the Company for the financial year:

		Short-term employee benefits	Post- employment benefits	
	D	Pirectors' fees \$	Superannuation <sup>(a)</sup> \$	Total \$
R.A. Higgins AO	2024	53,784	5,916	59,700
	2023	52,625	2,625 <sup>(b)</sup>	55,250
M.J.H. Hall	2024	42,883	4,717	47,600
	2023	41,267	4,333	45,600
F.A.Hele	2024	42,883	4,717	47,600
	2023	41,267	4,333	45,600
J.C. Morton <sup>(c)</sup>	2024	42,883	4,717	47,600
	2023	41,267	4,333	45,600
Total	2024	182,433	20,067	202,500
	2023	176,426	15,624	192,050

<sup>(</sup>a) Superannuation contributions made on behalf of Non-executive Directors to satisfy the Company's obligations under the Superannuation Guarantee Charge legislation.

<sup>(</sup>b) Superannuation guarantee exemptions applied with exemption amounts paid as Directors' fees.

<sup>(</sup>c) Retired 30 June 2024.

#### **Key Management Personnel equity holdings**

The number of ordinary shares in the Company held or controlled by key management personnel or their related parties during the financial year:

	Opening balance	Changes during the year	Closing balance
R.A. Higgins AO	233,253	9,532	242,785
M.J.H. Hall	87,943	25,564	113,507
F.A. Hele	26,383	1,078	27,461
J.C. Morton	131,398	5,370	136,768
J. Beddow	87,184	-	87,184
T.C.A. Binks	5,936	10,243	16,179
A.B. Hill	17,760	726	18,486

End of audited remuneration report.

#### **Corporate Governance Statement**

The Corporate Governance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024 can be accessed in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at <a href="mailto:argoinfrastructure.com.au">argoinfrastructure.com.au</a>.

Relevant governance charters, policies and codes are also available in this section of the website.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Board

R.A. Higgins AO

Chairman

26 August 2024



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## Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act* 2001 in relation to the audit;
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- (c) no non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Ernst & Young

Ernst o Young

Jonathan Hall

Partner

Sydney

26 August 2024

# Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2024		2024	2023
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income			
Dividends and distributions		14,963	14,411
Interest		31	42
Net foreign exchange (losses)/gains		(102)	477
Realised net gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		10,312	31,114
Unrealised net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(2,623)	(25,631)
Total investment income		22,581	20,413
Expenses			
Management fees	17, 19	(4,839)	(4,926)
Custody and administration fees		(308)	(319)
Directors' fees		(202)	(192)
Registry fees		(90)	(83)
Transaction costs		(697)	(666)
Other expenses		(506)	(521)
Total expenses		(6,642)	(6,707)
Profit before income tax		15,939	13,706
Income tax expense	3	(3,092)	(4,078)
Profit after income tax		12,847	9,628
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		12,847	9,628
		cents	cents
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted earnings per share	4	7.2	5.5

## Statement of Financial Position

at 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
Not	e	\$'000	\$'000
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	5,458	5,792
Receivables		1,984	1,929
Receivables – trade settlements		1,292	3,043
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	412,627	423,040
Current tax asset		1,121	-
Total Current Assets		422,482	433,804
Total Assets		422,482	433,804
Current Liabilities			
Payables		498	510
Payables – trade settlements		807	3,709
Current tax liability		-	6,770
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	7	-	4
Total Current Liabilities		1,305	10,993
Non-Current Liabilities			
Deferred tax liability	3	4,046	4,927
Total Non-Current Liabilities		4,046	4,927
Total Liabilities		5,351	15,920
Net Assets		417,131	417,884
Equity			
Contributed equity	8	359,092	357,628
Profit reserve	9	30,473	45,537
Retained earnings 1	0	27,566	14,719
Total Equity		417,131	417,884

# Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Contributed equity	Profit reserve	Retained earnings	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	(Note 8)	(Note 9)	(Note 10)	
Balance as at 1 July 2023	357,628	45,537	14,719	417,884
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	12,847	12,847
Dividends paid	-	(15,064)	-	(15,064)
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	1,464	-	-	1,464
Balance as at 30 June 2024	359,092	30,473	27,566	417,131

### for the year ended 30 June 2023

Balance as at 1 July 2022	335,206	60,147	5,091	400,444
Total comprehensive income				
for the year	-	-	9,628	9,628
Dividends paid	-	(14,610)	-	(14,610)
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	1,481	-	-	1,481
Share Purchase Plan	21,006	-	-	21,006
Cost of share issues	(65)	-	-	(65)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	357,628	45,537	14,719	417,884

# Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024

Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	416,699	414,872
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(399,752)	(419,518)
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain	(67)	434
Interest received	32	41
Dividends and distributions received	14,993	13,746
GST recovered	530	532
Management fees paid	(4,834)	(4,916)
Custody fees paid	(310)	(290)
Other expenses paid	(2,126)	(2,104)
Income tax paid	(11,864)	(13,301)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities 13(a)	13,301	(10,504)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid – net of Dividend Reinvestment Plan	(13,600)	(13,129)
Share Purchase Plan proceeds	-	21,006
Cost of share issues	-	(65)
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from financing activities	(13,600)	7,812
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(299)	(2,692)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	5,792	8,441
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(35)	43
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year 5	5,458	5,792

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

#### 1. General information

This financial report is for Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ALI or Company) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The Company is a for-profit entity limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its shares (ASX code: ALI) are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

This financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 26 August 2024. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

#### 2. Summary of material accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

#### (a) Basis of preparation

This financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, that have been measured at fair value. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars (\$), unless otherwise noted.

The financial report complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

Where appropriate, comparative disclosures have been reclassified/amended to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

#### (b) Financial instruments

#### (i) Classification

The Company's investments are classified as 'Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition'.

These are investments in exchange traded equity instruments and unit trusts.

Receivables and payables are presented at amortised cost.

#### (ii) Recognition/derecognition

The Company recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date. Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments has expired or the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. The Company derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability has expired.

#### (iii) Measurement

#### Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position initially at fair value. Transaction costs of these financial assets and liabilities are expensed in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the year in which they arise.

#### Other financial assets and liabilities

The carrying amount of other financial assets and liabilities held at amortised cost (which are all short-term) approximates fair value.

This includes cash and cash equivalents, receivables including receivables for trade settlements and payables including payables for trade settlements.

#### (iv) Fair value measurement principles

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is subsequently based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. The quoted market price used for financial assets and liabilities held by the Company is the last traded price.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Company uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

Further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined are disclosed in Notes 6 and 7.

#### (v) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### (vi) Impairment of other financial assets

The Company holds cash and cash equivalents and receivables with no financing component and maturities of less than 12 months at amortised cost. These assets are not materially impacted by impairment.

#### (c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### (d) Receivable/payable - trade settlements

These amounts represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the year. Trades are recorded on trade date, and for equities, are normally settled within two business days.

#### (e) Receivables

Receivables are recognised when a right to receive payment is established. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recognised as receivables. Given the short-term nature of most receivables their nominal amounts approximate their fair value.

#### (f) Payables

Payables are measured at their nominal amounts. Amounts are generally paid within 30 days of being recognised as payables. Given the short-term nature of most payables their nominal amounts approximate their fair value.

#### (g) Investment income

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date, with any related foreign withholding tax recorded as an income tax expense.

Trust distributions are recognised on a present entitlement basis.

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts throughout the expected life of the financial instrument, or a shorter period where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between the parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, including transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Other income is brought to account on an accruals basis.

Net changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised as income and are determined as the difference between the fair value at the balance date or consideration received (if sold during the financial year) and the fair value as at the prior balance date or initial fair value (if acquired during the financial year). This includes both realised and unrealised gains and losses, but does not include interest or dividend income.

#### (h) Expenses

Company expenses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis.

#### (i) Income tax

For the year ended 30 June 2024, due to lower annual turnover, the base rate entity tax rate of 25% (2023: 30%) applies to taxable income and deferred tax asset and liability balances.

The Company may incur withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income will be recorded gross of withholding tax in investment income, with the withholding tax expense included as part of income tax expense. Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax.

Income tax expense is recognised in net profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity. The current tax liability is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at reporting date and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted. The deferred tax balances at 30 June 2024 are calculated at a tax rate of 25% (2023: 30%).

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

A deferred tax liability is recognised when there is a taxable temporary difference between the tax base of an asset or liability and its corresponding carrying amount in the Statement of Financial Position. This arises when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its tax base.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### (j) Foreign currency translation

#### (i) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the Company's functional currency.

#### (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on a net basis within change in fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (k) Dividends

Dividends are recognised as a liability in the year in which they are declared.

#### (l) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Company is registered for GST. The issue or redemption of shares in the Company and, where applicable, the receipt of any distributions will not be subject to GST. The Company may be required to pay GST on management and other fees, charges, costs and expenses incurred by the Company. However, the Company may be entitled to input tax credits and reduced input tax credits in respect of the GST incurred.

Revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

#### (m) Earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period.

#### (n) **Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

The Company has an on-market share buy-back in place for capital management purposes. Details of the Company's share buy-back is provided in Note 8.

#### (o) Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the Company's internal reporting provided to Directors.

#### (p) Rounding of amounts

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that ASIC Corporations Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

#### (q) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that may have a financial impact on the Company and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable, the result of which forms the basis of the carrying values of assets and liabilities. As such, actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company's significant accounting estimates and judgements include fair value measurement of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market. Details on the determination of fair value are provided in Note 16(b).

#### (r) New accounting standards and interpretations

There are no standards that are not yet effective and that are expected to have a material impact on the Company in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

#### 3. Income tax

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable:		
Profit before income tax	15,939	13,706
Prima facie tax expense calculated at 25% (2023: 30%)	3,985	4,112
Tax effect of change in tax rate from 30% to 25%	(841)	-
Tax effect of dividends received	(4)	(15)
Other	(48)	(19)
Income tax expense	3,092	4,078
(b) Income tax expense composition:		
Current income tax	3,973	9,696
Deferred income tax	(881)	(5,618)
	3,092	4,078

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
(c) Deferred tax liabilities:		
The balance comprises temporary differences attributed to:		
Dividends and distributions receivable	392	449
Unrealised gains on investments	3,816	4,611
	4,208	5,060
Offset by deferred tax assets:		
Foreign tax credits receivable	(152)	(113)
Costs associated with the issue of shares	(10)	(20)
	(162)	(133)
Net deferred tax liabilities	4,046	4,927
Movements:		
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,927	10,545
Charged to profit or loss	(881)	(5,618)
Balance at the end of the year	4,046	4,927
(d) Franking account:		
Total imputation credits available, after allowing for tax payable and franked dividends receivable, in subsequent financial years based on a tax rate of 25% (2023: 30%)	10,993	15,329
Impact on the franking account of the dividend declared but not recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year at tax rate of 25% (2023: 30%)	(2,963)	(3,415)
	8,030	11,914
The franking account balance would allow the Company to fully frank additional dividend payments at tax rate of 25% up		
to an amount of (2023: 30%)	24,090	27,799
	cents	cents
This equates to a per share amount of	13.6	15.7

The Company's ability to pay franked dividends is dependent upon receipt of franked dividends and the Company paying tax.

# 4. Earnings per share

	2024	2023
	number	number
	′000	′000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in		
the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share	177,453	174,030
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit for the year	12,847	9,628
	cents	cents
Basic and diluted earnings per share	7.2	5.5

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue for the year.

At the end of the year, there were no outstanding securities that are dilutive in nature for the Company.

# 5. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank	5,458	5,792

These accounts are earning a floating interest rate of between -0.25% and +0.65% at 30 June 2024 (2023: -0.35% and +0.60%).

# 6. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Equity securities	381,771	389,641
Unit trusts	30,856	33,399
Total	412,627	423,040

The following securities each represent over 5% of total investments:

	2024	2023
	%	%
NextEra Energy Inc.	6.9	6.3
American Tower Corporation	5.3	4.7

There were 3,791 investment transactions during the financial year (2023: 4,603).

The Company is a listed investment company that invests in tradeable global listed infrastructure securities. Due to the nature of its business, the Company will always be subject to market risk as it invests its capital in securities which have fluctuating market prices. The Company's portfolio is diversified to reduce risk but market risk cannot be completely eliminated.

Risk exposures relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are included in Note 15.

### 7. Derivative financial instruments

Foreign currency contracts are primarily used by the Company to economically hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on settlement of purchases and sales of its non-Australian dollar denominated trading securities. The Company agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed upon price on an agreed future date. The Company recognises a gain or loss equal to the change in fair value at the end of each reporting period.

The Company's derivative financial instruments at year end are detailed below:

		Fair values	
	Contract/ notional	Assets	Liabilities
30 June 2024	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Foreign currency contracts	187	-	-
30 June 2023			
Foreign currency contracts	3,724	-	4

### 8. Contributed equity

Ordinary shareholders are entitled to receive dividends as declared and are also entitled to one vote per share at shareholders' meetings.

	2024	2023	2024	2023
	No. of shares	No. of shares	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	177,079,055	167,535,376	357,628	335,206
Dividend Reinvestment Plan <sup>(1)</sup>	696,587	604,971	1,464	1,481
Dividend Substitution Share Plan <sup>(2)</sup>	1,610	-	-	-
Share purchase plan	-	8,938,708	-	21,006
Cost of share issues			-	(65)
Closing balance	177,777,252	177,079,055	359,092	357,628

- (1) On 29 September 2023, 380,277 shares were allotted at \$2.12 per share pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan in operation for the final dividend paid for the year ended 30 June 2023.
  - On 22 March 2024, 316,310 shares were allotted at \$2.08 per share pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan in operation for the interim dividend paid for the year ended 30 June 2024.
- (2) On 22 March 2024, 1,610 shares were allotted at \$2.08 per share pursuant to the Dividend Substitution Share Plan (DSSP) in operation for the interim dividend paid for the year ended 30 June 2024. Shareholders who elect to be in the DSSP forgo their dividend and receive shares instead.

The Company has an on-market share buy-back arrangement in place. During the financial year, no shares were bought back (2023: nil).

### 9. Profit reserve

The profit reserve is made up of amounts allocated from retained earnings that are preserved for future dividend payments.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	45,537	60,147
Dividends paid	(15,064)	(14,610)
Balance at the end of the year	30,473	45,537

# 10. Retained earnings

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	14,719	5,091
Profit for the year	12,847	9,628
Balance at the end of the year	27,566	14,719

### 11. Dividends

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Dividends paid during the year		
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2023 of 4.5 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate, paid 29 September 2023 (2022: 4.5 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate)	7,969	7,539
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2024 of 4.0 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate, paid 22 March 2024 (2023: 4.0 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate)	7,095	7,071
Total dividends paid	15,064	14,610
Dividends paid in cash	13,600	13,129
Dividends reinvested in shares via DRP	1,464	1,481
	15,064	14,610
Dividends forgone via DSSP	3	-
(b) Dividend declared after balance date		
Since the end of the financial year, the Directors have declared the following dividend which has not been recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year:		
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2024 of 5.0 cents fully franked at 25% tax rate, payable 27 September 2024 (2023: 4.5 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate)	8,889	7,969

# 12. Capital management

The Company's objective in managing capital and investments is to maximise compound after-tax returns for shareholders over time by investing in an investment portfolio in accordance with the Company's investment strategy.

The Company recognises that its capital position and market price will fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and, in order to adjust the capital structure, it may vary the amount of dividends paid, issue new shares or buy back its own shares from time to time.

A breakdown of the Company's equity and changes in equity is provided in the Statement of Changes in Equity and Note 8.

# 13. Cash flow information

# (a) Reconciliation of profit to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit after income tax	12,847	9,628
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(399,752)	(419,518)
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	416,699	414,872
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(7,689)	(5,483)
Net change in receivables	(1,176)	(750)
Net change in payables	(6,782)	(3,592)
Net change in deferred tax liabilities	(881)	(5,618)
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	35	(43)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities	13,301	(10,504)

# (b) Non-cash financing activities

Dividends paid totalling \$1.5 million were reinvested in shares under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (2023: \$1.5 million).

# 14. Segment information

The Company is managed as a whole and is considered to have a single operating segment, being investment in global listed infrastructure securities. There is no further division of the Company or internal segment reporting used by the Directors when making strategic, investment or resource allocation decisions.

The Company is domiciled in Australia and derives its revenue from its international investment portfolio through the receipt of dividends, distributions, interest and any profits on the revaluation or sale of its investments.

The portfolio of global listed infrastructure securities has the following geographical diversification:

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	A\$'000	%	A\$'000	%
Unites States	243,181	58.8	246,763	58.5
Canada	31,186	7.6	36,177	8.5
Australia	23,664	5.8	31,835	7.5
Japan	13,827	3.3	7,629	1.8
United Kingdom	12,659	3.2	10,462	2.5
Other countries	88,110	21.3	90,174	21.2
Total	412,627	100.0	423,040	100.0

### 15. Financial risk management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Company's overall risk management program focuses on ensuring compliance with the Company's investment strategy and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Company is exposed. The Company may use derivative financial instruments to alter certain risk exposures.

Financial risk management is carried out by the Portfolio Manager under a management agreement approved by the Board of Directors.

The Company uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods are explained below.

### (a) Market risk

### (i) Price risk

Price risk arises from investments held by the Company for which prices in the future are uncertain. The performance of these investments is influenced by many factors which are difficult to predict, including economic growth rates, inflation, interest rates and regulatory changes. Where non-monetary financial instruments are denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the price in the future will also fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Company has an active approach to a concentrated portfolio across 50-70 securities, with the portfolio invested in global listed infrastructure securities. The portfolio is diversified across infrastructure subsectors and countries, both developed and emerging, based upon the combined top-down and bottom-up analysis undertaken by the Portfolio Manager. The Company manages price risk through ensuring that all investment activities are undertaken in accordance with this investment strategy.

The table at Note 15(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the markets in which the Company invests increased/decreased by 10% (2023: 10%).

### (ii) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary securities denominated in other currencies fluctuates due to changes in exchange rates.

The tables below summarises the fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities, which are denominated in a currency other than Australian dollars. Other foreign currencies include the Brazilian real, British pound sterling, Hong Kong dollar and Japanese yen.

30 June 2024	US dollars	Euro	Canadian dollars	All other foreign currencies	Total
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	454	114	139	316	1,023
Receivables	378	192	268	758	1,596
Receivables - trade settlements	1,292	-	-	-	1,292
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	243,179	27,687	31,186	86,911	388,963
Liabilities					
Payables - trade settlements	(620)	-	-	(187)	(807)
Total	244,683	27,993	31,593	87,798	392,067

30 June 2023	US dollars	Euro	Canadian dollars	All other foreign currencies	Total
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	992	15	77	1,933	3,017
Receivables	356	123	168	851	1,498
Receivables - trade settlements	-	1,453	-	1,590	3,043
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	246,764	25,363	36,177	82,900	391,204
Liabilities					
Payables - trade settlements	-	(3,459)	-	(250)	(3,709)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	_	(3)		(1)	(4)
Total	248,112	23,492	36,422	87,023	395,049

The table at Note 15(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to foreign exchange risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the Australian dollar weakened/strengthened by 10% (2023: 10%) against the foreign currencies to which the Company is exposed.

### (iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The majority of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing except for cash and cash equivalents. Hence the impact of interest rate risk on net profit/(loss) is not considered to be material to the Company.

The following tables summarise the Company's exposure to interest rate risk.

30 June 2024	Floating interest rate	Non- interest bearing	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,458	-	5,458
Receivables	-	1,984	1,984
Receivables - trade settlements	-	1,292	1,292
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	-	412,627	412,627
Liabilities			
Payables	-	(498)	(498)
Payables - trade settlements	-	(807)	(807)
Total	5,458	414,598	420,056

30 June 2023	Floating interest rate	Non- interest bearing	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,792	-	5,792
Receivables	-	1,929	1,929
Receivables - trade settlements	-	3,043	3,043
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	-	423,040	423,040
Liabilities			
Payables	-	(510)	(510)
Payables - trade settlements	-	(3,709)	(3,709)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	-	(4)	(4)
Total	5,792	423,789	429,581

The table at Note 15(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to interest rate risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that interest rates increased/decreased by 1.0% (2023: 1.0%).

### (b) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following tables summarise the sensitivity of the Company's net profit and net assets attributable to shareholders subjected to price risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risks.

The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in foreign exchange rates and the historical correlation of the Company's investments with relevant benchmarks and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market movements resulting from changes in the performance of and/or correlation between the performances of the economies, markets and securities in which the Company invests. As a result, historical variations in risk variables should not be used to predict future variances.

30 June 2024	+100bps \$'000	-100bps \$'000
Interest rate risk on fixed and floating rate interest securities	55	(55)
	+10%	-10%
	\$'000	\$'000
Price risk on non-interest bearing securities	41,263	(41,263)
US dollar	24,468	(24,468)
Canadian dollar	3,159	(3,159)
Euro	2,799	(2,799)
Other currencies	8,780	(8,780)
Total foreign exchange risk	39,206	(39,206)
30 June 2023	+100bps	-100bps
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest rate risk on fixed and floating rate interest securities	•	\$ <b>'000</b> (58)
Interest rate risk on fixed and floating rate interest securities	\$'000	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Interest rate risk on fixed and floating rate interest securities  Price risk on non-interest bearing securities	\$'000 58 +10%	(58) - <b>10</b> %
	\$'000 58 +10% \$'000	-10% \$'000
	\$'000 58 +10% \$'000	-10% \$'000
Price risk on non-interest bearing securities	\$'000 58 +10% \$'000 42,304	-10% \$'000 (42,304)
Price risk on non-interest bearing securities  US dollar	\$'000 58 +10% \$'000 42,304	(58) -10% \$'000 (42,304)
Price risk on non-interest bearing securities  US dollar Canadian dollar	\$'000 58 +10% \$'000 42,304 24,811 3,642	(58) -10% \$'000 (42,304)  (24,811) (3,642)
Price risk on non-interest bearing securities  US dollar Canadian dollar Euro	\$'000 58 +10% \$'000 42,304 24,811 3,642 2,349	(58)  -10% \$'000 (42,304)  (24,811) (3,642) (2,349)

### (c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay its contractual obligations in full when they fall due, causing a financial loss to the Company.

The Company does not have a significant concentration of credit risk that arises from an exposure to a single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Company is exposed, arises from cash and cash equivalents and receivables - trade settlements. None of these assets are impaired nor past their due date. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Company does not consider counterparty risk to be significant, as the Company only trades with reputable, recognised and creditworthy third parties. Management considers the probability of default to be minimal as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have the capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term.

# (d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Portfolio Manager monitors the Company's cash-flow requirements daily taking into account upcoming income, expenses and investment activities. The assets of the Company are largely in the form of listed securities which are considered readily convertible to cash.

### (i) Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

The tables below analyses the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at reporting date to the contractual maturity date.

30 June 2024	Less than 1 month	1-6 months	6-12 months	Over 12 months	No stated maturity	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Payables	498	-	-	-	-	498
Payables - trade						
settlements	807	-	-	_	-	807
Total	1,305	-	-	-	-	1,305

30 June 2023	Less than 1 month	1-6 months	6-12 months	Over 12 months	No stated maturity	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Payables	510	-	-	-	-	510
Payables - trade						
settlements	3,709	-	-	-	-	3,709
Total	4,219	-	-	-	-	4,219

### (ii) Maturities of derivative financial instruments

The tables below analyses the Company's derivative financial instruments based on their contractual maturity. The Company may, at its discretion, settle financial instruments prior to their original contractual settlement date, in accordance with its investment strategy, where permitted by the terms and conditions of the relevant instruments.

30 June 2024	Less than 1 month	1-6 months	6-12 months	Over 12 months	No stated maturity	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Foreign currency contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 June 2023	Less than 1 month	1-6 months	6-12 months	Over 12 months	No stated maturity	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Foreign currency						
contracts	(4)	-	-	-	-	(4)

### 16. Fair value measurement

The Company discloses fair value measurements by level of the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable

for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data

(unobservable inputs).

### (a) Fair value in an active market (Level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the financial year without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. The quoted market price used for financial assets and liabilities held by the Company is the last traded price.

The Company values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of its investments, the Company relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

### (b) Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 fair value

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not exchange-traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the financial year applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the financial year.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Company would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of the financial year taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract is determined as a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Company holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

# (c) Recognised fair value measurement

The tables below sets out the Company's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy.

30 June 2024	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets	7 000	7 000	7 000	7 000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Equity securities	381,771	-	-	381,771
Unit trusts	30,856	-	-	30,856
Total	412,627	-	-	412,627
30 June 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Equity securities	389,641	-	-	389,641
Unit trusts	33,399	-	-	33,399
Total	423,040	-	-	423,040
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
Derivatives	_	4	-	4
Total	-	4	-	4

The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the financial year.

### (i) Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy for the year ended 30 June 2024.

# (ii) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

The Company did not hold any financial instruments with fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs during the year ended 30 June 2024.

### (iii) Fair values of other financial instruments

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate fair value.

# 17. Management fees

Under the Management Agreement with the Manager, Argo Service Company Pty Ltd, the Company must pay a management fee based on funds under management at the following annual rates:

- 1.2% (plus GST) of the portfolio value up to and including \$500 million;
- 1.1% (plus GST) of the portfolio value above \$500 million and up to and including \$1 billion; and
- 1.0% (plus GST) of the portfolio value above \$1 billion.

The management fee is calculated at month end and paid monthly in arrears. There is no additional performance fee charged. The Manager is responsible for paying 50% of its management fee to the Portfolio Manager pursuant to the Portfolio Management Agreement with Cohen & Steers.

Payments made to the Manager are provided in Note 19.

# 18. Auditor's remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
(i) Audit services		
Fees for reviewing and auditing statutory financial reports	80,280	76,505
(ii) Fees for other services		
Tax compliance	17,325	17,325
Total	97,605	93,830

# 19. Related party transactions

# **Argo Service Company Pty Ltd (ASCO)**

The Company has engaged ASCO (a wholly owned subsidiary of Argo Investments Limited) to manage the affairs of the Company including investment management of the portfolio and providing the services of the Managing Director, Company Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and any other administrative support services required by the Company. ASCO earns a management fee for managing the Company. Fees of \$4,839,176 were paid or payable to ASCO for the year ended 30 June 2024 (2023: \$4,925,717). Management fees of \$415,000 were payable at balance date (2023: \$410,000).

# Argo Investments Limited (Argo)

Argo holds 13,040,389 shares in the Company (2023: 13,040,389 shares).

# Key management personnel

The Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the Company comprise the Non-executive Directors, Mr. J. Beddow (Managing Director), Mr. T.C.A. Binks (Company Secretary) and Mr. A.B. Hill (Chief Financial Officer). Mr. Beddow, Mr. Binks and Mr. Hill are remunerated under service agreements with the Manager, ASCO.

The following remuneration was paid or payable by the Company to the Non-executive Directors:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Short-term employment benefits (Directors' fees)	182,433	176,426
Post-employment (superannuation)	20,067	15,624
Total	202,500	192,050

At balance date, two of the five Directors of the Company were also Directors of Argo Investments.

### 20.Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

The Company has no material commitments, contingent assets or liabilities as at 30 June 2024.

### 21. Events occurring after the reporting period

No matters or circumstances have occurred subsequent to the financial year end that have significantly affected, or may affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

# Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement

as at 30 June 2024

The Company does not have any controlled entities and is therefore not required to prepare consolidated financial statements. As a result, subsection 295(3A) of the *Corporations Act 2001* to prepare a Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement, does not apply.

# Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (Company):

- (a) The financial statements and notes set out on pages 24 to 52 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) complying with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (c) The consolidated entity disclosure statement above, required by section 295(4) of the *Corporations Act 2001*, is true and correct.

Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Directors have been given the declarations required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act* 2001 from the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors

R.A. Higgins AO

Chairman

26 August 2024



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# Independent auditor's report to the members of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited

# Report on the audit of the financial report

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policies, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.



### 1. Investment Existence and Valuation

#### Why significant

The Company has an investment portfolio consisting primarily of listed equity securities. As at 30 June 2024, the value of these financial assets were \$412,627,000 which represented 98% of the total assets of the Company.

As disclosed in the Company's accounting policy in Note 2(b) of the financial report, these financial assets are recognised at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.

Pricing, exchange rates and other market drivers can have a significant impact on the value of these financial assets and the financial report.

Accordingly, existence and valuation of the investment portfolio was considered a key audit matter.

#### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our audit procedures included the following:

- assessed the effectiveness of the controls relating to the existence and valuation of investments.
- obtained and assessed the assurance report on the controls of the Company's administrator, in relation to the fund administration services for the year ended 30 June 2024. In addition, we assessed the auditor's competence, their objectivity and the results of their procedures.
- agreed all investment holdings, including cash accounts, to third party confirmations at 30 June 2024.
- assessed the fair value of all investments in the portfolio held at 30 June 2024. For listed securities, the values were verified against independently sourced market prices.

We also assessed the adequacy of the disclosures included in Note 16 to the financial report.

### 2. Management Fees

# Why significant

For the year ended 30 June 2024, management fees totalled \$4,839,000, which represented 73% of total expenses.

The Company's accounting policy for management fees is disclosed in Note 17 of the financial report. All expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

Management fees, paid to the Manager, Argo Service Company Pty Ltd, is the most significant expense of the Company.

Accordingly, this was considered a key audit matter.

#### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our audit procedures included the following:

 recalculated management fees, in accordance with the relevant service arrangements, including agreeing the fee rate to the calculations.

We also assessed the adequacy of the disclosures included in Notes 17 and 19 to the financial report.

### Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's 2024 annual report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of:

- The financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001; and;
- b. The consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, and

for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

- i. The financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- ii. The consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- ► Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ► Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### Report on the audit of the Remuneration Report

### Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included on pages 21 to 22 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



# Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Ernst & Young

Ernst o Young

Jonathan Hall Partner Sydney

26 August 2024

# Global Listed Infrastructure Portfolio

at 30 June 2024

Security	Country	Market value
		A\$'000
Electric		
Alliant Energy Corporation	United States	4,317
Ameren Corporation	United States	5,236
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	United States	5,331
CLP Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	2,120
Consolidated Edison Inc.	United States	7,937
Duke Energy Corporation	United States	16,799
E. on AG	Germany	1,734
Equatorial Energia	Brazil	1,886
Eversource Energy	United States	7,791
Kansai Electric Power Co.	Japan	4,520
National Grid PLC	United Kingdom	9,725
NextEra Energy Inc.	United States	28,444
PG&E Corporation	United States	13,519
Power Assets Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	5,082
PPL Corporation	United States	12,572
Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated	United States	14,004
The Southern Company	United States	6,360
Tokyo Electric Power Co	Japan	2,029
Total – Electric		149,406
Midstream Energy		
Cheniere Energy Inc.	United States	14,210
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	Canada	12,032
Targa Resources Corp.	United States	7,562
TC Energy Corp	Canada	16,799
The Williams Companies Inc.	United States	8,847
Total – Midstream Energy		59,450

Security	Country	Market value A\$'000
Gas Distributions		
Atmos Energy Corp.	United States	8,698
ENN Energy Holdings Ltd	China	5,143
NiSource Inc.	United States	16,171
Sempra Energy	United States	11,818
Snam Rete Gas	Italy	3,723
Tokyo Gas Co Ltd	Japan	3,815
Total – Gas Distributions		49,368
Tower		
American Tower Corporation	United States	21,989
Cellnex Telecom SAU	Spain	3,723
Crown Castle International Corp.	United States	8,867
		34,579
Satellites		
SES	Europe	2,328
Total - Communications		36,907
Airports		
AENA SA	Spain	8,001
Airports of Thailand PCL - For	Thailand	9,078
Fraport AG	Germany	3,817
Grupo Aeroportuario De Sur-B	Mexico	10,650
Japan Airport Terminal	Japan	1,636
Total – Airports		33,182
Marine Ports		
China Merchants Holdings International Co	China	3,490
International Container Term Svcs Inc.	Philippines	11,448
Koninklijke Vopak NV	Netherlands	4,361
Santos Brasil Participacoes S.A	Brazil	8,356
Total – Marine Ports		27,655

Consists	Country	Market value
Security	Country	A\$'000
Freight Rails		7.14 000
Canadian Pacific Kansas City	Canada	2,355
Norfolk Southern Corporation	United States	11,592
Union Pacific Corporation	United States	11,117
		25,064
Passenger Rails		
East Japan Railway	Japan	1,827
Total – Railways		26,891
Toll Roads		
Atlas Arteria Ltd.	Australia	3,590
Transurban Group Ltd.	Australia	7,866
Zhejiang Expressway Co. Ltd.	China	1,680
Total – Toll Roads		13,136
Environmental Services		
Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd.	Australia	6,697
Total – Environmental Services		6,697
Transport Logistics		
Qube Holdings Ltd.	Australia	5,511
Total – Transport Logistics		5,511
Water		
Guangdong Investment Ltd.	China	1,490
Pennon Group PLC	United Kingdom	2,934
Total – Water		4,424
Total Global Listed Infrastructure securities		412,627

# Shareholder information

at 31 July 2024

	Ordinary shareholders
Number of shareholders holding:	
1 – 1,000 shares	824
1,001 – 5,000 shares	2,548
5,001 – 10,000 shares	1,656
10,001 – 100,000 shares	3,734
100,001 or more shares	169
Total number of shareholders (entitled to one vote per share)	8,931

There were 188 shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel of shares.

20 largest shareholders	No. of shares	%
Argo Investments Limited	13,040,389	7.34
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	2,479,534	1.39
Citicorp Nominees Pty. Limited	1,653,364	0.93
BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Ltd <hub24 custodial="" ltd="" serv=""></hub24>	1,505,786	0.85
Netwealth Investments Limited < Wrap Services a/c>	1,277,203	0.72
JIN Pty. Limited	1,201,227	0.68
RTR Pty. Limited	1,145,200	0.64
Netwealth Investments Limited <super a="" c="" services=""></super>	817,322	0.46
Rosenwood Pty. Ltd. <rosenwood a="" c=""></rosenwood>	764,081	0.43
IOOF Investment Services Limited <ioof a="" c="" idps=""></ioof>	681,888	0.38
Penson Holdings Pty. Ltd.	602,259	0.34
Vaucluse Skyline Pty. Limited	477,259	0.27
Pont Pty	469,762	0.26
Vinula Pty. Ltd.	450,000	0.25
Pixel SMSF Pty. Ltd. <pixel a="" c="" fund="" super=""></pixel>	414,094	0.23
BNP Paribas Nominees Pty. Ltd. <pitcher partners=""></pitcher>	403,380	0.23
Fimar Investments Pty. Ltd.	389,493	0.22
National Nominees Limited	382,226	0.22
McArthur (SA) Pty. Ltd. <john a="" c="" family="" m="" mcarthur=""></john>	355,461	0.20
BNP Paribas Nominees Pty. Ltd. <barclays></barclays>	350,950	0.20
	28,860,878	16.24

The Company has an on-market buy-back arrangement in place but it was not activated during the year.

# Company directory

Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited ABN 23 604 986 914 | ASX code: ALI

### **Non-executive Directors**

Russell Higgins AO, Chairman Sarah Brennan Mark Hall Fiona Hele

# **Managing Director**

Jason Beddow

# **Company Secretary**

Tim Binks

### **Chief Financial Officer**

Andrew Hill

### **Auditor**

**Ernst & Young** 

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# **Portfolio Manager**

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# **Annual General Meeting**

Argo Infrastructure's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday 21 October 2024** in **Adelaide**. The meeting will be held in-person with a simultaneous livestream available via the home page of our website. Following the AGM, a recording will be uploaded to our website.

Additional details about the AGM will be provided with the Notice of Annual General Meeting which will be released in September.

# Information meetings

Information meetings will again be held in various capital cities in May of next year to provide an update and overview of the Company, its investment approach, portfolio and our view of the outlook. These meetings will also give shareholders and other interested parties the opportunity to meet with our team face-to-face and ask us questions.

