

# Ecofin Global Utilities and Infrastructure Trust plc (EGL)

As of 30/11/2019

## Performance (as of 30 November, 2019)

(all total returns in £)	1 M %	3 M %	6 M %	1 Y %	3 Y %	Since Admission* %
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	-1.4	-3.7	8.8	17.7	48.8	34.8
<b>Share Price</b>	-1.0	5.1	19.3	23.9	62.2	61.1
FTSE All-Share Index	2.3	3.8	5.8	11.0	23.8	22.3
FTSE ASX Utilities	1.1	9.0	14.7	11.6	3.8	-6.8
MSCI World Index	2.9	1.4	10.6	13.6	39.3	43.7
MSCI World Utilities Index	-1.8	-4.1	6.4	14.8	42.0	34.1
S&P Global Infrastructure Index	-0.7	-3.2	4.3	16.1	31.0	26.0

\*26 September, 2016.

Source: Bloomberg. Performance is shown on a total return basis, i.e., assuming reinvestment of dividends.

## Yield, diversification, low volatility

Ecofin Global Utilities and Infrastructure Trust plc (EGL) is a closed-end investment company domiciled in the UK whose shares are listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange. The Company carries on its business so that it qualifies as an authorised UK investment trust. EGL invests primarily in the equity and equity-related securities of utility and infrastructure companies which are listed on recognised stock exchanges in European countries, the United States and other developed, OECD countries although it may invest up to 10% of its assets in companies whose equity securities are listed on stock exchanges in non-OECD countries. It may also invest up to 10% of its assets in debt securities, which are typically traded on over-the-counter markets.

**Investment objective:** The Company's investment objectives are to achieve a high, secure dividend yield on its investment portfolio and to realise long-term growth in the value of the portfolio for the benefit of shareholders while taking care to preserve capital.

**Yield:** The Company targets a dividend yield of at least 4% on net assets using gearing and, if necessary, reserves to augment the portfolio yield.

**Gearing:** EGL may borrow up to 25% of its net assets to earn a higher level of dividend income and to offer shareholders a geared return on their investment. The Company pursues a flexible gearing policy, borrowing in major currencies at floating rates of interest under a facility which allows the Company to repay its borrowings at any time without penalty.

## Dividends

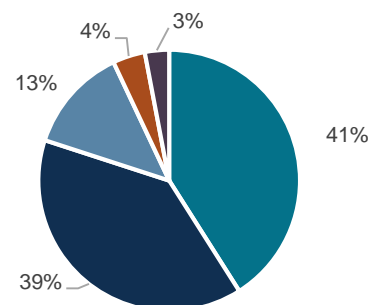
The Company distributes quarterly dividend payments of 1.6p per share, or 6.4p per share per annum. The first interim dividend was paid in December 2016; thereafter, quarterly payment dates fall on the last business day in February, May, August and November.

## As of 30 November, 2019

Net assets	£150,621,379
NAV per share	163.95p
Share price	154.75p
Premium/(Discount)	(5.6%)
Gearing	7.8%
Yield*	4.1%

\*Yield is based on dividends paid (annual) as a percent of the share price.

## Geographical allocation (% of portfolio)



- North America
- UK
- Emerging markets
- Cont. Europe
- Other OECD

## Sector allocation

	% of Portfolio
Regulated utilities	21
Transportation	14
Integrates	43
Renewables (incl. YieldCos)	<u>22</u>
	<b>100</b>

## 10 Largest holdings

	% of Portfolio	Country
NextEra Energy	7.5*	US
Iberdrola	4.6	Spain
Enel	4.5	Italy
EDP	4.4	Portugal
SSE	4.4	UK
Engie	3.7	France
Exelon	3.7	US
RWE	3.5	Germany
National Grid	3.4	UK
Covanta	<u>3.2</u>	US
<b>Total (45 holdings)</b>	<b>42.9</b>	

\*common shares and convertible preferred stock

## Manager's comments

- Bond yields swayed with hopes about a resolution to the trade war and economic pointers for the months ahead. For the first part of the month optimism reigned that growth momentum would resume and ten year benchmark government bond yields moved higher quite quickly – from circa 1.69% at the end of October to 1.95% by 9 November in the US and out of negative territory in France – before retreating again. Sterling reacted to results of UK election-related opinion polls but closed the month almost unchanged against the US dollar and about 1% stronger versus the Euro.
- Against this 'risk on' backdrop, global equities (measured by the MSCI World Index) rose by 2.9%, led by American markets and buoyed by a rush of M&A deals, while the S&P Global Infrastructure and the MSCI World Utilities indices declined by 0.7% and 1.8%, respectively (total return in Sterling). The Company's NAV closed the month 1.4% lower, shaving its calendar YTD advance to 22.6%.
- In the UK, utilities rose along with the broader market and, except for Drax, contributed positively to the Company's P&L. Profit taking in our sectors in Continental Europe and North America caused some weakness in shares such as Iberdrola, Enel, Engie and US yieldco Terraform Power which have performed well this year. Power prices have been weaker too, perhaps reflecting a 4% decline in the carbon price in Europe over the last month.
- Portfolio activity was light during the month and gearing was held at around 7%. The small 'rest of world' portfolio was augmented by the reintroduction of Spark Infrastructure after a stretch of share price weakness. Spark Infrastructure is an Australian fund which owns essential services infrastructure businesses, i.e. electricity network assets (power networks, transmission and renewables).

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## Key risk factors

All financial investments involve an element of risk. The value of your investment and the income derived from it will vary and there can be no assurance that the investment manager will be able to invest the Company's assets on attractive terms, generate investment returns for investors or avoid investment losses.

The Company focusses on investments in two sectors, the utilities and infrastructure sectors, and accordingly an investment in the Company's shares may be regarded as representing a more concentrated risk than the investment in the shares of a broadly diversified, generalist investment trust or fund.

The Company may employ gearing. Whilst the use of gearing should enhance the NAV per share when the value of the Company's underlying assets is rising, it will have the opposite effect when the underlying asset values are falling.

The Company invests to a considerable extent in securities which are not denominated or quoted in Sterling, the Company's base currency. Movements in exchange rates will, therefore, have an effect, favourable or unfavourable, on the return on an investment in the Company's shares.

## Gearing

The Company may make use of gearing to enable the Company to earn a high level of dividend income and to offer Shareholders a geared return on their investment. The Directors believe that the use of gearing is justified given the nature of most of the companies in which the Company invests; that is, companies which provide essential services, operate in regulated markets and within stable regulatory frameworks, and pay dividends. Whilst the use of gearing should enhance the net asset value (NAV) per share when the value of EGL's underlying assets is rising, it will have the opposite effect when the value of its assets is falling. As a result, the volatility of the Company's NAV will increase when gearing is being used which may also increase the volatility of the Company's share price. The nature and term of any borrowings are the responsibility of the Directors, while the amount of any borrowings is at the discretion of the Investment manager.

EGL may borrow amounts equal to 25% of its net assets. Any borrowings will be flexible, short-term borrowings in major currencies at floating rates of interest under a Prime Brokerage facility with Citigroup which allows the Company to repay its borrowings at any time without penalty.

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## Company details

Portfolio manager:	Jean-Hugues de Lamaze
Date of admission:	26 September, 2016
Traded:	London Stock Exchange
Dealing currency:	Sterling
Issued share capital:	91,872,247 shares
Investment management fee:	1% p.a. of net assets

## Financial calendar

Year-end:	30 September
Results announced:	May (half-year); December (final)
AGM:	March
Dividends paid:	Last day of February, May, August & November

## NMPI status

The Company conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by IFAs to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's rules in relation to non-mainstream pooled investment products, and intends to continue to do so. The Company's securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream pooled investment products because they are shares in an investment trust.

## Individual Savings Account ("ISA")

The Company's shares are eligible to be held in an ISA account subject to HM Revenue & Customs limits.

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