# Ecofin Global Utilities and Infrastructure Trust plc (EGL) April 2018



## Performance (to 30 April, 2018)

(all total returns in £)	1 M %	3 M %	6 M %	1Y%	3 Y %	Since Admission %*
Net Asset Value	5.7	2.6	-4.5	6.4	n/a	5.9
Share Price	9.3	-0.7	-2.2	6.9	n/a	18.7
FTSE All-Share Index	6.4	1.0	2.1	8.1		16.3
FTSE ASX Utilities	6.4	5.4	-4.7	-10.3		-15.7
MSCI World Index	3.2	-2.1	0.0	7.1		18.1
MSCI World Utilities Index	4.6	5.2	-5.4	1.6		3.9

\* Since Admission on 26 September, 2016. As at 13 September, 2016, the value of the pool of assets attributable to the Company, further to the Scheme of Reconstruction of Ecofin Water & Power Opportunities plc (EWPO), was £124,528,000 or 135.54 pence per share. By 26 September, 2016, the date of issuance and admission of the Company's shares to trading, the value of the Company's assets had increased to £129,200,000 or 140.63 pence per share. The mid-market price of the Company's shares on 26 September, 2016 was 113.00p.

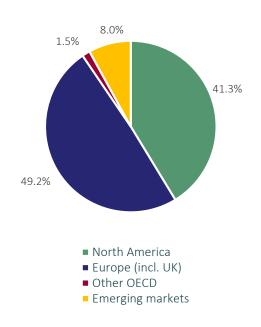
Sources: Ecofin Limited and Bloomberg. Performance is shown on a total return basis, i.e., assuming reinvestment of dividends.

#### As at 30 April, 2018

Net assets	£127,635,577
NAV per share	138.93p
Share price:	124.00p
Premium/(Discount)	(10.7%)
Gearing	12.3%
Yield*	5.2%

\*Yield is based on dividends paid (annual) as a percent of the share price. Initial quarterly dividend of 1.6p per share was paid in December 2016; subsequent interim dividends of 1.6p per share were paid on the last day of February, May, August and November in 2017 and on 28 February, 2018.

#### Geographical allocation (% of portfolio)



#### Yield, diversification, low volatility

Ecofin Global Utilities and Infrastructure Trust plc (EGL) is a closedend 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 authorized UK investment trust. EGL invests primarily in the equity and equityrelated securities of utility and infrastructure companies which are listed on recognized 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 shareholders' 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. The portfolio is invested entirely in securities which produce a yield – equities which pay dividends and, to a limited extent, bonds.

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 Prime Brokerage facility which allows it to repay its borrowings at any time without penalty.

## Dividends

In October 2016 the Company announced that it would target quarterly dividend payments of 1.6p per share, or 6.4p per share per annum, for at least the Company's first financial year. 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.

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Sector allocation	% of Portfolio	10 Largest holdings	% of Portfolio	Country
Regulated utilities and infrastructure		NextEra Energy	5.7	US
	39.2	Enel	5.0	Italy
Integrated utilities	22.0	Exelon	4.6	US
	32.8	Iberdrola	4.1	Spain
Renewables (incl. YieldCos)	28.0	EDF	3.7	France
	100.0	Covanta	3.5	US
		Algonquin Power & Utilities	3.1	Canada
		Williams	3.1	US
		Flughafen Zuerich	3.1	Switzerland
		Terraform Power	3.0	US
		Total (of 41 holdings)	38.9	

## Manager's comments:

- Markets recovered some poise in April. The MSCI World Index rose by 1.2% in local currency (\$) terms and by 3.2% in sterling terms with the best gains recorded in Europe (including the UK). Utilities performed even better and the MSCI World Utilities Index rose by 4.6% (total return in £) with strength across all regions. Sterling eked a small gain against the Euro (+0.2%) during the month but recoiled 1.8% against the US dollar; helpfully, long bond yields were little changed.
- The Company's NAV rose 5.7%. All regions and sub-sectors advanced although the pan-European portion outpaced the North American by some margin and the small 'Rest of World' book had a remarkable month (+9.6%).
- As mentioned last month, we gently increased the portfolio's exposure to the UK from about 11% to 15% in early March. We were pleased and relieved that, after a good uptick in prices in March, all the UK holdings were strong again in April, especially Drax and SSE (+18% and +8%, respectively). The FTSE ASX Utilities Index has increased 12.8% over the last 2 months. Other meaningful contributors to the P&L included Continentals Iberdrola, Enel and Italgas, and Exelon, Pattern Energy and InfraREIT in the US. The positions in Iberdrola, Enel and Exelon had all been increased in late March/early April. The portfolio's relatively new positions in Hong Kong-listed wind generators China Longyuan Power and Huaneng Renewables together added about 0.9% to the NAV which was notable considering their fairly modest weights in the portfolio.
- The portfolio now has 41 holdings which is at the lower end of the expected range (40-60). We have concentrated the portfolio on our strongest conviction ideas and the top 10 positions now account for about 39% of the portfolio (versus 36% three months ago). Our sale of Fortum Oyj deserves a mention as it was briefly amongst the largest holdings and contributed positively to performance in Q1: the group generates about one-third of its EBITDA in Russia and this was likely to be problematic for sentiment at least.
- Gearing averaged 13% on net assets in April and over the last 3 months, and the portfolio yield is currently 5%.
- The shares will go ex-dividend (1.6p) on 3 May and the payment date is 31 May.



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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 ordinary shares
Investment management fee:	1.25% pa

#### Financial calendar:

Year-end:	30 September
Results announced:	May (half-year); December (final)
AGM:	6 March, 2018; March 2019
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.

Released: 3 May, 2018

#### 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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