

Sanlam Real Assets Fund

Q2 2021 | Quarterly newsletter

Fund highlights

In April our European data infrastructure business conducted a large rights issue raising €7bn in new equity capital. The proceeds were being used to finance previously announced acquisitions of highly-contracted towers and fibre portfolios in new European markets. Alongside the continued solid demand trends for data consumption and 5G momentum, the business anticipates these recent deals will help to deliver the company's medium term expectations of 21% annual revenue growth to 2025.

In May quarterly corporate updates highlighted continued robust and stable performance, and progress on implementing further ESG initiatives. During the month our European residential property company announced a bid for one of its largest peers in Germany. The proposed deal, worth in excess of €18bn, would create Europe's largest residential real estate business and was recommended by both management teams. If approved, the transaction would bring greater scope to expand the modernisation pipeline of the combined property portfolio, and consequently drive rental growth and capital values. Our businesses are now seeking to add value through sustainability initiatives.

In June one of our globally diversified infrastructure businesses progressed with the IPO of its clean energy unit during the month. The deal valued the business at c.€8.8bn, which owns and operates 11GW of installed renewable capacity across 16 countries. The proceeds of the IPO will be put towards improving the balance sheet strength of the infrastructure business which itself will continue to maintain a stake in the new listed clean energy company.

Fund review

The Sanlam Real Assets Fund returned 2.31% in the second quarter of 2021 vs MSCI World which was up 7.74%. Market participants continued to paw over every economic data release in the hope of understanding where we are in the re-opening process and more importantly, where we are heading. We ended the period with equity markets extending to new all-time highs and a somewhat unclear economic environment. Over the second quarter the fund saw positive contributions from infrastructure, specialist property and other alternatives whilst the renewables segment detracted from performance. Specialist property was the main positive contributor with strong performance coming from Tritax Big Box and Digital Realty Trust. On the other side, the renewable energy segment saw sector valuations soften over the period from prior high levels and strong historical performance. Orsted and Brookfield Renewable Partners were two of the larger detractors. The 90-day volatility of the fund averaged at 7.2% over the quarter versus 11.8% for the MSCI World Index (from 8.9% and 13.5% quarter on quarter respectively).

Performance

	Inception	QTR	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Since Inception
SI USD Acc	21/08/18	2.3	2.9	15.5	n/a	n/a	10.9
CPI*		0.4	0.6	0.8	n/a	n/a	1.2
A GBP Inc	02/11/18	2.2	2.6	14.5	n/a	n/a	10.3
CPI*		0.4	0.6	0.8	n/a	n/a	3.1

Performance beyond one year is annualised

12 Months to	Jun-21	Jun-20	Jun-19	Jun-18	Jun-17
SI USD Acc	15.5	6.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
CPI*	0.8	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
A GBP Inc	14.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CPI*	0.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

*Equally weighted composite taken from the CPI rate of the component countries of the G10 Region.

**Portfolio yield is calculated by adding the net dividend amounts for all dividend types (excluding special dividends) that have gone 'ex' over the past 12 months based on the dividend frequency. This total excludes taxes, any related dividend fees or tax related credits. As the fund has not yet had a full 12 month record of distributions we are unable to show an accurate distribution yield value.

Source: Sanlam, Morningstar and Lipper as at 30/06/2021. Class SI net returns are used to illustrate the fund's longest track record. This is a restricted share class, therefore our open share class A net returns are also shown. Figures for periods longer than 12 months are annualized. NAV to NAV figures are used.

Key facts

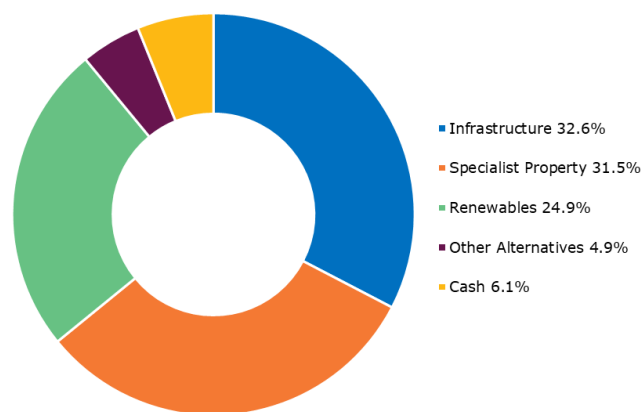
Fund AuM £	£374m
Fund AuM \$	\$516m
Number of Holdings	40
Portfolio Yield**	3.7%
Fund Manager	Mike Pinggera
Benchmark	CPI*
Return Target	CPI+4%
Fund Launch Date	21 August 2018
Domicile	Ireland
Base Currency	Sterling
Fund Type	OEIC, UCITS
IA Sector	IA Specialist
Morningstar Category	Alt - Other
Dealing Deadline	11:00 (GMT)
Settlement Time	T+3
Valuation Point	Midday (GMT)
Distribution	Monthly

Performance attribution

	End Weight	Contribution
Infrastructure	32.64%	0.81%
Specialist Property	31.48%	1.57%
Renewable Energy	24.90%	-0.25%
Other Alternatives	4.85%	0.30%
Stock Hedge	-0.03%	-0.13%
Total	100%	2.31%

StatPro data

Fund allocation

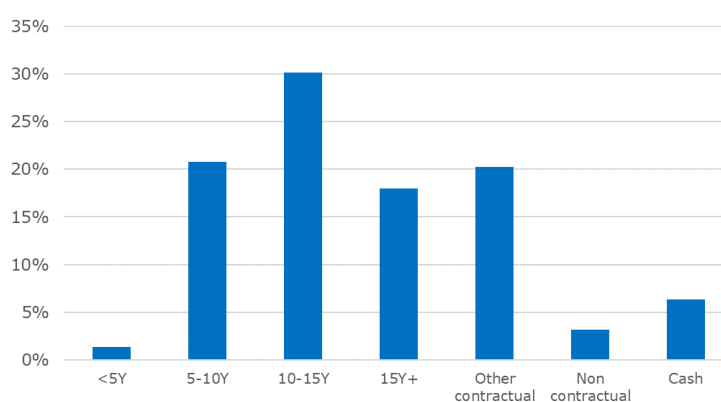


Top 10 holdings

	% NAV
Tritax Big Box	4.75
3i Infrastructure	4.59
Digital Realty Trust	4.58
Vonovia SE	4.55
Brookfield Infrastructure	4.47
HICL Infrastructure	4.33
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	4.26
Acciona	3.99
Nextera Energy	3.83
Greencoat UK Wind	3.48

Source: Sanlam as at 30/06/2021.

Average Contract Durations



Fund review (Cont'd)

Over the quarter we introduced 1 new investment to the fund taking the portfolio to 40 holdings. The new addition is a large-cap Hong-Kong listed wind-farm operator in China. The company provides a complimentary geographic balance to our existing renewable businesses and offers exposure to a fast-growing market. At quarter end the fund holdings were geographically diversified across 54 countries with 66 underlying asset types.

There was a significant amount of equity capital raising activity during Q2 - 5 of the fund's holdings launched equity fundraises and rights issues which in aggregate were seeking to raise c.£8bn of fresh capital. Companies used proceeds to fund M&A activity and improve balance sheets and liquidity positions. In the majority of cases, businesses raised the target capital amounts sought owing to strong demand and subscriptions in excess of supply.

Outlook

Focal point for 2021

Global Trade - Joe Biden and life after Brexit will keep global trade high on the agenda. De-Globalization in the form of domestic focussed policies, food security and vaccine distribution could be hot topics.

Stimulus - Support packages from government and central banks are likely to play a key role in 2021 and are likely to come with an environmental and social tilt. For markets, the bigger the better.

Real Assets

In an environment seemingly dominated by short-term concerns operational real assets continue to offer investors an opportunity to take a long-term view and get paid along the way.

The positive outcome from 2020 is that environmental and social impact has moved up the agenda and is becoming a default requirement for many investors. This trend is highly supportive of investments in Real Assets.

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