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# **NXG NextGen Infrastructure Strategy**

June 30, 2023

### **MSCI ESG RATING**

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Invest and capitalize on long-term growth trends in the following Infrastructure Themes:

Clean & Sustainable

Communication & Technology

**Energy** 

Industrial

## Strategy Information

Strategy Assets: \$152 million

Inception/Creation: February 2019

# of Holdings: 30-60

Max Position Size: 8%

Wtd Avg Market Cap: \$10.7 billion

MSCI ESG Quality Score: 6.7

Available Vehicles: SMA, Mutual Fund

Benchmark: S&P Global Infastructure

Index Net TR

## **Portfolio Managers**

#### Saket Kumar

Co-CIO & Lead Portfolio Manager

- 18 years transports
- 14 years industrials
- 9 years energy and materials

### Hari Kusumakar

Portfolio Manager

• 16 years information technology

### Alex Palma, CFA

Portfolio Manager & Research Analyst

- 12 years industrials and transports
- 12 years energy and materials

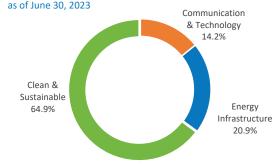
## Performance vs Benchmarks

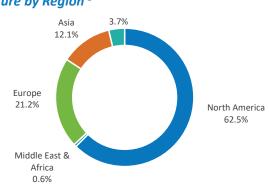
	Total Return <sup>1</sup> as of June 30, 2023								
	Q2 2023	2023 YTD	1 Year 1,2	3 Years 1,2	Since Inception <sup>1,2</sup>				
NXG NextGen Infrastructure Strategy (Gross)	2.37	5.89	7.23	9.29	12.84				
NXG NextGen Infrastructure Strategy (Net) <sup>3</sup>	2.12	5.36	6.17	8.20	11.78				
S&P Gobal Infrastructure Index Net TR <sup>4</sup>	-0.42	3.30	3.25	9.75	4.77				
DJ Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index Net TR <sup>5</sup>	-1.05	1.37	-1.25	6.18	5.04				

### PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS

- 1 Strategy Inception was 02/2019. 2 Returns greater than 1-year are annualized. 3 Net returns are calculated using a 1% model management fee.
- Strategy Benchmark. The S&P Global Infrastructure Index Net TR is designed to track 75 companies from around the world chosen to represent the listed infrastructure industry while maintaining liquidity and tradability. To create diversified exposure, the index includes three distinct infrastructure clusters; energy, transportation, and utilities. Net total returns reflect the deduction of applicable withholding taxes. The DJ Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index Net TR is designed to measure the performance of pure-play infrastructure companies domiciled globally. The index covers all sectors of the infrastructure market. To be included in the index, a company must derive at least 70% of cash flows from infrastructure lines of business. Indices shown are provided for comparison purposes only, are unmanaged, may or may not reflect reinvestment of distributions and do not reflect the impact of the advisory fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

## Strategy Infrastructure Theme Allocations & Exposure by Region 1





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### **CLEAN & SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**



Renewable Energy Infrastructure



Electric Vehicle Infrastructure



Hydrogen Infrastructure



Water Infrastructure



Waste Infrastructure



**Emerging Infra Verticals** 



- 240 companies
- \$2.4 trillion market cap
- \$37 billion average daily volume

## INFRASTRUCTURE



**Data Storage** Infrastructure



Wireline Infrastructure



Wireless Infrastructure



Communication Infrastructure



Cloud Infrastructure



**Emerging Infrastructure** 

- 99 companies
- \$9.4 trillion market cap
- \$37 billion average daily volume

### **ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE**



Midstream Energy Infrastructure



Transmission Infrastructure



**Electricity Generation** Infrastructure



226 companies

\$2.9 Trillion market cap

\$13 billion average daily volume

Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure



Toll Road Infrastructure



Port Infrastructure

INDUSTRIAL

INFRASTRUCTURE



Airport Infrastructure



Railroad Infrastructure



Engineering Infrastructure





- 139 companies \$1.7 Trillion market cap
- \$6 billion average daily volume

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Market Data as of June 30, 2023

## **ESG Integration Into Investment Process**



### Investigate

We continually assess a company's overall ESG track record. Our firm coverage across sectors allows us to identify industry outliers in terms of ESG strategies.



## Engage

We engage in discussions with company management regarding key ESG-related risks.



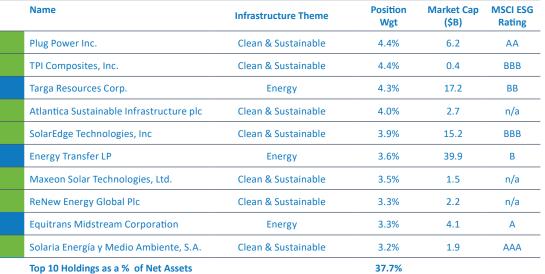
### Select

We seek to avoid securities with disproportionate ESG risks relative to valuation. We strive to be thoughtful about ESG risk integration in the context of valuation and portfolio construction.



### Perform





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# Quarterly Performance (%)

as of June 30, 2023

	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			YTD		
	Gross	Net¹	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Gross	Net¹	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Gross	Net¹	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Gross	Net¹	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Gross	Net¹	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
2023	3.43	3.17	3.73	2.37	2.12	-0.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.89	5.36	3.30
2022	1.45	1.20	7.27	-9.24	-9.47	-7.66	-3.41	-3.65	-9.81	4.85	4.58	10.83	-6.75	-7.68	-0.99
2021	-0.70	-0.94	2.80	5.80	5.53	2.12	-7.88	-8.11	1.29	-0.35	-0.60	4.42	-3.56	-4.52	11.04
2020	-20.34	-20.53	-29.31	27.91	27.59	13.63	8.86	8.59	1.37	25.93	25.62	14.84	39.70	38.31	-6.49
2019³	6.48	6.48	4.73	7.85	7.85	4.94	4.80	4.80	0.36	6.47	6.47	4.90	28.14	28.14	15.69

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<sup>1</sup>Net returns are calculated using a 1% model management fee and reflect the deduction of applicable withholding taxes. Quarterly & YTD returns for 2023 are as of the date indicated in the header. YTD returns shown for prior years are for the twelve-month calendar year. <sup>2</sup> The S&P Global Infrastructure Index Net TR <sup>3</sup> Performance reflects the un-annualized performance for the period from February 1, 2019 to December

## **NXG NexGen Infrastructure Strategy Composite**

		Total Asset	s (\$ Millions)	Composite Performance (%)				Annualized 3-Ye		
Year End	Firm	Composite	% of Composite Assets from Wrap Program	# of Accounts	Gross	Net	Benchmark (%) <sup>3</sup>	Composite	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	Internal Composite Dispersion <sup>2</sup>
20235	1,026	25	n.a.	1	5.89	5.36	3.30	23.76	16.19	n.a.
2022	1,039	23	n.a	1	-6.75	-7.68	-0.99	26.68	22.24	n.a
2021	972	29	n.a	1	-3.56	-4.52	11.04	n.a	n.a	n.a
2020	829	17	n.a.	1	39.70	38.31	-6.49	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2019 <sup>4</sup>	1,807	1	n.a.	1	28.14	27.26	15.69	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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N.A.- Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. For periods with less than 36 months of composite performance, no 3-year ex-post standard deviation measurement is available. Dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual returns of all portfolios in the composite for the entire year. If dispersion is N.A., the composite did not hold 6 or more accounts for the entire year or the period is a partial year. Benchmark: S&P Global Infrastructure Index Net TR. Performance reflects the un-annualized performance for the period from 1/1/2023 to 06/30/2023.

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- AAA, AA: Leader-The companies that the fund invests in tend to show strong and/or improving management of financially relevant environmental, social and governance issues. These companies may be more resilient to disruptions arising from ESG events.
- A, BB, BB: Average- The fund invests in companies that tend to show average management of ESG issues, or in a mix of companies with both above-average and below-average ESG risk management.
- B, CCC: Laggard- The fund is exposed to companies that do not demonstrate adequate management of the ESG risks that they face or show worsening management of these issues. These companies may be more vulnerable to disruptions arising from ESG events.

  The Fund ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of "Fund ESG Quality Score" to letter rating categories.

- 8.6- 10: AAA
- 7.1-8.6: AA
- 5.7- 7.1: A 4.3- 5.7: BBB
- 2.9- 4.3: BB
- 1.4-2.9: B • 0.0- 1.4: CCC

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Step 3: Multiply the "Fund Weighted Average ESG Score" by (1 + Adjustment %).