

UK Fund Managers Lead the Way in European Infrastructure 48% of Europe-focused funds in market are managed by UK firms.

Europe is widely recognized as the centre of the unlisted infrastructure industry, and Preqin data shows that almost half of funds currently on the road focused on the region are being raised by UK firms.

Infrastructure in Europe: The Facts

- 47 Europe-focused funds are currently in market targeting an aggregate \$33.3bn.
- Although greater in number, the 51 funds focused on Asia and Rest of World are targeting a smaller \$26.9bn. 32 North America-focused funds are targeting a combined \$30.6bn.
- 126 infrastructure funds with a primary focus on Europe have entered the fundraising market since 2004. 79 have closed, raising an aggregate \$51.3bn.
- In 2011 to date, three Europe-focused funds have held a final close, raising an aggregate \$1bn.
- 16 more Europe-focused infrastructure funds are expected to come to market in 2011.
- 15 European infrastructure deals have been completed so far this year.
- 492 investors on the Preqin database are actively seeking European infrastructure investment opportunities, or have previously invested in a fund focused on the region.
- Australia is the only non-European nation home to a firm raising a Europe-focused fund.

For more information, please see Infrastructure Spotlight:
http://www.preqin.com/docs/reports/Infra_Spotlight_MAY_2011.pdf

Comment:

The level of risk associated with investment in emerging markets, and the reluctance of the US government to allow greater private sector investment in US-based infrastructure projects, means Europe will likely remain the centre of activity for the sector in the coming years.

There are currently 47 Europe-focused infrastructure funds in market targeting \$33.3bn in institutional investor capital, and with over 490 investors looking to make investments in Europe, the amount of private capital available for investment in European infrastructure assets looks set to grow. In the wake of the financial crisis more investors are looking to create stable and diversified investment portfolios and fund managers are seeking profitable long-term deals; the European infrastructure market will continue to provide both.

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