

Unlisted Infrastructure Industry Expands to \$373bn in 2016

Record fundraising and distributions propel growth and investor satisfaction in industry

The total assets under management of the unlisted infrastructure industry reached a record \$373bn as of the end of June 2016. Preqin's 2017 Global Infrastructure Report finds that the pace of growth for the industry has accelerated in recent years, with both the value of assets held by fund managers and the level of capital available for them to deploy rising consistently. This comes despite fund managers distributing record levels of capital to investors in 2015 and H1 2016. The growth is the result of a boom period for the global unlisted infrastructure industry, which has seen strong activity in the fundraising, dealmaking and exit markets.

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Key Facts from the 2017 Global Infrastructure Report:

- Global unlisted infrastructure **AUM reached \$325bn as of the end of 2015**, and grew by a further 15% in H1 2016.
- The level of **capital distributed to investors annually has increased year-on-year since 2008**, when funds returned a low of \$3bn to investors.
- In 2014, global distributions totalled \$31bn. By contrast, 2015 distributions reached \$60bn, and **H1 2016 saw a further \$30bn returned to investors**.
- Despite this, **the total value of the assets currently held by fund managers has risen**, from \$190bn as of the end of 2014, to \$216bn a year later and \$232bn as of June 2016.
- This is indicative of growing levels of dealmaking activity by fund managers, and the rising valuations of the assets they acquire.
- At the same time, dry powder has risen sharply in H1 2016. After falling in 2014 and growing by just \$4bn in 2015, **dry powder rose by 29% to reach \$141bn as of the end of June 2016**.
- This has been driven by record fundraising; **infrastructure funds secured \$44bn in 2015 and \$59bn in 2016**.

Tom Carr, Head of Real Assets Products:

"2016 marked a truly landmark year for unlisted infrastructure; fundraising, deal volumes and dry powder all substantially exceeded previous records. Moreover, the long-term performance of infrastructure funds continues to meet or surpass the expectations of investors, with distributions being made at double the rate seen prior to 2015.

There appears little reason why the industry should suffer any slowdown in the near future, as global infrastructure spending needs are likely to amount to trillions of dollars over the next decade. However, the industry will have to evolve to meet the challenges this will present. In particular, governments may increasingly look to use private funding to meet the shortfall between national infrastructure spending and budgetary constraints, and fund managers will have to ensure that they are able to appeal to these public institutions when vying for opportunities."

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