Downing Renewables & Infrastructure Trust plc (DORE)

Factsheet
As at 31 December 2022

Key facts

NAV total return since IPO* 28.5%

Net Asset Value

£219m

Dividend for the period 1.25p

Annualised divdend target

5.0p

NAV per share

PRI Principles (e Responsible



Downing Renewables & Infrastructure Trust plc aims to provide investors with an attractive and sustainable level of income returns, with an element of capital growth, by investing in a diversified portfolio of renewable energy and infrastructure assets in the UK, Ireland and Northern Europe. DORE is targeting diversification by geography, technology, revenue and project stage.

Portfolio update

DORE's Net Asset Value (NAV) increased by 0.8% in the quarter, which means the NAV total return for the year ending 31 December 2022, including dividends paid of 5pps (£8m in total), was 19.5%.

The increase in NAV over the year was attributable to a few key principle drivers, such as advantageous fixed pricing arrangements, performance of underlying assets, accretive acquisitions and inflation.

In the last quarter of the year, DORE completed the acquisition of a portfolio of 7 hydropower plants located in Sweden's SE3 and SE2 pricing regions. Following this acquisition, the total number of hydropower plants in the portfolio is 26. In the year, accretive acquisitions added around £9m to the NAV. Also, in the last quarter of 2022, DORE repaid the mezzanine debt within the UK solar portfolio, de-risking the portfolio and increasing NAV exposure by c.£10m to 25% of NAV.

During the year, the operating profit for the portfolio of generating assets was 14.7% above our expectations. Overall asset performance resulted in £9m being added to DORE's NAV.

Dividends

DORE has declared a further 1.25 pence per share dividend for Q4 2022. This dividend will be the seventh to be paid by DORE, taking total dividends paid to date to 8.50 pence per ordinary share. In line with DORE's progressive dividend policy, the Company's annual dividend target will increase by 7.6% for the year ended 31 December 2023 to 5.38 pence per share.

Investment policy

- Build a diversified portfolio: of solar, hydro, wind, geothermal and other infrastructure assets, with a focus on core renewables and infrastructure projects in UK and Northern Europe
- Active asset management: aim to optimise asset operations, data analysis and investor returns
- Risk management: manage resource, price seasonality and regulatory risks to aim for more stable returns
- Geographical split: no more than 60% of gross asset value in assets will be located in either the UK or Northern Europe and Ireland combined (this policy is 75% until a NAV of £300m is reached)*

Investment objectives

- Deliver sustainable returns through diversification by geography, technology, revenue and project stage
- Target dividends: paid quarterly from September 2021:
 5 pence per share for the year to 31 December 2022, progressive policy thereafter**
- Target total return on net asset value (NAV): 6.5%-7.5%
 p.a. over the medium to long term***

Annual operating performance

Wind assets

Energy generation was inline with budget during the year. Revenue and operating profit were both higher than expected, at 20% and 68% respecitvely, primarily due to higher-than-expected captured power prices.

Solar assets

Energy generation was inline with budget for the year. Revenue was 8.1% above budget, driven by higher-than-expected ROC recycle prices, with operating profit 6.4% above budget.

Hydropower assets

Energy generation was lower than expected, coming in at 24% below budget. This was mostly due to low levels of rainfall across the region which was a factor in higher-than-expected pricing. Revenue was 21% above budget, mainly driven by higher-than-expected captured power prices. Regulation of generation and controlling disptach to align with higher electricity price periods contributed to higher-than-expected captured power prices.

^{*} Returns are expressed as a % return based on the opening NAV of 0.98p per share.

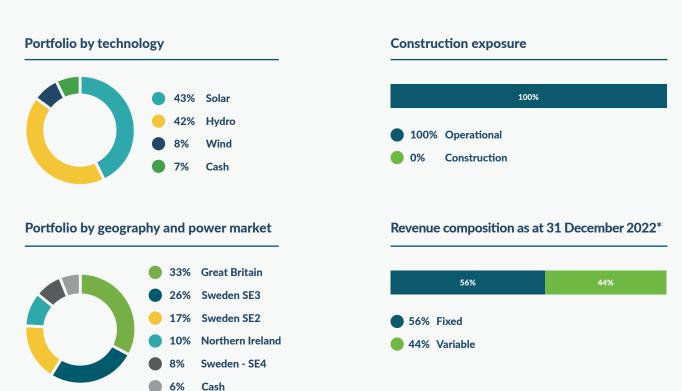
^{**} These are targets and not forecasts.

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Portfolio breakdown by gross asset value

as at 31 December 2022



Sustainability & ESG commitment

DORE is classified as an Article 9 fund, which makes impactful investments and has a specific Sustainable Investment Objective.

Sustainability runs through the whole of DORE's responsible investment framework, aiming to benefit the communities that its assets serve, the wildlife that lives around them and the wider environment. For deriving the majority of its revenues from environmental solutions, DORE has been awarded the Green Economy Mark by the London Stock Exchange. This is recognition of the trust's 'green 'excellence' and its commitment to a sustainable investment approach that is underpinned by a rigorous ESG framework.

Our portfolio is forecast to generate:



Our portfolio is forecast to avoid:



the CO₂e emissions of

831,556,682

aeroplane miles

1,062,736 trees planted

The above are forecasts only based on estimations and assumptions, and there is no guarantee that they will be achieved.

Environmental management:





Social and governance performance:





We support four main Sustainable Development Goals:









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Investment manager Downing LLP

Downing LLP is an established investment manager with over 30 years' experience and a considerable track record in the core renewables space. It is authorised and regulated by the FCA. Downing's Energy and Infrastructure business comprises 50 specialist investment, assetmanagement and project development professionals who manage c. 7,400 assets across six different technologies. As a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), Downing is committed to responsible investing and an integrated approach to its environmental, social and governance (ESG) policies. Finally, Downing underlined its approach to sustainability after being certified as a B Corporation in September 2022.

Established

1986

c.₤1.9bn assets (as at 31 December 2022)

Source: Downing LLP

Non-executive board members



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Company information

as at 31 December 2022

Launch date: 4th December 2020

Morningstar sector: Infrastructure

Direct

ISIN: GB00BLF7PP25

SEDOL: BLF7PP2

Year end: 31 December

Ticker: DORE

Dividend payment information:

Quarterly (Sep/Dec/Mar/Jun)

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Auditor

BDO LLP 55 Baker Street London W1U 7EU

Risk warning: Your capital is at risk. Investments in DORE should be held for the long term (5+ years). The value of your investment and income derived from it can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Targeted returns are targets only and are based on estimates and assumptions. Where any estimates, forecasts or projections have been made, these are what Downing LLP believes to be reasonable as of the date of this document. The market price of electricity is volatile and is affected by a variety of factors. There can be no assurance that DORE's investment objective, target returns or dividend payments will be met. DORE may acquire assets with unknown liabilities. Any change in law and regulation could affect DORE's profits and/or portfolio value and subsequently the value and/or returns to shareholders. Reduced liquidity may have a negative impact on the price of assets. Because shares in an investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange their price is affected by supply and demand. This means that the share price may be different from the NAV per share. DORE's investment strategy may involve the use of leverage, which exposes DORE to risks associated with borrowings. Please refer to the latest fund Prospectus and KID before investing; your attention is drawn to the risk, fees and taxation factors contained therein.

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