

# First State Investments Direct Infrastructure

RI Asia 2014: Long-term, sustainable, fiduciary investing

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# Our direct infrastructure business at a glance

## Our Business

**\$112bn**

market capitalisation of parent company, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

**1994**

year that we began managing infrastructure investments

**\$3.7bn**

net assets under management

**42**

infrastructure acquisitions and divestments since 1994

**27**

dedicated infrastructure professionals, located in offices across Australia and Europe

**13.5%**

Gross return on core economic infrastructure since 1994

## Current assets & offices



# Investment experience across major sectors

## Utilities & Others






**Stage:** Brownfield  
**Sector:** Water Utility  
**Acquisition:** 2009




**Stage:** Brownfield  
**Sector:** Electricity distribution  
**Acquisition:** 2009




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**Sector:** Gas Utility  
**Acquisition:** 2010

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**Sector:** Broadcasting towers  
**Acquisition:** 2012




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## Transportation





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**Sector:** Urban Transport  
**Acquisition:** 1995 (Exited)

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**Acquisition:** 1997 (Exited)

# Benefits of investing in infrastructure

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- **Attractive risk adjusted returns:** Investing in infrastructure has achieved attractive risk adjusted returns over the long term with stable, predictable cash yield
- **Inflation protected income:** The nature of infrastructure assets means they are typically able to increase prices inline with inflation
- **Low correlation with other asset classes**
  - 0.04 with Australian equities, -0.13 with fixed income, 0.52 with unlisted property, 0.06 with A-REITS and 0.20 with listed infrastructure for 10 years ending December 2013
- **Long duration assets to match long tail liabilities**
- **Growing asset class:** Privatisation of government assets, larger private sector involvement in new infrastructure and a significant replacement cycle should make infrastructure a high growth asset class over the next decade



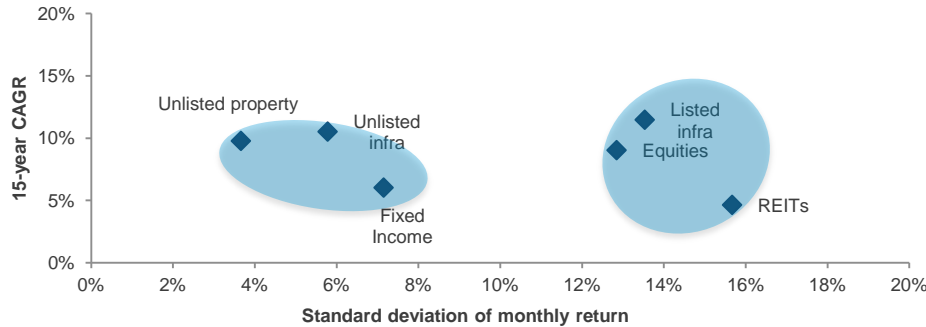
## Advantages of unlisted infrastructure

- **Low volatility:** driven by both the stable nature of the underlying assets, as well as the appraisal based valuation method
- **Control:** direct holdings allow unlisted managers to exert greater influence through Board seats, resulting in active asset management at the asset level as well as the portfolio level
- **Transparency:** closer relationships with management teams and greater access to information
- **Attractive yields:** yield oriented returns underpinned by stable cash flows, with the potential for capital gains
- **Scarcity:** access to unique monopoly assets, often regulated
- **Diversification:** low correlation with other asset classes

# Infrastructure – an attractive investment

## Attractive risk return profile

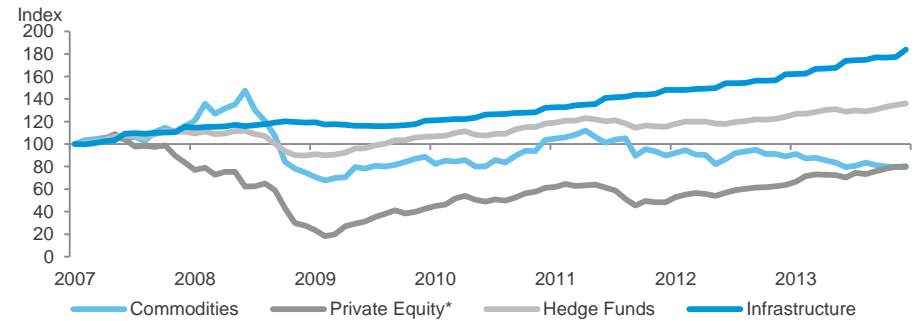
Historical risk and return for Australian asset classes  
15 years to December 2013



Source: CFSGAM Research, 15 year Australian return performance and standard deviation data to 30 September 2013

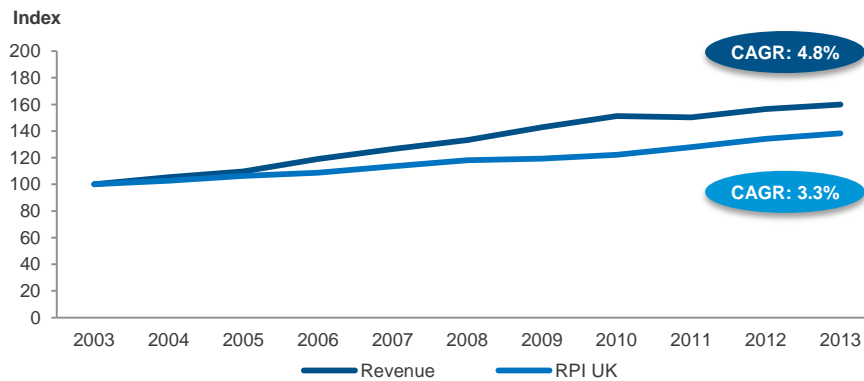
## Stable return profile

Value of selected investments rebased at Jan 2007



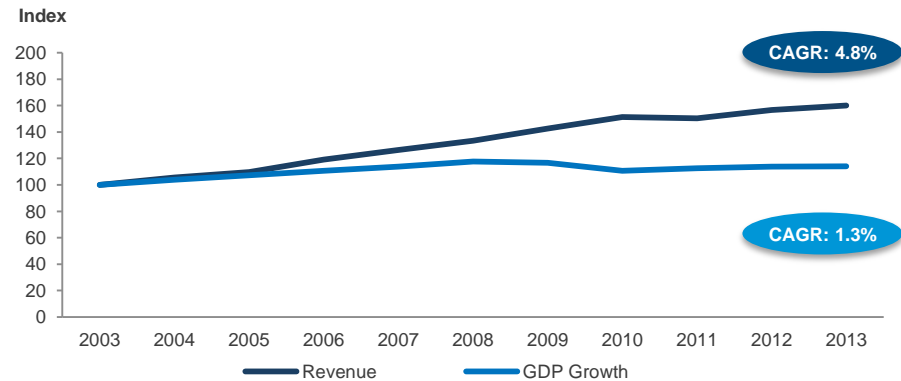
Note: Private Equity returns refer to share price returns of listed PE firms  
Source: Mercer, Bloomberg and CFSGAM Research, Rebased at January 2007. All data to December 2013

## Inflation protection



Source: Anglian Water Group – Annual Reports 2003 to 2012 (March 2013), UK Office for National Statistics

## Resilience to economic cycles



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# Our investment approach

## 1 Core infrastructure focus

We invest in essential infrastructure assets, which typically:

- Are subject to multiple forms of regulation
- Are high-profile, and therefore have a wide and diverse set of stakeholders, often with competing agendas and priorities
- Require us to maintain our 'social license to operate'

## 2 Active management





Our brand of active management involves:

- Meaningful stakes in companies, giving us board representation and therefore greater influence
- Deep industry experience through our asset managers, who bring an operational and governance focus

## 3 Long-term investors

Unlisted infrastructure holdings are typically illiquid, so unlike a listed securities manager, we do not have the option of a quick sale in response to identification of issues (stewardship model).

## Asset ownership and board representation

Asset	CFSGAM stake	Board seats <sup>1</sup>
 AWG	32.3%	2
 Brisbane Airport	26.5%	3
 ENW	50.0%	3
 Digita	100.0%	3
 Adelaide Airport	15.3%	1
 Bankstown and Camden Airports	33.3%	1
 International Parking Group	37.5%	1
 Reganosa	15.0%	3
 Newham Hospital	50.0%	2
 Somerton Pipeline	12.5%	1

## How sustainability and active management create value

Operational focus encourages efficiency and sustainable processes

Long investment horizon, greater control allows us to identify and mitigate ESG risks



$$\frac{\text{return}}{\text{risk}} = \alpha$$

# Responsible investing principles applied

## Our investment approach

## How does it relate to responsible investment?

## Portfolio examples

Long-term investment horizon

Our investment horizon means that we cannot afford to ignore longer term impacts of issues such as environmental change

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Core infrastructure focus

The essential role our assets play in society means we must engage with a diverse range of stakeholders in order to maintain our 'social license to operate.'

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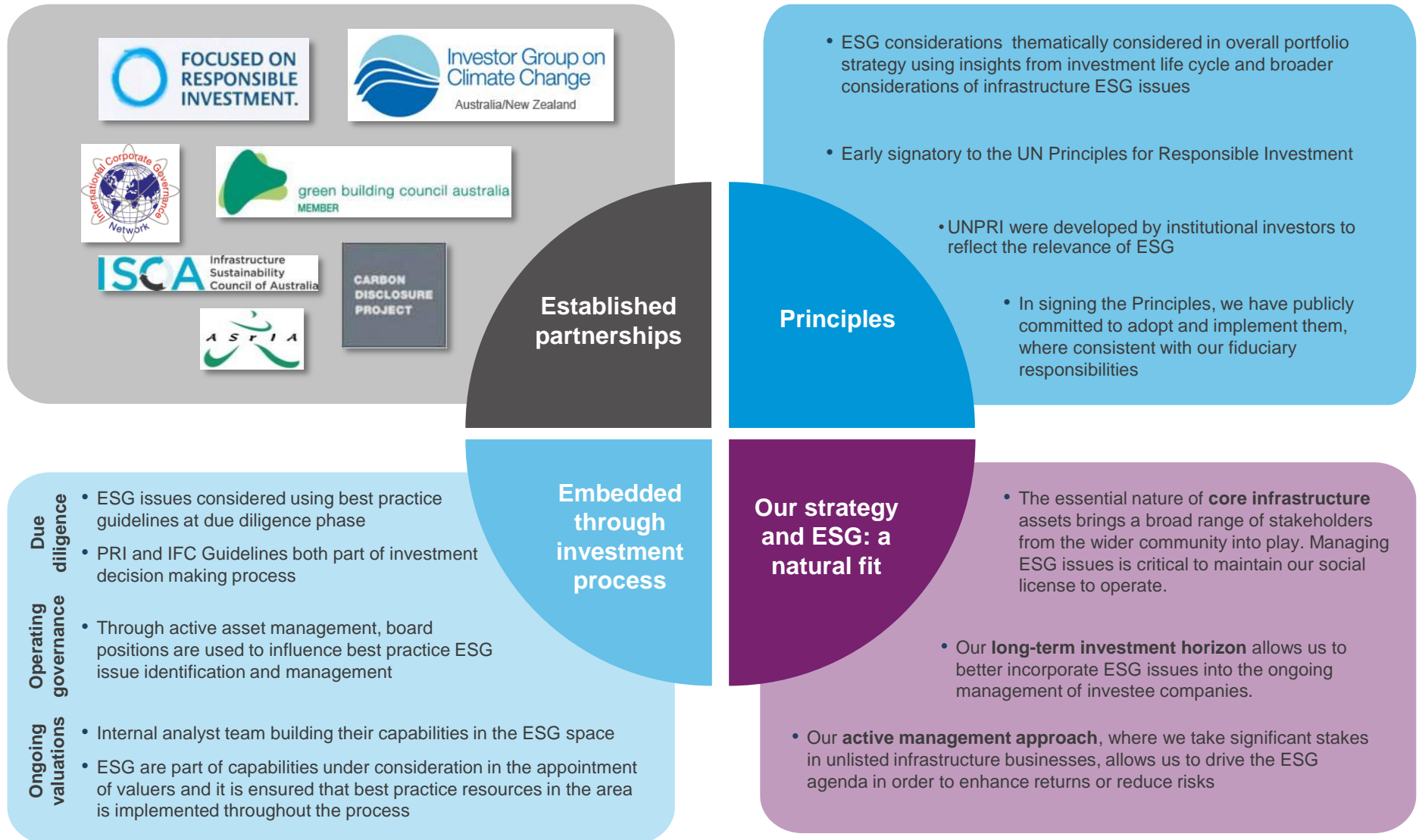
Active management approach

Taking significant stakes in businesses with board representation allows us to exert real governance influence

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- **Anglian Water's** embedded CO2 modeller tool used in network design
  - 67% carbon reduction and project capex reduced by 25%
- \$1.3 bn new runway project at **Brisbane Airport** required balancing diverse interests including safety, noise, cost, environmental, regulatory and operational concerns.
  - Over 300 approvals with runway height at a level above 1-in-100 storm and incorporates potential climate change impacts
- As 50% owner of **Electricity North West**, we were able to drive integration of outsourced service provider UUES and effectively create a standalone business.
  - Reconnection of labour force with network assets allows greater responsiveness to customer needs and regulatory requirements

# Leading responsible investor





# Appendix – Market Overview

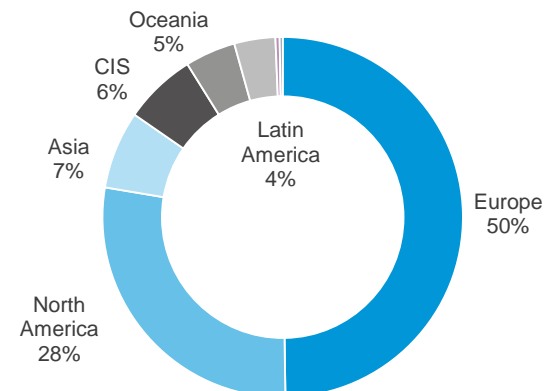
## 1 Unmatched depth and diversity

- **Cornerstone region for developed-market investors** – 24 of the 34 OECD members located in Europe, which rates highly on institutional criteria such as property rights and transparency.
- **Market depth** – Europe not only largest institutional infrastructure market, but is also the largest market for overall corporate infrastructure M&A, accounting for half of global deals.\*
- **Multiple jurisdictions increase diversification potential.** With >30 national governments, investors are better able to diversify political and regulatory risk, and are less exposed to actions of any one government (e.g. privatisation delays)

## 2 Good mix of cyclical and structural drivers

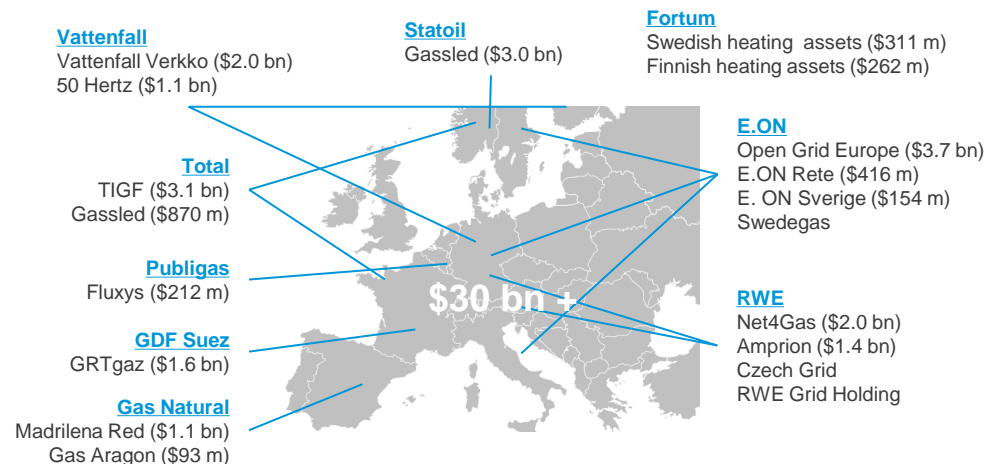
- Large European utilities **divesting assets**, due to:
  - Financial pressures: repairing debt-laden balance sheets
  - Strategic reasons: exiting lower-margin ‘non-core’ activities
  - Regulation: unbundling of vertically-integrated utilities
- New EU-wide **renewables target** of 27 per cent of energy from renewables by 2030 announced in early 2014. Less prescriptive, but more market-based than previous version.
- **Privatisations** will continue to present opportunities, particularly in southern Europe.
- **Contractors** recycling capital from mature assets into greenfields

## Corporate infrastructure activity by region\*



Source: CFSGAM Research and Zephyr

## Selected energy utility divestments (2010-13)\*\*



Source: CFSGAM Research and Zephyr. \*\*Sales to financial buyers only.

\* Excludes institutional, private equity and MLP deals

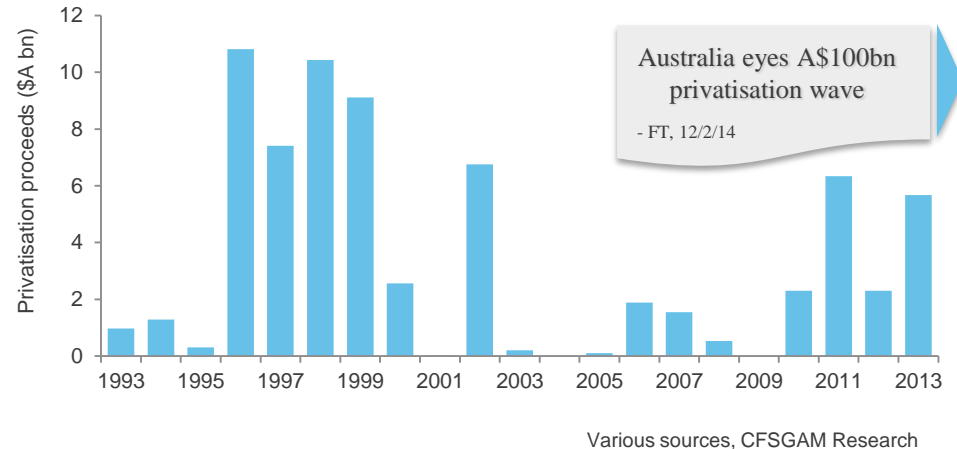
## 1 Highly attractive investment destination

- **Established infrastructure market** – long history of infrastructure privatisations, second only to the UK in this regard
- **Enviably economic fundamentals** – two decades of uninterrupted GDP growth. AAA credit rating and low sovereign debt levels. Strong ties to Asian region.

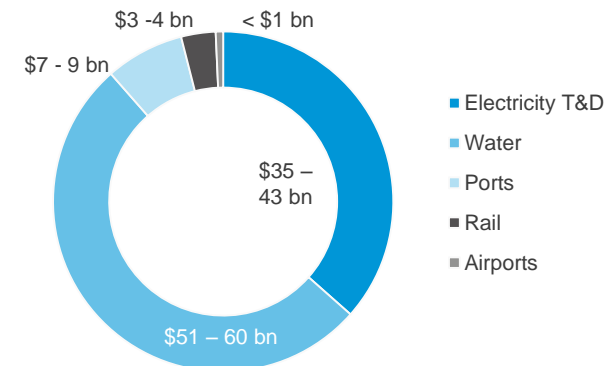
## 2 Deal pipeline: stronger for longer

- **Privatisations:** after initial wave of privatisations in mid to late-1990s, Australia is now in the early stage of a second wave of privatisations.
- More than **\$100 billion** of assets remain on Federal and State government balance sheets.
- Peaking of the **resources boom** is adding impetus to rationalisation efforts, and sale of non-core assets by corporates
- **Capital recycling** model of brownfield privatisation proceeds being reinvested into greenfield infrastructure should ensure greater **continuity** of infrastructure investment opportunities
- **Mature market:** listed assets and secondary market transactions as institutional investors rebalance their portfolios

## Australian infrastructure privatisations



## Publicly-owned infrastructure by sector



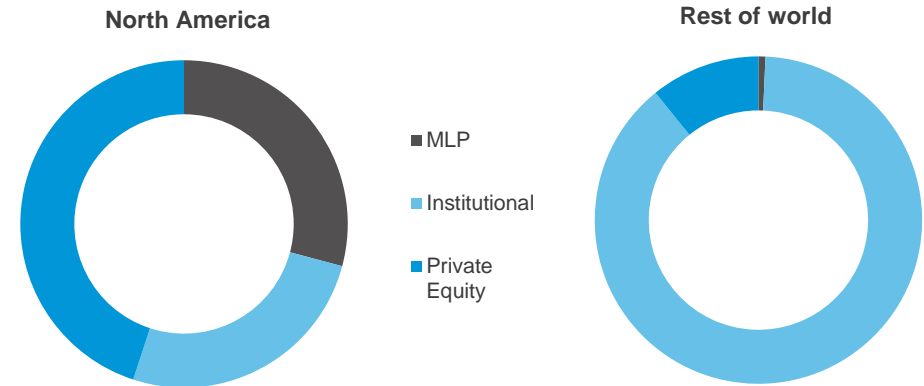
## 1 Institutional landscape is unique

- ‘Traditional’ institutional infrastructure investors\* less prolific in North America due to prevalence of private equity firms, MLPs and alternative financing sources such as tax-exempt bonds
- **MLPs:** Master Limited Partnerships have grown rapidly over the past decade, with market capitalisation of ~\$400 billion. Mainly house lower-risk, high-yield midstream oil and gas assets, but non-traditional assets are increasingly being placed into these structures.
- **Private Equity** – these investors typically have higher return hurdles, and therefore target higher-risk sectors such as generation assets.

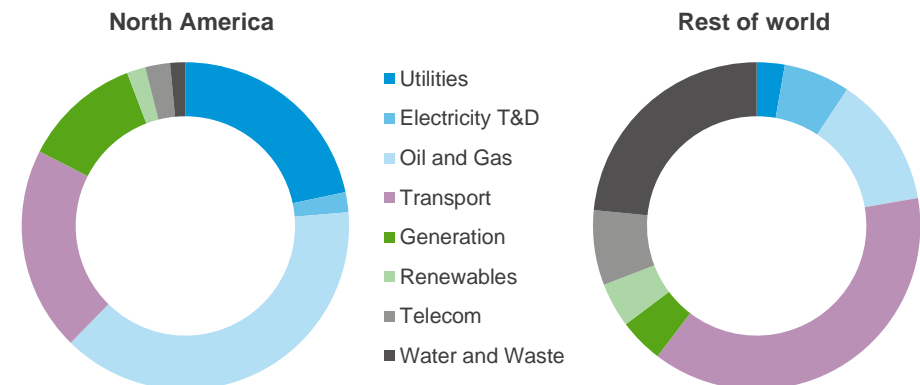
## 2 Short-term obstacles, medium-term potential

- **Energy:** INGAA estimates over \$250 billion is needed on new energy infrastructure between 2011 and 2035, with shale gas creating new investment opportunities.
- **Transportation:** many states have enacted PPP legislation, with greenfield transport projects currently underway. Brownfield privatisations will require further political will, with several ‘false dawns’ so far.
- **Water:** US water sector mainly publicly-owned, fragmented and has marginal economics. Consolidation and reform to encourage private financing could transform the sector.

### Infrastructure activity by acquiror type



### Institutional infrastructure activity by sector



\* According to our definition, this includes pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, insurers and dedicated infrastructure funds

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