

Preqin Industry News

Jessica Sutro provides a rundown of the latest infrastructure news, featuring exclusive intelligence uncovered by Preqin's analysts. Preqin Online subscribers can click on the investor/firm/asset names to view the full profiles.

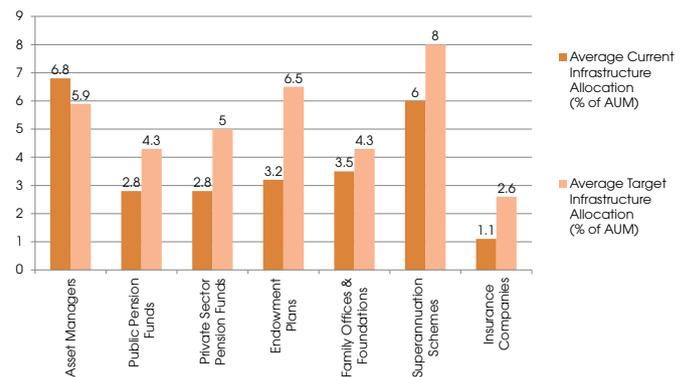
As the infrastructure asset class continues to grow, more and more investors are demonstrating interest in investing in infrastructure vehicles. The Chart of the Month reveals that many institutional investor types are below their target allocation to infrastructure, suggesting a potential for further commitments to the asset class from these investors in the future. In particular, endowment plans have a higher target infrastructure allocation of assets under management (6.5%) than their current average allocation of 3.2%.

Pension funds, an infrastructure investor type further explored in this month's feature article, continue to be large players in the asset class. The £10.5bn UK-based public pension fund [Greater Manchester Pension Fund](#) plans to increase its allocation to infrastructure in the next 12 months, increasing its target allocation to 3% of total assets. The pension scheme, which only targets unlisted fund investments and looks to gain exposure to a variety of economic and social infrastructure assets within developed markets such as Europe, North America, and Australia, will likely seek further investment opportunities in H2 2012 with both new and existing fund managers in its portfolio. Additionally, [BBC Pension Trust](#), a £9bn investor in economic and social infrastructure projects, has made two further commitments to unlisted infrastructure funds in the past 12 months, increasing its current exposure to around 2.8% of total assets. The pension fund plans to continue investing in the asset class over the coming 12 months on an opportunistic basis.

Other LPs are also expanding or seeking to expand their infrastructure commitments. The \$67.5bn asset management company [John Hancock Financial Services](#), is very optimistic about the infrastructure asset class, and plans to expand its infrastructure portfolio over the coming 12 months. The asset manager will invest both via commitments to unlisted funds and through direct investment strategies, targeting investments in North America, and is seeking to acquire exposure to infrastructure sectors such as energy, utilities, water and other core assets. Additionally, it will likely pursue co-investment opportunities over the course of 2012/13.

Elsewhere, some investors are considering the asset class for the first time. [Oregon State University Foundation](#), a \$375mn university endowment plan, is looking to make its maiden investments in the infrastructure asset class over the coming 12 months. The endowment plan has not previously invested in infrastructure opportunities, but now plans to do so through commitments to both primary unlisted funds and infrastructure fund of funds vehicles.

Chart of the Month: Average Current and Target Infrastructure Allocations by Investor Type



Source: Preqin Infrastructure Online

Data Source:

Preqin's Infrastructure Online is the industry's leading source of intelligence on the unlisted infrastructure fund industry. This constantly updated resource includes details for all aspects of the asset class, including fund performance, fundraising data, institutional investor profiles, fund manager profiles and more.

All of Preqin's exclusive intelligence is available on [Infrastructure Online](#).

Subscribers can click on the firm and fund names to view the full profile.

For more information please visit:

www.preqin.com/infrastructure