

Ecofin Sustainable Global Water UCITS Fund

Q1 2024 QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

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Fund overview

The Ecofin Sustainable Global Water UCITS Fund invests in companies across the globe and throughout the water value chain that we believe are in a position to benefit from the pursuit to solve the water supply/demand imbalance.

Fund returns as of 31 March 2024

<i>(All total returns in EUR)</i>	3 month %	1 year %	ITD %
Fund NAV	5.8	7.0	7.8
S&P Global Water Index	6.9	13.0	14.2
S&P Global Infrastructure Index	3.4	3.4	-1.6

NAV performance in EUR for the Founder share class. Date of inception 04 May 2022.

Q1 2024 Performance Commentary

Coming out of a challenging January, the fund rallied in February well ahead of sector indices and in March ended the quarter strongly. The fund's first quarter returned 6.1% gross of fees and 5.8% net of fees, slightly lagging the S&P Global Water Index which returned 6.9% but outperforming global infrastructure equities during the period (S&P Global Infrastructure Index 3.4%). In this context, the fund's win/loss ratio reached 151% in the first quarter (227% in February), compared to 98% in 2023.

During the quarter U.S. utilities delivered positive performance while European utilities lagged. As such, North America outsizedly contributed positively (+582 basis points (bps), or over 90% of quarter-to-date contribution to NAV). To further illustrate, out of the top ten names that positively contributed to NAV, 8 were domiciled in the U.S.

Long duration businesses, like water utilities and agricultural & farm machinery struggled while industrial names, such as pipes, pumps, and filtration equipment, tended to rally during the period due to their cyclical nature. Given this, the lion's share of positive contribution to NAV for the portfolio was driven by industrial names, notably thanks to strong performance from our largest holding Xylem (+15.5%), as well as Core & Main, which had a very strong Q1 performance (+44.0%), and Pentair (+20.0%), another one of our top holdings. Although our APAC region book overall did not add positively to NAV contribution (Guangdong Investment as the worst contributor), we did see a bounce in China Water Affairs after months of decline.

Key quarterly performance drivers

The 5 best and worst contributors to the NAV during the quarter were:

Company	Avg. net exposure	NAV contribution %
Top 5:		
Xylem Inc.	8.6	1.3
Core & Main Inc	2.3	0.9
Pentair PLC	4.3	0.9
Advanced Drainage Systems Inc	3.2	0.8
IDEX Corp	4.6	0.7
Bottom 5:		
Guangdong Investment Ltd	1.4	-0.7
SJW Group	3.5	-0.4
American Water Works Co Inc	6.6	-0.4
American States Water Co	2.3	-0.2
Lindsay Corp	2.8	-0.2

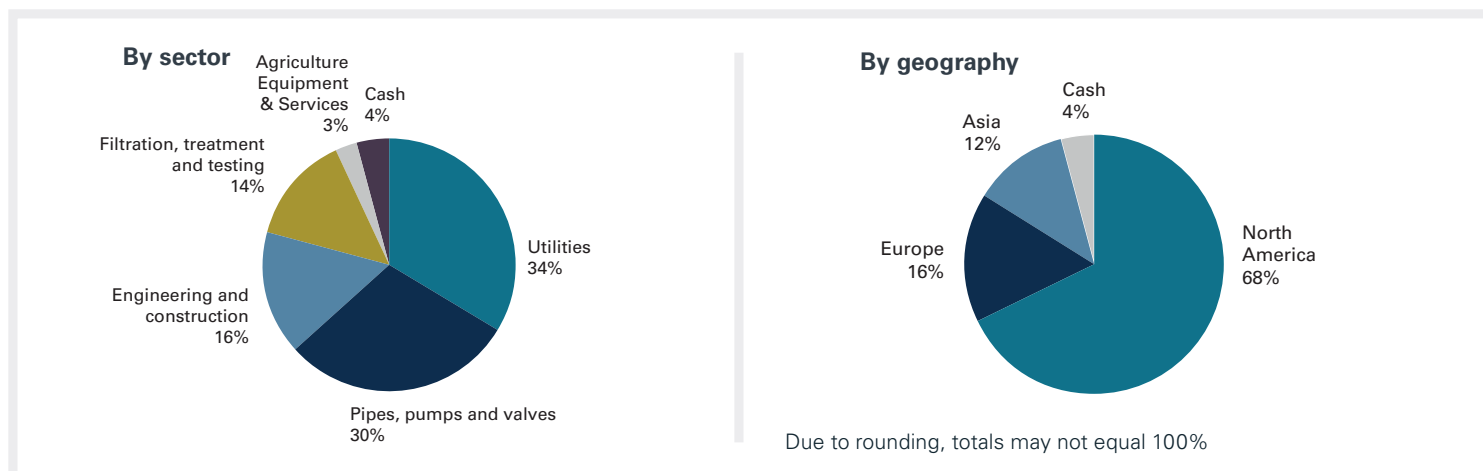
Market Outlook

High levels of U.S. interest rates and the risk of delays and smaller magnitude of cuts in interest rates continue to be headwinds. It however remains likely that interest rates will be cut in the U.S. and Europe before yearend as inflation continues to abate.

We see buying opportunities, given the lower share prices and valuations, but we are sticking to a selective approach.

We remain confident the secular tailwinds in the water sector will continue to provide momentum as attractive earnings growth underpins strong risk-adjusted equity performance over the medium-to-long term. We remain focused on positioning the portfolio in companies with exposure to end markets with healthy momentum that provide relatively strong earnings growth.

Portfolio exposure (% of NAV) As of 31 March 2024



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