



Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Total Return Fund (TORIX/TORTX)



Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Total Return Fund (TORIX/TORTX) received a Four-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ among 99 Energy Limited Partnership Funds (based on a weighted average of the fund's three-, five-, and ten-year risk-adjusted return measure, if applicable) as of 12/31/2022.

4Q 2022 QUARTERLY COMMENTARY



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Investment strategy

The fund focuses on the large and diverse North American pipeline universe, providing access to the sizable pipeline network of one of the world's largest consumers of energy. The fund has the ability and flexibility to access traditional pipeline corporations alongside master limited partnerships (MLPs). We believe these pipeline companies and MLPs have strong business fundamentals and expanded growth opportunities.

The broad energy sector, as represented by the S&P Energy Select Sector® Index returned 22.86% for the fourth quarter. Energy finished the year strong, as investors continued to rotate into the sector. The energy sector's weight within the S&P 500 Index rose to above 5% for the first time since 2019 as investors sought inflation protection, rotated to a value bias from growth bias and saw the Russia and Ukraine conflict bring energy security into focus. 2022 was the eighth consecutive year of underinvestment in oil and gas. With supply sources more finite, there is a renewed opportunity for short-cycle North American energy. In 2022, U.S. oil production crossed 12 million barrels per day (mm b/d), a level not seen since April 2020. Global underinvestment resulting from environmental, social and governance (ESG) commitments and energy transition is likely to keep global stock balances extremely tight for the foreseeable future.

Energy infrastructure

The midstream energy sector, represented by the Tortoise North American Pipeline IndexSM, returned 8.33% for the quarter. Investor sentiment rebounded with positive retail flows coupled with companies buying back stock in the open market. In fact, 2022 was the first year since 2018 where midstream fund flows were positive. Beyond the constructive technical setup, we believe midstream serves as a hedge to many current risks investors face. Midstream's strong

fundamentals, attractive valuations, defensive characteristics in a higher rate and inflationary environment and improved free cash flow should support outperformance on a relative basis.

As more volumes flowed through pipeline systems in 2022, cash flow increased for midstream companies. The balanced return of capital story continued for investors via debt reduction, share buybacks and increased distributions. Specifically, deleveraging continued as companies target leverage between 3.0x-4.0x after years of leverage between 4.0x-5.0x, distribution growth accelerated to 7% in 2022 as companies targeted a return to pre-COVID levels and share buybacks accelerated with \$3.4 billion repurchased through the Q3. The other use of capital has been mergers and acquisitions (M&A). There were several accretive bolt-on acquisitions of private assets completed by larger energy infrastructure companies. These assets largely were complementary to existing assets, allowing operators to control energy volumes across more midstream activities.

Recession concerns weighed on investor psyche the second half of the year. While there were several recessions in the last 40 years, energy demand increased in 38 out of the last 40 years (2008 and 2020 decreased). Due to actions taken during 2020 recession, we believe the energy sector, and specifically midstream, is well prepared to deal with another potential recession. The world remains undersupplied in energy, and we believe sector balance sheets are in much better shape than in past recessions including 2001, 2008 and 2020. 2022 earnings exceeded expectations with energy the one part of the market where earnings grew at an accelerated rate.

While inflation expectations started to moderate in the fourth quarter, they remain top of mind for investors. Pipelines typically have long-term contracts with inflation protection from regulated tariff escalators. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) indexing could be a material driver of liquid pipeline cash flows with rates potentially increasing double digits next summer on top of an 8.7% increase that went into effect July 1, 2022. Interest rates also rose significantly in 2022 as the Federal Reserve took a more hawkish approach and started raising the Fed Funds rate. Historically, midstream energy displays strong historical returns in rising rate environments. In the 15 time periods of rising rates since 2001, midstream energy, represented by the Tortoise North American Pipeline IndexSM, returned an average return of 7.7%, compared to a S&P 500 Index average return of 6.1%, and bond return of -2.4% represented by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

The global energy markets remained dynamic throughout 2022. In early October, the crude oil market tightened as the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries+ (OPEC+) responded to softening economic conditions in the OECD, namely Europe, by cutting production 2mm b/d. Separately, sanctions around exports of Russian energy took effect at the end of 2022 and are expected to increase in 2023 driven by an embargo of Russian crude above the price cap of \$60. While Russian crude was more resilient than expected in 2022, volumes are

projected to decline and/or face longer transit times to their end market. Given these disruptions, the focus remains on the supply side of the equation. For 2023, the Energy Information Agency (EIA) forecasts that U.S. production will increase 0.3 mm b/d to 12.6 mm b/d, up from 12.3 mm b/d at the end of 2022. On the demand side, global inventories continued to be drawn upon and are well below their 5-year averages. The scarcity of commodities comes at a time when global demand should be boosted by China re-opening from COVID lockdowns in 2023.

Transitioning to natural gas, with energy security a higher priority and low natural gas inventories, Europe is increasingly importing U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG). Throughout 2022, LNG exporters contracted almost 6 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of new contracts, signing 15-25-year contracts with European and Asian counterparties. The market awaits several Final Investment Decisions (FIDs) in 2023 which would put the U.S. on track to roughly double LNG export capacity by end of the decade. We expect a more mixed setup for natural gas in 2023, as supply outpaces demand and unseasonably warm weather lessened gas demand for Europe and North America. One short-term positive is the expected restart of Freeport LNG, which has been offline since the second half of 2022.

The focus of the fund is on companies with export infrastructure, both LNG and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), and the ability to transport energy commodities to export centers. These companies can benefit from the growing shift away from Russian energy. The fund also maintains its emphasis on what we believe to be strong and growing free cash flow profiles and on those companies with exposure to the most competitive basins for hydrocarbon production, including the Permian and Marcellus basins.

Portfolio as of 12/31/2022 (unaudited)

By asset type

Natural gas infrastructure	72%
Liquids infrastructure	25%
Renewables and power infrastructure	2%
Upstream oilfield services and refining	1%

By ownership structure

C-corps/LLCs	76%
MLPs	24%

Fund holdings are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100%.

Top five contributors	Company type	Performance driver
Targa Resources Corp.	Natural gas infrastructure company	Benefitted from higher natural gas liquid (NGL) volumes in the Permian basin. The company also repurchased \$73 million of stock in the quarter. Finally, Targa announced plans to construct a new NGL pipeline from the Permian to the Gulf Coast to support continued volume growth
ONEOK, Inc.	Natural gas infrastructure company	Benefitted from volume increases across all its segments. Further, the company introduced a 2023 Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) outlook 10% above 2022 levels, partly driven by new projects coming into service and continued volume growth on its systems
Williams Companies, Inc.	Natural gas infrastructure company	Benefitted from strong Q3 earnings results, affirmed top end of 2022 EBITDA guidance, and purchased the MountainWest natural gas pipeline at an attractive multiple
Plains GP Holdings, L.P.	Crude oil infrastructure company	Benefitted from strong Q3 earnings results via higher volume expectations and raised its 2022 adjusted EBITDA guidance
Kinder Morgan, Inc.	Natural gas infrastructure company	Despite weaker than expected Q3 earnings, Kinder Morgan benefitted from support through share buybacks and is positioned to add on moderate growth in offering pipeline expansions related to Gulf Coast LNG demand

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Cheniere Energy, Inc.	Natural gas infrastructure company	Despite reconfirming 2022 EBITDA guidance, the stock sold off following lower European LNG prices due to relatively warm winter weather. These lower prices inhibit the company's ability to make outsized marketing profits
NextDecade Corporation	Natural gas infrastructure company	Underperformed due lower European LNG prices following relatively warm winter weather. The sentiment for LNG exporters shifted lower even for exporters with no material marketing volumes like NextDecade due to the implication that new long-term contracts may be harder to sign
Equitrans Midstream Corporation	Gathering & processing company	Underperformed despite in-line earnings as the company faced continued uncertainty around the timing of the in-service date for the Mountain Valley Pipeline
NextEra Energy Partners	Diversified infrastructure company	Underperformed despite in-line earnings and continued acceleration around their renewable backlog
Crestwood Equity Partners LP	Gathering & processing company	Underperformed after weak Q3 earnings and lowered 2022 guidance on slower Bakken volume recovery

Top 10 holdings (as of 12/31/2022)

1. Targa Resources Corp.	10.4%	6. ONEOK, Inc.	7.4%
2. Cheniere Energy, Inc.	9.6%	7. MPLX LP	5.0%
3. Kinder Morgan, Inc.	7.8%	8. Energy Transfer LP	5.0%
4. Enbridge, Inc.	7.8%	9. Plains GP Holdings, L.P.	5.0%
5. The Williams Companies, Inc	7.8%	10. Pembina Pipeline Corp.	4.8%

Performance (as of 12/31/2022)

Class	4Q 2022	Calendar YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	Since inception*	Expense ratio (gross)
TORIX Institutional	9.39%	22.13%	22.13%	6.63%	4.02%	4.68%	6.21%	0.94%
TORTX A Class (excluding load)	9.31%	21.90%	21.90%	6.34%	3.72%	4.38%	5.91%	1.19%
TORTX A Class (maximum load)	3.29%	15.16%	15.16%	4.36%	2.55%	3.80%	5.39%	1.19%
TORCX C Class (excluding CDSC)	9.13%	20.94%	20.94%	5.58%	2.99%	3.63%	5.14%	1.94%
TORCX C Class (including CDSC)	8.13%	19.94%	19.94%	5.58%	2.99%	3.63%	5.14%	1.94%
TNAPT Tortoise North American Pipeline Index SM	8.34%	16.91%	16.91%	7.88%	6.87%	7.03%	7.80%	
SPXT S&P 500® Index	7.56%	-18.11%	-18.11%	7.66%	9.42%	12.56%	11.66%	

Note: For periods over one year, performance reflected is for the average annual returns.

*The Institutional and A Class Shares commenced operations on 5/31/2011 and C Class Shares commenced operations on 9/19/2012. Performance shown prior to inception of the C Class Shares is based on the performance of the Institutional Class Shares, adjusted for the higher expenses applicable to C Class Shares. **Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 855-TCA-Fund (855-822-3863).**

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Disclosures

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- AAA, AA: Leader- The companies that the fund invests in tend to show strong and/or improving management of financially relevant environmental, social and governance issues. These companies may be more resilient to disruptions arising from ESG events.
- A, BB, BB: Average- The fund invests in companies that tend to show average management of ESG issues, or in a mix of companies with both above-average and below-average ESG risk management.
- B, CCC: Laggard- The fund is exposed to companies that do not demonstrate adequate management of the ESG risks that they face or show worsening management of these issues. These companies may be more vulnerable to disruptions arising from ESG events.

The Fund ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of "Fund ESG Quality Score" to letter rating categories.

- 8.6- 10: AAA
- 7.1- 8.6: AA
- 5.7- 7.1: A
- 4.3- 5.7: BBB
- 2.9- 4.3: BB
- 1.4- 2.9: B
- 0.0- 1.4: CCC

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The "Fund ESG Quality Score" is assessed using the underlying holding's "Overall ESG Scores", "Overall ESG Ratings", and "Overall ESG Rating Trends". It is calculated in a series of 3 steps.

Step 1: Calculate the "Fund Weighted Average ESG Score" of the underlying holding's "Overall ESG Scores". The Overall ESG Scores represent either the ESG Ratings Final Industry-Adjusted Score or Government Adjusted ESG Score of the issuer. Methodology for the issuer level scores are available in the MSCI ESG Ratings Methodology document.

Step 2: Calculate adjustment % based on fund exposure to "Fund ESG Laggards (%)", "Fund ESG Trend Negative (%)", and "Fund ESG Trend Positive (%)".

Step 3: Multiply the "Fund Weighted Average ESG Score" by (1 + Adjustment %).

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