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Argo Infrastructure increases profit and outperforms broader equity markets

Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ASX code: ALI) is pleased to announce an increased interim profit of \$27.8 million. The Board has declared a fully franked interim dividend of 3.5 cents per share – the eighth consecutive fully franked dividend.

Summary of financial results

	Half-year to 31 December 2021	Half-year to 31 December 2020	Change
Profit/(Loss)*	\$27.8 million	(\$5.4 million)	+615.8%
Interim dividend per share (fully franked)	3.5 cents	3.5 cents	-
Market capitalisation	\$401 million	\$319 million	+25.7%
Net tangible assets (NTA) per share [^]	\$2.51	\$2.16	+16.2%

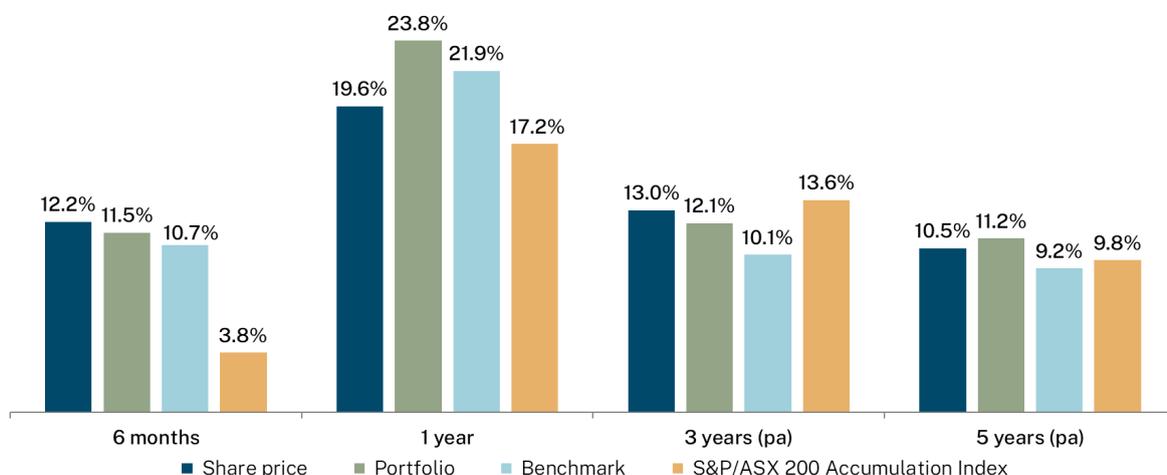
* Reported profit can be volatile as accounting standards require that operating income and realised profits and losses are added to, or reduced by, changes in the portfolio's market value from period to period.

[^] After all costs, including fees and taxes.

Strong investment performance

For the half-year to 31 December 2021, the portfolio delivered a total return of +11.5%, more than triple the +3.8% delivered by the Australian equity market. The Company's share price also performed very strongly, increasing +12.2% over the period.

Total returns to 31 December 2021



Fully franked dividend

The interim dividend of 3.5 cents per share is Argo Infrastructure's eighth consecutive fully franked dividend, demonstrating the Company's track record of delivering sustainable total returns. It also underscores a key benefit of Argo Infrastructure's Australian listed investment company structure – the ability to generate franking credits while investing overseas. Including the interim dividend, total dividends paid to our shareholders since inception equal 35.75 cents per share.

Outlook

Global listed infrastructure has had a solid start to the new calendar year, holding up well amid the widespread sell-off across broader equity markets. In January, global infrastructure stocks delivered a positive return (in A\$ terms), while global and local shares fell -2.3% and -6.4% respectively. This demonstrates the resilience of the asset class during periods of volatility, as well its diversification benefits for Australian investors.

Looking ahead, the global economy should continue to strengthen – albeit at a moderating pace – and tightening monetary policy and higher rates of inflation will remain key investment themes. As markets digest imminent US interest rate rises and escalating geopolitical concerns, we expect further volatility. This environment may continue to drive demand for assets with more defensive attributes, such as infrastructure stocks.

It is important to note that most infrastructure businesses can pass on rising costs to their users due to inflation-linked pricing mechanisms. This safeguards profit margins and can provide protection against rising inflation.

With more than \$400 million of assets and no debt, Argo Infrastructure is well-positioned in the current investment environment to deliver on our objective of providing total returns for long-term investors, consisting of capital growth and dividend income.

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About Argo Infrastructure

Argo Global Listed Infrastructure (Argo Infrastructure) (ASX code: ALI) provides investors with exposure to a portfolio of global listed infrastructure securities, diversified across both emerging and developed economies and spanning the full spectrum of infrastructure assets, including those not accessible via the ASX. Argo Infrastructure was founded in 2015 by Argo Investments (ASX code: ARG) and today has more than \$400 million in assets and over 9,400 shareholders