## **FUNDTRACKER TRENDWATCH**

### Infrastructure closing times fall

Fundraising periods average less than a year for funds closed in 2015

he number of infrastructure funds opening and closing in 2015 has slowed from the heady previous two years, but those that have been launched are closing faster than ever.

- Fund closing times drop dramatically YTD 2015
- Americas-focused funds close in shortest amount of time
- Energy funds dominate and close in less than 10 months

The average time for infrastructure funds to be in the market from start to finish remained relatively steady in 2013 and 2014, averaging 15.5 months and 15.9 months to close respectively. YTD 2015, however, has seen marketing periods fall to an average 11.4 months. This average is helped by four funds that opened and closed in six months or less, and the fact that only one fund took more than 21 months to close. (An outlier fund was open for 84 months and is

not included in the charts below.)

The capital raising periods for Americasfocused and global funds have fallen steadily since 2013. Funds targeting the Americas took more than 16 months to close in 2013. So far this year, they have averaged 9.4 months. Global funds have followed a similar pattern, falling from 17.5 months to 13.3 months since 2013. Asia has seen a dramatic loss of interest. In 2013, funds took 14.7 months to close. That grew to 18.7 months in 2014. No Asia-focused funds have closed YTD 2015.

Energy funds seem to be closing almost as soon as they open. The two largest funds — EnCap Energy Capital Fund X and Blackstone Energy Partners II — were both focused on energy, and both were oversubscribed and closed in less than six months. The ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund — which is focused on energy, transportation and utilities — took 21 months to close, possibly indicating that investors prefer sector-specific funds to diversified vehicles. The fund was oversubscribed by \$1 billion, however, closing at \$3 billion, so the length of time to close certainly does not indicate a total lack of interest.

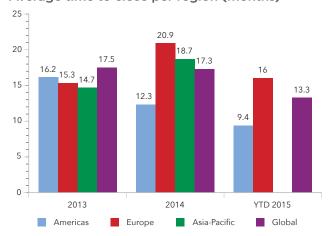
The size of fund does not seem to have as much impact on closing times for infrastructure funds as it does for real estate funds. Infrastructure investments are big and chunky, so it makes sense that the funds need to be big. We consider a real estate fund to be a mega fund if it is \$1 billion or larger. For infrastructure funds, it made more sense to use \$2 billion as the cut off. Infrastructure mega funds have closed faster than non-mega funds in 2013 and 2014, but YTD 2015 the larger funds have taken about 5 months longer.

#### Average time to close — infrastructure funds (months)



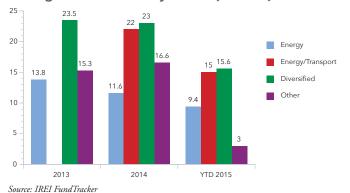
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#### Average time to close per region (months)

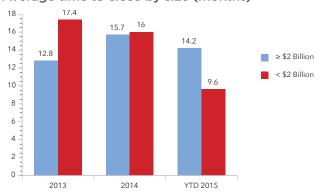


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#### Average time to close by sector (months)



#### Average time to close by size (months)



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#### Funds closed in less than 12 months (YTD 2015)

Fund Manager	Fund Name	Months Open
iCON Infrastructure	iCON Infrastructure Partners III	3
ARC Financial Corp.	ARC Energy Fund 8	3
EnCap Investments	EnCap Energy Capital Fund X	5
Old Ironsides Energy	Old Ironsides Energy Fund II	6
The Blackstone Group	Blackstone Energy Partners II	7
Five Point Capital	Five Point Capital Midstream	
	Fund I and II (The Fund)	8
PetroCap	PetroCap Partners II	9
Fengate Capital Management	KB Fengate North America	
	Infrastructure Fund	11

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- The <u>Texas County & District Retirement System</u> has committed \$50 million to Ridgewood Energy Oil & Gas Fund III.
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