

# Investor Presentation

June 2025



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

By attending the meeting where this presentation is made, or by reading the presentation slides, you agree to be bound by the following limitations:

The information in this document has been prepared by Utilico Emerging Markets Trust plc ("UEM") solely to give an overview of UEM. This document has not been approved by the UK Financial Conduct Authority or any other regulator. This document does not constitute or form part of, and should not be construed as, an offer, invitation or inducement to purchase or subscribe for any securities nor shall it or any part of it form the basis of, or be relied upon in connection with, any contract or commitment whatsoever. This document does not constitute a recommendation regarding the securities of UEM.

This presentation may not be reproduced (in whole or in part), distributed or transmitted to any other person without the prior written consent of UEM. No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to, and no reliance should be placed on, the fairness, accuracy, completeness or correctness of the information, or opinions contained herein. Neither UEM, nor any of UEM's advisers or representatives, including its joint investment managers, ICM Investment Management Limited and ICM Limited, shall have any responsibility or liability whatsoever (for negligence or otherwise) for any loss howsoever arising from any use of this document or its contents or otherwise arising in connection with this document. Neither UEM nor any other person is under an obligation to keep current the information contained in this document.

The merits or suitability of the securities described in this presentation to any investor's particular situation should be independently determined by such investor. Any such determination should involve, among other things, an assessment of the legal, tax, accounting, regulatory, financial, credit and other related aspects of the securities.

This presentation and subsequent discussion may contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of UEM. These forward-looking statements represent UEM's expectations or beliefs concerning future events and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainty that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Such forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding UEM's present and future business strategies and the environment in which UEM will operate in the future. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions of future events which may not prove to be accurate. The forward-looking statements in this document speak only as at the date of this presentation and UEM assumes no obligation to update or provide any additional information in relation to such forward-looking statements. Additional detailed information concerning important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially is available in UEM's Annual Results, Interim Results and other RNS announcements, all of which are available from UEM's website. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

The contents of this presentation are not a financial promotion and none of the contents of this presentation constitute an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity. If and to the extent that this presentation or any of its contents are deemed to be a financial promotion, the Company is relying on the exemption provided by Article 69 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotions) Order 2005/1529 in respect of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. In particular, any information in respect of past performance (including without limitation past performance of the Company, its group, shares in the Company and/or the Company's portfolio) cannot be relied upon as a guide to future performance.

The publication and distribution of this document may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions and therefore persons into whose possession this document comes or who attend any presentation should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. Any failure to comply with these restrictions could result in a violation of the laws of such jurisdiction. In particular, this document and the information contained herein, are not for publication or distribution, directly or indirectly, to persons in the United States (within the meaning of Regulation S under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")) or to entities in Canada, Australia or Japan. The securities of UEM have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States except to certain persons in offshore jurisdictions in reliance on Regulation S. Neither these slides nor any copy of them may be taken or transmitted into or distributed in Canada, Australia, Japan or any other jurisdiction which prohibits the same except in compliance with applicable securities laws. Any failure to comply with this restriction may constitute a violation of the United States or other national securities laws.



# Introduction

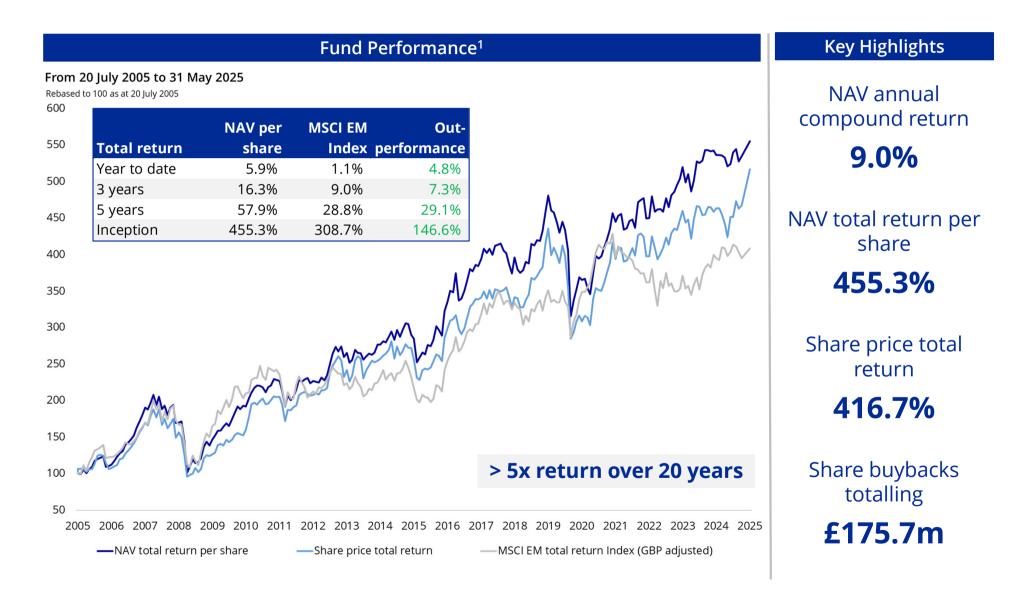
UK listed closed ended investment trust investing in infrastructure and utilities in emerging markets



Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. 1. As at 31 May 2025.



# Strong NAV and Share Price Performance

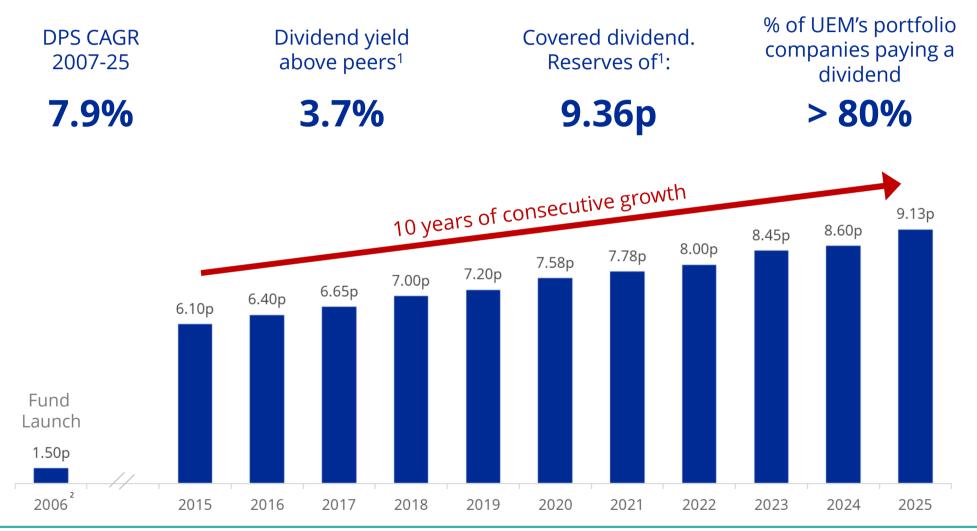




Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. 1. Adjusted for the exercise of warrants and subscription shares. Source: ICM and Bloomberg

### **Attractive Dividend**

Only Global EM fund included in the AIC's Next Generation Dividend Heroes

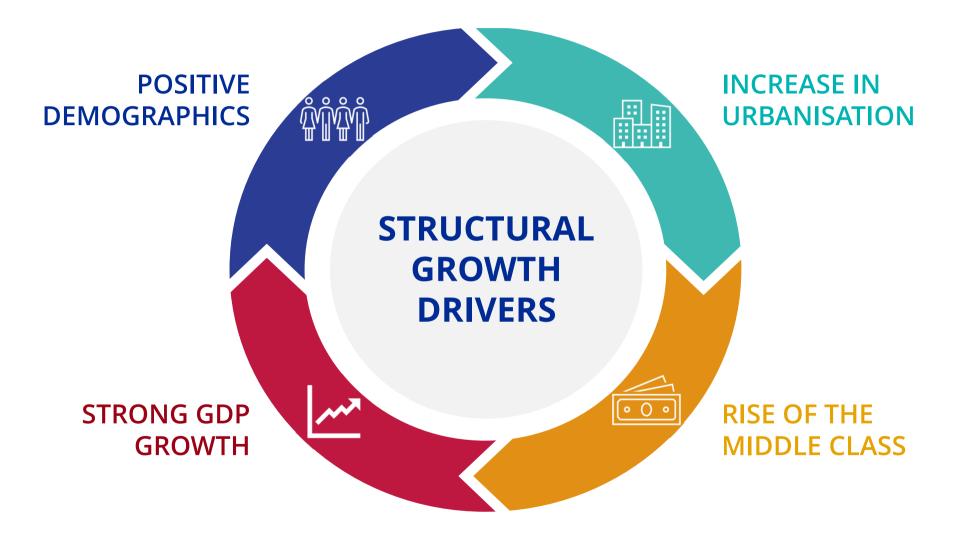


Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. Dividends paid as at each year end 31 March. 1. As at 31 May 2025. 2. From 20 July 2005 to 31 March 2006.



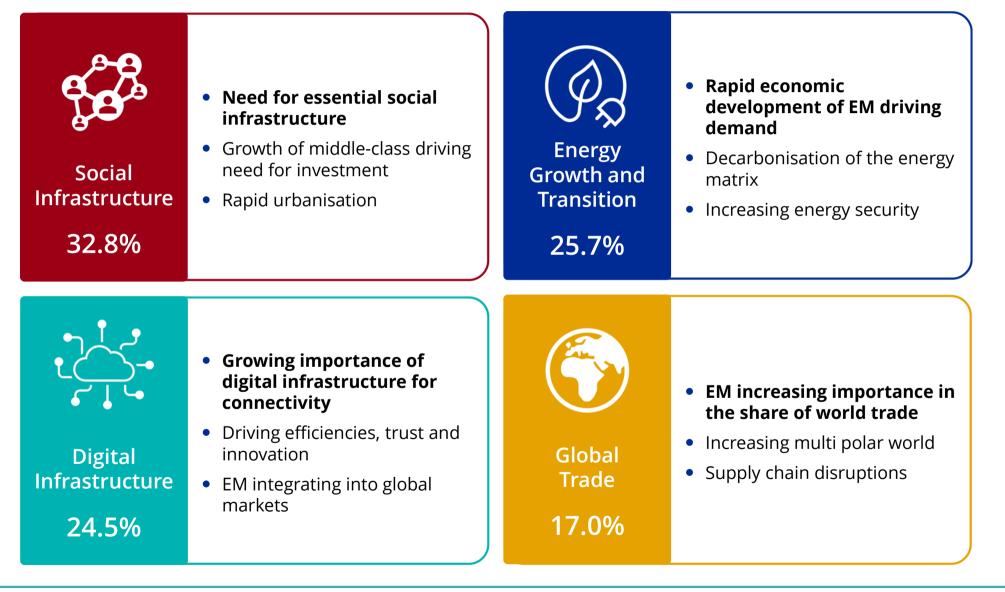
# Why UEM invests in Emerging Markets

Long term fundamental pillars driving sustainable and accelerating growth





### **UEM Direct Beneficiary of Global Infrastructure Megatrends**

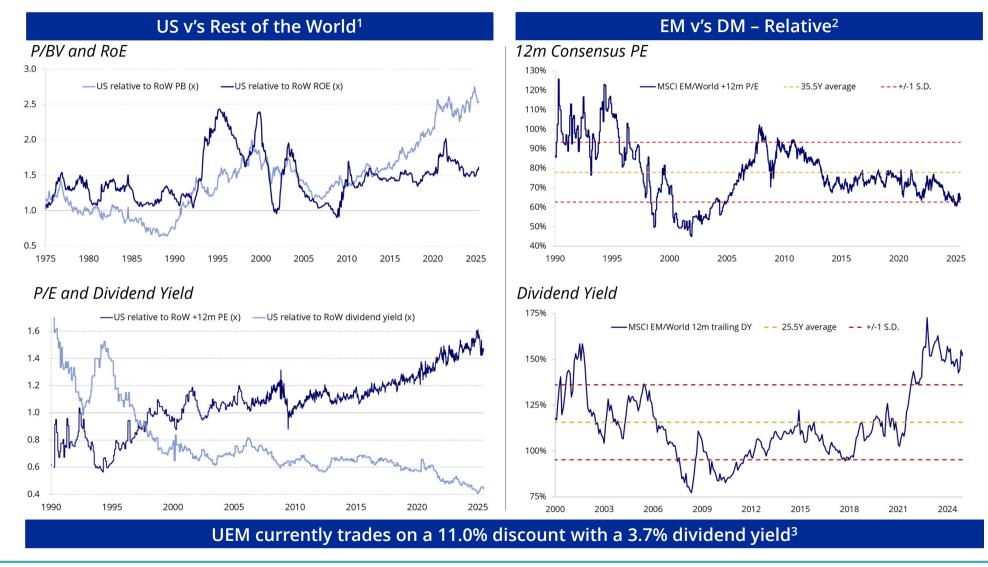




% of UEM's portfolio as at 31 May 2025.

# **Emerging Markets Continues to be Attractively Valued**

### And....UEM's portfolio continues to be attractively valued

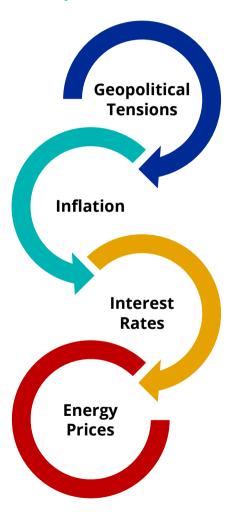


1. Source: CLSA, MSCI. 2. Source: CLSA, IBES, MSCI. 3. As at 31 May 2025.



# **UEM's Resilient Portfolio**

Despite macro volatility and geopolitical uncertainty investment in infrastructure will prevail



### **Geopolitical Tensions**

UEM's portfolio designed to withstand macroeconomic volatility and geopolitical uncertainties – **crucial for today's needs and tomorrow's innovation** 

### Inflation

Concession contracts linked to inflation, with infra assets often being monopolistic in nature / strong market position

### **Interest Rates**

Average net debt/EBITDA in portfolio 2.1x<sup>1</sup>, and limited foreign exchange risks

### **Energy Prices**

Energy generation assets benefitting from pricing volatility whilst well positioned infra stocks able to pass through fuel price increases









# **Differentiated Absolute Return Portfolio**

Unique, actively managed, benchmark agonistic portfolio providing resilience to cyclicality

UEM Portfolio		MSCI Emerging Markets Index		
Sector	% in UEM's portfolio	Sector	% in MSCI EM Index	Sector in UEM
Electricity	18.3%	Financials	24.7%	×
Water and Waste	17.1%	ІТ	22.9%	✓
Data Services and Digital Infrastructure	13.6%	Consumer Discretionary	13.4%	×
Ports	11.0%	Communication Services	10.0%	✓
Logistics	6.8%	Industrials	6.7%	✓
Telecommunications	5.7%	Materials	5.7%	×
Airports	5.5%	Consumer Staples	4.8%	×
Infrastructure Investment Funds	5.2%	Energy	4.3%	✓
Renewables	4.5%	Health Care	3.3%	$\checkmark$
Gas	4.4%	Utilities	2.6%	✓
Other	4.3%	Real Estate	1.6%	×
Road and Rail	3.6%			

	Country	% in UEM's portfolio	Country	% in MSCI EM Index	UEM (under) or overweight
	Brazil	23.1%	China	29.1%	(18.5%)
Geographical	China (including Hong Kong)	10.6%	India	18.6%	(11.6%)
Split	Vietnam	8.8%	Taiwan	18.5%	×
op.ne	India	7.0%	South Korea	9.7%	(7.3%)
	South Korea	2.4%	Brazil	4.4%	18.7%
	Other	48.1%	Other	19.7%	-

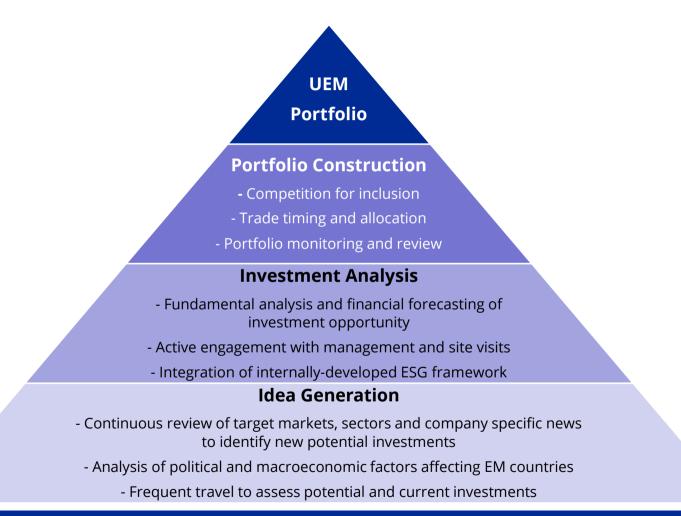
Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. As at 31 May 2025.

S



### **Investment Approach**

Detailed analysis generates a high conviction, benchmark agnostic portfolio



Closed-ended fund structure enables long-term investment approach



# Outlook for 2H25

### Geopolitical uncertainty defining the investment landscape

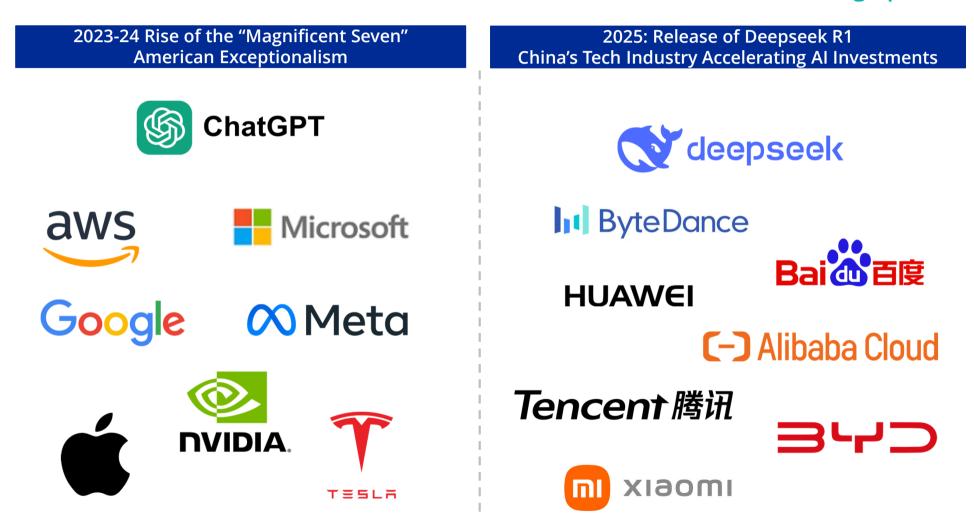
- US high degree of macro/policy uncertainty and unpredictability
  - Markets driven predominately by tariff headwinds which are stalling corporate investment decisions
  - Direction of inflation and interest rates unclear
  - Weaker US and global growth
- Escalating geopolitical tensions impact on oil price?
- China continues to stall
  - Appears to be managing risk cautiously despite growing expectation for policy stimulus
  - Focused on domestic demand expansion
  - Property and consumer confidence remains weak
- Weakening US exceptionalism leading to shift of fund flows away from the US
- Emerging markets corporates continue to deliver strong underlying growth despite challenging backdrop

Despite macro volatility and geopolitical uncertainty, infrastructure megatrends will remain





AI has been a key US technology investment theme this decade... ...but China is catching up fast



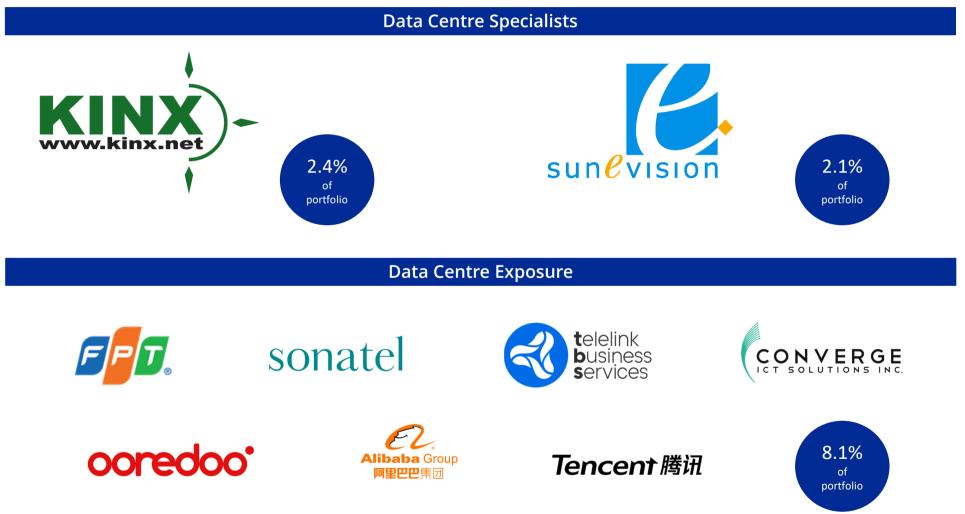
All product names, logos and brands used are properties of their respective owners.



# Impact of AI on Digital Infrastructure



Since the launch of Deepseek R1 Chatbot in January... ...UEM's data centre investments have seen a surge in demand for capacity



All product names, logos and brands used are properties of their respective owners. Portfolio as at 31 May 2025.



# **Digital Infrastructure**

### **Case Study – SUNeVision**

#### Description

- Largest data centre operator in Hong Kong with 8 data centres and 2 cable landing stations
- Flagship Mega-i data centre is the top data interconnection point in Asia
- Available IT Capacity of 103MW and GFA of 2.3m sq ft as at 31 December 2024
- Listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- Market Cap USD 2.0bn<sup>1</sup>
- UEM has been a shareholder since 2023



Share Price Performance<sup>2</sup> (HKD)



#### Al Impact

- Completed build of 50MW data centre in 2024. Increases power capacity by around 50%
- "We see strong growth from multinational cloud and even stronger growth appetite from Chinese tech companies" – Helen Lo, Commercial Director, March 2025
- Commenced build of phase 2 of Mega IDC in March 2025, ahead of original expectations
- 280MW capacity potential (land bank and power)





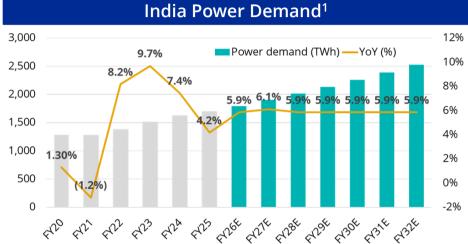
*Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. 1. As at 31 May 2025. 2. Source: Factset.* 

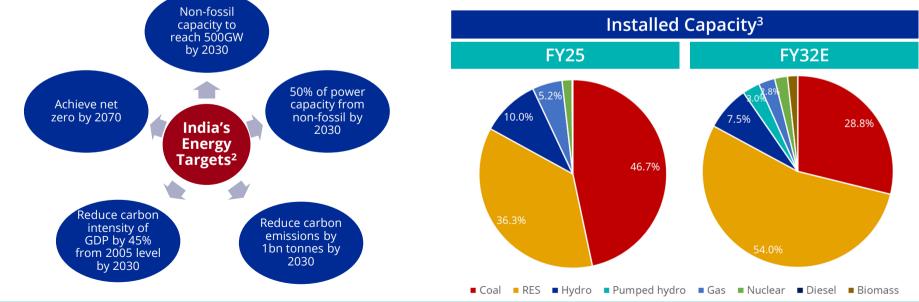


### Case Study – India

#### **Energy Demand / Decarbonisation**

- Energy demand driven by rapid economic development, growing at an even higher multiple of GDP amidst climate change and digitalisation
  - Requires necessary investment into energy infrastructure to sustain the growth
- Global drive for decarbonisation of the energy matrix to lower or zero emissions
  - India focused on achieving net zero by 2070





Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. 1. Source: Elara Capital. 2. Source CLSA. 3. Source: Central Electricity Authority. RES – Renewable energy wind and solar.



# **Energy Growth and Transition**

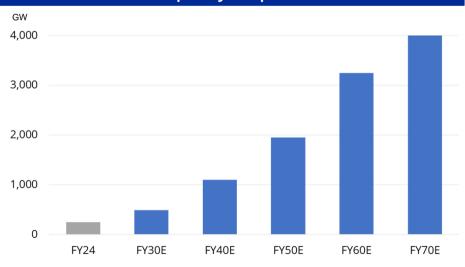


### Positive move to renewables....with energy security now a focus

#### **Energy Security**

- Energy security has become the cornerstone of many countries' economic and environmental strategy
- Rising geopolitical tension has accentuated the need for energy self-reliance
- Energy importing nations more vulnerable to fossil fuel pricing shocks
  - India with 88.2% of crude oil sourced through imports is more susceptible to pricing shocks

India's Non-fossil Capacity Requirement for Net-zero<sup>1</sup>



#### Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. 1. Source: pib.gov.in.



#### Hydro Sector Well Positioned

- Source of key renewable baseload energy structurally core to India's long-term energy transition
- Energy storage ability and flexible dispatch play crucial role for grid stability
- Low marginal cost of producing power that is not exposed to international prices
- Long duration assets that will power generations to come



# **Energy Growth and Transition**



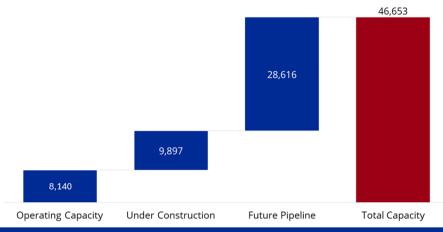


#### Description

- State-owned hydropower player in India, engaged across the entire value chain from concept to development and operation
- 8,140MW of operational capacity generating over 25TWh of electricity in FY25
- Listed on India's National Stock Exchange
- Market cap USD 10.3bn<sup>1</sup>



#### NHPC Capacity Pipeline (MW)<sup>2</sup>



#### Why We are Investors

- Core player to the Indian Government's push for hydro amidst net zero ambitions and rising power demand
- Set for transformative growth with pipeline outlining a 2.6x in operational capacity to 19.2GW by FY32
- Regulatory model provides an attractive regulated return with allowance for excess returns, whilst insulating against typical risks associated with hydro
- Demonstrated execution ability and excellent operator

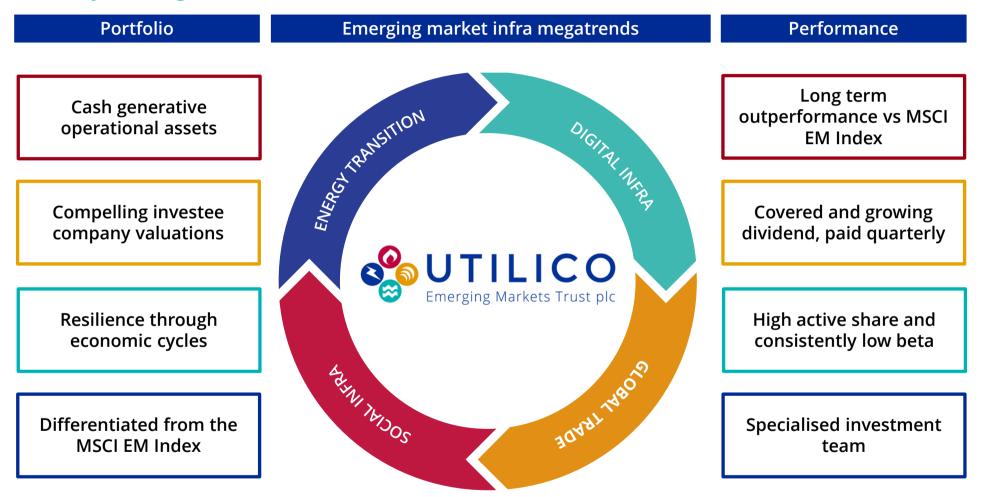
Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.

1. As at 31 May 2025. 2. Source: NHPC. Note future projects included under clearance, under surveyed and under investigation. 3. Source: Factset.



# UEM's Unique and Compelling Investment Case

### Actively managed infrastructure investment trust focused on EM



### Annualised total return of 9.0% over 19 years with a 3.7% dividend yield<sup>1</sup>

Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. 1. As at 31 May 2025.



# Appendix

## UEM Top Twenty as at 31 May 2025

### **Diversified portfolio**

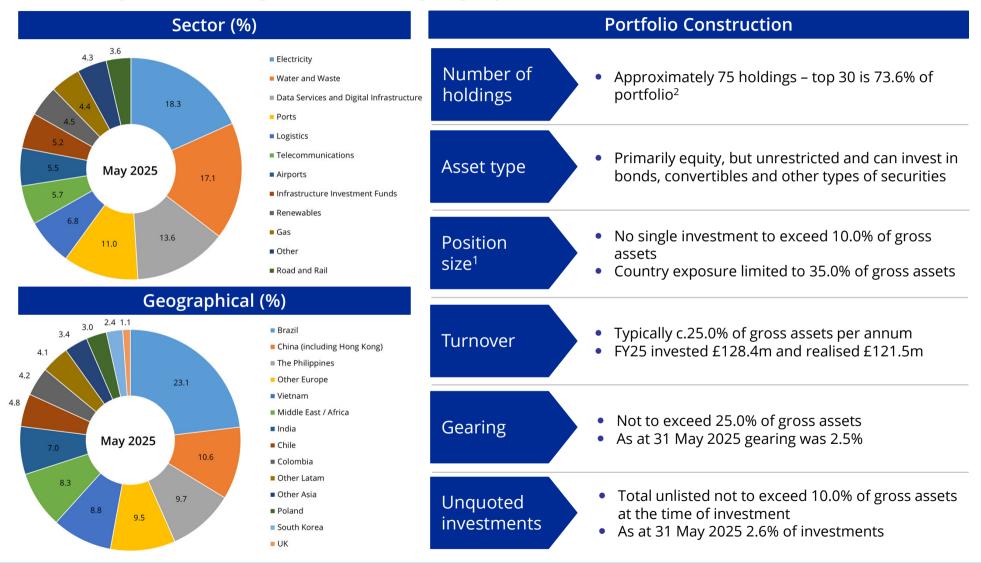
Co	ompany	Country	Sector	Megatrend	% of UEM
1 Oı	rizon Valorizacao de Residuos S.A.		Water & Waste	දරය Infra	5.5%
2 Ci	ia de Saneamento Basico do Estado de Sao Paulo (Sabesp)		Water & Waste	දරයි Social Infra	5.0%
3 In	ternational Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICT)		Ports	Global Trade	4.9%
4 FF	PT Corporation	*	Data Services & Digital Infrastructure	کنج: Digital Infra	4.0%
5 M	lanila Water Company, Inc		Water & Waste	ද <b>ීදී</b> Social Infra	3.7%
6 Al	lupar Investimento S.A.		Electricity	Growth and Transition	3.6%
7 In	diGrid Infrastructure Trust	۲	Electricity	Conception of the second secon	3.5%
8 In	Post S.A.		Logistics	کن . Digital Infra	3.0%
9 Κι	unLun Energy Company	*1	Gas	Growth and Transition	2.6%
10 Ko	orean Internet Neutral Exchange Inc. (KINX)		Data Services & Digital Infrastructure	کنج: Digital Infra	2.4%
11 Vi	inaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund Ltd	*	Investment Funds	ද <b>ීදී</b> Social Infra	2.4%
12 Ce	entrais Eletricas Brasileiras S.A. (Eletrobras)		Electricity	Growth and Transition	2.4%
13 Ag	guas Andinas S.A.	*	Water & Waste	ද <b>ීදී</b> Social Infra	2.3%
14 Se	erena Energia S.A.		Renewables	Growth and Transition	2.3%
15 Ur	meme Limited	¢	Electricity	ද <b>ීයි</b> Social Infra	2.2%
16 SL	UNeVision Holdings Limited	*)	Data Services & Digital Infrastructure	کن . Digital Infra	2.1%
17 Oc	cean Wilsons Holdings Limited		Ports	Global Trade	2.1%
18 Pi	iraeus Pot Authority		Ports	Global Trade	2.0%
19 Sc	ociete Nationale des Telecommunications du Senegal (Sonatel)	*	Telecommunications	Digital	1.9%
20 Ho	olding Bursatil Regional S.A.	*	Other	کنج: Digital Infra	1.9%

Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.



# **Portfolio Construction**

### Risk mitigation through sector and geographical diversification



Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.

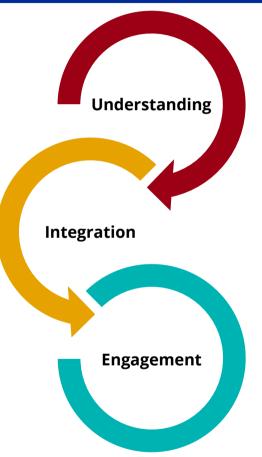
1. Internal UEM limit – per prospectus - single company not to exceed 20.0% of gross assets at time of investment and single country not to exceed 50.0% of gross assets at time of investment. 2. As at 31 May 2025.



# **ESG Investment Approach**

**ESG** approach

### UEM has an embedded ESG into the investment framework



**In-depth analysis** of the key issues that face potential and current holdings, as well as a **deep understanding** of the industry in which they operate

Incorporate the output of the 'Understanding' component detailed above into the full company analysis to ensure a **clear and complete picture** of the investment opportunity is obtained

Engage with investee companies on the key issues on a regular basis, both virtually and on location, where possible, to discuss and identify any gaps in their ESG policy to further develop and improve their ESG disclosure and implementation





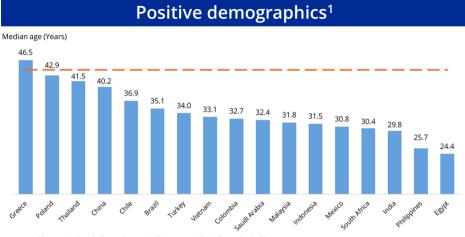
ESG forms part of the integrated research analysis, decision-making and ongoing monitoring

1. As at 31 March 2024. 2. Scope 1 & 2 emissions are the emissions that are owned or controlled by a company.

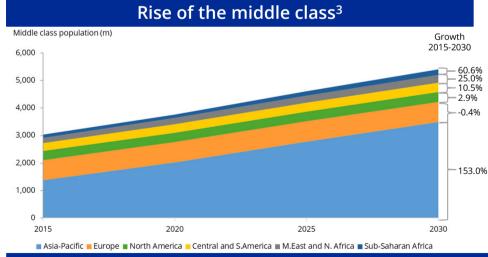


# **UEM benefitting from EM Structural Growth Drivers**

### Fundamental pillars driving sustainable and accelerating growth in EM



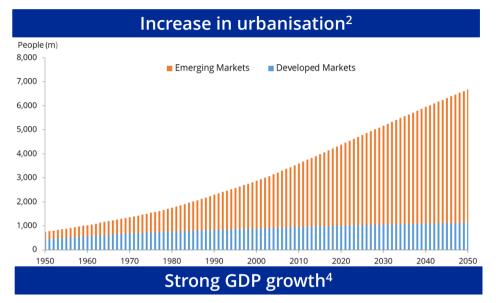
G7 comprises Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom and United States.

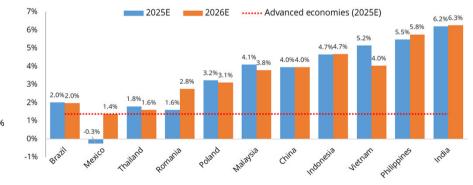


#### Underlying drivers supporting attractive emerging market growth

CIA World Factsbook.
 Source: UN Urbanisation Prospectus.
 Forecast of the global middle class population from 2015 to 2030 – Statista.
 Source: IMF.







# Megatrends Driving Upside in Emerging Markets

### Infrastructure related investments are the key drivers of global 'megatrends'

	Rapid economic development requires significant investment in energy infrastructure		Emerging market economies <b>offer</b> <b>strong GDP growth</b> increasing their importance in the share of world trade		
$(\bigcirc)$	Lower or net zero emissions targets to combat climate change require <b>decarbonisation of the energy matrix</b>	(Exp	The increasingly multi-polar world and <b>the reshaping of the competitive</b>		
Energy	<b>Geopolitical concerns driving energy</b> <b>security</b> higher up the agenda, look to cut reliance on imported oil and gas		environment are presenting new opportunities		
Growth and Transition	Huge investment in renewables assets and supporting grid infrastructure across emerging markets	Global Trade	Supply chain disruptions, geopolitical tensions and increasing export restrictions has led companies to reconsider their <b>supply chains</b>		
<b>A-0</b>	Most emerging market countries lack adequate essential social infrastructure		Affordable information technology drives innovation, knowledge and accountability driving social benefits and commercial returns		
e e	The <b>growth of the middle class</b> is increasing demand for better quality services and infrastructure		A more capable and connected digital infrastructure is empowering companies in EM to deliver goods and		
Social Infrastructure	<b>Rapid urbanisation</b> is creating a need for huge investments in infrastructure, transportation, communication and internet services, creating exciting opportunities for portfolio companies	Digital Infrastructure	services to a <b>global customer base</b> New and disruptive applications         developed in EM are facilitating new         business models and efficiencies		



### **ICM Investment Team**

### Dedicated investment team with over 100 years of experience



**Charles Jillings** Joint Portfolio Manager CEO, ICM



**Eduardo Greca** Head of Latam



**Jacqueline Broers** Joint Portfolio Manager **Transportation & Utilities** 



**George Velikov** Head of EMEA



Mark Lebbell

Senior Analyst

Digital Infrastructure

**Henry Beck** Analyst Asia



China



**Conrado Freitas** Analyst Latam



Saif Alsadi Analyst



Paul Joel Analyst

Supported by ICM resources operating in more than 10 locations globally with over 20 specialists including country and sector experts and over 80 staff

Full details about the Investment Team can be found at <u>www.uemtrust.co.uk</u>



# **Fund Facts**

UEM	<ul> <li>Fund size as at 31 May 2025 £519.6m</li> <li>Trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange</li> <li>Ordinary shares in issue as at 31 May 2025 185.6m</li> </ul>
Management Fee	<ul> <li>1.0% of NAV up to and including £500m; 0.9% of NAV exceeding £500m up to and including £750m; 0.85% of NAV exceeding £750m up to and including £1,000m; and 0.75% of NAV exceeding £1,000m</li> </ul>
Ongoing Charges	<ul><li>1.5% as at 31 March 2025</li><li>No performance fee</li></ul>
Portfolio Managers	<ul> <li>AIFM, Joint Portfolio Manager and Secretary: ICM Investment Management Limited</li> <li>Joint Portfolio Manager: ICM Limited</li> </ul>
Advisors	<ul> <li>Administrator and Custodian: JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. – London Branch</li> <li>Brokers: Shore Capital and Corporate Limited, Barclays Bank PLC, RMS Partners</li> <li>Lawyers: Norton Rose Fulbright LLP</li> <li>Public Relations: Montfort Communications Limited</li> <li>Banker: Barclays Bank PLC</li> </ul>

Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed. Source: ICM

