

# NEXTENERGY SOLAR FUND

Generating a more  
sustainable future

## Factsheet

for the year ended 31 March 2023

### COMPANY OVERVIEW

**NextEnergy Solar Fund Limited** is a specialist renewable energy investment company, listed on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange. As at 31 March 2023 the Company has completed and announced 99 separate acquisitions of operational solar projects (and a private equity investment) with a total capacity installed<sup>1</sup> of 865MW and total invested capital of approximately £1.13b.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes share in private equity vehicle (NextPower III ESG)



# Performance Highlights

## Financial Highlights<sup>1</sup>

NAV per ordinary share  
as at 31 March 2023

**114.3p**

(31 March 2022: 113.5p)

Ordinary shareholders'  
NAV as at 31 March 2023

**£674.4m**

(31 March 2022: £668.5m)

Financial debt gearing  
as at 31 March 2023<sup>2</sup>

**28%**

(31 March 2022: 25%)

Dividends per ordinary  
share for the year ended  
31 March 2023

**7.52p**

(31 March 2022: 7.16p)

Cash dividend cover (pre-scrip  
dividends) for the year ended  
31 March 2023

**1.4x**

(31 March 2022: 1.2x)

Total gearing as at  
31 March 2023<sup>3</sup>

**45%**

(31 March 2022: 42%)

NAV total return per ordinary share for  
the year ended  
31 March 2023

**7.3%**

(31 March 2022: 22%)

Ordinary shareholder total return for  
the year ended  
31 March 2023

**8.6%**

(31 March 2022: 11%)

Ordinary shareholder  
annualised total return  
since IPO

**7.0%**

(31 March 2022: 6.7%)

## Operational Highlights

Total capacity installed as  
at 31 March 2023<sup>5</sup>

**865MW**

(31 March 2022: 865MW)

Total electricity generation for the year  
ended 31 March 2023

**870GWh**

(31 March 2022: 773GWh)

Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions avoided p.a.<sup>4</sup>

**363,000**

(31 March 2022: 328,700)

Operating solar assets  
as at 31 March 2023<sup>6</sup>

**99**

(31 March 2022: 99)

Generation above budget for  
the year ended 31 March 2023

**3.8%**

(31 March 2022: 1.8%)

Equivalent UK homes  
powered for one year<sup>4</sup>

**242,000**

(31 March 2022: 216,300)

## ESG Highlights

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the Alternative Performance Measures on pages 141 - 144 of the NESF Annual Report for 31 March 2023 for calculation basis

<sup>2</sup> Financial debt gearing excludes the £200m preference shares on a look through basis

<sup>3</sup> Total gearing is the aggregate of financial debt, look through debt and £200m of preference shares. The preference shares are equivalent to non-amortising debt with repayment in shares

<sup>4</sup> [www.greeninvestmentgroup.com/green-impact/green-investment-handbook](http://www.greeninvestmentgroup.com/green-impact/green-investment-handbook)

<sup>5</sup> Excluding share in private equity vehicle (NPIII LP). Inclusion of NESF's 6.21% share of NPIII LP on a look through equivalent basis would increase total capacity by 24MW (2022: 19MW) to 889MW (2022: 884MW)

<sup>6</sup> Excluding the \$50m commitment into private equity vehicle (NPIII LP)

## INVESTMENT POLICY

NESF's investment objective is to provide ordinary shareholders with attractive risk-adjusted returns, principally in the form of regular dividends, through a diversified portfolio of solar energy infrastructure assets with the addition of complementary technologies, such as energy storage.

The Company is currently advancing a pipeline of UK solar, international solar, battery storage and co-investment opportunities to complement the portfolio and diversify asset-specific and market risks.

The Company's Investment Adviser continues to consult investors in support of an increase to the Company's investment policy energy storage limit, from 10% of Gross Asset Value, up to 25%.

## PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

The Company advanced its position in the energy storage sector by increasing its strategic joint venture partnership with energy storage specialist EelPower Limited to £300m and secured development rights for Project Lion, a 250MW battery storage project located in the East of England. The Company also stated construction on its first 50MW standalone battery storage project in Fife, Scotland.

Following the year ended 31 March 2023, NESF announced a capital recycling programme and initiated the process for the sale of five UK subsidy-free assets. The Company aims to capture significant value from the divestment of a 236MW portfolio, the proceeds from which will be used to reduce gearing, secure optionality for future growth opportunities and buyback shares.

## SHAREHOLDER/NAV RETURN

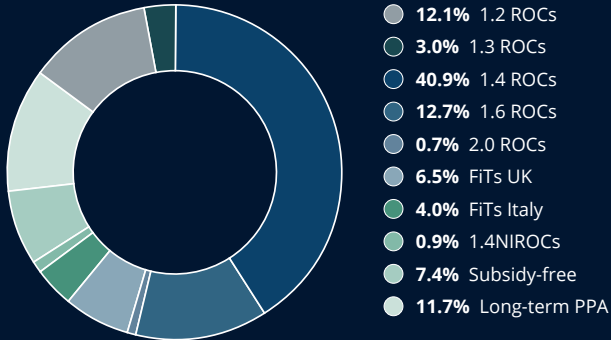
For the period ended 31 March 2023, the ordinary shareholder total return was 8.6% and the NAV total return was 7.3%.

As at 31 March 2023, NESF has achieved an ordinary shareholder total return since IPO of 66.9% and a NAV total return since IPO of 76.6%.

The annualised ordinary shareholder total return since IPO was 7.0% and annualised NAV total return since IPO was 8.0%.

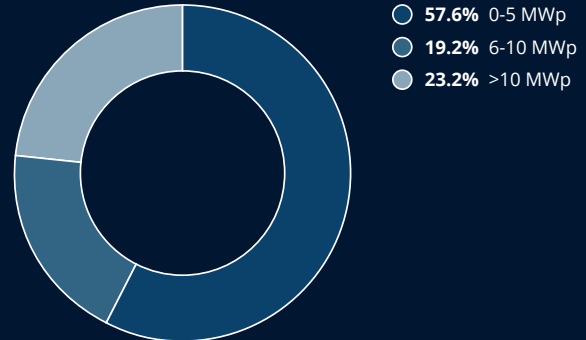
# Snapshot of Our Diversified Portfolio as at 31 March 2023

By Subsidy/PPA (RPI linked) <sup>1</sup>



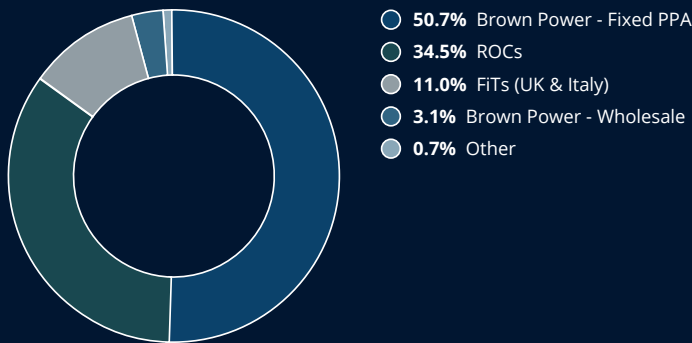
% of assets by MW capacity

By Installed Capacity <sup>1</sup>



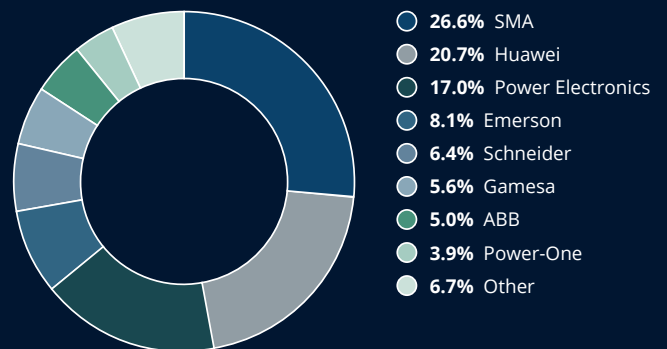
% of assets

By Revenue Type <sup>1</sup>



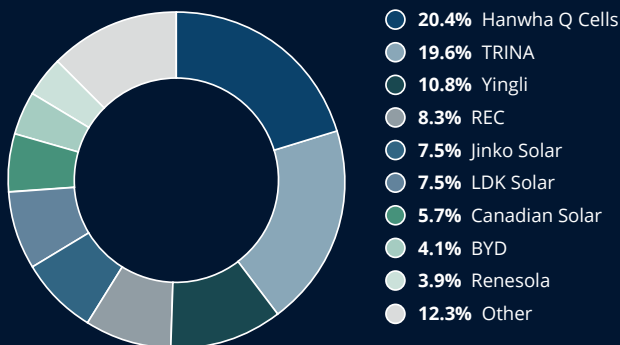
% of total revenue for the year ended 31 March 2023

By Inverter Manufacturer <sup>1</sup>



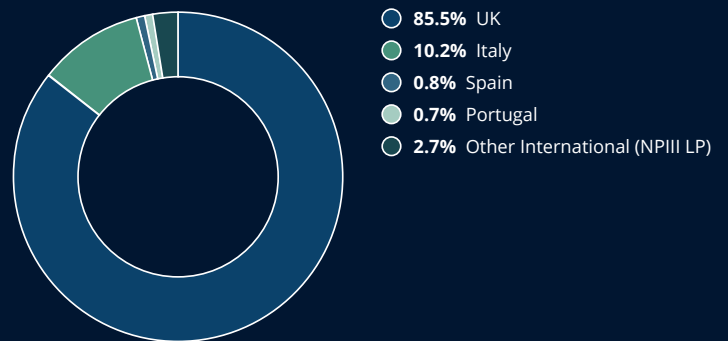
% of assets by MW capacity

By Solar Module Manufacturer <sup>1</sup>



% of assets by MW capacity

By Location <sup>1</sup>



% of invested capital

<sup>1</sup> Figures are stated to the nearest 0.1% which may lead to rounding differences

## Corporate Information

### Investment Manager and Adviser

NextEnergy Capital IM Limited and NextEnergy Capital Limited, both members of the NextEnergy Group, act as Investment Manager to the Company and Investment Adviser to the Investment Manager, respectively. The NextEnergy Group is a leading specialist solar and energy storage investment manager and asset manager focused on the renewable energy sector.

Since it was founded, the NextEnergy Group has provided asset management, technical due diligence and other services to over 2,855 solar power and energy storage assets, totalling an installed capacity in excess of 4.3GW. Its asset management clients include solar funds (in addition to the Company), banks, private equity funds and other specialist investors.



### The Company

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Ordinary Share SEDOL: BJoJVY0

London Stock Exchange Ticker: NESF

Website: [www.nextenergysolarfund.com](http://www.nextenergysolarfund.com)

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**Kevin Lyon**, Chairman

**Vic Holmes**, Senior Independent Director

**Patrick Firth**

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