

# Generating a more sustainable future

# **Factsheet**

for the quarter ended 30 September 2024

# **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

NextEnergy Solar Fund Limited is a specialist solar energy and energy storage investment company, listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. As at 30 September 2024 the Company has completed and announced 102 separate acquisitions of operational projects (and a private equity investment) with a total capacity installed of 983MW and total invested capital of approximately £1.14b.









<sup>1</sup> Including share in private equity vehicle (NextPower III LP ("NPIII")) and co-investments (Agenor and Santarem). Inclusion of NESFs 6.21% share of NPIII on a look through equivalent basis increases total capacity by 43MW (31 March 2024: 40MW). Inclusion of NESFs 4.26% share of Agenor increases total capacity by 12MW (31 March 2024: 12MW (10Liosion of NESFs 13.6% share of Santarem on a look through equivalent basis increases total capacity by 29MW (31 March 2024: 29MW).

# **Performance Highlights**

# Financial Highlights

NAV per share as at 30 September 2024

97.8p

(31 March 2024: 104.7p)

Dividend per ordinary share for the year ended 31 March 2025

8.43p

(31 March 2024: 8.35p)

Ordinary Shareholder's NAV as at 30 September 2024

£572.2m

(31 March 2024: £618.6m)

Cash dividend cover (pre-scrip dividends) for the six-month period ended 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>

1.5x

(30 September 2023: 1.8x)

# ESG Highlights

Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions avoided for the six-month period ended 30 September 2024

193,900

(30 September 2023: 198,151)

Equivalent cars removed from the road for the six-month period ended 30 September 2024

46,167

(30 September 2023: 47,179)

# **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.

# **Portfolio Highlights**

During the period, the Company continued its Share Buyback Programme. The Company had purchased 5.6m ordinary shares for a total consideration of £4.6m which are being held in treasury as at 30 September 2024. In period, the Company was awarded the AJ Bell "Best Company for Shareholder Communication" award 2024.

Post the period end, the Company successfully delivered the third phase of the Capital Recycling Programme ("CRP") through the sale of Staughton, a 50MW operational subsidy-free solar asset located in Bedfordshire. This sale represents the largest transaction in the CRP to date, raising £30.3m in proceeds, and represents a 21.5% premium to Staughton's holding value as at 30 September 2024. The proceeds from the sale will be used immediately to pay down short term debt. The Company has now sold c.145MW of solar assets raising £72.5m worth of proceeds. The remaining projects of the Programme are under competitive sales processes.

#### DIVIDEND

The company has a target dividend of 8.43p per ordinary share for the year ending 31 March 2025. For the quarter ended 30 September 2024, a dividend of 2.11 per ordinary share will be paid on 30 December 2024 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 15 November 2024.

Quarter ending:	Dividend Declared per ordinary share
30 September 2024	2.11p

## SHAREHOLDER AND NAV RETURN

	30 September 2024
Ordinary shareholder total return	18.2%
Ordinary NAV total return	(2.6%)
Ordinary shareholder total return since IPO	48.1%
Ordinary NAV total return since IPO	65.6%
Ordinary shareholder total return since IPO annualised	- 4.6%
Ordinary NAV total return since IPO - annualised	6.3%

#### DEBT STRUCTURE

	30 September 2024
Financial Debt Gearing <sup>2</sup>	30.2%
Preference Shares	18.0%
Total gearing <sup>3</sup>	48.2%

<sup>1</sup> October 2023, the Board decided to suspend the Company's Scrip Dividend Alternative until further notice in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Scrip Dividend Circular dated 19 July 2023 due to low take up and the costs associated with continuing to offer it.

# **Operational Highlights**





- UK c. 881MW of solar PV & energy storage assets operational (866MW owned by NESF)
- The World \$50m investment into NPIII LP, which holds 165 solar PV and 5 energy storage assets globally (43MW owned by NESF)
- Spain and Portugal c. 260 MW of Solar PV assets operational (41MW owned by NESF)
- Italy c. 35 MW of Solar PV assets operational

Total capacity installed as at 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>

# 983MW

(31 March 2024: 1015MW)

Operating assets as at 30 September 2024<sup>2</sup>

102

(31 March 2024: 103)

Total electricity generation for the six-month period ended 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>

# 595GWh

(30 September: 619GWh)

Generation against budget for the period ended 30 September 2024<sup>4</sup>

-4.5%

(30 September 2023: +5.5%)

#### By Subsidy/Regulatory Regime<sup>2,3</sup>



% of assets by MW capacity

# By Installed Capacity<sup>2,3</sup>



% of assets

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- 2 Excluding the \$50m commitment into private equity vehicle NPIII.

- 3 Figures are stated to the nearest 0.1% which may lead to rounding differences.
- 4 Excludes performance of private equity vehicle (NPIII) and co-investments. Figures have been adjusted, where relevant, for events outside of the Company's control, such as distribution network operator outages, and for events in which compensation has been or will be received, such as warranty claims.

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

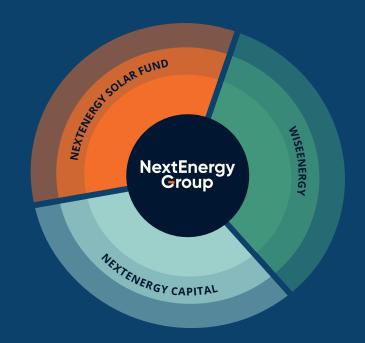
<sup>3</sup> Total gearing is the aggregate of financial debt, look through debt and £200m of preference shares. The preference shares are equivalent to non-amortising debt with repayment in shares.

# **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.

The NextEnergy Group has funds under management of c.\$4.3 billion with its development and operational capacity across multiple strategies totaling over 10GW. The collective experience of the NextEnergy Group of investing in and managing renewables assets enables NESF to implement efficiencies at both the investment and operating asset levels.



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