

#### Macro Outlook and Implications for Infratil Investment Strategy

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## FAQs (and Alternative FAQs)

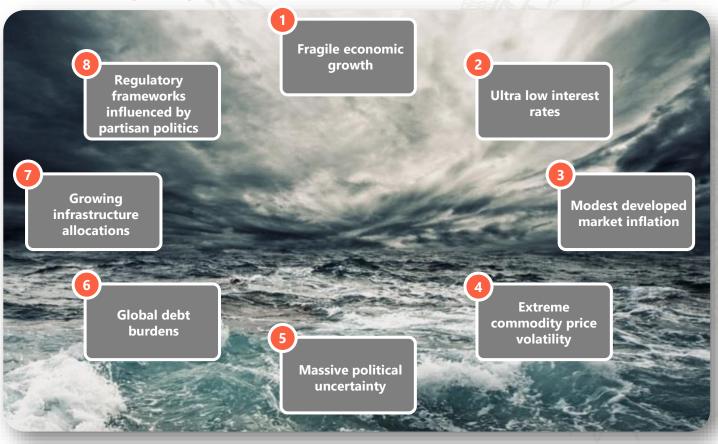
How has the macro environment changed since last year? (or "What does Trump mean for markets?")

• What are the implications for infrastructure? (or "Is infra just a bond proxy?")

• Where is Infratil focusing its capital? (or "What do you mean by Growth Infra Platforms?")

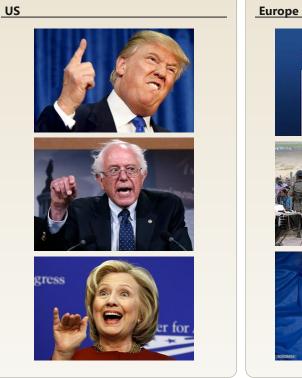


### Last year we highlighted a multitude of risks on the horizon



## The political risks have largely come to fruition

(An internal page from last February that I deemed unfit for public consumption)





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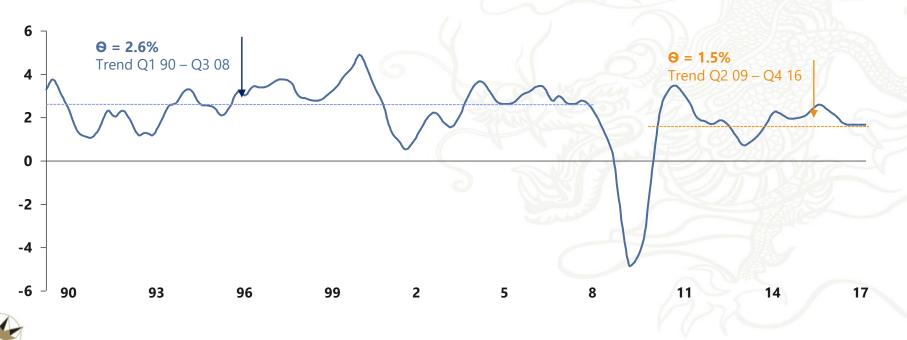






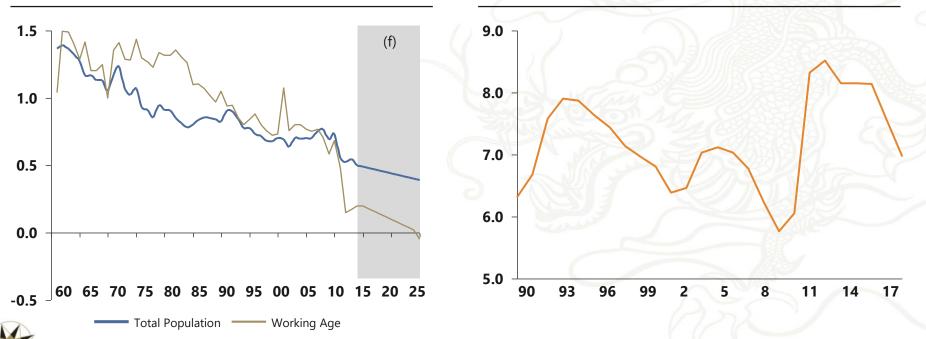
## The OECD has experienced a sustained downshift in growth

OECD Real GDP Growth, % change from year earlier



### Nearing full employment in many developed economies

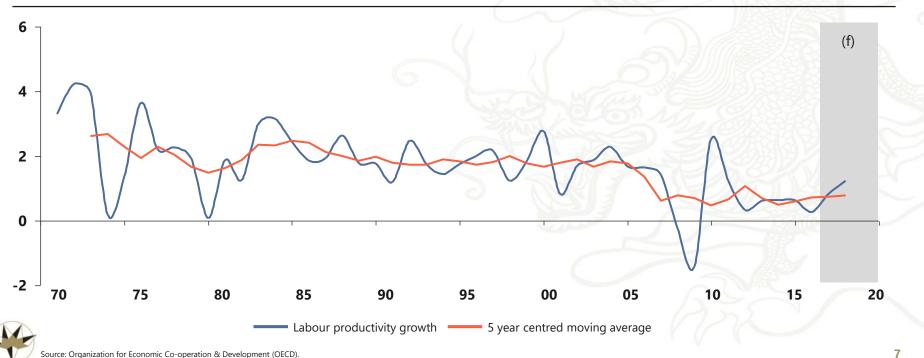
OECD Population Growth, % change from year earlier



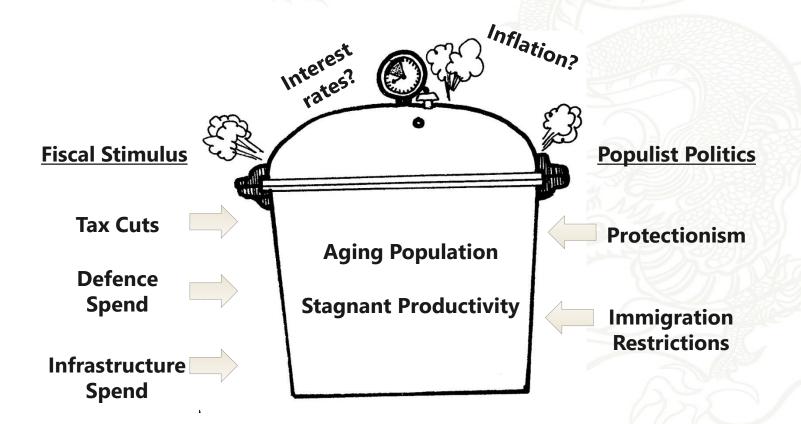
OECD Unemployment Rate, % working age (15-64)

# Labour productivity is not filling the gap

OECD area Labour Productivity Growth, % pa



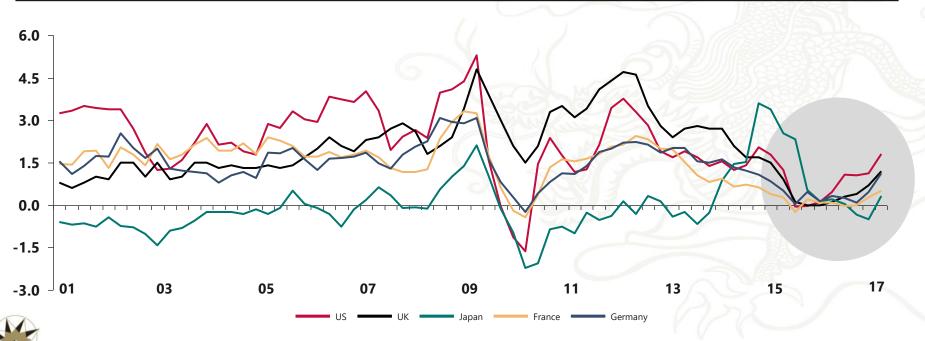
#### The pressure cooker economy?





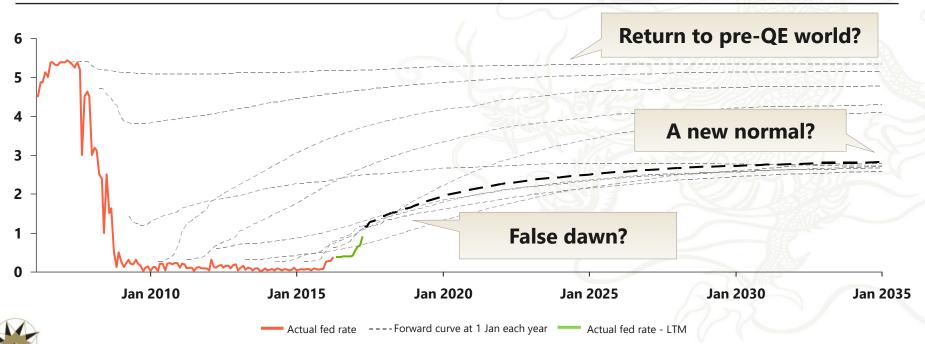
# Early signs of inflation returning...

OECD CPI, % change from year earlier



#### ...and interest rate expectations are rebounding (again)

US Federal Reserve Rate and Forward Curves, as at 1 Jan each year (2007-2017), %



### What does this mean for IFT investment strategy?

#### **Macro Context**

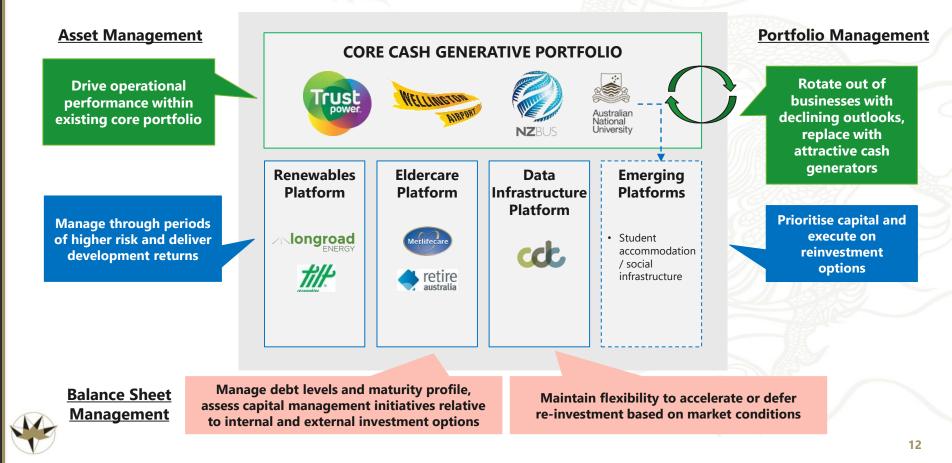
- Near term stimulus?
- Rebound in interest rates and CPI?
- Longer term growth constraints
- Geopolitical risk
- Equity markets near all time high

**Strategic Implications for IFT** 

- ✓ Focus on secular, not cyclical, growth
- ✓ Weight investment to growth infra
- ✓ Seek inflation protection
- ✓ Drive cash generation from the core
- Maintain balance sheet flex, stand ready to capitalize on market events



## Strategic priorities for the IFT portfolio



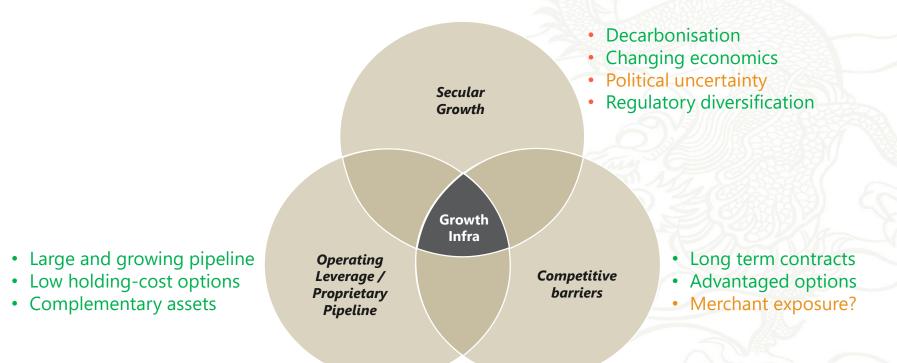
#### What do we mean by Growth Infrastructure Platforms?

 Solving society's long term challenges Demographic, economic & Secular technological megatrends Growth Growth Infra High % of fixed costs Barriers to entry Operating **Competitive** Expansion options Contracted revenues Leverage / **Barriers** Development pipeline Inflation protection Proprietary **Pipeline** 



#### **Renewable Energy Growth Platform**







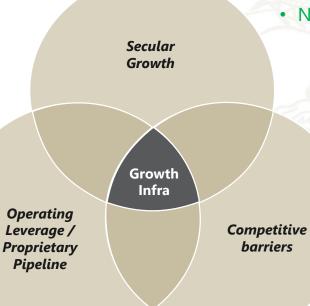
#### **Eldercare Growth Platform**



• Demographic tail winds

• Need for private sector solutions

- Brownfield expansions
- Greenfield pipeline
- Scale advantages in development and care



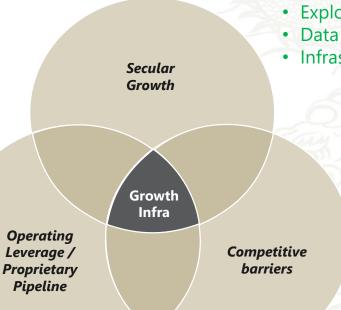
- Local competition is key
- Exposure to broader housing markets
- Care services as a differentiator and market risk mitigant





### **Data Infrastructure Growth Platform**

- Fill-out of new facilities
- Brownfield expansions
- Growing with customers
- Related data infra



- Exploding data demands
- Data security focus
- Infrastructure outsourcing

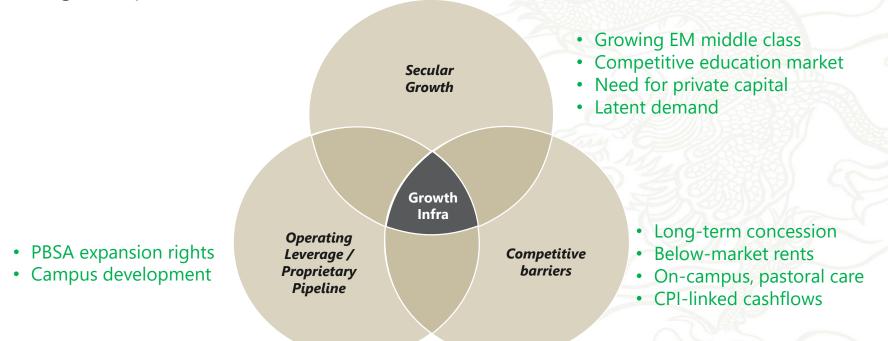
- Contracted revenues
- Co-location benefits
- Switching costs
- ICON-connection





# **Can we build a Social Infra Growth Platform?**

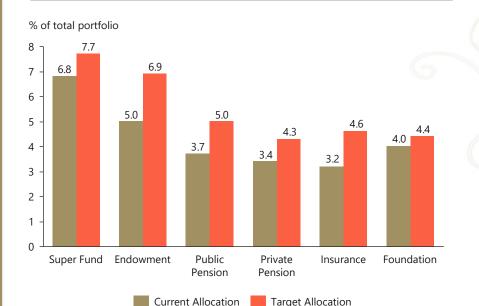
ANU investment fits in IFT's cash generative core, potential for follow-on investments to create a growth platform





#### **Private capital flows reinforce value of IFT Growth Platforms**

#### Pension & SWF investors are increasing infra allocations



Growing institutional appetite for "Growth Infra" assets

**CPPIB** forms JV to acquire US\$555m Portfolio of **Senior Housing**: "This portfolio is well-positioned to benefit from long-term demographic trends and is an attractive entry into the US senior housing sector for CPPIB" **CPPIB announcement, February 2016** 

**CPPIB**'s head of Asia-Pacific, says the fund is interested in a range of infrastructure assets in Australia, from **renewable energy to data centres**. **Australian Financial Review, February 2017** 

A joint venture entity formed by sovereign wealth fund **GIC**, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (**CPPIB**) and The Scion Group have acquired three United States **student housing** portfolios for approximately US\$1.6b.

The Strait Times, March 2017



## **Takeaways for Infratil Investors**

- 1. We are increasingly **cautious in our market outlook**
- 2. In this uncertain environment our focus is on
  - driving performance in the cash generating core
  - exercising embedded options in our growth platforms
  - maintaining balance sheet flexibility
- 3. We have confidence that, even in a low growth world, the platforms we've established will provide us with **high returning, proprietary growth options** through exposure to
  - Decarbonisation
  - Aging
  - Demand for secure data infrastructure
- 4. This implies a high bar for investments that fall outside our current growth platforms
  - We will remain ready to act if market disruptions provide highly attractive opportunities





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