



Attractive and sustainable returns from US solar power



### **USF Quarter Highlights**

- NAV update: US Solar Fund's (USF or the Company) unaudited NAV at 31 March 2022 was \$321.1 million or \$0.967 per share, a 0.9% decrease from the 31 December 2021 NAV of \$0.975 per ordinary share. The marginal decrease was due to a reduction in cash balances arising from seasonally lower production and associated cash flows over the winter months. There was no change to the value of individual assets or any adjustment from electricity price forecasts, which will be updated at the end of the second quarter.
- **Portfolio performance**: Production for Q1 2022 was 2.6% above budget for the quarter, primarily due to better than forecasted weather in California and Oregon.
- Contracted cash flows: All assets in the portfolio have power purchase agreements (PPAs) with contracted prices for 100% of electricity generated. The portfolio weighted average PPA term is 14.1 years as of 31 March 2022, and all PPA counterparties are investment-grade (S&P rated A to BBB).
- **Dividends**: The Company announced its Q4 2021 dividend of 1.50 cents per ordinary share, paid on 29 April 2022, in line with the Company's target full year dividend of 5.5 cents per ordinary share. In each year, the Company expects to declare slightly higher quarterly dividends for the third and fourth quarters compared to the quarterly dividends for the first and second quarters due to the seasonal cash flow profile of the assets.
- **Dividend cover:** Dividend cash cover for the 12-months ended 31 March 2022 was 1.26x. Dividend cover in Q3 and Q4 is expected to trend higher due to seasonality and cashflows received from operations during warmer months.
- Acquisition (after the period): In February 2022, USF announced that the Company had exercised the option to acquire a further 25% (50MWpc) interest in Mount Signal 2 (MS2), a 200MWpc project in California. In May 2022, USF received the remaining Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) consent required to close the transaction and expects this close to occur in coming weeks. This acquisition brings the total portfolio to 543MWpc.
- Sustainability Report: In February USF also released its inaugural Sustainability Report, expanding on previous reporting in the Annual and Interim Reports.

Table 1: Underlying Operating Cash Flows and Dividend Cover (unaudited)

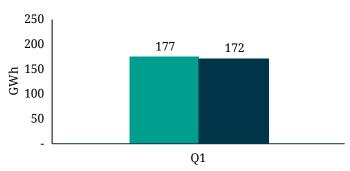
|                                       | 12 months to<br>31 March 2022<br>\$'m |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Project revenue                       | 52.5                                  |
| Project operating expenses            | (13.9)                                |
| Payments to tax equity                | (9.4)                                 |
| Portfolio debt expenses               | (9.2)                                 |
| Project cash flows after debt service | 20.1                                  |
| Management fees                       | (2.6)                                 |
| Corporate operating expenses          | (2.1)                                 |
| Revolver interest and fees            | (0.2)                                 |
| Underlying operating cash flows       | 15.2                                  |
| Cash flow reserve carried forward     | 2.8                                   |
| Total underlying cash flow            | 18.0                                  |
| Dividends paid                        | 14.3                                  |
| Dividend cover                        | 1.26x                                 |

#### **NAV UPDATE**

The key driver of the marginal NAV decrease was the reduction in cash balances arising from lower production and cash flows received over the winter months relative to the 4Q21 dividend declared during the quarter, which was in line with USF's target annual profile. This NAV update does not incorporate any adjustment to individual asset values or long-term electricity price forecasts. Updates from at least one of USF's electricity forecast providers will be incorporated in the next NAV update at 30 June 2022.

#### **PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**

Figure 1: Operating Portfolio Performance Q1 2022



- Actual Generation (includes reimbursed curtailment)
- ■Budgeted Generation

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Figure 1 shows the actual and budgeted production of the portfolio over Q1 2022. Production for the quarter was 2.6% above budget, primarily due to better than forecasted weather experienced in California and Oregon over the quarter. The production was partially offset by losses experienced from inverter outages, non-reimbursed utility-directed curtailment and soiling.

Performance in California for the year was 2.9% above budget for the quarter with a 10% positive expected generation variance from site weather conditions however some of this was offset by non-weather-related losses at MS2 (50MWpc) including non-reimbursed utility-directed curtailment, soiling and unscheduled maintenance from DC work orders.

North Carolina performance was 7.7% below budget, primarily due to poorer weather experienced throughout the Eastern US. Performance was also impacted by a number of small site-specific issues including inverter outages and damaged transformer cables, which have all been resolved over the quarter.

The Oregon portfolio performed 15.8% above budget primarily due to weather. All assets within Oregon aside from Chiloquin (14.0MWpc), were performing as in line with management expectations. Chiloquin remained

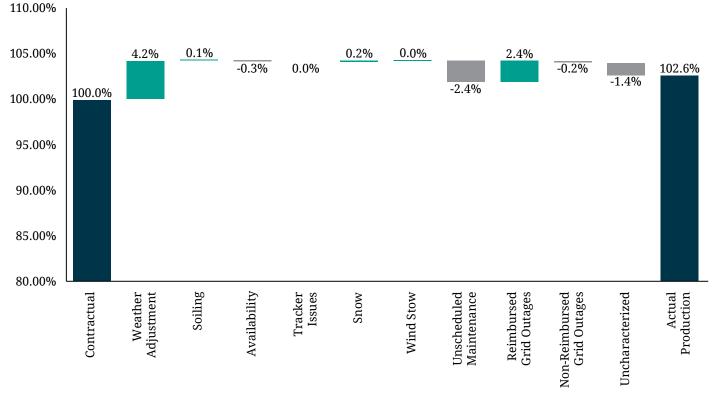
partially offline over the quarter due to damaged feeder cables from rodent damage. The insurance claim for repair costs and business interruption has been filed and repairs are currently in process, expected to be complete in Q2 2022.

In Utah, Milford (128MWpc) performed 2.7% above budget for the quarter. The project continues to perform well with no issues experienced over the quarter.

Table 2: Q1 2022 Operating Portfolio Performance by State

| State             | Number<br>of<br>plants | МWDC | MW<br>% of<br>Total | % of<br>Budget<br>MWh | Actual<br>MWh/<br>Budget<br>MWh | MWh<br>weighted<br>perf. vs<br>budget |
|-------------------|------------------------|------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| California        | 3                      | 57   | 12%                 | 13%                   | 2.9%                            | 0.4%                                  |
| North<br>Carolina | 28                     | 168  | 34%                 | 25%                   | -7.7%                           | -1.9%                                 |
| Oregon            | 10                     | 140  | 28%                 | 31%                   | 15.8%                           | 4.9%                                  |
| Utah              | 1                      | 128  | 26%                 | 30%                   | 2.7%                            | 0.8%                                  |
| Total             | 42                     | 493  | 100%                | 100%                  | 2.6%                            | 2.6%                                  |

Figure 2: Operating Portfolio Production Waterfall Q1 2022



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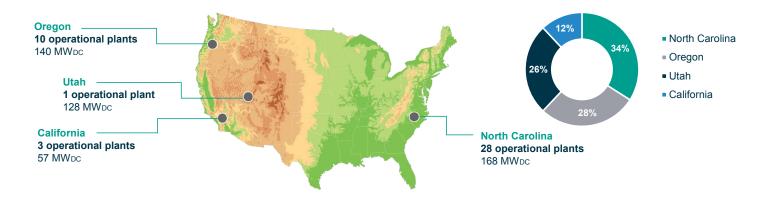


#### **KEY FINANCIAL FACTS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

| Ordinary Shares Issued                 | 332,192,361 |          |  |
|--|-------------|----------|--|
| Ticker                                 | USF (\$)    | USFP (£) |  |
| Share Price                            | 0.935       | 0.7070   |  |
| NAV (\$)¹                              | 321.1m      |          |  |
| NAV/share (\$)¹                        | 0.967       |          |  |
| Premium (discount) to NAV <sup>1</sup> | (-3.3%)     |          |  |
| Market Cap (\$m)                       | \$310.6     |          |  |
| Ongoing Charges                        | 1.32%       |          |  |
| Target Dividend Yield <sup>2,3</sup>   | 5.5%        |          |  |
| Next Dividend <sup>4</sup>             | May 2022    |          |  |
| Target Net Total Return <sup>5</sup>   | Min 7.5%    |          |  |

| Listing:            | London Stock Exchange Premium Segment |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SEDOL               | BJCWFX4 (\$)<br>BHZ6410 (£)           |
| ISIN                | GB00BJCWFX49                          |
| Registered Number:  | 11761009                              |
| Ticker:             | LSE: USF (\$)/USFP (£)                |
| Dividend Payments:  | Quarterly                             |
| Financial Year End: | 31 December                           |
| Website:            | www.ussolarfund.co.uk                 |
|                     |                                       |

#### **PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**<sup>6</sup>



- 1 Based on the unaudited NAV as at 31 March 2022.
- 2 Once fully operational and on a fully invested and geared basis.
- 3 The target annual dividend yield and target net total return are targets only and are not profit forecasts. There can be no guarantee that these targets will be met and they should not be taken as an indication of the Company's expected or actual future results.
- 4 Q1 2022 dividend will be announced in May 2022.
- 5 Over the life of the solar power assets (expected to have a typical asset life of up to 40 years) net of all fees and expenses but before tax, on the basis of the IPO issue price, once the Company is fully invested.

6 Portfolio breakdown by state is by MWDC.

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| Asset          | Capacity<br>(MW <sub>DC</sub> ) | Location       | Acquisition<br>Date | Energy<br>Offtaker         | Offtaker Credit<br>Rating | Remaining PPA<br>Length (Years) | COD    |
|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Milford        | 127.8                           | Utah           | Aug 19              | PacifiCorp                 | S&P: A                    | 23.7                            | Nov 20 |
| Mount Signal 2 | 49.9                            | California     | Mar 21              | Southern California Edison | S&P: BBB                  | 18.2                            | Jan 20 |
| Suntex         | 15.3                            | Oregon         | Jun 20              | Portland General Electric  | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.3                             | Jul 20 |
| West Hines     | 15.3                            | Oregon         | Jun 20              | Portland General Electric  | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.3                             | Jun 20 |
| Alkali         | 15.1                            | Oregon         | Jun 20              | Portland General Electric  | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Jun 20 |
| Rock Garden    | 14.9                            | Oregon         | Jun 20              | Portland General Electric  | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Jun 20 |
| Chiloquin      | 14.0                            | Oregon         | Mar 20              | PacifiCorp                 | S&P: A                    | 9.7                             | Jan 18 |
| Dairy          | 14.0                            | Oregon         | Mar 20              | PacifiCorp                 | S&P: A                    | 9.6                             | Mar 18 |
| Tumbleweed     | 14.0                            | Oregon         | Mar 20              | PacifiCorp                 | S&P: A                    | 9.7                             | Dec 17 |
| Lakeview       | 13.7                            | Oregon         | Mar 20              | PacifiCorp                 | S&P: A                    | 9.6                             | Dec 17 |
| Turkey Hill    | 13.2                            | Oregon         | Mar 20              | PacifiCorp                 | S&P: A                    | 9.6                             | Dec 17 |
| Merrill        | 10.5                            | Oregon         | Mar 20              | PacifiCorp                 | S&P: A                    | 9.6                             | Jan 18 |
| Lane II        | 7.5                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 11.4                            | Jul 20 |
| Pilot Mountain | 7.5                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Carolinas      | S&P: BBB+                 | 11.4                            | Sep 20 |
| Davis Lane     | 7.0                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Virginia Electric & Power  | S&P: BBB+                 | 10.8                            | Dec 17 |
| Gauss          | 7.0                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Virginia Electric & Power  | S&P: BBB+                 | 11.4                            | Oct 18 |
| Jersey         | 7.0                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | North Carolina Electric    | S&P: A-                   | 5.7                             | Dec 17 |
| Sonne Two      | 7.0                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Carolinas      | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Dec 16 |
| Red Oak        | 6.9                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.7                             | Dec 16 |
| Schell         | 6.9                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Virginia Electric & Power  | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.7                             | Dec 16 |
| Siler 421      | 6.9                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Dec 16 |
| Cotten         | 6.8                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.6                             | Nov 16 |
| Tiburon        | 6.7                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Carolinas      | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Dec 16 |
| Monroe Moore   | 6.6                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Carolinas      | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Dec 16 |
| Four Oaks      | 6.5                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 8.6                             | Oct 15 |
| Princeton      | 6.5                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 8.5                             | Oct 15 |
| Tate           | 6.5                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 11.4                            | Aug 20 |
| Freemont       | 6.4                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Carolinas      | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Dec 16 |
| Mariposa       | 6.4                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Carolinas      | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.5                             | Sep 16 |
| S. Robeson     | 6.3                             | North Carolina | Jan 20              | Progress Energy            | S&P: BBB+                 | 5.3                             | Jul 12 |
| Sarah          | 6.3                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 8.2                             | Jun 15 |
| Nitro          | 6.2                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 7.7                             | Jul 15 |
| Sedberry       | 6.2                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Dec 16 |
| Willard        | 6.0                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 11.4                            | Oct 20 |
| Benson         | 5.7                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 11.4                            | Aug 20 |
| Eagle Solar    | 5.6                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 11.4                            | Aug 20 |
| Granger        | 3.9                             | California     | Mar 20              | San Diego Gas & Electric   | S&P: BBB+                 | 14.5                            | Sep 16 |
| Valley Center  | 3.0                             | California     | Mar 20              | San Diego Gas & Electric   | S&P: BBB+                 | 14.7                            | Dec 16 |
| County Home    | 2.6                             | North Carolina | Mar 20              | Duke Energy Carolinas      | S&P: BBB+                 | 9.4                             | Sep 16 |
| Progress 1     | 2.5                             | North Carolina | Jan 20              | Progress Energy            | S&P: BBB+                 | 10.0                            | Apr 12 |
| Progress 2     | 2.5                             | North Carolina | Jan 20              | Progress Energy            | S&P: BBB+                 | 5.8                             | Apr 13 |
| Faison         | 2.3                             | North Carolina | Dec 19              | Duke Energy Progress       | S&P: BBB+                 | 8.0                             | Jun 15 |
| Grand Total    | 492.9                           |                |                     |                            |                           | 14.1                            |        |

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#### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

**LIAM THOMAS** Chief Executive Officer



- Over 16 years experience in Energy, Infrastructure, Mining and Agribusiness.
- 5+ years experience in renewable energy and has led all NESM acquisitions.
- Previous roles with Origin Energy, Aurizon, Orica and AWB.

**ADAM HAUGHTON** Chief Investment Officer



- Over 12 years experience in Renewable Energy, Infrastructure and M&A.
- Previous roles with Greentech Capital, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and SunEdison.

#### WARWICK KENEALLY Chief Financial Officer



- Over 18 years experience in funds management, corporate finance and restructuring.
- Previous roles with McGrathNicol and KPMG.

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- Over 15 years experience in Energy, Infrastructure and asset management.
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#### **CORPORATE CALENDAR**

| Annual General Meeting           | May 2022       |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Dividend, NAV and Trading Update | May 2022       |
| Company Financial Half-Year      | June 2022      |
| Dividend, NAV and Trading Update | August 2022    |
| Interim Report publication       | September 2022 |

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