Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Total Return Fund (TORIX/TORTX/TORCX)

2Q 2025 QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

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Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Total Return Fund (TORIX/TORTX) received a Four-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ among 91 Energy Limited Partnership Funds (based on a weighted average of the fund's three-, five- and ten-year risk-adjusted return measure, if applicable) as of 6/30/2025.

Investment strategy

The fund focuses on the large and diverse North American pipeline universe, providing access to the sizable pipeline network of one of the world's largest consumers of energy. The fund has the ability and flexibility to access traditional pipeline corporations alongside master limited partnerships (MLPs). We believe these pipeline companies and MLPs have strong business fundamentals and expanded growth opportunities.

Midstream Delivers Stability Amid Broader Sector Volatility

The midstream energy sector, as measured by the Alerian Midstream Energy Index, declined 1.2% during the second quarter but outperformed the broader energy sector, which fell 8.6% as measured by the S&P Energy Select Sector Index.

Midstream management teams continue to identify growing opportunities for pipeline infrastructure, particularly in natural gas transportation. These developments are underpinned by the sustained expansion of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports, increasing electricity demand from AI-powered data centers, and the ongoing reshoring of industrial activity—all of which are contributing to upward revisions in long-term natural gas demand forecasts. In response, companies advanced new pipeline project discussions, supported by continued collaboration with data center developers and utility partners.

Capital allocation strategies remained disciplined, with a focus on organic investments, dividend growth, opportunistic share repurchases, and the preservation of strong balance sheets. On the global front, management teams reported steady demand for U.S. energy exports, although the destination mix may shift due to evolving tariff considerations.

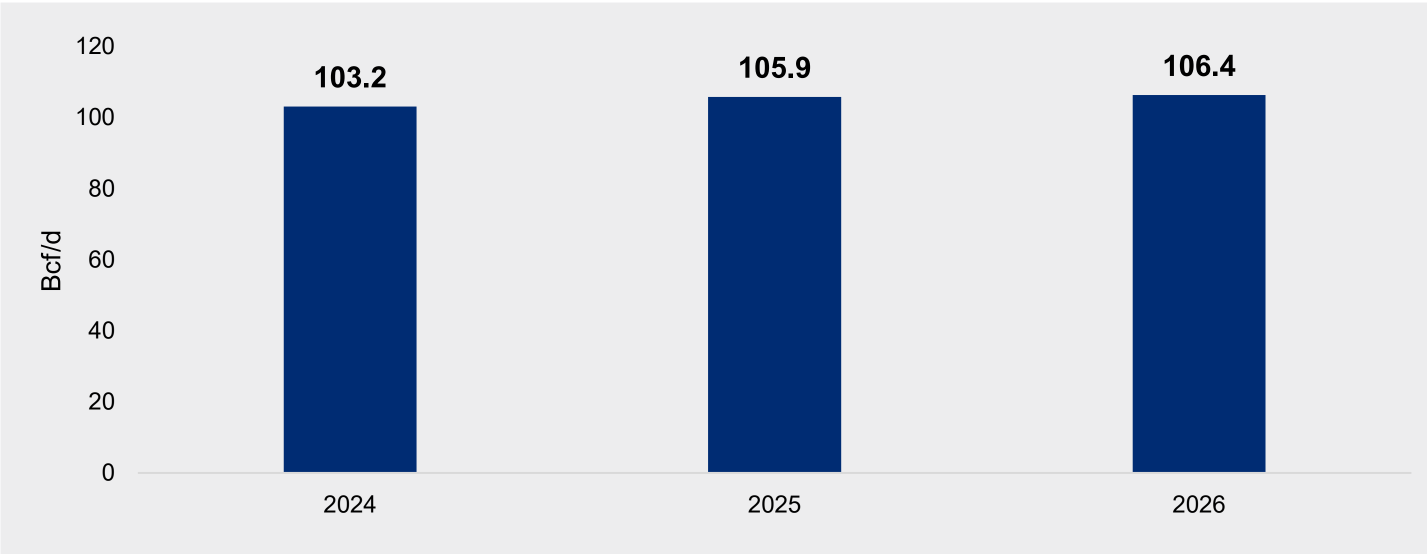
Commodity Price Pressure and Supply Outlook

The broader energy sector underperformed during the quarter, largely due to a decline in commodity prices. Both crude oil and natural gas prices saw downward price movement. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus (OPEC+) accelerated the return of crude supply to the market—reversing over 2 million barrels per day of previously curtailed production from 2023. The increase more than offset the impact of ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and placed downward pressure on oil prices.

Natural gas markets faced their own challenges. Milder spring weather tempered demand as U.S. production reached near record highs. Despite lower prices, producers remained focused on capital discipline, moderating production levels and prioritizing shareholder returns through dividends, share repurchases, and conservative balance sheet management.

According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. crude oil output is projected to rise from 13.2 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2024 to 13.4 million bpd in 2025, before leveling off in 2026. The Permian Basin continues to be the central engine of growth, accounting for nearly half of total domestic output. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude prices averaged $63.81 per barrel, down from $71.43 in the first. This decline reflects increased OPEC+ supply and ongoing volatility surrounding countries such as Iran, Venezuela, and Russia.

Natural gas production is expected to increase from 103.2 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in 2024 to 105.9 Bcf/d in 2025 and 106.4 Bcf/d in 2026. A mild spring contributed to elevated inventories and lower prices, which averaged $3.52 per MMBtu in the second quarter, down from $3.87 in the first. While weather remains a key variable of price volatility, the phased commissioning of new U.S. LNG export terminals throughout 2025 is expected to lift demand materially and require additional supply to meet growing global energy needs.



Infrastructure Activity & Earnings Trends

First-quarter earnings across the energy infrastructure sector broadly aligned with expectations and 2025 guidance remained largely intact, supported by steady volume growth especially for natural gas. A core emerging from the quarter was the growing pipeline of natural gas infrastructure investments. Several companies reported reaching final investment decisions or making commercial progress on long-haul pipeline projects and related processing expansions. These developments are driven by robust and rising demand for natural gas, fueled by the continued buildout of U.S. LNG export capacity and increasing power requirements from data centers.

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Infrastructure constraints in the Permian Basin remained acute. Regional price differentials persisted, with West Texas natural gas averaging just $1.20 per MMBtu, significantly below other U.S. pricing hubs. Despite the uptick in project announcements, capital spending remains well below pre-2020 levels, allowing companies to allocate substantial free cash flow toward shareholder returns. The sector executed approximately $700 million in share repurchases during the first quarter alone.

Strategic M&A Highlights Core Focus and Portfolio Optimization

M&A continued at a steady pace in the second quarter with an emphasis on core business optimization.

1. **Genesis Energy** sold its soda ash business for $1.4 billion to simplify its capital structure and focus on the midstream energy space.
2. **Phillips 66** acquired EPIC NGL for $2.2 billion to enhance its Permian NGL value chain.
3. **Plains All-American** sold its Canadian NGL business to Keyera Corp for $3.75 billion. This resulted in Plains becoming a premier midstream crude oil "pure play" and Keyera receiving assets highly complementary to its existing Canadian footprint.

In corporate M&A, Sunoco LP announced the $9.1 billion acquisition of Parkland Corp, a leading international fuel distributor and convenience retailer operating in 26 countries across the Americas. Sunoco anticipates the transaction will enhance its fuel supply capabilities and expand its geographic footprint through a complementary portfolio.

New Projects to Support LNG and AI-Driven Demand

The second quarter featured several project announcements targeting the continued buildout of U.S. LNG export capacity and the surging power demand driven by artificial intelligence. Energy Transfer, Cheniere Energy, Sempra, and Venture Global all secured new long-term LNG export agreements with international counterparties, reinforcing long-term visibility into natural gas demand growth extending beyond 2027.

To address data center-related growth, two notable natural gas pipeline projects underscored the sector's response to rising electricity needs from data centers.

1. The Williams Companies (WMB) announced the Power Express expansion of its Transco system, a 950 MMcf/d (million cubic feet per day) project designed to serve the high-demand Virginia market by Q3 2030.
2. Kinder Morgan (KMI) unveiled a $430 million project that will deliver 325 MMcf/d of incremental capacity to meet accelerating power generation demand in South Carolina.

Fund Positioning and Portfolio Strategy

The Fund maintains a disciplined focus on North American energy infrastructure, targeting companies with strong balance sheets, growing free cash flow, and demonstrated commitments to shareholder value through dividend growth and opportunistic share repurchases. A significant portion of the portfolio is allocated to natural gas infrastructure, well-positioned to benefit from structural demand drivers—including growing LNG export capacity and increasing energy consumption from AI and cloud computing.

The Fund prioritizes ownership of strategic assets essential to the efficient transport of energy from production to end use, whether supplying power plants, petrochemical complexes, or export terminals. These businesses are uniquely positioned to leverage the competitive cost structure of U.S. energy and meet higher global demand. Geographically, the Fund maintains meaningful exposure to the Permian Basin and key natural gas-producing regions such as the Marcellus and Haynesville, reflecting its emphasis on long-term production growth and infrastructure needs.

Exposure to the Permian, Marcellus, and Haynesville positions the Fund for long-term infrastructure buildout.

Top five contributors

1. DT Midstream Inc
2. Cheniere Energy Inc.
3. Williams Companies Inc
4. Antero Midstream Corporation
5. TC Energy Corp.

Bottom five contributors

1. ONEOK Inc
2. Targa Resources Corp.
3. Plains GP Holdings, L.P.
4. Enterprise Products Partners L.P.
5. Pembina Pipeline Corp

Top 10 holdings (as of 6/30/2025)

1.	Cheniere Energy, Inc.	10.4%
2.	The Williams Companies, Inc.	8.1%
3.	MPLX LP	7.5%
4.	Energy Transfer LP	7.4%
5.	Targa Resources Corp.	7.2%
6.	TC Energy Corporation	5.6%
7.	Enbridge, Inc.	5.6%
8.	Kinder Morgan, Inc.	5.2%
9.	DT Midstream, Inc.	5.2%
10.	Antero Midstream Corporation	5.1%

Performance (as of 6/30/2025)

	Class	2Q 2025	Calendar YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	Since inception*	Expense ratio (gross)
TORIX	Institutional	-1.99%	4.85%	25.90%	23.82%	25.91%	6.97%	9.17%	0.92%
TORTX	A Class (excluding load)	-2.03%	4.77%	25.58%	23.52%	25.58%	6.68%	8.86%	1.17%
TORTX	A Class (maximum load)	-7.44%	-0.99%	18.70%	21.20%	24.17%	6.07%	8.43%	1.17%
TORCX	C Class (excluding CDSC)	-2.19%	4.35%	24.70%	22.59%	24.65%	5.90%	6.96%	1.92%
TORCX	C Class (including CDSC)	-3.16%	3.35%	23.70%	22.59%	24.65%	5.90%	6.96%	1.92%
	Tortoise North American Pipeline Index^{SM}	-0.51%	7.10%	30.24%	19.97%	23.37%	9.23%	10.24%	
	S&P 500® Total Return Index	10.94%	6.20%	15.16%	19.71%	16.64%	13.65%	13.59%	
	Alerian Midstream Energy Select Total Return Index	-0.35%	6.49%	28.17%	24.12%	26.65%	8.63%	N/A	

Note: For periods over one year, performance reflected is for the average annual returns.
*The Institutional and A Class Shares commenced operations on 5/31/2011 and C Class Shares commenced operations on 9/19/2012. Performance shown prior to inception of the C Class Shares is based on the performance of the Institutional Class Shares, adjusted for the higher expenses applicable to C Class Shares. ***Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 855-TCA-Fund (855-822-3863).***

Performance data shown reflecting the A Class (maximum load) reflects a sales charge of 5.50%. Performance data shown "excluding load" does not reflect the deduction of the maximum sales load. Performance data shown for the C Class (including CDSC) reflects a contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) of 1% for the first 12 months of investment. Performance data shown "excluding CDSC" does not reflect the deduction of the CDSC. If reflected, the load and the CDSC would reduce the performance quoted. Investment performance reflects fee waivers in effect. In the absence of such waivers, total return would be reduced.

Disclosures

TCA Advisors is the adviser to the Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Total Return Fund.

The fund's investment objective, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The summary and statutory prospectus contains this and other important information about the fund and may be obtained by calling 855-TCA-FUND (855-822-3863) or visiting www.tortoisecapital.com. Read it carefully before investing.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. The fund is non-diversified, meaning it may concentrate its assets in fewer individual holdings than a diversified fund. Therefore, the fund is more exposed to individual stock volatility than a diversified fund. Investing in specific sectors such as energy infrastructure may involve greater risk and volatility than less concentrated investments. Risks include, but are not limited to, risks associated with companies owning and/or operating pipelines and complementary assets, as well as Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs), MLP affiliates, capital markets, terrorism, natural disasters, climate change, operating, regulatory, environmental, supply and demand, and price volatility risks. The tax benefits received by an investor investing in the fund differs from that of a direct investment in an MLP by an investor. The value of the fund's investment in an MLP will depend largely on the MLP's treatment as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the MLP is deemed to be a corporation then its income would be subject to federal taxation, reducing the amount of cash available for distribution to the fund which could result in a reduction of the fund's value. Investments in non-U.S. companies (including Canadian issuers) involve risk not ordinarily associated with investments in securities and instruments of U.S. issuers, including risks related to political, social and economic developments abroad, differences between U.S. and foreign regulatory and accounting requirements, tax risk and market practices, as well as fluctuations in foreign currencies. The fund invests in small and mid-cap companies, which involve additional risks such as limited liquidity and greater volatility than larger companies. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. Investment in lower-rated and non-rated securities presents a greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher-rated securities. The fund may also write call options which may limit the fund's ability to profit from increases in the market value of a security, but cause it to retain the risk of loss should the price of the security decline.

The S&P 500® Index is an unmanaged market-value weighted index of stocks, which is widely regarded as the standard for measuring large-cap U.S. stock market performance. The Tortoise North American Pipeline Index℠ is a float-adjusted, capitalization weighted index of North American energy companies primarily engaged in the production of crude oil, condensate, natural gas or natural gas liquids (NGLs). Returns include reinvested distributions and dividends. The S&P Energy Select Sector® Index is a modified market capitalization-based index of S&P 500® companies in the energy sector that develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy related services. Returns include reinvested dividends. The Alerian Midstream Energy Select Index is a composite of North American energy infrastructure companies. The capped, float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index, whose constituents are engaged in midstream activities involving energy commodities, is disseminated real-time on a price- return basis (AMEI) and on a total-return basis (AMEIX).

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Natural gas liquid (NGL) is liquid or liquefied hydrocarbons produced in the manufacture, purification and stabilization of natural gas. Their characteristics vary, ranging from those of ethane, butane and propane to heavy oils. NGL's are either distilled with crude oil in refineries, blended with refined petroleum products or used directly depending on their characteristics.

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been cooled to a liquid state for shipping and storage - the volume in this state is about 600 times smaller than in its gaseous state, able to transport for much longer distances when pipeline transport is not feasible. Free cash flow is the cash a company produces through its operations, less the cost of total capital expenditures (growth and maintenance).

The Alerian Midstream Energy Index is a broad-based composite of North American energy infrastructure companies. The capped, float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index, whose constituents earn the majority of their cash flow from midstream activities involving energy commodities, is disseminated real-time on a price-return basis (AMNA) and on a total-return basis (AMNAX).

Capital expenditures (capex) is funds used by a company to acquire, upgrade, and maintain physical assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment.

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