

COFUNDS ADDS MACQUARIE-MANAGED FUNDS TO PLATFORM

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Cofunds, the UK's largest independent fund platform, will add the Macquarie-managed range of investment funds to its platform from 1 November. The funds will be available across all ISAs, SIPPS and offshore bonds.

The funds are designed to meet the growing demand from investors for diversification alternatives and offer a range of income and growth returns. The funds include:

- **CF Macquarie Global Infrastructure Securities Fund**
A portfolio of typically 40 to 50 infrastructure securities that are involved in the ownership and management of essential service assets such as water and gas utilities, airports and tolls roads.
- **CF Macquarie Global Private Equity Securities Fund**
Invests in a portfolio of typically 10 to 25 private equity securities, which invest not only their capital but also their financial, management and operational expertise to drive business performance.
- **CF Macquarie Global Property Securities Fund**
Dedicated to investing in a portfolio of typically 70 to 80 property securities globally, including Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

The Macquarie Group (Macquarie) provides specialist investment banking and financial services around the world. Macquarie has more than 25 years of funds management experience, managing a range of specialist funds for individual and institutional investors.

Neil Jones, Division Director at Macquarie said, "The funds have been created in response to increasing demand from investors for alternative investment opportunities that can provide differentiated sources of return and aid diversification within a portfolio."

"Macquarie has excellent credentials in managing investments in these asset classes and we believe they offer compelling investment characteristics. In particular, infrastructure may be attractive for long-term investors, such as SIPP investors, seeking to produce long-term income combined with growth potential."

"Adding the funds to Cofunds is an important step in making these asset classes and Macquarie's funds available to a broad range of investors."

Russell Lancaster, Director of Fund Manager Relationships at Cofunds, said "We are delighted that Macquarie has chosen to join the Cofunds platform as part of their strategy to grow their UK business. We are pleased to have the opportunity to increase the number of investment options available to our IFAs and believe it complements our expanding product range."

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