

### **About Solar Growth**

Solar Growth Limited ("Solar Growth" or "the Company") is a UK-focused solar energy generation company offering investors access to inflation protected UK solar and other energy projects with a target return of 4-5% per annum.

# **Acquisition Policy & Strategy**

Solar Growth owns and operates UK solar projects, and will target a minimum of 75% (as a measure of NAV) of its new business to be UK solar. The Company will also seek to participate in other UK energy infrastructure projects, including energy storage.

# **Recent Activity & Outlook**

The Company's share price increased to £3.02as at 31 March 2024. The Company remains well placed to capitalise on high power prices and inflation. In April 2024 the Company acquired AEI Solar Limited, which holds 1,720kW of Rooftop systems. The Company is expected to acquire and/or build additional solar assets over the next 6 months.

## **About Armstrong**

Armstrong is an experienced London-based asset manager focused on the impact investment sector in the UK. Armstrong has funded and managed over 350MWp of UK solar since 2013.



Eden Rooftop Portfolio

#### Key Facts as at 31st March 2024

Gross Asset Value	£46m
Share Price (A Ordinary)	£3.02
Share Price (B Ordinary)	*Please contact Beringea LLP
Target Growth	4-5% per annum
Fees	1.5%** of NAV (per annum)
Liquidity	Quarterly (subject to liquidity)
ManagerAı	rmstrong Capital Management ("Armstrong")
Valuers	Amberside Valuations ("Amberside")
Auditors	Lubbock Fine
Commenced Trading	March 2014

# Solar Growth Portfolio (31 March 2024)

Solar Park Name Location Size (kWp)		Asset Type		
1	Pond Farm	Norfolk	3,604	Ground
2	Fen Road	Lincolnshire	1,441	Ground
3	Briddlesford	Isle of Wight	630	Ground
4	Wroxton Road	Oxfordshire	1,808	Ground
5	Taunton Race Course	Somerset	1,715	Ground
6	Kenninghall	Norfolk	8,000	Ground
7	Langford	Bedfordshire	13,184	Ground
8	Boskennal	Cornwall	960	Ground
9	Eden Rooftop Portfolio	UK-wide	6,149	Roof

<sup>\*</sup> Beringea LLP: 55 Drury Lane, Covent Garden, London, WC2B 5SQ

<sup>\*\*</sup> An additional performance fee of 0.5% is due if annual returns are over 5%.



# The credibility of Solar Growth is underpinned by the following factors...

#### **Institutional Backing**

manages investments of more than £500 billion. The process

#### **Strong Governance**

The Company has external representation directors with relevant expertise, such as Paul Beynon who was previously head of UK power trading at RWE. The board of the Company is required to approve all activities of the business, including new acquisitions and disposals.

## Government backed **Income Streams**



This investment provides our clients with access to yields not available in public bonds of similar credit quality. Furthermore, the inflation protection matches our clients' long-term liabilities, and the green characteristics advance their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) agenda.

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#### **Approach To Valuation**

- The Company is independently valued annually by Amberside Valuations. Amberside is a specialist valuer of infrastructure assets, such as solar and wind powered electricity generation assets.
- Amberside applies benchmarked discount rates against listed solar funds and comparable market transactions to evaluate the value of the Company's solar portfolio. In addition, Amberside reviews the assumptions used in the valuation model against standard industry practice.

**66** We believe solar assets to be significantly lower risk than general infrastructure assets as solar has lower operational risk and costs

**Amberside Valuations** 

## **Growing Value In The Portfolio**

The assumptions used in the valuation modelling are conservative and do not factor in potential value uplifts in the existing portfolio. There is scope to enhance value, for example:

- Extending the planning permission and lease length of solar plants
- Combining solar plants with battery technology and other flexible energy generation systems
- Optimising performance over time through high quality asset management
- Reducing costs as the portfolio grows in scale, for example by renegotiating maintenance contracts, as the portfolio grows in scale

The Company's assertion is that these elements could represent achievable improvements in future value for shareholders in the Company.



The key investment considerations for investors are summarised below. The investor guide of Solar Growth should be referred to for finer details of the investment including the relevant risks.

#### **Inheritance Tax & CGT**

#### **Business Property Relief (BPR)**

100% Inheritance Tax (IHT) relief is given on transfers of the Company's shares which have beer owned for at least two years.

#### **Capital Gains Tax (CGT)**

Capital gains for individuals within the annual allowance of £3,000 are tax free

#### **Fees**

Investors in the Company will be charged a 4% initial fee. The initial fee will be added to the subscription price and will cover all administration costs of the capital raise and stamp duty, where applicable. Armstrong will charge an annual management fee of 1.5%\*\* of the Net Asset Value of the Company. The Company will also pay Armstrong a fee for providing technical and financial asset management services to the Company.

# Liquidity

It is the intention that the Company will offer shareholders regular liquidity to allow shareholders to redeem their investment in full or in part. The Company will seek to facilitate liquidity on a quarterly basis, subject to the availability of funds to do so.

Solar Growth is targeting annual growth in its share price of 4-5%. The share price rose over the last quarter due to higher than budgeted Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin (REGO) income and a release of provisions no longer deemed necessary.

#### **Share Price Movement**

Date	Share Price (A Ordinary)	Movement
31 March 2020	£2.29	-£0.25
30 June 2020	£2.35	£0.06
30 September 2020	£2.32	£0.06
31 December 2020	£2.20	-£0.12
31 March 2021	£2.15	-£0.05
30 June 2021	£2.24	£0.09
30 September 2021	£2.37	£0.13
31 December 2021	£2.51	£0.14
31 March 2022	£2.72	£0.21
30 June 2022	£2.80	£0.08
30 September 2022	£2.80	-
31 December 2022	£2.81	£0.01
31 March 2023	£2.87	£0.06
30 June 2023	£2.93	£0.06
30 September 2023	£2.97	£0.04
31 December 2023	£2.98	£0.01
31 March 2024	£3.02	£0.04

#### **Indicative Post-Tax Asset Yield**

Y 1-5	9.7%
Y 6-10	9.1%
Y 11-15	6.8%
Y 16-20	1.6%

- Returns modelled using inflation assumptions in line with government forecasts
- Reinvestment rate of 6.5% based on established investment mandate
- Operational costs in line with contracts and industry practises with a solar degradation rate of 0.4% assumed for all forecasts

#### **Important Notice**

Your capital is at risk. Past performance and projected performance is not an indication of future performance. You may lose some, all or part of your original capital invested. Tax treatment depends on the individual circumstances of each investor and may be subject to change. The availability of tax reliefs depends on the Company maintaining its qualifying status. Investments in smaller companies will normally involve greater risk or volatility than investments in larger, more established companies. Please refer to the Investor Guide and seek independent financial, legal and tax advice before investing.

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