

Quarterly shareholder update

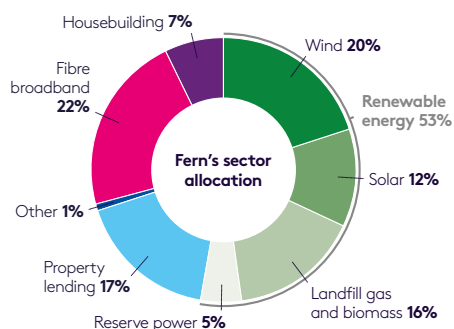
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About Fern Trading

Fern is the parent company of a large trading group made up of more than 300 companies. Its business is currently focused on four core sectors: property lending, fibre networks, housebuilding and renewable energy.



Note: the chart above details Fern's business as at 30 December 2022. This will change over time and could include sectors not currently shown here.

An update on Fern

Fern comprises four main divisions. All of Fern's divisions continue to perform well, you can read more about some of their operations over the last quarter below.



Property lending

During the quarter, Fern grew its lending business modestly, with £466m lent across 217 loans at the end of the quarter. Fern continues to take a cautious approach and has the ability to reduce the capital deployed in its lending business, or the risk profile of its loans through reducing loan to value rates or pausing operation in certain parts of the market should that feel appropriate. Fern's lending business continues to perform well.



Fibre networks

One of our fibre businesses is Giganet. Since launching their fibre broadband service to households over 12 months ago, they can now reach over nine million homes across the UK. Giganet also recently announced their acquisition of Cuckoo, a national broadband provider. Cuckoo's values align closely to Giganet, with exceptional customer service being at the heart of what they do.



Housebuilding

Our retirement village development company is called Rangeford. Its specialist homes within retirement communities continue to prove popular. Their new village in Siddington, Cirencester already has strong presales.

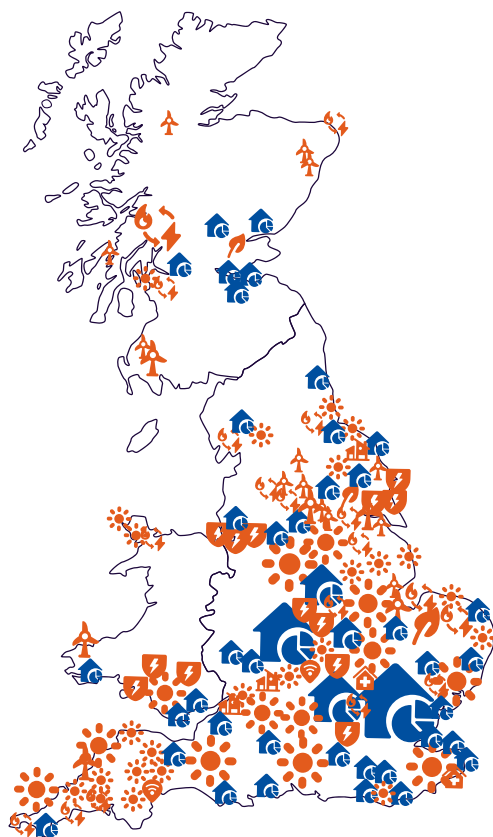


Renewable energy

The value of Fern's renewable energy business has continued to increase. This has been driven by strong performance, due to high prices, long-term power price forecasts and inflation.

Fern in focus

Fern is a £3 billion trading group that operates in sectors where it has extensive experience. The group comprises more than 300 subsidiary companies with its business split across four core sectors and more than 460 assets.



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Owning and operating assets

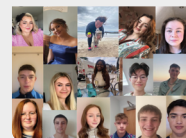
 158 solar farms worldwide	 26 reserve power sites
 20 wind farms	 6 fibre broadband businesses
 19 landfill gas sites	 2 hospitals
 6 biomass sites	 5 retirement villages
 1 house building business	 1 energy from waste plant

Lending

 217 short-term property loans
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Spotlight on Fern's business: Beinneun Wind Farm

Beinneun Wind Farm is a 108.8MW onshore wind power project in the West Highlands of Scotland. It generated sufficient energy in 2022 to power nearly 104,000 UK homes. It also returns £544,000 of community benefit to the surrounding population each year.



The community fund encourages grant applications from local groups, organisations, and social enterprises.

Supported projects include:

- Installation of air-source heating systems in new social housing developments to help reduce environmental impact
- Multi-activity project to protect local culture and natural heritage, focusing on mentoring and equipping young people between the ages of 9 and 15 with the skills and knowledge to become cultural ambassadors.
- Annual Student Scholarship Scheme that supports further education. This year, the scholars' subjects include Gaelic, Nursing, Fashion, Engineering, Psychology and Financial Economics.

The fund also pays a Local Energy Discount of £330 to residents within 5.5 miles of the wind farm, which is particularly welcome with rising energy costs.

The value of an investment in Fern, and any income from it, can fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the full amount they invest. You can find out more about Fern at ferntrading.com.

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