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Global X U.S. Infrastructure Development ETF (PAVE) — Investor Deep Dive

PAVE is a basket of about 101 U.S. companies that build America's infrastructure — the makers of tractors, electrical gear, steel, cranes, and railroads. One share buys a slice of all of them.

✨ **Verified flow. Zero hype.**

THE CALL

BUY

In stages. Not all at once.

CLOSE

\$53.88

2 Oct 2026 · +1.58% day

3-MONTH

\$56–60

Base case

INVALIDATION

\$52

Weekly close below

Every number sourced. Every chart checked.

Research and education only. Not investment advice.

THE CASE IN FIVE POINTS

A real boom. A broad basket. A **clear catch.**

01 / THE BUILDOUT IS REAL

\$75.2B

Record yearly pace for data-center construction in July 2026, up 57% from a year earlier. The five biggest tech companies plan roughly \$775-\$800 billion of building spending in 2026, up 64%.

02 / SPREAD AROUND

101

Holdings, with only about 32% in the top 10. No single company can sink the fund. The yearly fee is 0.47%, or about \$47 for each \$10,000 invested.

03 / MONEY IS FLOWING IN

\$2.35B

Added by investors so far in 2026. Fresh money supports the price and shows the theme has broad interest.

04 / 11% OFF THE HIGH

\$53.88

Versus a \$60.43 one-year high. That is a pullback entry after a strong run. The fund is still up 12.7% in 2026.

05 / THE CATCH

PAVE owns companies that rise and fall with the economy. They often suffer in slowdowns. The price is below both its 50-day and 200-day averages. Higher interest rates and steel tariffs also make the work more expensive.

Sources: U.S. Census via Axios, Sept. 2026; Q1 2026 earnings; ainvest, Sept. 18, 2026; Finnhub; MarketBeat; indmoney.

THIS IS A FUND, NOT A COMPANY

One share spreads the bet across America's **builders**.

PAVE files no 10-K. There is no chief executive officer and no earnings call. What follows is the portfolio itself.

TOP HOLDING	WEIGHT	WHAT IT DOES
Deere (DE)	3.71%	Tractors and farm/construction equipment
Fastenal (FAST)	3.50%	Industrial screws, bolts, and supplies
Eaton (ETN)	3.43%	Electrical gear and power systems
Emerson Electric (EMR)	3.43%	Automation and controls
Nucor (NUE)	3.28%	America's biggest steelmaker
Quanta Services (PWR)	3.17%	Builds power lines and grids
Parker-Hannifin (PH)	3.15%	Motion-control parts
Rockwell Automation (ROK)	2.99%	Factory automation
United Rentals (URI)	2.95%	Rents construction equipment
Trane Technologies (TT)	2.94%	Heating and cooling systems

WHERE THE MONEY SITS

Industrials	74.2%
Basic Materials	19.7%
Utilities	3.6%
Technology	2.6%

COMPANY SIZES

51.4% mid-sized
20.1% large
28.5% small or very small

One purchase covers the whole building supply chain. The fund rebalances each year, with a 3% cap for one stock at that reset, so one name cannot take over.

Holdings: MarketBeat, Oct. 2026. Sectors and company sizes: indmoney, Oct. 3, 2026.

BIG ENOUGH, FAIRLY PRICED, BUILT FOR GROWTH

The long record is strong. The income is **small**.

TOTAL ASSETS

\$13.53B

Big enough to trade easily.

YEARLY FEE

0.47%

The fund's yearly charge.

DIVIDEND YIELD

0.81%

Paid twice a year. This is not an income play.

BETA

1.03

A measure of movement. PAVE moves roughly with the market.

FAIR VALUE

\$53.87

Net asset value, versus a \$53.88 share price. The basket and the price match.

2026 INFLOWS

\$2.35B

New investor money added this year.

PERFORMANCE

2026

+12.7%

Through Oct. 2026

PAST YEAR

+12.4%

Through Oct. 2026

3 YEARS

28.2%

Average per year

5 YEARS

23.9%

Average per year

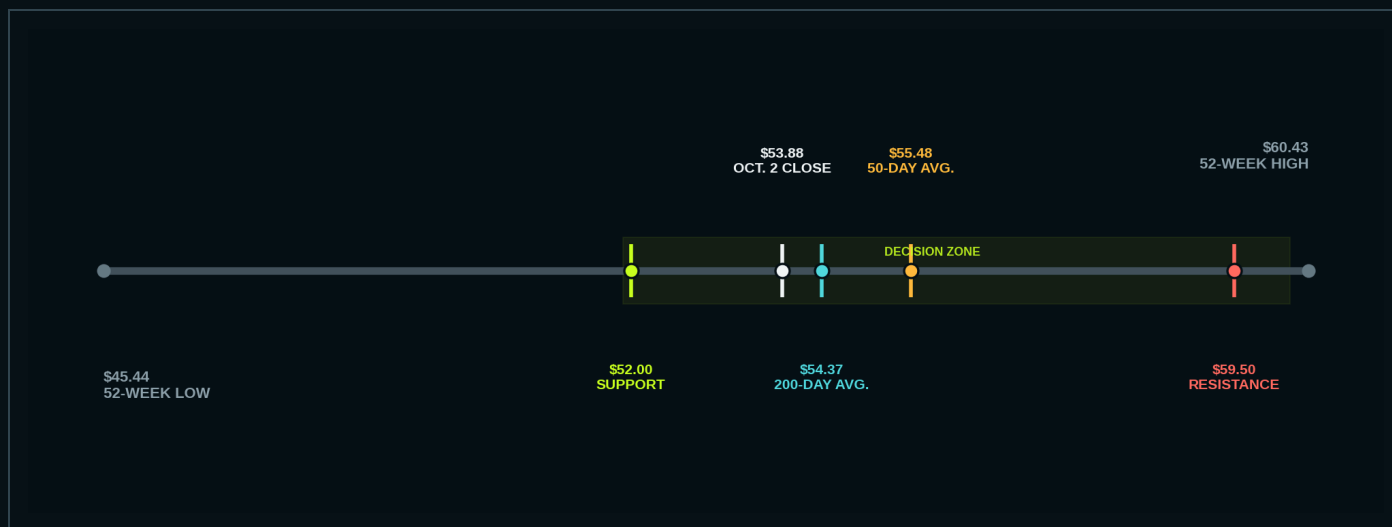
SINCE MARCH
2017 LAUNCH**15.1%**

Average return per year. The record shows strong long-term compounding. The 0.47% fee is fair for a theme fund, and investors keep buying.

Assets, fee, yield, and fair value: indmoney, Oct. 3, 2026. Beta: TipRanks. 2026 and one-year return: Finnhub, Oct. 2026. Three-year, five-year, and since-launch returns: Global X fact sheet, Sept. 30, 2025. Inflows: ainvest, Sept. 18, 2026.

A DIP INSIDE AN UPTREND - UNTIL \$52 BREAKS

The short-term trend is weak. The key line is \$52.



CURRENT PRICE

\$53.88

Oct. 2 close, up 1.58% that day.

50-DAY AVERAGE

\$55.48

Price is below it, so the recent trend points down.

200-DAY AVERAGE

\$54.37

Price is just below this longer-term line.

RSI MOMENTUM

59.9

Friday's bounce had energy. It is not overheated; 70+ is the danger zone.

SUPPORT

Near \$52

Buyers stepped in near here several times recently.

RESISTANCE

Near \$59.50

The summer highs. Buyers must clear this area for a new leg up.

This is a pullback with two possible endings: the next move higher, or the start of something worse. The \$52 line is the referee.

Price and technical figures through the Oct. 2, 2026 close: FintHub. The chart is a level map built only from the supplied figures, not a daily price history.

WHAT CAN MOVE THE FUND

The demand story is huge. The risks are **real**.

WHAT COULD GO RIGHT

- **The AI buildout.** U.S. AI infrastructure spending is projected at \$7.6 trillion from 2026 to 2031. Every data center needs power, cooling, steel, and cranes. PAVE owns the companies that provide them.
- **The power grid.** Data centers already drive half of all new U.S. electricity-demand growth. The grid must expand. Quanta, Eaton, and Emerson do that work.
- **Washington keeps spending.** The 2025 engineers' report card gave U.S. infrastructure a C. The need is easy to see, no matter who wins an election.

WHAT COULD GO WRONG

- **Interest rates stay high.** These companies borrow heavily to build. Higher rates make projects cost more and can squeeze profits.
- **Tariffs raise material costs.** Steel is up 22% and aluminum is up 40% in a year. Higher input costs can eat into profit.
- **The economy slows.** In a recession, construction is often among the first things companies cut.
- **The basket is less varied than it looks.** Industrials are 74.2% of the fund. One bad year for that sector becomes a bad year for PAVE.

THE PLAIN-ENGLISH TRADE-OFF

PAVE spreads risk across many companies, but not many industries. The bet works best when America is building and financing remains affordable.

Figures used: U.S. AI infrastructure estimate for 2026-2031; data-center share of new U.S. electricity-demand growth; 2025 engineers' infrastructure report card; one-year steel and aluminum changes. All supplied as verified inputs for this brief.

THE DECISION

BUY - in stages. Not all at once.

The theme has one of the strongest multi-year demand stories in the market: data centers, the power grid, and U.S. manufacturing. The fund is fairly priced after an 11% pullback, and \$2.35 billion of inflows this year supports the case. But the chart is weak, so do not chase.

1**Start small around \$53-\$54.**

Buy only a starter position while the price remains below both moving averages.

2**Add only after a close above \$55.50.**

That would put the price back above the \$55.48 50-day average and show buyers are taking control.

3**Exit on a weekly close below \$52.**

That would mean the dip is turning into a downtrend and break the reason for buying.

3-MONTH VIEW

\$56-\$60

A recovery toward the summer highs.

6-MONTH VIEW

\$60-\$65

If the building cycle holds.

SOURCES AND BOUNDARIES

[1] Price and technicals, Oct. 2, 2026. Nasdaq quote API and FintHub.

[2] Portfolio and fund facts, Oct. 2026. MarketBeat, indmoney, TipRanks, and Global X fact sheet dated Sept. 30, 2025.

[3] Buildout demand. U.S. Census via Axios, Sept. 2026; Q1 2026 earnings; supplied AI and power-demand estimates.

[4] Fund flows, Sept. 18, 2026. ainvest.

Known gaps: ETFs do not carry standard analyst price targets. Company filings such as a 10-K or 10-Q do not apply to this fund. Options positioning is not covered.

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