MORE AIRPLANES take off and land on the 11,178-foot stretch of tarmac at Gatwick than on any other single-runway airport in the world. At peak times, the London airport handles as many as 55 arrivals and departures an hour. That was the goal of “Drive for 55”—an effort by Gatwick’s owner, private equity firm Global Infrastructure Partners, to maximize the airport’s productivity and profitability. Acquired in 2009, the U.K. airport is part of a portfolio that also includes pipelines and ports around the world. (GIP’s 2011 fund ranks in the top quartile of all private equity funds, with an internal rate of return of 24.2 percent; its latest is the largest infrastructure fund ever, at $15.8 billion.) Turn to page 80 for more on the firm, or go to {PE<GO>} for details about its performance, investors, and assets. —Jason Kelly