

Blue Chip Investing in the Green Economy

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Agenda

- Thematic investing in the Great Energy Transition
- Why ESG integration is not enough
- Current thematic opportunities
- Sectors we're less excited about
- Game changers what we still don't know

Background Beliefs

1

An historic "Great" Energy Transition

is underway, creating a tailwind behind environmental sectors and significant new risks for unprepared investors

2

Environmental sector growth, technologies, and regulatory policies are often misunderstood and, as a result, securities may be mispriced

3

A global perspective, value strategy and bottom-up process is optimal for this space



What will it take?

"\$2.5 trillion annual investment needed by 2030 to finance a more sustainable future"

Greg Payne at the 2007 Greenchip Launch Event

"\$6.9 trillion infrastructure investment needed annually to meet the Paris Agreement goals" OECD/The World Bank/UN Environment (2018), *Financing Climate Futures* Annual investment across low-carbon energy – including supply and efficiency – needs a rapid boost to \$2.1 trillion to keep Paris in sight

IEA World Energy Investment Report 2019 Global investment in low-carbon energy, efficiency, and electricity networks



Note: Low-carbon energy investment includes energy efficiency, renewable power, renewables for transport and heat, nuclear, battery storage and carbon capture utilisation and storage. SDS = Sustainable Development Scenario.

ESG is insufficient to capture climate opportunities and diversify from climate risk



Generally, ESG integration focuses on **how companies behave**, while environmental sector investing focuses on **what companies produce and sell**.

ESG strategies have high correlations to benchmarks and are less exposed to environmental drivers.

Source: 2018 Global Sustainable Investment Alliance Review

Four Global ESG Funds vs. MSCI World By General Industry Classification (September 30, 2019)



- 1) RBC Vision Global Equity Fund (formerly Jantzi)
- 2) iShares World ESG Screened UCITS ETF
- 3) Fidelity Sustainable World ETF
- 4) Vanguard SRI Global Stock Fund

Five Environmental Theme Funds vs. MSCI World By General Industry Classification (September 30, 2019)



- 1) AGF Sustainable Growth Equity
- NEI (Impax) Environmental Leaders
- 3) Greenchip Global Equity
- Schroder ISF Global Climate Change
- 5) GMO Climate Change III

Source: Morningstar, Corporate websites

Environmental Theme Sectors

Over 600 companies with a cumulative \$6 trillion market cap

Clean Energy	Energy Efficiency	Clean Technology	Sustainable Agriculture	Water	Transportation
Renewable utilities	Building management and efficiency	Waste management and pollution controls	Food processing/ logistics	Water utilities	Transportation operators
Renewable equipment	Lighting	Software and logistics	Agricultural inputs	Water equipment	Transportation equipment
Electric infrastructure	Engineering/ consulting	Advanced materials	Sustainable food retail	Diversified Environmental Leaders	
Energy storage equipment	Power management	Metering and monitoring	Sustainable forestry		
Renewable fuels	Automation and drives	Industrial efficiency			

Energy transition evident in power production

U.S. Generation (2007-2017)



- Coal and natural gas have been heading in opposite directions
- The percentage of electricity generated by fossil fuels has dropped from 72% to 61%, while renewable generation has increased from 8% to 17%
- The percentage of solar generation has increased a whopping 59X since 2007

Renewable Utilities - clean outperforms dirty

Performance of five of the cleanest power utilities versus five of the dirtiest*



Source: Bloomberg, June 2014 to June 2019. Stock price performance for each grouping of stocks is market cap weighted based on the current market capitalizations. Return excludes dividends.

*EDP, ENEL and Iberdrola are leaders in renewable energy development, both in their home markets (Portugal, Italy, and Spain, respectively) and abroad, with EDP and ENEL operating major renewable portfolios in North America and Latin America, respectively. Nextera is a Florida-based utility that is the largest US developer and operator of renewable energy. In general, while the clean group does still have thermal generation, renewable generation is typically equal or higher than thermal, and thermal is more gas than coal. For the dirty group the opposite is the case.

Solar is a misunderstood opportunity



- 1. Growth is underestimated
- 2. Misunderstood manufacturing consolidation
- 3. Value opportunities

Wind may have peaked?



1. Intermittency and operating costs have been underestimated

2. Growth curve has plateaued

3. Cost curve decline has flattened

4. Fewer value opportunities

Source: GMO, Thinking outside the box, April 2019

Energy Efficiency – improving at almost 3% a year



The game changer - Storage - what we don't know yet



Bloomberg estimates that for every doubling of volume history has shown an 18% decline in cost. Based on this they estimate \$94 by 2024 and \$62 by 2030.

Source: BNE Finance March 2019, JP Morgan July 2019

Environmental Theme can outperform

Greenchip (Gross) returns vs. MSCI World and Cleantech Indexes Jan. 2, 2008 – Sep. 30, 2019, \$CAD



"Anyone who believes that exponential growth can go on forever in a finite world is either a madman or an economist."

Kenneth Boulding, economist

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