

CLIMATE CHANGE INVESTMENT FUND

Investment Review: Quarter Ending December 31, 2022

OVERVIEW

The GMO Climate Change Investment Fund seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in equities of companies GMO believes are positioned to benefit, directly or indirectly, from efforts to curb or mitigate the long-term effects of global climate change, to address the environmental challenges presented by global climate change, or to improve the efficiency of resource consumption.

PERFORMANCE (%)

Net of Fees, GBP	+1.11
Gross of Fees, GBP	+1.33
MSCI ACWI ¹	+1.86
Value Added	-0.53

Major Performance Drivers

The fourth quarter of 2022 saw either a relief rally or bear market bounce, depending on your perspective, across most asset classes. Some very early signs of softening inflation across developed economies gave rise to hopes of slower monetary policy tightening. In the latter part of the quarter, China decided to end its zero Covid policy, a move that essentially reopened one of the world's biggest economies. Global equity markets ended the quarter up for the first time in 2022. Bond markets also rose (yields falling), and commodities were predominantly higher with the exception of energy, which fell. Against this backdrop, the GMO Climate Change portfolio performed in line with the MSCI ACWI index.

Clean Energy stocks, roughly half of the portfolio, had a positive quarter despite the two biggest sub-segments (Solar and Biofuels) ending the quarter down. That discrepancy can be explained partly by the biggest individual contributor for the quarter, Vestas Wind Systems, one of the few remaining pure play wind turbine providers and a long-term holding. Vestas' share price had come under pressure over 2022 as the market priced in short-term headwinds from issues like supply chain hold-ups. We added to the position over the year as we continued to see long-term upside with some of this recognized by the market in Q4. Conversely, the two largest individual detractors were from the Biofuel and Solar sectors – Ameresco and SunRun – as markets largely shrugged off the future growth potential of the Inflation Reduction Act 2022. We continue to see Biofuels and Solar as important parts of our Clean Energy portfolio and a strong fit for our investment thesis. External validation of this view was provided this quarter by BP's takeover of Archaea Energy, a renewable natural gas provider, for a more than 25% upside. This was the second high-profile takeover of a biofuel producer by an oil company this year. Companies like BP continue to look for ways to diversify their energy mix.

Energy Efficiency, the second largest segment in the portfolio, was the biggest contributor to returns this quarter. Performance was strong across sub-segments, but Transportation was the standout in large part due to BorgWarner, a manufacturer of component parts for electric vehicles.

Agriculture and Water both had a positive quarter, driven particularly by Precision Agriculture, Fish Farming, and our largest Water position, Veolia.

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The most significant position changes over the quarter were an increase to SolarEdge, Vestas, and Veolia, along with a decrease to Ameresco, Canadian Solar, and Livent Corp. In terms of sector allocations, we continued to reduce our Clean Power Generation portfolio. The outlook for Power Generation, particularly in Europe, is less appealing under windfall taxes and price caps for clean energy.

As the world makes the transition to clean energy and economies grapple with adapting to climate change, we believe this portfolio is well positioned to benefit.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Vestas Wind Systems (4.4%), Ameresco Inc (4.9%), SunRun (5.1%), Archaia Energy (0.0%), BP (0.0%), BorgWarner (3.3%), SolarEdge (6.5%), Veolia (3.0%), Canadian Solar (3.2%), and Livent Corp (1.1%).

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