

# CLIMATE CHANGE INVESTMENT FUND

Year Ending December 31, 2020

## 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	+37.58
Gross of Fees, GBP	+38.75
MSCI ACWI <sup>1</sup>	+12.67
<b>Value Added</b>	<b>+26.09</b>

## Major Performance Drivers

### Relevant Market Events

While Covid-19 roiled global markets in the first quarter, the market's rebound from March lows impressed just about everyone. Global markets advanced about 16% as measured by the MSCI ACWI Index, and there were a number of positive developments for climate change investors that paved the way for an even stronger upswing. For example, the prospects for, and eventual election of, the Biden administration raised hopes for improved climate policy in the U.S. Also, China's commitment to decarbonize by 2060 and Europe's ongoing commitment to battle climate change helped set the stage for improved sentiment in this unique sector.

The strong returns this year suggest investors are warming up to the benefits of climate change investing, yet the sector remains poorly understood. With an uncertain outlook for global economic growth in 2021, we are finding companies with exciting prospects to benefit significantly from global efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Amid this environment of increased expectations for the climate change sector, we think it is prudent to steadfastly adhere to our value discipline and unique value-based approach.

### Recent Performance Highlights

The portfolio performed well in 2020, outperforming the stated benchmark, MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI).

Clean Energy averaged 40% of the portfolio in 2020 and performed well across the board. Solar, Wind, Biofuels, Batteries & Storage, and Clean Power Generation all produced impressive returns. Clean Energy-related materials also had strong gains, as our Copper positions were up almost 60%, and our Lithium positions almost doubled. Agriculture companies also performed well in 2020, though they did not keep pace with the aforementioned sectors.

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