

Q4 2023 GBP

KBI Global Investors

KBIGI Global Energy Transition Strategy



Summary Details

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| Assets under Mgmt. | £1.4bn |
| Strategy Inception Date | 01 Mar 2006 |
| Benchmark | Wilderhill New Energy Gbl Innovation Index |
| Number of Stocks | 49 |
| Revenue Alignment SDG Score | 81.2% |
| Risk Characteristics | |
| Beta (10 Yrs) | 0.66 |
| Information Ratio (10 Yrs) | 0.44 |

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 31/12/23. The risk characteristics are calculated independently by KBI Global Investors using monthly gross returns of the composite over a 10 year period relative to the Index as at the 31/12/23. The AUM listed above is Energy Solutions Strategy AUM excluding Assets under Advisement from Q1 2022. Weighted Avg. Mkt. Cap figures are in US Dollars. The Revenue Alignment SDG Score measures the portfolio contribution to the achievement of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Calculations are based on KBIGI's own methodology and are not independently verified as at 09/30/2023 (quarterly).

Investment Thesis

There are compelling investment opportunities in companies providing solutions to resource scarcity across water, food and energy driven by five long term trends.

- Inadequate supply of water, cleaner energy and arable land for farming
- Increasing demand for resources, driven by population growth, industrialisation and urbanisation
- Increasing regulation and government support
- Increasing investment in infrastructure to address urgent global requirements
- Increasing investment in technology to create solutions and facilitate the more efficient use of resources

Annualised Performance (£)

| | 3Mths | YTD | 1Yr | 3Yrs | 5Yrs | 10Yrs |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Fund (Gross) | 8.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 7.8 | 21.9 | 13.0 |
| Benchmark | 0.5 | -15.9 | -15.9 | -19.3 | 10.9 | 7.6 |

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream as of 31/12/23.

KBI calculate both composite returns and benchmark returns. Returns are gross of fees in GBP. Our firm claims GIPS compliance and is annually verified by an independent verification firm to be so. The verification report from our verifier and our GIPS composite presentation are available upon request. The performance record disclosed here is that of the firm's composite for this strategy. The strategy invests in an internationally diversified selection of shares in companies active in the clean energy sector. These companies are active in both producing, manufacturing, providing equipment or supplying power from renewable sources and those active in energy efficiency end markets. Renewable sources include technologies such as wind power, solar energy, hydro-power, biomass and geothermal. Energy efficiency end markets covers a wide range of end markets including the automotive sector (through the use of fuel-efficient parts and electric vehicles), LED lighting and building insulation products for construction end markets, and software and hardware devices for industrial and utility end markets. The portfolio contains circa 30-60 publicly traded stocks. The rapid ascendance of decarbonisation and the increased demand for both clean energy and energy efficient products is directly linked to five key drivers; increasing global energy demand to meet growing population and industrialization, limited supply of oil and natural gas, climate change, growing political and regulatory support for decarbonisation, and falling costs of renewable energy through technological advancement. The investment team evaluates and integrates ESG into the analysis conducted to determine the fundamental value of the companies it invests in. The material risks associated with the composite include market risk and stock-specific event risk. Share prices can decline and there is a risk that the composite may under-perform its benchmark. The benchmark is the Wilderhill New Energy Global Innovation Index, inclusive of gross income. The benchmark is comprised of companies worldwide whose innovative technologies and services focus on the generation and use of cleaner energy, conservation and efficiency. These companies have a low-carbon approach and provide technologies that help reduce emissions relative to traditional fossil fuel use. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the composite and the benchmark; but not materially so. See disclaimers for further information.

Portfolio Positioning

Segment Breakdown

| Sector | % |
|-------------------|------|
| Energy Efficiency | 42.7 |
| Renewable Energy | 28.8 |
| Utilities | 28.5 |

Geographical Breakdown

| Region | % |
|------------------|------|
| North America | 53.9 |
| Europe | 39.6 |
| Emerging Markets | 6.5 |

Top 10 Holdings

| Stock | Country | % |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| RWE AG | Germany | 4.9 |
| Samsung Sdi Co Ltd | South Korea | 4.2 |
| Hannon Armstrong Sustainable | US | 3.7 |
| Vestas Wind Systems A/S | Denmark | 3.6 |
| Sunnova Energy International Inc | US | 3.5 |
| Northland Power Inc | Canada | 3.5 |
| Sunrun Inc | US | 3.4 |
| Nextera Energy Inc | US | 3.3 |
| National Grid Plc | UK | 3.2 |
| First Solar Inc | US | 3.1 |

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. Data as of 31/12/23

Strategy Overview

The KBIGI Global Energy Transition Strategy is a long-only, high-conviction global equity portfolio investing in 30-60 global companies providing low carbon solutions to the world's accelerating demand for energy. The strategy can invest across the full range of renewable sources including wind, solar, biomass, and fuel cells as well as smart technologies that facilitate the integration of renewable energy and/or use energy more efficiently.

KBIGI's Global Energy Transition Strategy provides exposure to a number of dominant and persistent themes:

- Global growth
- Natural resource scarcity
- Infrastructure spending
- Emerging market growth
- Mergers and acquisitions

Energy Solutions brings new sources of alpha to a global equity allocation. Specialist active management is the best way to capture this alpha, carefully qualifying a universe of stocks to assure exposure to energy solutions and then identifying companies with strong fundamentals, leading products, and attractive valuations.

Investment Team

| Energy Transition Portfolio Management Team | Role | Industry Experience |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Colm O'Connor | Lead Portfolio Manager | 21yrs |
| Treasa Ni Chonghaile | Co Portfolio Manager | 25yrs |
| Andros Florides | Co Portfolio Manager | 28yrs |
| Investment Team | Title | Investment Experience |
| Noel O'Halloran | Chief Investment Officer | 36yrs |
| Catherine Cahill | Senior Portfolio Manager | 23yrs |
| Matt Sheldon | Senior Portfolio Manager | 22yrs |
| Martin Conroy | Senior Portfolio Manager | 20yrs |
| Eoin Fahy | Head of Responsible Investing | 35yrs |
| Ben Cooke | Investment Analyst | 7yrs |
| Jeanne Chow Collins | ESG & Engagement Analyst | 23yrs |
| Robert Fullam | Investment Analyst | 9yrs |

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Investment Process

Our investment process is designed to use our specialist skills to precisely define each theme, construct a proprietary investment universe and then build a concentrated, high conviction portfolio designed to outperform the broad market and passive alternatives

| Investment Universe Definition |
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| ● Precisely defined opportunity set for investment to ensure exposure to drivers of resource scarcity |
| ● Companies for inclusion: Pure Plays and Market Leaders |
| Weighting Sector |
| ● Focus on bottom up fundamentals and valuation with an overlay of top down influences |
| Stock Selection |
| ● Focus on stocks with exposure to key themes driving earnings growth, strong fundamentals, competitive advantages, strong management and attractive valuation |

Overview

With the world's major economies now committed to achieving net-zero emissions in the long-term, we believe we are in the early stages of a multi-decade energy transition.

The need to decarbonise global economies will lead to substantial investment and growth opportunities for our companies who provide solutions for decarbonisation across many end markets.

We believe the energy transition will remain on track despite the prospect of the global economy slowing, helped by several tailwinds: increasing global renewable energy capacity, energy resilience, grid investments, US manufacturing reshoring and US Federal government stimulus spending. The stimulus spending from legislation (Infrastructure & Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Acts) has been delayed due to lack of regulatory clarity and should start to flow meaningfully in the next year.

We believe this should kick-start investment spend in new wind and solar installations in the US as tax credits kick-in, while more nascent end markets such as battery storage will enjoy strong growth off a low base.

We also anticipate continued adoption of EVs globally and an increased focus on European domestic manufacturing for both renewable and e-mobility end markets will be a key driver.

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