

# Sustainable Climate Solutions

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## AB Sustainable Climate Solutions Carve Out Launched in November 2021

Sustainable Thematic Equity Platform: \$20.6 Billion in AUM

Sustainable
Global
Thematic

Sustainable Intl Thematic Sustainable US Thematic Sustainable Climate Solutions









Regional Focus	Global Equities	Non-US Equities	US Equities	Global Equities
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI	MSCI ACWI ex-US	S&P 500	MSCI ACWI
Number of Holdings	30–60	30-60	30–60	30-50
AUM	\$7.2 Billion	\$838 Million	\$12.6 Billion*	_
Vehicles				
Separate Account	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2002	December 31, 2015	_
US Mutual Fund	March 1, 1982	June 2, 1994	June 28, 2017	_
Retail SMA	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2019	December 31, 1981	_
Lux Fund	October 25, 1991	_	April 24, 2001 November 30, 20	
UK OEIC	January 28, 2022	_	March 13, 2020	_

<sup>\*</sup>Includes US Retail Balanced SMA, which accounts for \$6.4 B in AUM As of June 30, 2022 Source: AB



## Long History of Climate Solutions Investing Experience

A multidecade commitment to sustainable thematic research

#### 2006

#### 2008

#### 2013

## 2016

#### 2018

## 2020

## 2021

- Published forward-looking thematic research report titled "The Emergence of Hybrid Vehicles"
- Published forward-looking thematic research report titled "Abating Climate Change"
- Published forward-looking thematic research report titled "The Dawn of Molecular Medicine"

2011

- Dan Roarty became Chief Investment Officer of the Sustainable Thematic **Equities** platform
- launched in 2015 and adopted as guiding

SDGs were

- framework for our investment themes in 2016
  - UN's Sustainable

Investing

Conference

 Renamed Sustainable Sustainable Global Thematic and Sustainable Global Thematic and Sustainable US Thematic US Thematic to awarded the reflect the SDG Label ISR alignment

2019

- Dan Roarty was a featured speaker at the
- Sustainable Sustainable US Global Thematic Thematic received and Sustainable first prize, American **US Thematic** Equities. received the Responsible Finance Trophies "Investing in Shared Value by French Award" by magazine Shared Value Investissement Proiect Australia Conseils



Sustainable

magazine

Thematic Equities team awarded "Best Sustainable & **ESG** Research Team" by Investment Week

The Emergence of Hybrid Vehicles





- Implemented the current stock-selection process that includes ESG factors in the valuation assessment

SHARED

and New

Zealand

- AB's forward-looking thematic research efforts date back to the early 2000s
- For almost two decades, the team has researched and published on a variety of sustainability issues
- The Sustainable Thematic Equities team was one of the first asset managers to formally adopt the SDGs as a driving force in an investment process

As of June 30, 2022 Source: AB



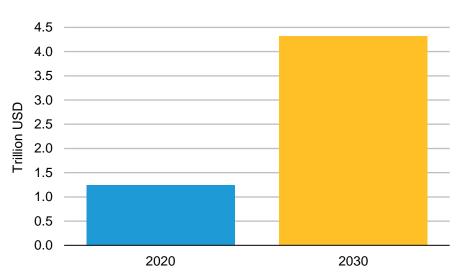
# **Philosophy**

We seek to generate strong financial returns by investing in companies that provide solutions to the world's biggest climate challenges.

## What Is Needed to Achieve Net Zero?

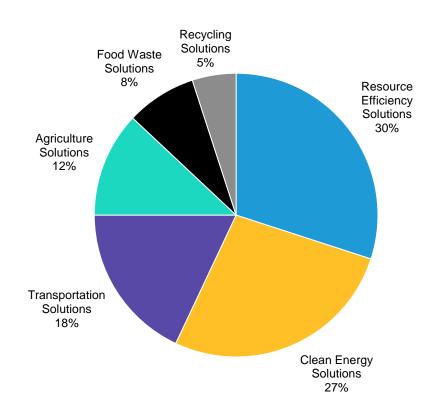
Increased spending on wide spectrum of decarbonization solutions

## **Annual De-Carbonization Investment Required for Net Zero**



- Global investment toward decarbonization must increase nearly fourfold by 2030 to meet these goals
- \$1.2 trillion USD spent in 2020 must increase to \$4.3 trillion by 2030

## **Emissions Reduction by Solution 2020–2030**



## For informational purposes only.

Source: International Energy Agency, United Nations and AB As of June 30, 2022



## What Are Climate Solutions?

Diverse opportunity set of over 50 climate solutions products



## **Agriculture Solutions**



## Solar Equipment

**Clean Energy Solutions** 

Wind Equipment

**Energy Storage** 

Power Transmission

Hydrogen Production

**Smart Grid** 

Renewables Development



### **Food Waste Solutions**



#### Infrastructure Solutions

- Sustainable Infrastructure Construction and Engineering
- **Environmental Sensors**
- Green Cement
- Green Steel
- Green Aluminum

- Precision Agriculture Equipment and Software
  - Agrochemicals / Seeds
  - Animal Feed
  - Vertical Farming
  - Sustainable Forestry
  - Plant-Based Protein
  - **Cultured Meat**



- Cold Storage
- **Food Ingredients**
- Food Packaging



## **Recycling Solutions**



- Recycling Equipment
- Recycling Services
- Circular Products
- Recyclable Materials



## **Resource Efficiency Solutions**

- **Automation Equipment**
- Carbon Capture and Storage
- Insulation
- Heat Pumps
- **Energy Management Systems**
- **Energy-Efficient Lighting**
- Manufacturing and Design Software
- Power Systems and Components



## **Transportation Solutions**

- Electric Vehicles (EVs)
- **EV Batteries**
- **EV Charging Equipment**
- **Biofuels**
- Carbon Fiber and Composites
- Mass Transit
- E-Fuels



#### **Water Solutions**

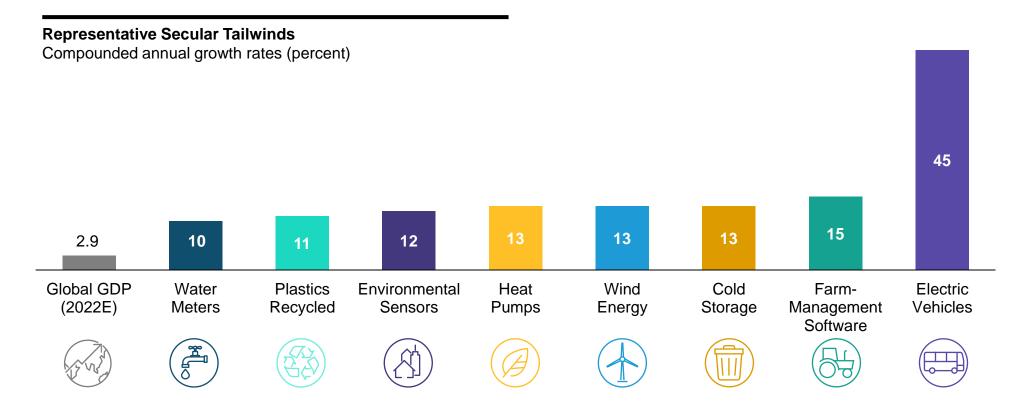
- Irrigation Equipment
- Water Equipment and Technology
- Water Purifiers and Filters
- Water Infrastructure
- **Desalination Equipment** and Development

Products subject to change. For illustrative purposes only.

Source: AB

## Climate Solutions Offer Differentiated Opportunities for Secular Growth

Growth isn't always about the economy



## Current forecasts do not guarantee future results.

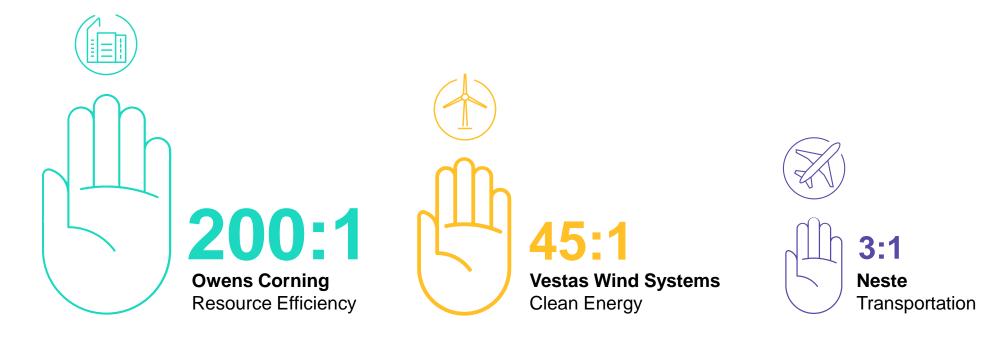
Global GDP (2022E) as of June 30, 2022. Water meters, annual units sold 2020–2026; annual demand for plastics recycled 2020–2030; environmental sensors 2021–2027; heat pumps, annual units installed 2020–2030; annual capacity of wind power installed 2020–2030; cold storage, annual market size 2020–2028; farm-management software, annual market size 2021–2026; annual electric vehicle sales 2020–2025

As of June 30, 2022

Source: Bernstein Research, Grand View Research, International Energy Agency, MarketsandMarkets Research, Mordor Intelligence and AB



## **Carbon Handprints Point to Real Climate Solutions**



## Past performance and current analysis do not guarantee future results.

For Owens Corning: Thanks to its thermal insulation properties for fiberglass and stone insulation, each metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> generated in the manufacturing process saves nearly 200 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over a 50-year period. AB estimates for carbon handprint are based on Owens Corning's Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions. For Vestas: carbon avoided by a wind turbine over its lifetime vs. carbon emitted during manufacturing, transporting and installing a wind turbine. For Neste: renewable transportation fuel enabled customers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10 million metric tons in 2020. Neste's carbon emissions were 2.9 million metric tons in 2020.

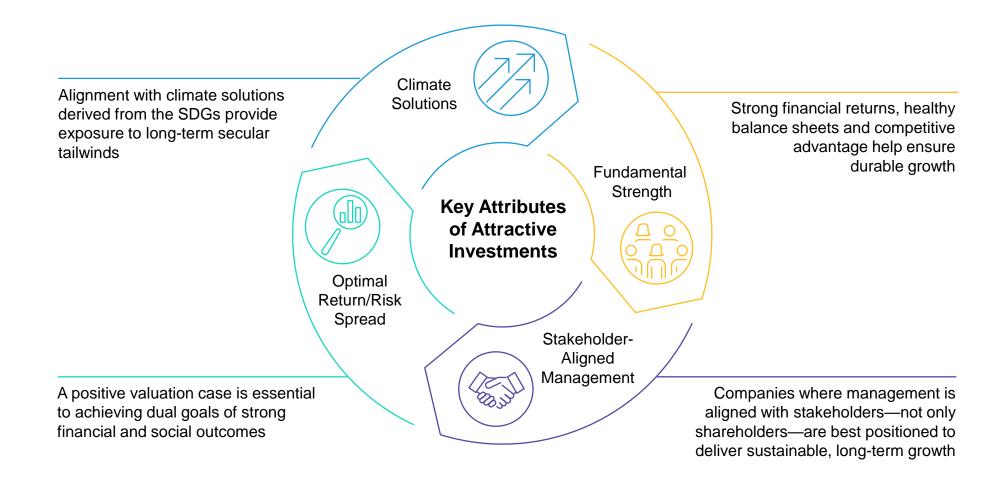
As of June 30, 2020

Source: Company reports and AB; see Disclosures and Important Information.



## **Bottoms Up Process Focused on High-Quality, Durable Companies**

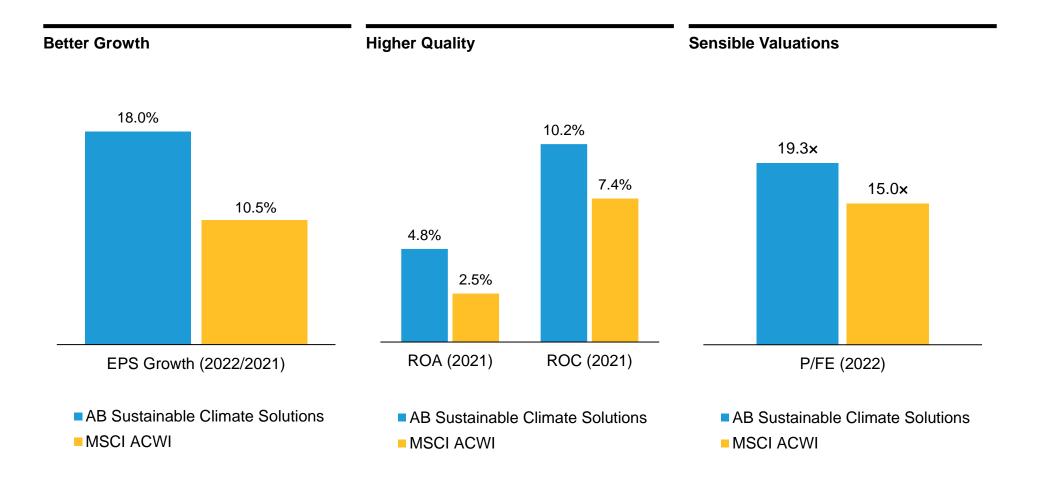
Key attributes of attractive investments



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## **Profitable Growth at an Attractive Price Point**



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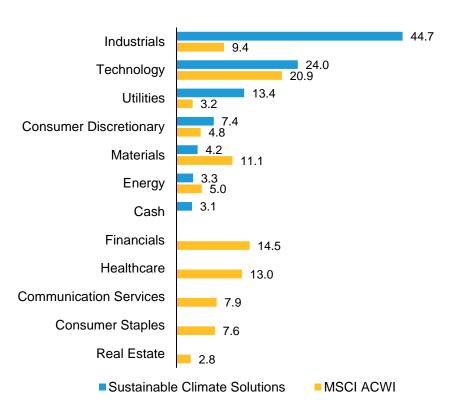
Based on the AB Sustainable Climate Solutions Portfolio. EPS: earnings per share; ROA: return on assets; ROC: return on capital; P/FE: price/forward earnings As of July 31, 2022. Source: Bloomberg, MSCI and AB



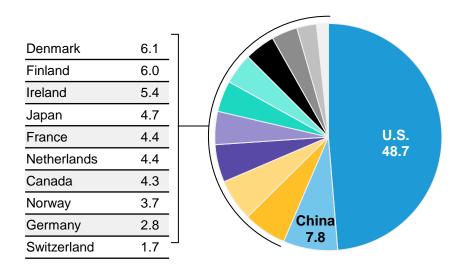
## **Sector and Geographic Exposure**

Portfolio holdings

## **Sector Overview (Percent)**







	Region of Domicile		
Developed Markets	92.2		
Emerging Markets	7.8		

Sector weights and holdings are based on an equal-weighted model account. For illustrative purposes only. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

As of June 30, 2022 Source: MSCI and AB



## **Holdings by Solution**



#### **Agriculture Solutions**

Deere & Co.



### **Clean Energy Solutions**

- · China Longyuan Power
- Enphase Energy
- NextEra Energy
- Ørsted
- Quanta Services
- SolarEdge Technologies
- · Vestas Wind Systems
- Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology



#### **Food Waste Solutions**

- DSM
- Huhtamaki
- · Smurfit Kappa



#### Infrastructure Solutions

- Tetra Tech
- WSP Global



#### **Recycling Solutions**

- Li-Cycle
- TOMRA
- Trex
- · Waste Management Inc.



## **Resource Efficiency Solutions**

- Dassault Systèmes
- Flex
- Infineon Technologies
- Keyence
- Monolithic Power Systems
- · Owens Corning
- Rockwell Automation
- · Schneider Electric
- SMC
- STMicroelectronics
- TopBuild



## **Transportation Solutions**

- Aptiv
- Hexcel
- Neste
- NXP Semiconductors
- TE Connectivity



#### **Water Solutions**

- Lindsay
- Xylem

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## Climate Theme within Sustainable Global Thematic

Total returns

	Peri	Periods Ended December 31, 2021			
	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Manager Tenure	
Sustainable Global Thematic—Climate Theme	12.9%	39.7%	23.3%	18.2%	
MSCI ACWI	12.2	32.4	20.3	15.6	
Relative Performance	+0.7%	+7.3%	+3.0%	+2.6%	

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In US dollars

Data are preliminary.

Manager start date: Sustainable Global Thematic—July 1, 2013

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As of December 31, 2021

Source: Bloomberg, MSCI and AB



## Climate Theme within Sustainable Global Thematic

Complete 12 month returns (USD)

	Jan 2017– Dec 2017	Jan 2018– Dec 2018	Jan 2019– Dec 2019	Jan 2020– Dec 2020	Jan 2021- Dec 2021
Sustainable Global Thematic—Climate Theme	45.7%	-24.6%	39.7%	54.0%	21.9%
MSCI ACWI	23.7	-12.0	36.7	34.6	22.4
Relative Performance	+21.9%	-12.6%	+3.1%	+19.5%	-0.5

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Some of the principal risks of investing include:

Market Risk: The market values of the investments may rise and fall from day to day, so investments may lose value.

**Currency Risk:** Currency fluctuations may have a large impact on returns, and the value of an investment may be negatively affected when translated into the currency in which the initial investment was made.

**Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may include financial derivative instruments. These may be used to obtain, increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and may create gearing; their use may result in greater fluctuations of the assets under management.

**OTC Derivatives Counterparty Risk:** Transactions in OTC derivatives markets may have generally less governmental regulation and supervision than transactions entered into on organized exchanges. These will be subject to the risk that their direct counterparty will not perform its obligations and that the Portfolio will sustain losses.

**Allocation Risk:** Allocating to different types of assets may have a large impact on returns if one of these asset classes significantly underperforms the others. **Overseas Assets Risk:** Investing in overseas assets may be more volatile because of political, regulatory, market and economic uncertainties associated with them. These risks are magnified in assets of emerging or developing markets.

**Systemic Risk:** Systemic risk is the risk of broad financial-system stress or collapse triggered by the default of one or more financial institutions, resulting in a series of defaults by other interdependent financial institutions.

**Turnover Risk:** A portfolio will be actively managed, and turnover may, in response to market conditions, exceed 100%. A higher rate of portfolio turnover increases brokerage and other expenses. High portfolio turnover may also result in the realization of substantial net short-term capital gains, which may be taxable when distributed.

Illiquid Securities: Selling illiquid or restricted securities usually requires more time, and costs are often higher.

**Leverage Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives or other financial instruments to gain exposure to investments exceeding its overall value. This may cause greater changes in the Portfolio's price, as it is more sensitive to market or interest-rate movements, and increase the risk of loss.

**Equities Risk:** The value of equity investments may fluctuate in response to the activities and results of individual companies or because of market and economic conditions. These investments may decline over short- or long-term periods.

Concentrated (Focused Portfolio) Risk: Investing in a limited number of issuers, industries, sectors or countries may subject the Portfolio to greater volatility than one invested in a larger or more diverse array of securities.

**Smaller-Capitalization Companies Risk:** Investment in securities of companies with relatively small market capitalizations may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements because the securities are typically traded in lower volume and are subject to greater business risk.

Long/Short Strategies: Short positions create losses when the underlying security's value rises. The use of short positions may increase the risk of both loss and volatility. Potential losses from short positions are theoretically unlimited, as there is no restriction on the price to which a security may rise, whereas the loss from a cash investment in the security cannot exceed the amount invested. Short positions are created using derivatives (generally OTC derivatives). Taking short positions through derivatives may be subject to changes in regulations, which could create losses or the inability to continue using short positions as intended or at all.



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