

Growth & Income

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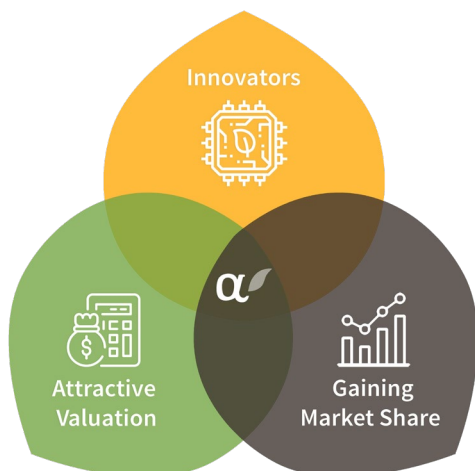
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Investment Philosophy

We understand that high-functioning, innovative companies creating and accelerating solutions to system-level risks like the climate crisis, resource, degradation worsening inequality, and the human disease burden are the greatest growth drivers of the twenty-first century.

Green Alpha's investment philosophy is straightforward: don't invest in companies that cause global systemic risks; instead, invest in the smartest, most rapidly evolving, economically competitive solutions.

We expect such companies to gain market share, which makes investing in them our best chance at preserving and growing our clients' purchasing power.



Why Invest in Growth & Income?

- Active research, stock selection, and portfolio management
- Low volatility portfolio producing above-market income, while seeking long-term capital preservation and growth
- 25-35 global, market-leading companies developing solutions to core economic and environmental risks
- Fossil fuel free since inception

Inception Date: October 8, 2012

Style: All-Cap Global Equities

Vehicle: Separately Managed Accounts

Portfolio Construction

The Growth & Income portfolio is designed to harness the powerful combination of growth and current income within one portfolio. We seek investments:

- with products and/or services lowering the economy's risk profile by creating solutions to our most pressing economic and environmental risks
- committing more capital to R&D and owning more intellectual property than their peers
- run by effective, diverse executive teams and boards of directors with consistent track records of increasing revenue and expanding margins, leading to earnings growth and potential dividend increases
- that trade at compelling valuations for proven and expected growth, within acceptable levels of risk

Growth & Income portfolio holdings are then selected for current or potential dividend yield, coupled with strong revenue growth, bought at a reasonable price. The strategy typically exhibits lower short-term volatility than other Green Alpha portfolios and the broad equity markets.

Our investments seek to de-risk the global economy, thus, in turn, reducing our clients' long-term investment risks.

Growth & Income

How the portfolio compares to the MSCI All Country World Investible Market Index (MSCI ACWI IMI) and other Green Alpha portfolios

Characteristics

- **High Income** – a compelling combination of strong growth, and dividend income that is higher than the broad equity market
- **Fundamentals-driven** – the underlying quality of companies and the price paid for their shares are key drivers of LT returns
 - ✓ **High growth** – indicated by Sales Growth, drop from Current P/E to Forward P/E as revenue and earnings grow
 - ✓ **Compelling valuation** – demonstrated by Price/Sales, Price/Book metrics
 - ✓ **Strong balance sheet, solid management execution** – expressed by LT Debt/Equity, Current Ratio
- **Fossil fuel free since inception** – we have never invested in companies that prospect, extract, refine, or transport fossil fuels, nor fossil-fired utilities or internal combustion engine manufacturers
- **Diversified – we look for solutions wherever we can find them** – across the globe, companies of all sizes, in every industry
- **Public equities, long-only** – largest asset class, largest opportunity for impact

Characteristics	Green Alpha Growth & Income	Benchmark: MSCI ACWI IMI (SPGM)	Green Alpha Next Economy Index	Green Alpha Next Economy Social Index	Green Alpha Next Economy Select	Sierra Club Green Alpha
# of Securities	35	1,522	120	93	54	42
Sales Growth, Trailing 1-Yr	12.60%	8.94%	35.59%	44.31%	42.02%	26.88%
P/E, Current	24.91	23.76	33.60	37.85	28.30	41.22
P/E, 1-Year Forward [†]	19.42	28.60	28.33	28.51	25.54	29.36
Price/Sales	2.41	1.93	2.66	1.64	2.95	2.73
Price/Book	2.71	2.68	5.23	6.06	5.05	5.80
LT Debt/Equity	1.12	0.96	0.88	1.29	1.07	0.98
Current Ratio	2.38	2.01	2.67	2.73	2.89	2.75
Dividend Yield	3.15%	2.36%	1.86%	2.23%	2.15%	1.59%
Market Capitalization, Weighted Avg (US\$B)	\$63.54	\$293.59	\$148.17	\$150.40	\$125.81	\$138.58
Market Capitalization, Median (US\$B)	\$29.89	Not Available	\$14.84	\$16.70	\$14.75	\$19.16
Turnover, Trailing 2-Yr Avg Annual	26%	-	10%	13%	12%	9%
Beta, Trailing 2-Yrs	1.11	1.00	1.10	1.06	1.08	1.19
Active Share	97%	-	93%	93%	95%	96%

[†] Bloomberg consensus estimates. Please see the final page of this document for important disclosures about portfolio, benchmark and characteristic information

Largest Positions

How the Growth & Income portfolio is driving progress toward the Next Economy

Company Name	Ticker	Weight
Brookfield Renewable	BEPC	6.55%
Vestas Wind Systems	VWDRY	6.22%
Horizon Tech. Finance	HRZN	5.98%
Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infrastructure	HASI	5.72%
IBM Corp	IBM	4.65%
% of Portfolio		29.12%

Brookfield Renewable (Sector: Utilities)

- Brookfield Renewable, a Canadian corp, is one of the world's leading zero-carbon energy utilities. Brookfield's 2020 acquisition of TerraForm Power, as well as other M&A activity, has given it a present total of 19.4 GW of renewable electricity generation capacity globally.
- Financially, Brookfield is very conservatively managed, looks for acquisitions at very favorable prices, and has revenues largely backed by long-term power purchase agreements with high-quality clients.

Their long-term goal is to provide annualized investment returns of 12%-15%, which includes planned dividend increases.

- The exec team includes five women (28%), and the board of directors is 25% women, including Chair of the Audit Committee.

Vestas Wind Systems (Sector: Energy)

- The world's most advanced wind turbine manufacturer, and the clear leader in both onshore and grid-connected installations. Vestas is also a leading turbine service contract provider, a role that provides meaningful higher-margin recurring revenue.
- They achieved another record turbine order intake year, at greater than 15 GW of capacity booked in 2020, as well as continued growth in their service business, despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. These orders have pushed Vestas' delivery dates well into 2023, giving transparency into revenue growth for the foreseeable future. Vestas also strengthened its partnership with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in the offshore wind market, accelerating the company's role in the clean energy transition.
- They're targeting carbon neutral operations by 2030 (without using carbon offset credits!), and zero-waste production by 2040. The executive team consists of 22% women, including the CFO, CHRO, and also features a female Senior Director and Head of Sustainability; there are four women (25%) on the board of directors.

Horizon Technology Finance (Sector: Financials)

- Provides structured debt to innovative, mainly pre-IPO companies, primarily in life sciences, healthcare information services, and cleantech. Horizon has deployed more than \$2 billion in venture loans to more than 235 growing businesses in the underserved venture loan space. The loan portfolio is conservatively managed with transactions usually well below their maximum of \$25 million, terms of 48 months or less, and backed by security of offering debt on a "first lien or first lien behind a bank revolver" basis. Often, Horizon will diversify risk by partnering on loans with other institutions like Silicon Valley Bank.
- Horizon offers investors opportunity to invest in a venture loan fund that essentially constitutes a diversified basket of private, Next Economy companies via a single stock. Due to their innovative structure, the company offers an attractive dividend yield.

Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infrastructure (Sector: Real Estate)

- Hannon Armstrong, a financial firm uniquely dedicated to investing in solutions to the climate crisis, holds assets in multiple categories, all related to renewable energy and efficiency. The firm's portfolio spans wind, solar, sustainable infrastructure (water delivery system, storm water remediation, seismic retrofits), and efficiency projects.
- Hannon Armstrong functions like a diversified financial/bank, funding renewable energy and efficiency projects, with more than \$6.4 billion in managed assets as of November 30, 2020. Their 208 projects investments and loans are typically senior to those of the project sponsor, so are high quality and unlikely to default. Their average investment size is \$10 million.
- The company operates in a fast-growing market and has a deal pipeline valued at more than \$2.5 billion as of November 2020.

IBM Corp (Sector: Technology)

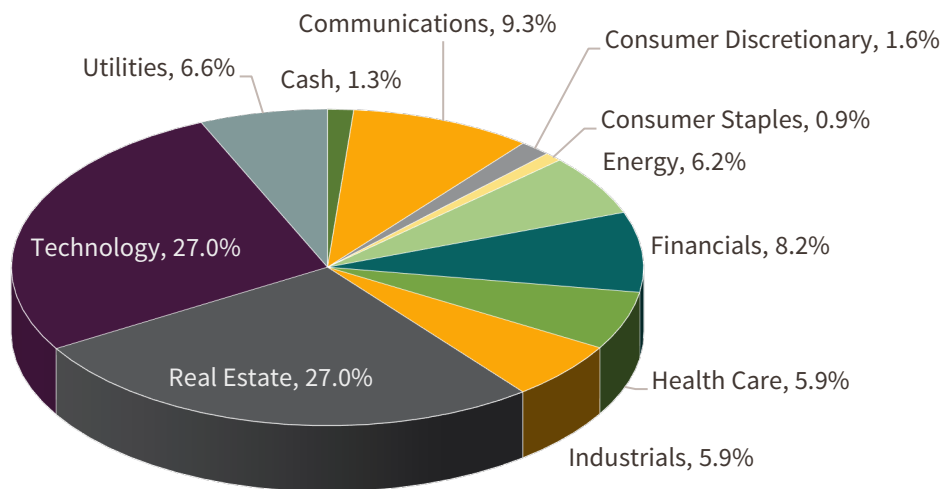
- IBM has re-emerged as a Next Economy innovation powerhouse. Their primary initiatives to drive present and future revenues include blockchain code and technology, cloud computing, AI and machine learning, and quantum computing. In 2021, IBM plans to split into two companies, IBM, which will focus on Next Economy applications, and "NewCo," which will handle the traditional managed infrastructure services business. This decision is illustrative of IBM's pivot towards innovation, and is the latest in a series of divestments (like selling the PC hardware business in the early 2000s) aimed at that goal.
- IBM is a top patent holder across many domains: cloud and cognitive software, quantum computing, enabling distributed ledger; pioneering AI; developing security methods atop lattice cryptography; advancing nanotechnology; developing and applying Watson (AI) across industries, including medicine, water, food safety; and the most accurate weather forecasting tech.

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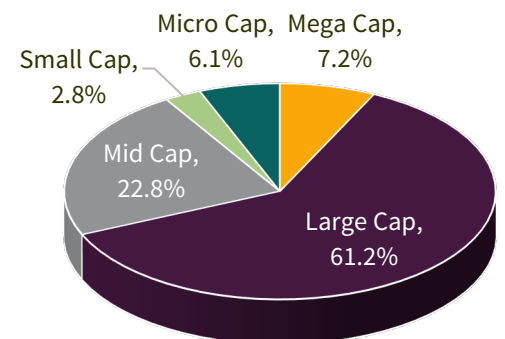
Portfolio Allocations

Our search for Next Economy companies is unconstrained. For the Growth & Income portfolio, we seek solutions to systemic risks wherever they exist – across sectors, market caps, and geographies.

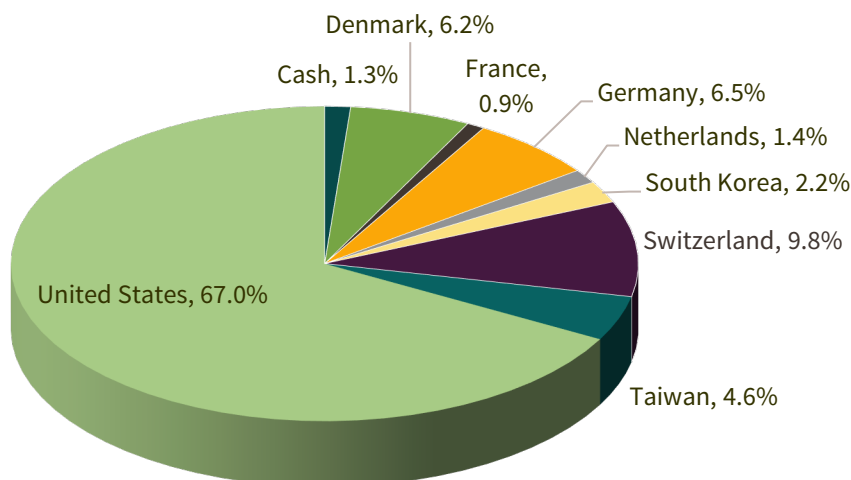
Economic Sectors ^{††}



Market Capitalizations

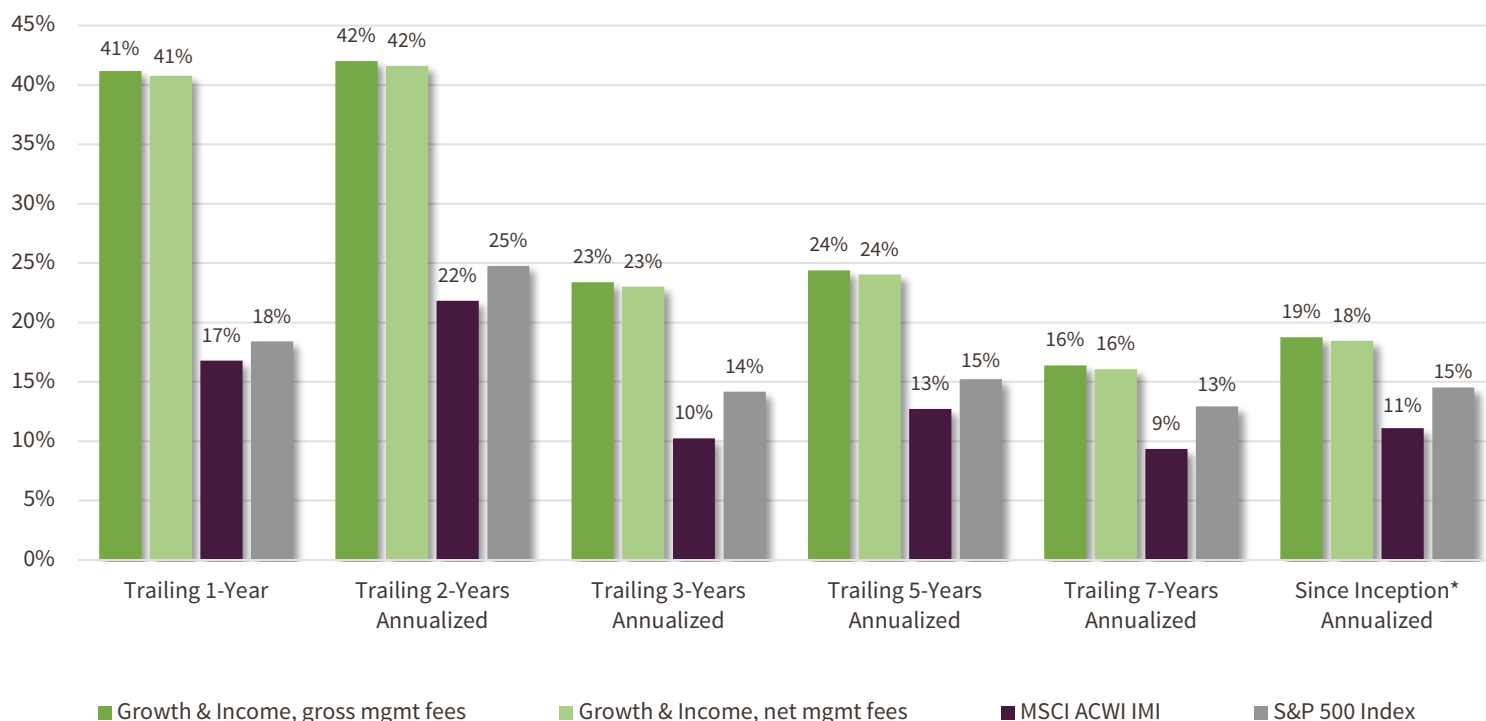


Companies' Main Headquarters



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Performance & Commentary



For 2020, Green Alpha's Growth & Income strategy returned 40.77% (net of management fees) while the portfolio's benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (MSCI ACWI IMI) returned 16.78%.

The Growth & Income portfolio's two largest contributing sectors were Technology and Utilities.

- Within the Technology sector, the semiconductors industry, all along its value chain, contributed most to overall returns. Particular standouts include front-end semiconductor capital equipment makers, along with foundry services, and a maker of system-on-chip technology for communications (including mobile phones). Integrated circuit designers of chips for artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and data centers also provided meaningful contributions.
- In Utilities, returns were led by renewable energy generation, as demand for inexpensive, zero-carbon wholesale electricity grew rapidly. Gains from renewable electric utilities were partially offset within the sector from a small loss in a desal-based water utility.

The sectors that contributed the least to the Growth & Income portfolio's returns were Consumer Discretionary and Consumer Staples.

- Losses within the Consumer Discretionary sector were from sustainable home and office furnishings and products manufacturers, which saw demand decline during the pandemic.
- The Consumer Staples sector detracted slightly from performance as a natural and organic food and beverage maker saw declines.

**Portfolio Inception: October 8, 2012. All returns presented above that are greater than 1 year in length have been annualized. Performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. Please see the final page of this document for important disclosures about portfolio, benchmark and characteristic information.*

Next Economics™ Theme	Demand Outlook	Tailwinds	Headwinds
 <p>Zero-emission Transportation</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapidly falling prices, particularly batteries • Competitive total cost of vehicle ownership • Global gov't policies to limit or end ICE sales • Deadliness of ICE emissions becoming increasingly well known • Unbeatable user experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incumbent industry resistant to change • Support infrastructure limited, including charging • Non-universality of charging solutions • Need charging time reductions • Limited makes/models available
 <p>Biotechnology</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruptive & transformative in medicine – limitless addressable market • One-and-done therapies less expensive than continuous legacy-economy treatments • Removing disease burden will greatly increase the efficiency of the global economy • It is also transforming materials & agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's still early • Extensive R&D required • Resistance from incumbent treatment providers • Gov't regulations slow to adapt • Nonlinear progress will occur, and setbacks are inevitable
 <p>Renewable Energy</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a minority of global energy mix & growing rapidly, large addressable market • Cheapest sources of energy • Net contributor to solving one of the largest causes of the climate crisis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resistance from incumbent industry interests, including via gov't policies like no net metering, subsidies to fossil fuels companies, and red tape around renewable energy deployment
 <p>Technology & Data Infrastructure</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wired, broadband, satellite & IoT efficiency Quantity of data flow increasing exponentially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – all needing to be transmitted, assimilated, interpreted, and made actionable – requires speed, accuracy & security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threats from bad actors • Stock-specific valuations are relatively high, as the productivity gain benefits and need for the most innovative solutions is relatively obvious
 <p>Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI advancements make every segment of the economy more productive, from advanced materials to medicine • Confluence between AI & ML is synergistic & transformative, enabling upstream advances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some industries have slower adoption • Adoption potentially slowed by workforce composition misperceptions • Could pose security threats if improperly deployed
 <p>Financials</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge addressable market of underserved population; AI-enabled fintech makes serving them both possible and profitable • Best-in-class green REITs are preferred homes to leading biotechs & other innovators • Renewable energy-powered data centers • Renewable energy financing for utilities, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of inclusive banking options • Lack of inclusive insurance options • Largest banks and investment institutions still not doing enough to stop climate crisis • Greenwashing is pervasive in financial services; difficult for clients to disambiguate
 <p>Agriculture & Food</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biotech and AI are making possible the end of pesticides, herbicides & chemical fertilizers • Consumer shifting to natural & organics • Transparent chain of custody for food safety & ethical labeling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample supplies of clean water under threat • Distribution infrastructure often inadequate • Enormous levels of food waste exists
 <p>Water</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elemental requirement for life • Opportunities to create more freshwater, track & measure where it is, & where it needs to be • Tech to address need to find leaks and quickly address them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough investment in aging infrastructure • Insufficient regulations to protect supplies • Inequitable access to clean, safe supplies • Degradation by harmful industries

Macroeconomic Outlook



Many things changed in 2020. The pandemic accelerated the transition to the Next Economy™ and the interconnections between seemingly disparate issues like the climate crisis and social justice became clearer.

We saw major financial institutions finally realize (in rhetoric, if not yet actions) that fossil fuels make terrible long-term investments. Banks have been led to this conclusion by major indicators, such as IEA predicting that renewables would make up at least 80% of all new energy to come online from now on. Even in the sometimes renewables-hostile U.S., solar energy's economic competitiveness was strong enough to overcome tariffs, a pandemic, and local red tape. ~13 GW of new solar was added domestically in 2020, helping bear out at least the beginnings of IEA's prediction.

The market sent clear signals to legacy economic actors that solutions to the climate crisis have value, whereas causes of the climate crisis do not. The amazing increase in the market cap of the world's leading electric vehicle (EV) maker, for example, finally motivated some traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) manufacturers to make meaningful commitments to electrified transportation. Other signals of the transition came from government policy, such as the United Kingdom banning the sale of ICE vehicles beginning in 2030.

What about outside of energy and transportation; what about solution sets to other critical risks to our economy?

Here again, we've seen significant transformations already, and a broad understanding that disruptive innovations are where we will find solutions. Green Alpha's portfolio strategies earned significant gains this year from the biotechnology sector, as leading owners of intellectual property (IP) in the field of transcriptomics proved their worth in rapid vaccine development; similarly, leading companies in genomics showed that they have working therapies for genetic disorders, such as sickle cell anemia and some types of congenital blindness. When it comes to genomic medicine, we are only still at the very early stages of what will be accomplished, and the addressable market for these therapeutics and vaccines is everyone, everywhere, multiple times throughout their lives.

It's also been a transformative year in terms of the diversity and inclusion of leadership teams of publicly-traded stocks. California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill requiring companies headquartered in the state to have at least one minority member on their Board of Directors. And in December NASDAQ filed a proposal with the U.S. SEC to adopt new listing rules related to board diversity and disclosure – requiring at least one woman, and at least one minority or LGBTQ+ person to be sitting on each of the 3,000+ NASDAQ-listed companies. And yet, the fact that each of these rules and proposals requires companies to put in place just one member is preposterous. We should be further along than that.

The fact that homogeneous executive teams and boards of directors are still the rule, and not the exception, in the corporate world shows just how far we have yet to go. Because of this, Green Alpha includes counts of women, and other demographics, in decision-making positions as part of our fundamental stock research – we look forward to the time when we can dispense with those analyses as it will be safe to assume that a truly heterogeneous leadership team exists across most organizations. Until then, we'll leverage the asymmetry between more and less diverse leadership teams to seek additional alpha for our clients.

As a result of these and other variables, Green Alpha's investment strategies earned outsized returns in 2020. And, we want to be clear: the transition to economic and environmental sustainability is just getting started. In 2019, for example, solar accounted for about 2% of the global electricity mix; by 2050, IEA reckons it will account for half. So, the total addressable market for solar PV is expected grow 25-fold in the next couple of decades. Similarly, EVs

Macroeconomic Outlook *(continued)*

accounted for 1% of global car sales last year, and yet by 2030, depending on whose estimates you read, they will be between 20% and 80% of all new vehicles sold. So, the addressable market will grow between 18 and 80 times in just the next decade. This not only gives room for existing EV makers to grow appreciably, but also makes plenty of room for new entrants and for legacy automakers to pivot and become competitive once again.

Risks remain and continue to accelerate. In recent days, we have learned that there is a newly mutated variant of the coronavirus in the wild. It isn't that surprising; the flu virus changes every year as well. The good news is that we know that leading mRNA companies developed formulas for SARS-CoV-2 vaccines in as little as 48 hours after receiving digital copies of the genomic sequence. That means that mRNA companies will be able to respond rapidly to new strains of the coronavirus as they emerge, and we may well end up in a world where we need our annual booster, just like we do with the flu shot today. But, we will need rapid production and distribution facilities to make those rapid formulations effective in a way that sustains our lifestyles and the global economy. That will require innovation, and people willing to look forward and invest in that innovation.

Fortunately, there are a lot of people doing just that. 2020 saw the first demonstration of computational quantum supremacy, the first room temperature superconductivity of electricity, advances in space travel, and the promise of step-change innovations that will result.

Risks remain, innovation is rising to meet them, and this is truly just the beginning. It is clear that the climate crisis will get worse before it gets better. Like the pandemic, the climate crisis is ultimately impervious to populist denials, and so will be addressed. Unlike the pandemic, there is no simple immunization for it – it will be larger, longer, more dangerous, and require more and better solutions, and unprecedented levels of coordination. Here again, we see heretofore unimagined ways to invest in the responses to these challenges.

So, where are the forward opportunities? Where they've always been: in the most innovative and disruptive solutions to our systemic, existential threats. Here's what we said previously:

“Earth’s economies may stagnate or grow; either way, we believe things like renewable energy, clean transportation, sustainable infrastructure, and water resources must grow in value. Over time, the value of stocks in our models will not be dependent on Wall Street gamesmanship, but on simple necessity.

As awareness of the magnitude of our growing resource-climate-security problems advances, so will the valuations of our portfolio companies.” *(2012 shareholder letter)*

Immanuel Kant defined the Enlightenment as civilization’s assumption of self-responsibility. Inherent in that definition is humanity’s wherewithal to confront its existential risks and proactively address them. Where money flows is where the economy and civilization are defined and built. Where we invest; therefore, is a direct manifestation of our desire to take responsibility for ourselves, and to self-insure our wellbeing, if not our existence. That means sustainability. It also means that the brightest solutions will continue to gain market share until they, effectively, represent the entire global economy. That’s why this is where we invest the assets with which our clients, their wealth advisors, and institutional consultants entrust us.

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