

Risk & Performance

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Guinness Global Energy Fund



Guinness Sustainable Energy Fund



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The energy transition

What does the energy transition look like?

Likely path for hydrocarbon markets

Outlook for renewable energy & energy efficiency

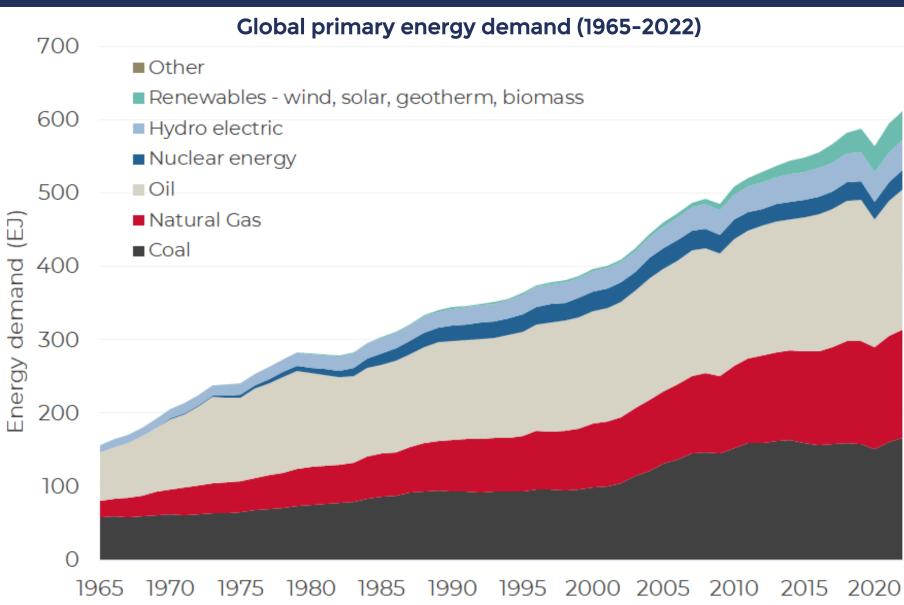
How we invest in these themes



What does the energy transition look like?



Energy demand has grown significantly since 1990



- Global energy demand has expanded by 75% over the last 30 years, from 349EJ to 612EJ of demand
- Hydrocarbons

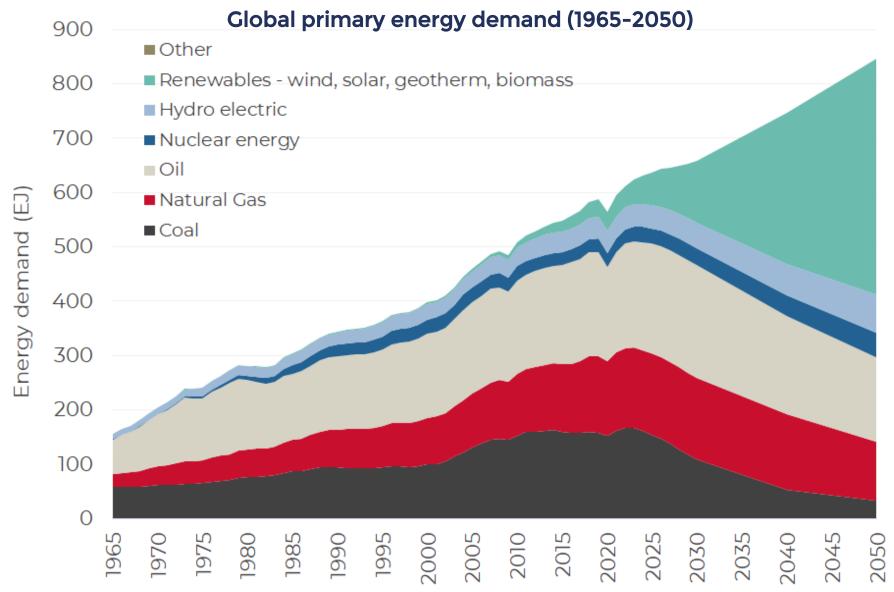
 dominate, comprising

 83% of the current

 energy mix



A future transition to renewables at the expense of coal



- Coal demand is nearing terminal decline, falling by over 75% by 2050
- Coal and natural gas are
 17% of the mix in 2050,
 down from 51% in 2022
- Renewables (wind, solar, geothermal and biomass) expand rapidly from 6% in 2022 to 50% in 2050



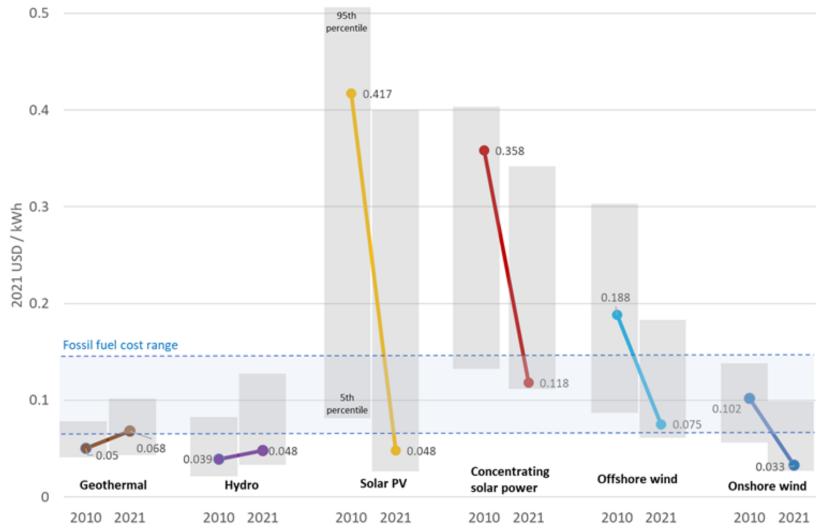
Why will the sustainable energy transition occur?

- Over the next thirty years, the world will transition to a sustainable energy system. The key factors driving the transition are:
- Population and GDP growth put a significant strain on today's energy supply
- Climate change The world will reduce carbon emissions via cleaner energy
- Pollution Governments will drive air pollution out of cities via cleaner energy
- Energy security Sustainable energy tends to be distributed, will lower reliance on energy imports
- Economics Sustainable sources of energy will be cheaper than the incumbents



The cost of generating renewable electricity has collapsed

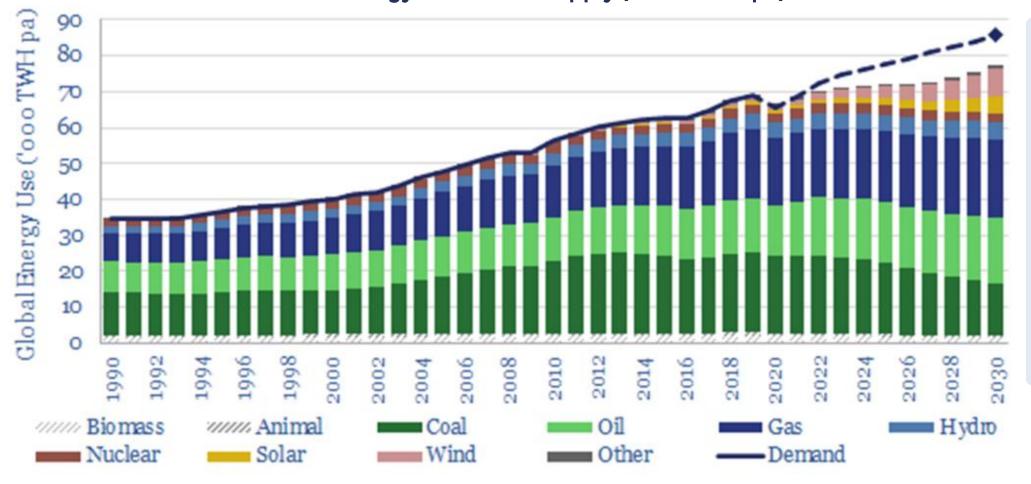
Global LCOE of utility-scale renewable power generation technologies (2010-2021)





Global energy shortage opening up in the 2020s

Global energy demand vs supply ('000s TWH pa)



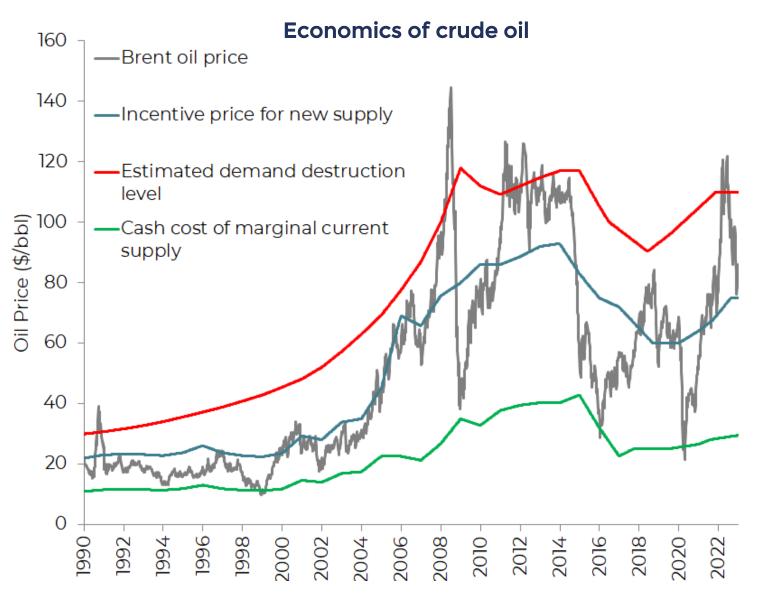
An energy supply deficit opened up in 2022 of around 2%, potentially widening to c.8% by 2030 (if current plans are pursued)



Likely path for hydrocarbon markets in the energy transition



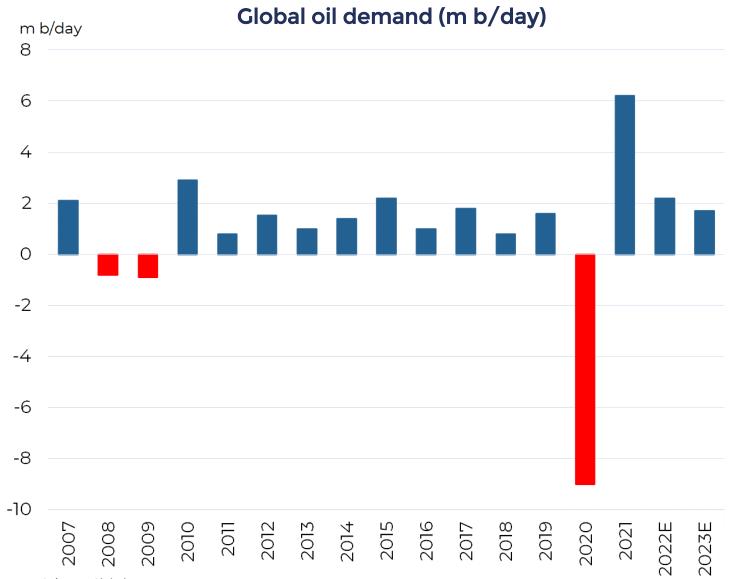
Economics: marginal cost of supply has historically defined price



Historically, both
 crude oil and natural
 gas commodity prices
 have traded between
 the cash cost of
 supply and the price
 at which demand is
 destroyed



Global oil demand: recovery continues in 2023

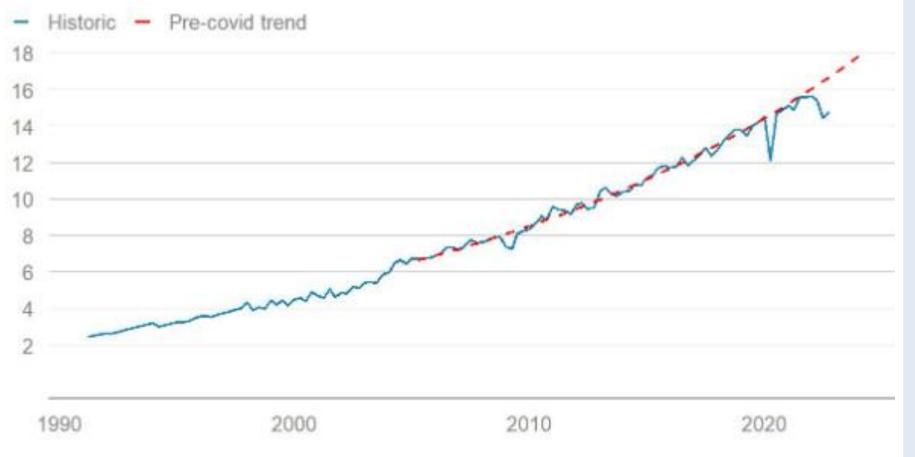


- Global oil demand in
 2020 down by 9m b/day
 dwarfing any previous
 downturn
- A recovery of 6.2mb/day in 2021, followedby 2.3m b/day in 2022
- 2023 growth of 1.7m
 b/day slowed lower
 global GDP forecasts



Global oil demand: China poised for sharp rebound

Chinese oil demand (m b/day) and pre-COVID trend oil demand



- limited economic
 activity, resulting in
 Chinese oil demand
 being down in 2022 for
 the first time in >30 yrs.
- Re-opening will bring short-term softness in demand as the COVID wave passes, but eventually we see as much as 2m b/day of oil demand recovery



Global oil demand: jet fuel demand still recovering

Global jet fuel demand and demand implied by flight schedules

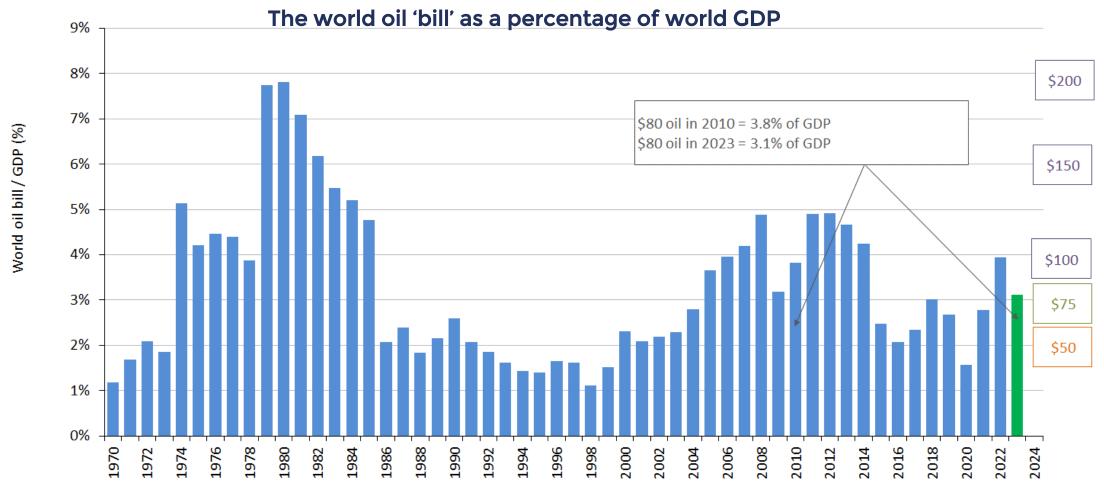


- Jet fuel demand for aviation remains the weakest oil product group relative to pre-COVID trends. At 6.3m b/day, global jet fuel demand is still approximately 2m b/day below 2019 levels.
- Current schedules for commercial flights suggest an increase to around 7m b/day by 2Q 2023.



Oil price: \$80 oil implies spend of 3.1% of world GDP in 2023

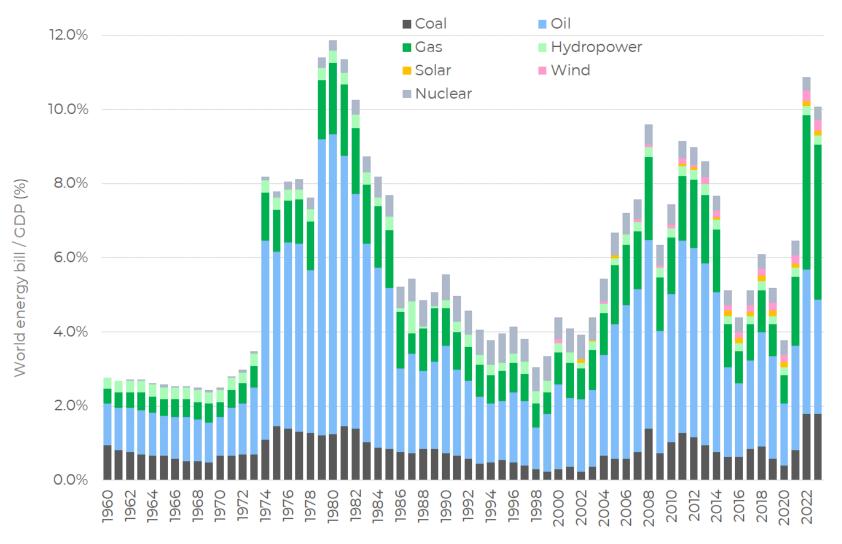
- L-T, we believe Saudi is targeting a price that gives a "reasonable" world oil bill
- 10yr average world oil bill is 3.0%, 20yr average is 3.4%, 30yr average is 2.9%





Energy prices: 2022/23 prices creating similar burden as 1979/80 crisis

The world primary energy 'bill' as a percentage of world GDP



- The world energy bill in 2022, was around 11%, the highest in >40 years
- Similar conditions in 1979/80 caused a global GDP slowdown

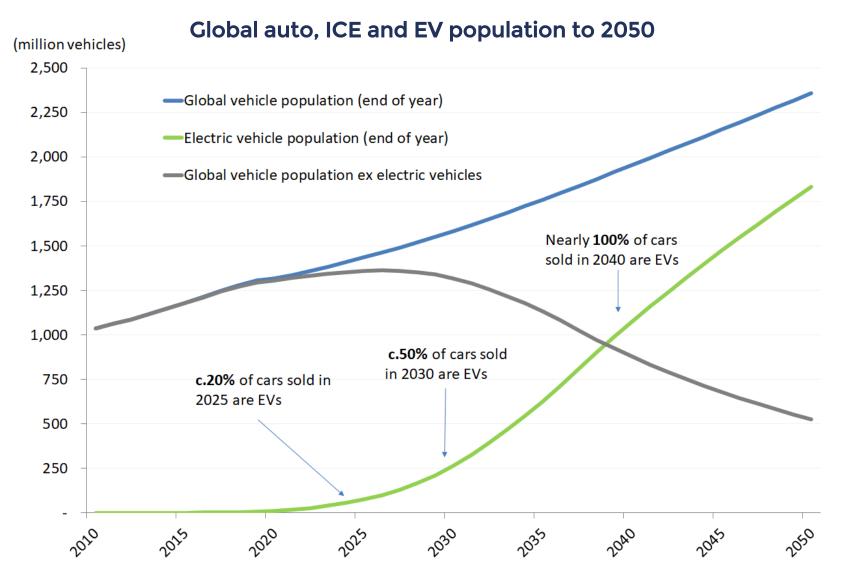


Impact of EVS on oil demand





Oil demand: EVs starting to pressure light auto oil demand

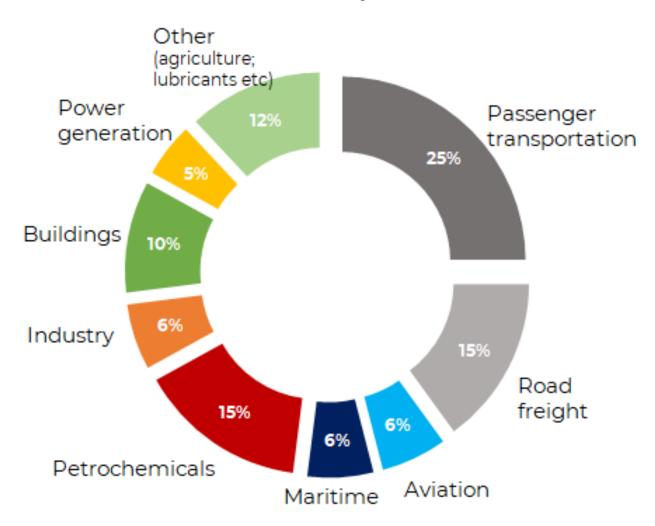


- Crude oil is 25% used in light auto transportation - EVs starting to show up
- Global light auto oil demand likely peaks in the next 2-3 years



Oil demand: what about the rest?

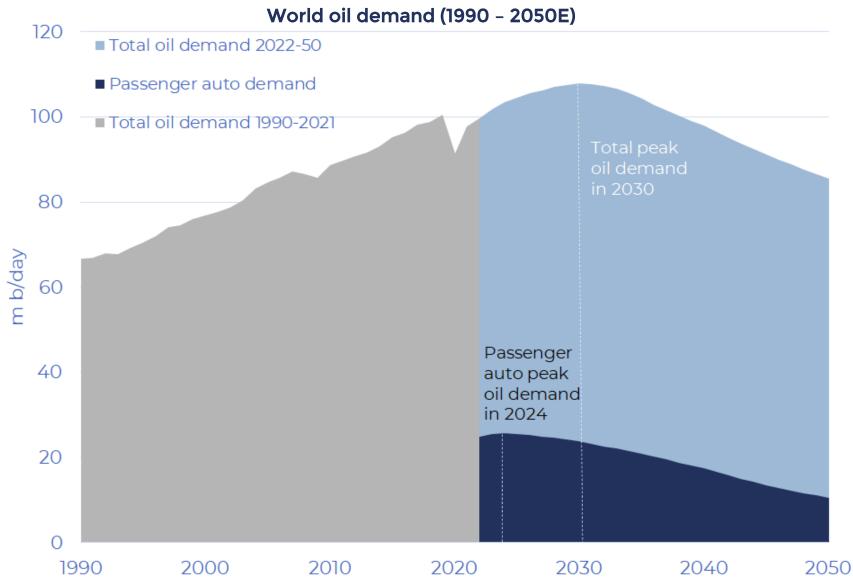
Oil demand by sector



- Passenger vehicles account for 25% of oil demand
- Other key sources of demand (heavy transport; petrochemicals) more closely linked to GDP growth

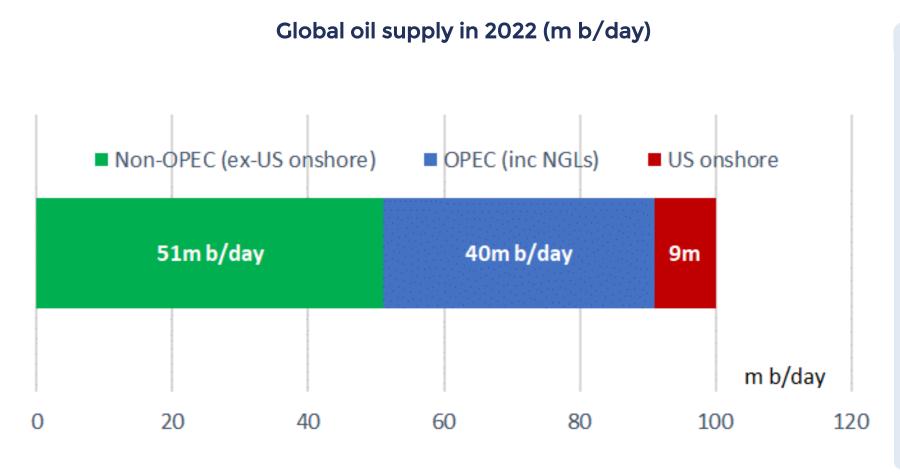


Global oil demand: we see peak around 2030





Global oil supply: three main components



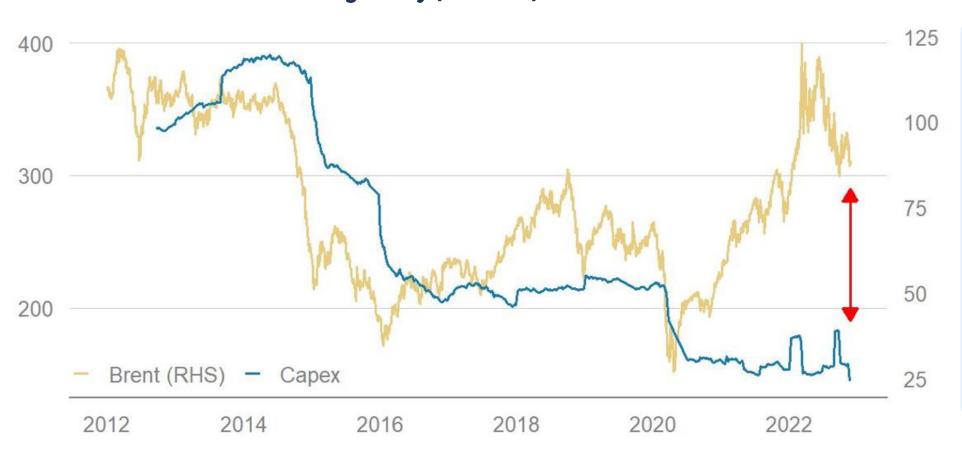
- Non-OPEC (ex-US

 onshore): holding up
 thanks to legacy projects,
 but facing stagnation
- OPEC (inc NGLs): low cost
 production, but spare
 capacity running low
- US onshore: shorter cycle,
 able to grow at \$50+/bl



Capital expenditure lagging in the oil price recovery

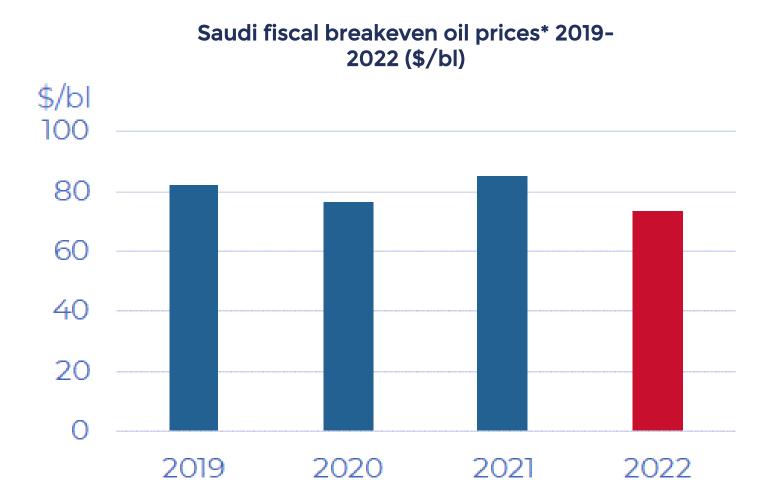
Oil prices (RHS \$/bl) vs CAPEX for the 119 largest listed oil companies globally (LHS \$bn)



- Typically, there is a strong link between oil prices and subsequent upstream investment
- Capex plans are
 lagging the recovery in oil prices and there is
 little sign of increases
 planned



OPEC oil supply: Saudi fiscal budget imply high oil price needs

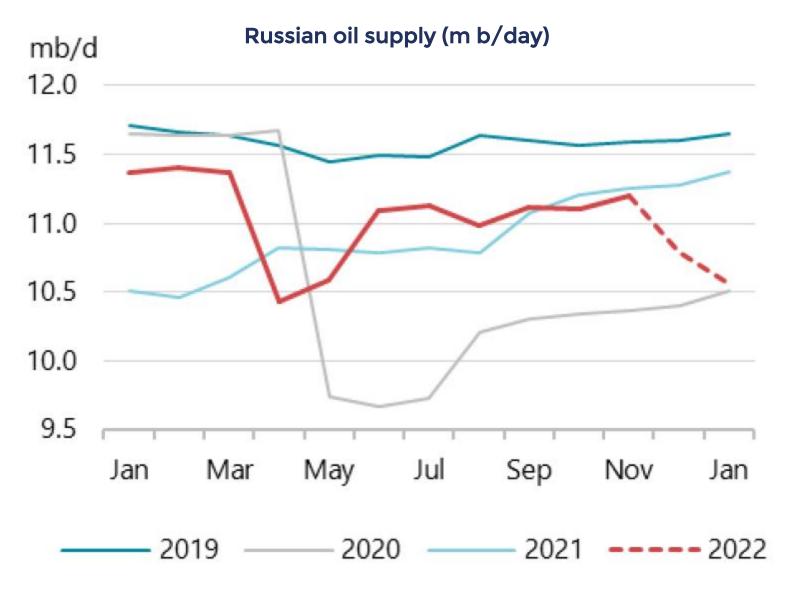


- The actual economic cost of developing most OPEC oil remains very low
- Higher levels of government expenditure necessitate greater oil revenues
- The fiscal breakeven oil price* for Saudi in 2022 is estimated to be \$73 per barrel



^{*&#}x27;Required oil price' is defined as the oil price that is needed by each country to balance fiscal budgets (source: IMF; Guinness Global Investors)

Russian oil supply: disruption minor in 2022, growing in 2023



- Russia normally produces around 11m b/day, of which 8m b/day are exported.
- The IEA estimates a supply shortfall from Russia of around 1.4m b/day by mid 2023 a mix of crude oil and refined products.
- A portion of Russian exports already being rerouted to Asia, expect this to grow



Russian oil supply find new homes

• Sales of "ice class" oil tankers in mid 2022 were 5x the level seen in 2021, with prices doubling

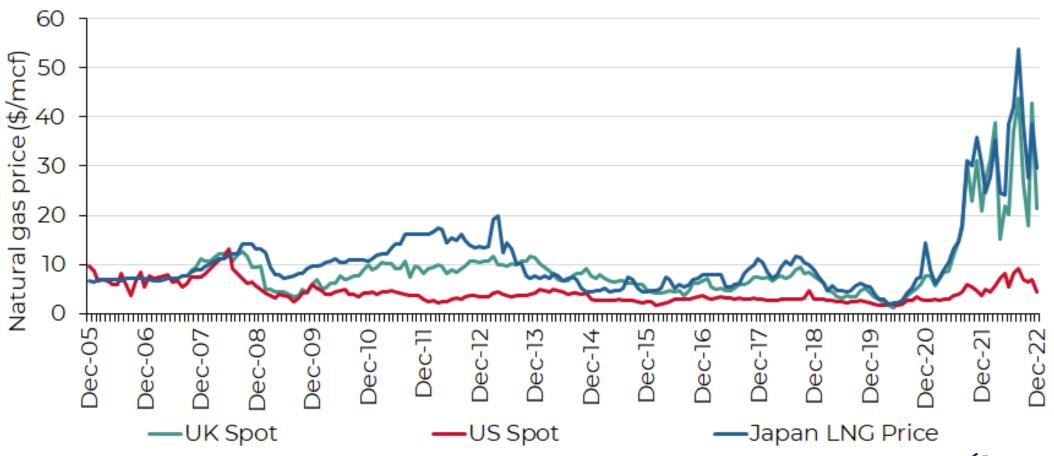




Natural gas: summary views

- Extraordinary spike in Asian and European gas prices on tight market conditions
- US gas price also being pulled higher, though largely dislocated from the world market

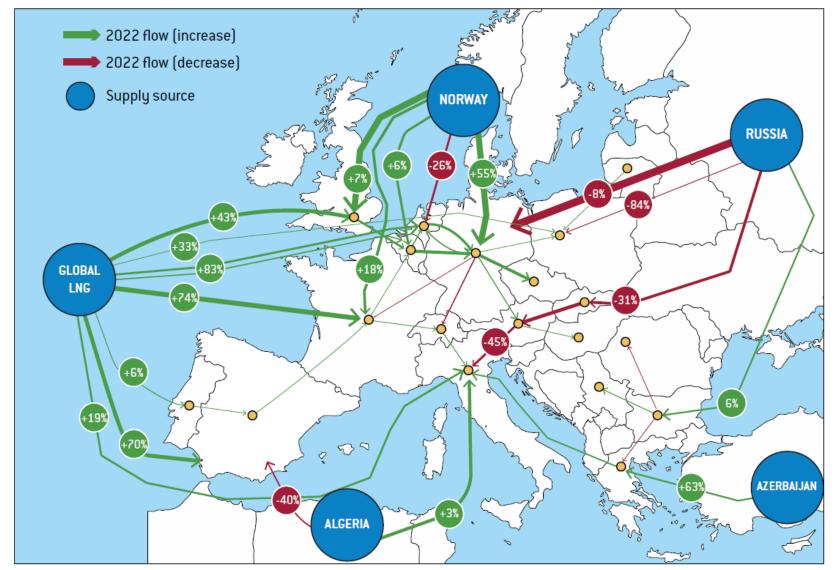






Natural gas: Europe still heavily reliant on flows from Russia

Flows of gas into Europe by origin (first half 2022 vs first half 2021)



- In 2021, Europe imported
 155bcm of natural gas
 from Russia, representing
 45% of total EU imports
 and 40% of total gas
 consumption
- Replacing this gas with more LNG, other pipeline gas, coal and renewables will in the short-term be very challenging

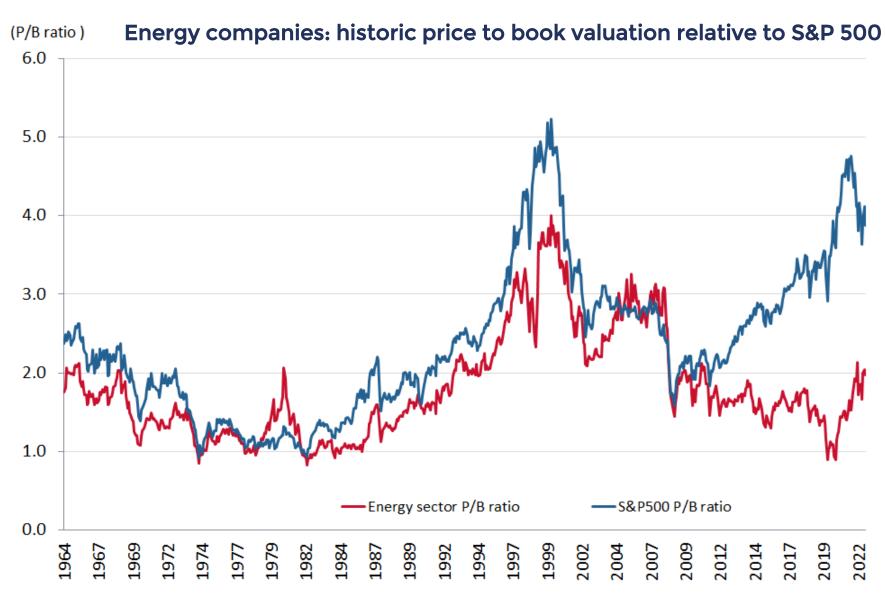


How we invest in the oil & gas theme:

Guinness Global Energy Fund



Energy equities: price to book still dislocated vs broad market

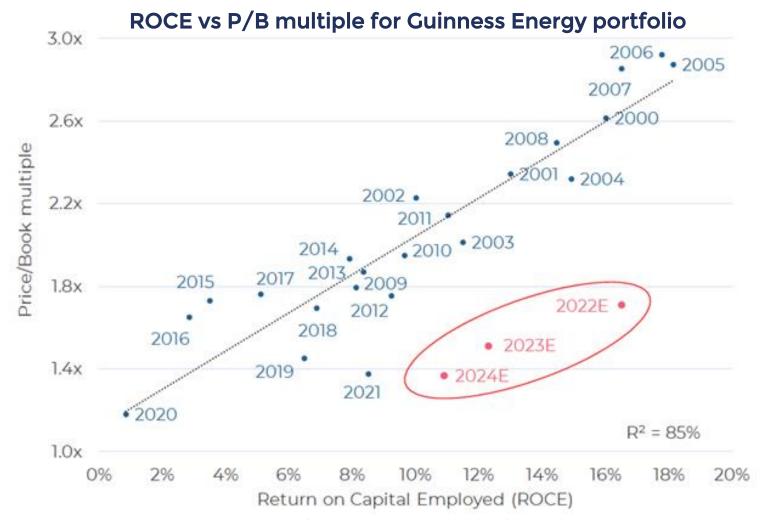


The energy sector is trading at a P/B ratio of 2.0x vs the S&P 500 on 3.9x



Improved ROCE not being priced in

- Higher oil prices in 2022 took ROCE back to 15%+ while \$80 Brent in 2023 brings 12% ROCE (est)
- 12% ROCE (\$80/bl Brent) would imply P/B ratio for portfolio in 2023 rising to around 2.1x (+35%)

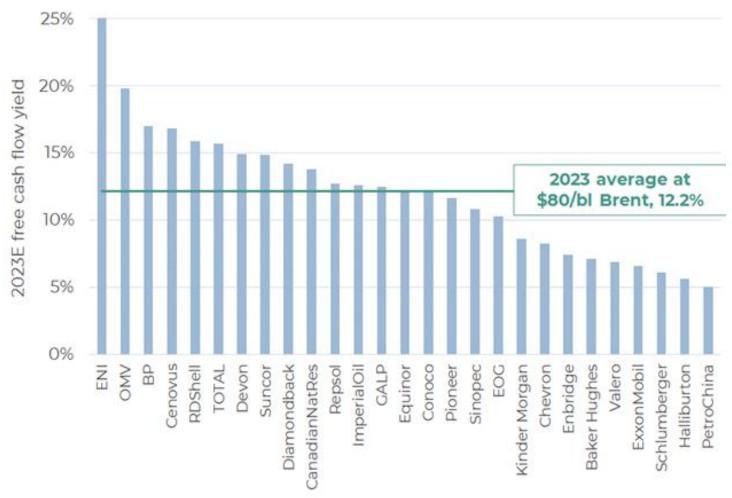




Energy equities: strong portfolio FCF generation

 The estimated average free cashflow yield (after CAPEX) of holdings in the Guinness Global Energy Fund is 16.2% in 2022 (assumes \$100/bl Brent) and 12.2% in 2023 (assumes \$80/bl Brent)

Free cash flow yield of key holdings in the Guinness Global Energy fund 2023E





Fund positioning: key themes in the fund for 2023

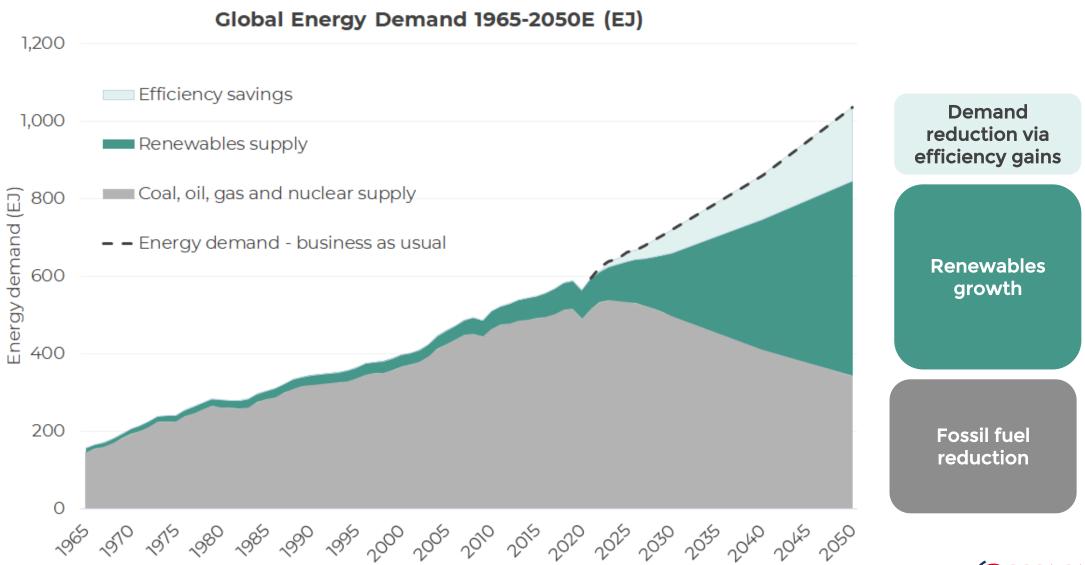
	Theme	Example holdings	Weighting (%)
1	Higher quality large cap oil & gas	ConocoPhillips	27.7%
2	Oil & gas majors	Chevron	26.6%
3	North American shale exposure	PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES eogresources devon	19.0%
4	Refining-focused	VALERO: STOPEC	8.7%
6	Rising international oil & gas spending	Schlumberger Baker Shughes	9.0%
5	Undervalued international natural gas	PetroChina equinor	5.8%
7	Other (incl cash)		3.2%
			100.0%



Outlook for renewable energy & energy efficiency



The energy transition: efficiency & renewables at expense of fossil fuels

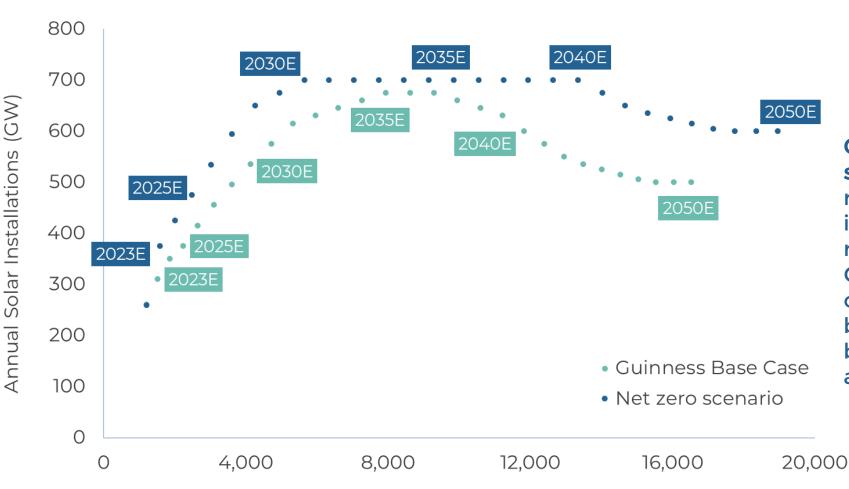




Solar installations to grow rapidly

Global solar annual installations and installed capacity (5 year average)

Guinness base case says that between 2022 and 2040, solar installations are 10,300GW (nearly 10x more than current global capacity) with the installation rate reaching over 600 GWpa in the late 2030s

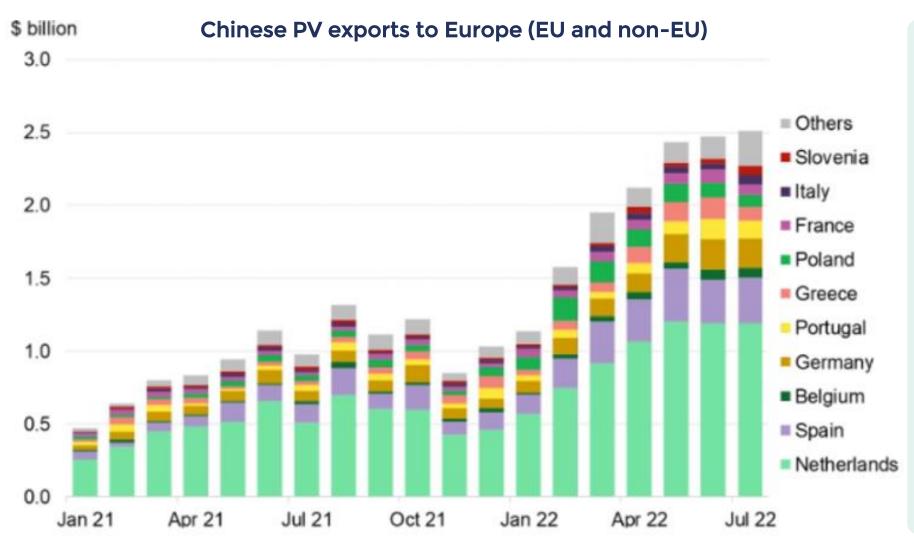


Guinness net zero scenario would require installations to reach around 700 GWpa with a total of 11,700GW being installed between 2022 and 2040

Total Installed Solar Capacity (GW)



Broader acceleration of solar deployments across Europe



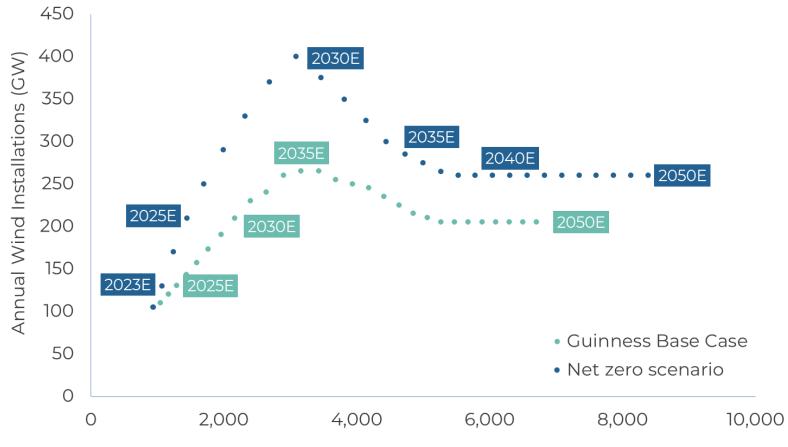
- In July 2022, China sold \$2.5bn of PV exports to European countries, up from around \$1bn per month at the start of 2022, and \$0.5bn per month at the start of 2021
- The biggest importers include Netherlands,
 Spain, Portugal and
 Germany



Wind annual installation to grow rapidly

Global wind annual installations and installed capacity (5 year average)

Guinness base case says that between 2022 and 2040, wind installations are 3,800 GW (>4x more than current global capacity) with the installation rate reaching over 250 GWpa in the mid 2030s

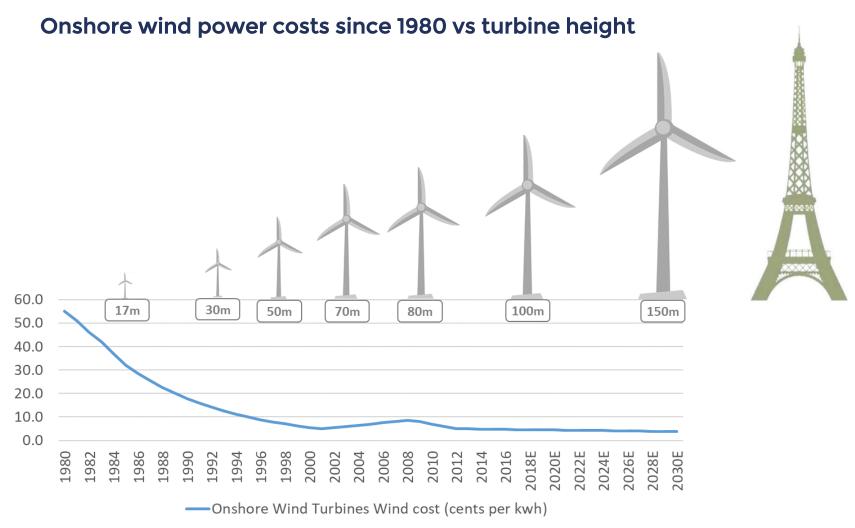


Guinness net zero scenario would require installations to reach around 400 GWpa with a total of over 5,200 GW being installed between 2022 and 2040

Total Installed Wind Capacity (GW)



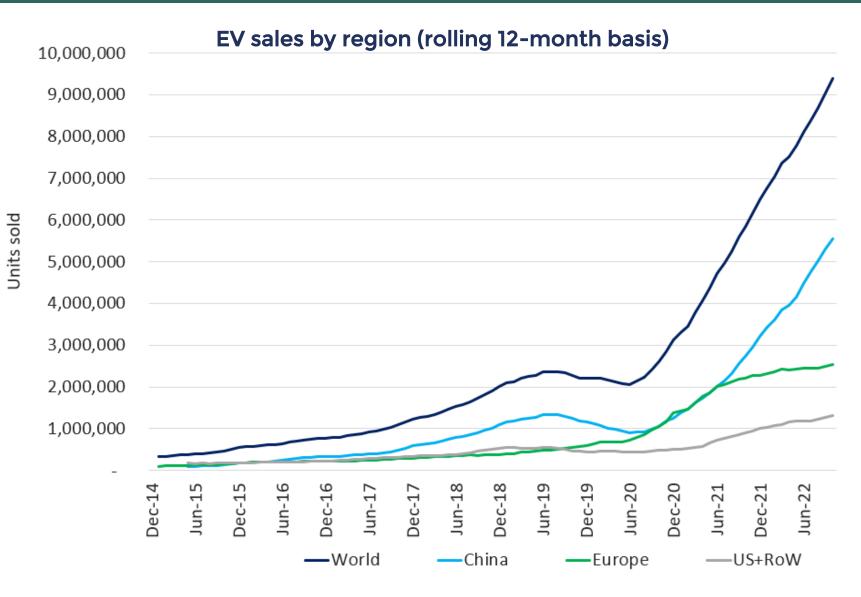
Wind power costs will fall as turbines get bigger



- The power generated from a turbine is related to the square of the radius of the blade
- As new turbines get bigger, efficiencies will go from around 30% in 2019 to nearly 45% by end 2030 and even higher thereafter
- Planned turbine towers are over 150m high with each blade in excess of 100m long



Over 10 million electric vehicles sold in 2022

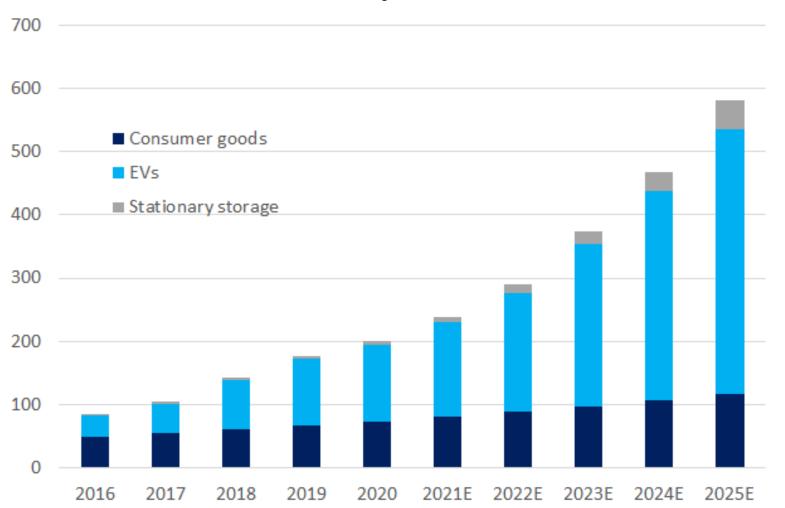


- New EV sales in 2021 around
 6.5m vehicles, likely to be
 >10m in 2022 and 12-13m in
 2023
- EV market share around 13% for 2022 (vs 4.0% and 2.4% in 2020 and 2019)
- Key drivers are improved economics, better range and quicker charging times



Batteries: demand growing at CAGR of around 20%

Global Lithium-ion battery demand 2016-25E (GWh)

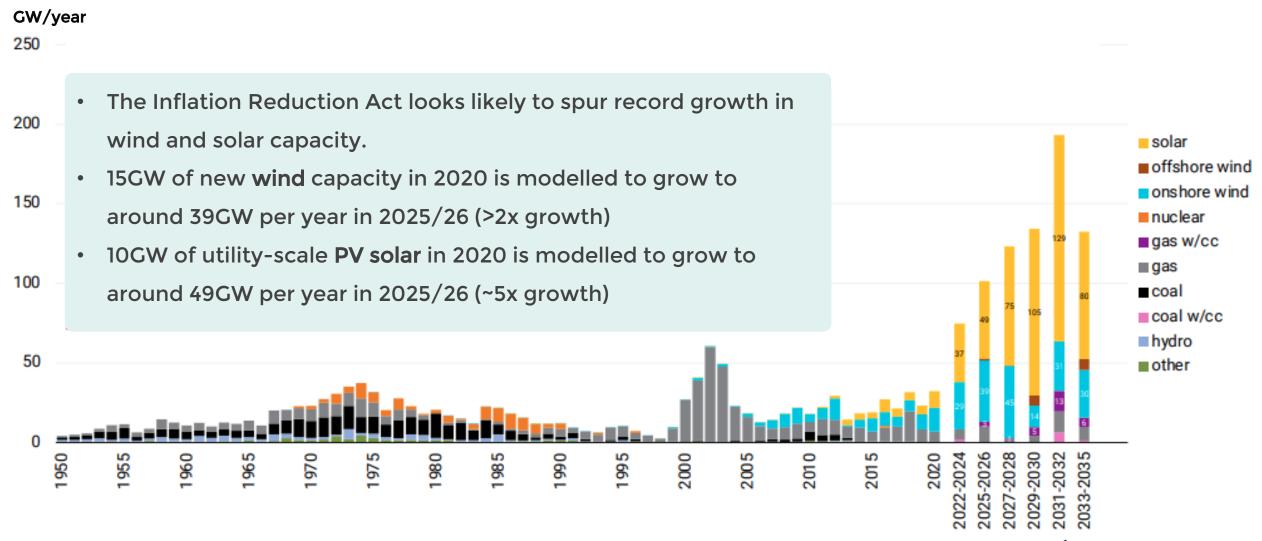


- Lithium-ion battery
 demand is expected to
 have risen by around 20%
 in 2021, to c.240 GWh of
 new capacity
- Demand in 2025 is expected to increase to around 600 GWh, dominated by EV growth



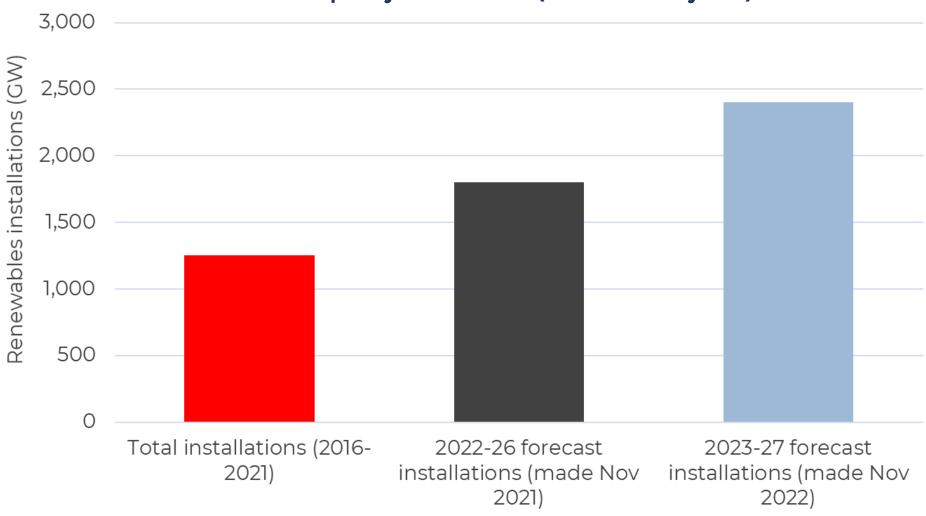
The IRA in the US likely spurs significant renewables growth

Historical annual capacity additions (1950-2020) vs estimated additions under IRA (2022-35)



Outlook for renewable installation continues to improve

Renewable capacity installations (GW over five years)



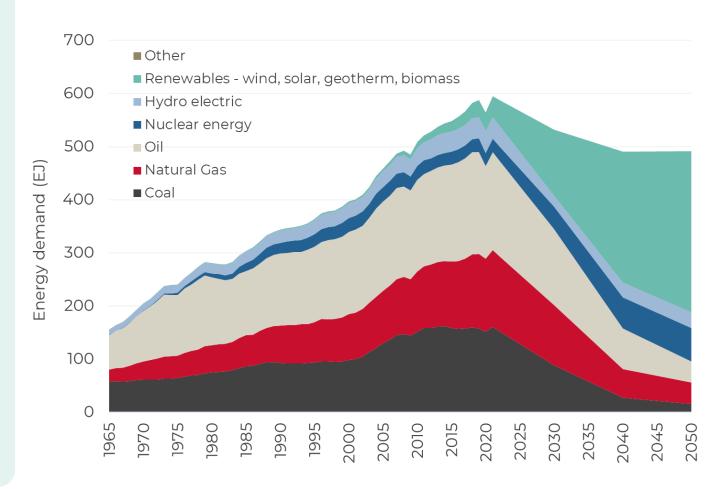
- The IEA is forecasting that renewable power additions over the next 5yrs will be just over 2,400 GW
- This is 30+% increase
 on its previous five year forecast and
 equivalent to the
 entire current power
 capacity of China



Implications for sustainable energy of a "net zero" scenario

- A "net zero scenario" would require the following:
- Flat or declining global energy demand growth in the 2020/30s (vs base est of 1%pa and historic growth of 1.9%pa)
- Solar power generation to grow >20%pa in the 2020s (vs base est of 17%pa)
- Wind power generation to grow at >15%pa in the 2020s (vs base est of 12%pa)
- Global energy investment would need to be over \$4.5trn pa (vs \$2trn pa currently)

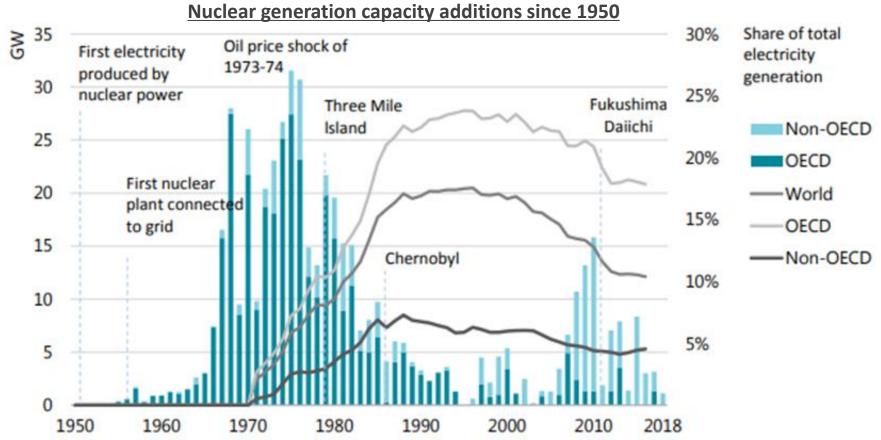
World energy demand in a net zero scenario





Nuclear power: will struggle to grow meaningfully

- Nuclear power provides 11% of world electricity supply
- Plants built in the 1970/80s now near the end of their assumed lives. Some will be extended, but many retired
- New projects are proving too expensive and too capital intensive for the private sector to finance





How we invest in these themes

Guinness Sustainable Energy Fund



Our investing solution to the Sustainable Energy transition

- The Guinness Sustainable Energy Fund prioritises returns whilst delivering concentrated exposure to companies playing a key role in global de-carbonisation
- The Fund's holdings map most directly to four of the UN's sustainable development goals
- The Fund is classified as Article 9 for the purpose of the EU SFDR





Sustainable Energy Fund: portfolio by theme

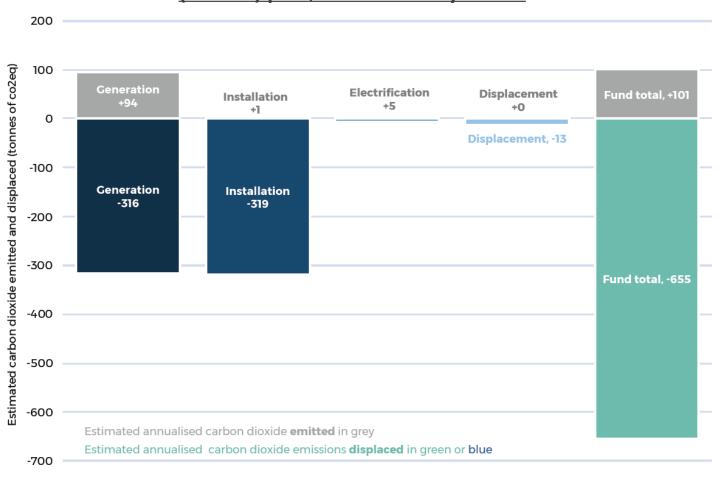
Sustainable Energy Fund: portfolio by theme

	Theme	Example holdings	V	Veighting (%)
1	Electrification of the energy mix	SUNDOVA NEXTERAL ENERGY &		20.2%
2	Rise of the electric vehicle and auto efficienc	Sensata Technologies • APTIV		20.1%
3	Battery manufacturing	SAMSUNG SDI		7.7%
4	Expansion of the wind industry	SIEMENS Gamesa Vestas.		10.6%
5	Expansion of the solar industry	CanadianSolar		18.6%
6	Heating, lighting and power efficiency	TECHNOLOGIES TECHNOLOGIES		16.4%
7	Geothermal	ORMAT° 🐇		4.2%
8	Other (inc cash)			2.3%

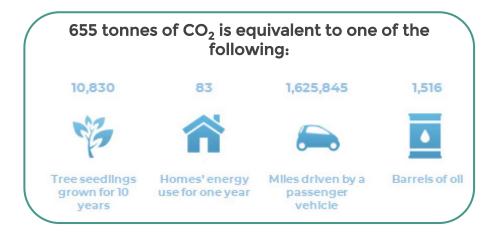


Portfolio holdings' impact – carbon dioxide emissions avoided

Estimated annualised carbon cost vs carbon displaced (tonnes) per \$1m of AuM by sector



- In 2021, per US\$mn of portfolio assets,
 we estimate that the annualised carbon:
 - cost was c.101 tCO2e/\$m
 - displaced was c.655 tCO2e/\$m



Note: these are unaudited figures, which rely on internal estimates



The energy transition

 There is a need for greater investment across the breadth of the energy market to decarbonize and build security of supply

The Guinness Global Energy fund provides exposure to oil and gas companies

 The Guinness Sustainable Energy fund provides exposure to renewable energy and efficiency companies



Investment team biographies



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CA (Co-manager)

- Joined Guinness Global Investors in 2007
- Company valuation expert for PricewaterhouseCoop ers 2000-2007
- Qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2003
- Graduated from Cambridge University with a Masters degree in Geography in 1999



Jonathan Waghorn (Co-manager)

- Joined Guinness Global Investors in 2013
- Co-portfolio manager of the Investec Global Energy Fund from February 2008 to May 2012
- Co-head of energy equity research at Goldman Sachs from 2000-2008
- Drilling engineer in Dutch North Sea for Shell



Jamie Melrose CFA, CAIA (Analyst)

- Joined Guinness Global Investors in April 2019
- Investment Manager in Sustainable Ownership at RPMI Railpen from May 2016 to March 2019
- Thematic Analyst in Equity Research at Berenberg from September 2014 to April 2016
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Appendix: definitions

Alpha is a measure of a fund's over or underperformance by comparison to its benchmark. It represents the return of the fund when the benchmark is assumed to have a return of zero, and thus indicates the extra value that the manager's activities have contributed.

Beta is a statistical estimate of a fund's volatility by comparison to that of its benchmark, i.e. how sensitive the fund is to movements in the section of the market that comprises the benchmark. A fund with a Beta close to 1 will move generally in line with the benchmark. Higher than 1 and the fund is more volatile than the benchmark

Information Ratio An assessment of the degree to which a manager uses skill and knowledge to enhance returns, this is a versatile and useful risk-adjusted measure of actively-managed fund performance. It is calculated by deducting the returns of the fund's benchmark from the fund's overall returns, then dividing the result by its Tracking Error. In this way, we arrive at the value, per unit of extra risk assumed, that the manager's decisions have added to what the market would have delivered anyway.

Maximum Drawdown Represents the worst possible return over a period, e.g. buying at the highest price over the period and selling at the lowest.

Maximum Loss Represents the worst running return over a period, e.g. the longest running consecutive loss without making a gain

The **R-Squared** measure is an indication of how closely correlated a fund is to an index or a benchmark. It can be treated as a percentage, showing what proportion of a fund's movements can be attributed to those of the benchmark. Values for R-Squared range between 0 and 1, with 0 indicating no correlation at all, and 1, rarely, showing a perfect match.

Sharpe ratio is a commonly-used measure which calculates the level of a fund's return over and above the return of a notional risk-free investment, such as cash or Government bonds. The difference in returns is then divided by the fund's standard deviation - its volatility, or risk measurement. The resulting ratio is an indication of the amount of excess return generated per unit of risk.

Tracking Error this statistic measures the standard deviation of a fund's excess returns over the returns of an index or benchmark portfolio. As such, it can be an indication of "riskiness" in the manager's investment style. A Tracking Error below 2 suggests a passive approach, with a close fit between the fund and its benchmark. At 3 and above the correlation is progressively looser: the manager will be deploying a more active investment style, and taking bigger positions away from the benchmark's composition.

Volatility Standard deviation is a statistical measurement which, when applied to an investment fund, expresses its volatility, or risk. It shows how widely a range of returns varied from the fund's average return over a particular period. Low volatility reduces the risk of buying into an investment in the upper range of its deviation cycle, then seeing its value head towards the lower extreme.





- Founded in 2003, along with US sister firm Guinness Atkinson Asset Management Inc.
- \$6.3bn AUM (Guinness Group assets)
- 64 employees, including 20 investment professionals
- 100% employee owned
- Key Investment strategies:
 - Global Equity
 - Energy
 - Asia & Financials



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