

## LOW CARBON INTENSITY SECTORS AID ECONOMIC GROWTH

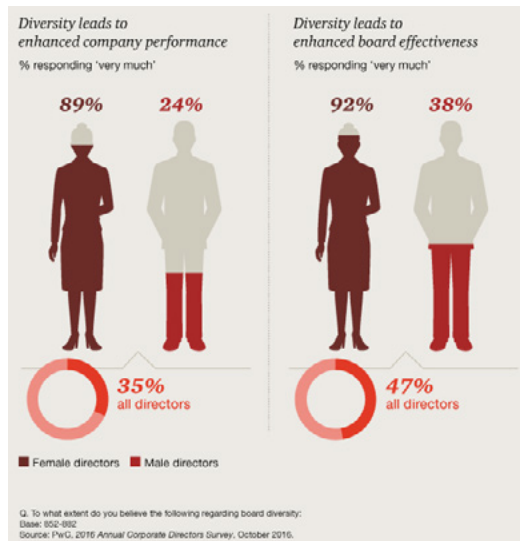
A new [study](#) by the [Graham Research Institute](#) on Climate Change at the London School of Economics has found that sectors with the lowest levels of [carbon intensity](#) demonstrate "higher productivity growth than the rest of the economy".

Moreover, the study shows that sectors that emit high volumes of carbon dioxide per unit of output account for a "relatively small share of employment."

[READ THE STUDY HERE](#)

### INFOGRAPHIC OF THE WEEK

#### Male and female directors have differing views on the value of board diversity



Source: [PwC](#)

## MONTREAL PROTOCOL: NOW TARGETING HFCs

The 28th [meeting of the parties](#) to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer will address the hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) amendment. The original protocol addressed ozone depleting CFCs and now will look at extending the

Montreal Protocol to deal with HFCs, which also greatly [contribute to global warming](#). HFCs are rising by 7-15% a year as people in hot countries, such as Brazil and India, become richer and buy air-conditioning units. The [pressure](#) is on for India.

### THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

4,000

extra peacekeepers for South Sudan were approved last month, but have yet to be deployed

2019

is the new proposed date for a planned Ultra Low Emission Zone in London

975

USD is the proposed fee for accessing CDP data for asset managers with \$1bn or more in assets

845

million tonnes of coal was traded by EDF's trading subsidiary last year and has now an agreement has been reached to sell it

424

million USD has been committed in projects by the UN's Green Climate Fund

20

years is the projected recurrence of flooding of New York City's coastline in a recent report

4

billion USD is the present budget overrun for the US's only carbon capture coal plant

2

percent of the fund universe globally are SRI funds, according to Morningstar

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## PWC STUDY REVEALS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BOARDROOM

A recent PwC survey has uncovered 10 findings on how boards perform. Of note:

#3. Opinions about the benefits of diversity vary—by gender

#4. Male and female director views differ on how big the diversity talent pool is

#7. Director-shareholder engagement is more common, but some directors doubt its value

#8. Investors are flexing their muscles about board composition

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### WORTH A LOOK

Is it possible to see "invisible" pollution? With an infrared camera, [yes](#).

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Businesses will have to find new ways to reduce emissions and pollute less.”

— Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told lawmakers after his government said it would impose a minimum federal price of C\$10 (\$7.53) per ton in 2018, rising by C\$10 each year to C\$50 per ton in 2022 when it will be reviewed.

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## SUGAR TAX IS BACK; BEVERAGE COMPANIES FIGHT BACK

The World Health Organization (WHO) has found that policies that lead to "at least a 20% increase in the retail price of sugary drinks would result in proportional reductions in consumption of such products" in its report entitled [Fiscal Policies](#)

[for Diet and Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases](#). This is important given the link between sugary drinks consumption and obesity, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay.

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