

# INSIGHTS

## For the Mainstream Investor

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### REGIONAL ETHICAL INVESTING

*Asset owners return to regional issues: the Arctic and Bangladesh*

Some of the original issues that ethical investors focused on were regional issues like South Africa (apartheid), Vietnam War and more latterly Sudan. Now it appears to be the Arctic and Bangladesh. This week several [large investors](#) representing over €5 trillion in assets under management sought an unlimited moratorium on oil and gas activity in the Arctic. This somewhat mirrors the works of the countries of the [Arctic Council](#), which works to mitigate the effects of climate change in the Arctic.

Another group of 66 international investors with a combined €2.07 trillion in assets under management has called on companies in [an accord](#) to react to the latest deadly supply chain incident in Bangladesh. [READ MORE](#) (subscription required)

### OIL & GAS GO LOW EMISSIONS

*Oil & Gas supports low emission initiative with \$1 billion*

The Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI) – which comprises the heads of 10 oil and gas companies – announced an investment of \$1 billion over the next ten years to develop and accelerate the commercial deployment of innovative [low emissions](#) technologies.

“The creation of OGCI Climate Investments shows our collective determination to deliver technology on a large-scale that will create a step change to help tackle the climate challenge,” the organization said in a joint statement.

### THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

4,000

km (2,500 miles) of driving emits greenhouse gases which will melt 3 square metres (32 sq. ft.) of Arctic Ocean ice

349

billion US dollars is the forecasted peak in renewable energy investment, says Bloomberg New Energy Finance

61

percent of India’s installed power-generating capacity uses coal

54

to 54 billion of tons of CO2 equivalent are expected emissions in 2030, well above the original 42 billion target

36

percent of green bond sales so far this year are from China

30

times WHO recommended air pollution levels was reached in Delhi

25

percent further reduction in emissions is required argues UNEP

0

net carbon emission goal set for New South Wales (Australia) by 2050

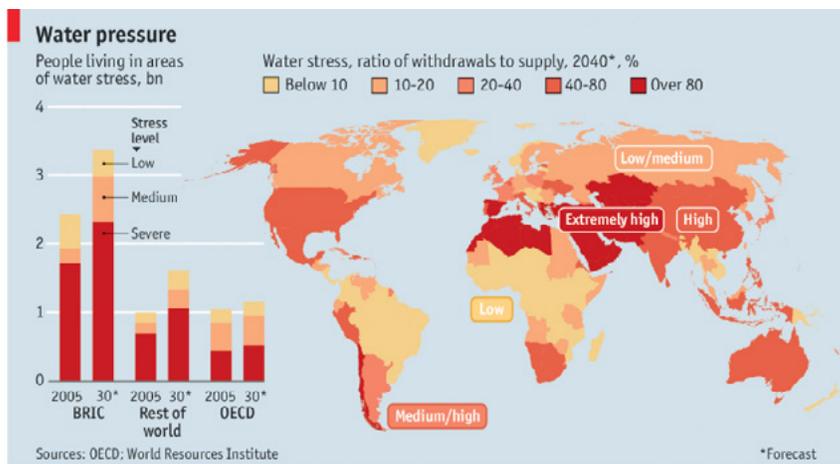
### DID YOU SEE...?

In early 2016, when the Zika virus epidemic was spreading in the Americas, approximately four out of five posts on Facebook [about Zika](#) contained accurate information, researchers found. But the ones containing inaccurate information or conspiracy theories were far *more* popular.

### @SICMGMT OF THE WEEK

RT @Ceres #ParisAgreement is law. Investors, companies, and gov must scale up #cleanenergy investment <http://buff.ly/2evs10S> #COP22 #WeGotTheSignal

### INFOGRAPHIC OF THE WEEK



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### FRANCE: GREEN FINANCE HUB

*France reasserts claim to be the green finance hub*

France wants to become the global green finance hub. The Paris climate agreement, which recently became an [international law](#), was just the first step. The mayor of Paris is pushing the environmental agenda. The city council recently approved [banning all vehicles](#) from the major road running along the right bank of the river Seine. The French government is moving as well. The French Forum Pour L'Investissement Responsable published Article 173-VI of France's Law on Energy Transition for Green Growth (LTECV) which outlines an ESG-Climate approach for investing. Further, the Paris Marketplace has published a [15-point plan](#) to "develop green and sustainable finance center".

### ELECTRIC CARS NOT END OF OIL

*IEA: Electric cars do not lead to the end of oil*

Fatih Birol, the chief executive of the International Energy Agency (IEA) commented this week that electric cars will not cause oil demand to peak soon, citing oil demand coming from trucks, and aviation, not cars.

The comments put a damper on recent forecasts that the electric car industry may disrupt the oil industry (Bloomberg New Energy Finance estimates that plug-in cars will displace 13 million barrels of oil a day by 2040).

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### WHAT WE'RE READING



[Forum Pour L'Investissement Responsable: Understanding the French regulation on investor climate reporting](#)

### REWIND!

Exxon changes rules making it easier for shareholders to nominate directors.

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### WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

A UK judge has told the Government to accelerate pollution controls "by the soonest date possible".

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The oil demand growth is not coming from cars, it's from trucks, aviation and the petrochemical industry and we don't have major alternatives to oil products there... I don't buy the argument that electric cars alone will cause a peak in oil demand at least in short and medium term.”

– International Energy Agency Executive Director Fatih Birol

Source: [Bloomberg](#)

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Spinach used to detect explosives and send a message to a smartphone

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