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RENEWABLES IN SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia backs massive solar and wind investment

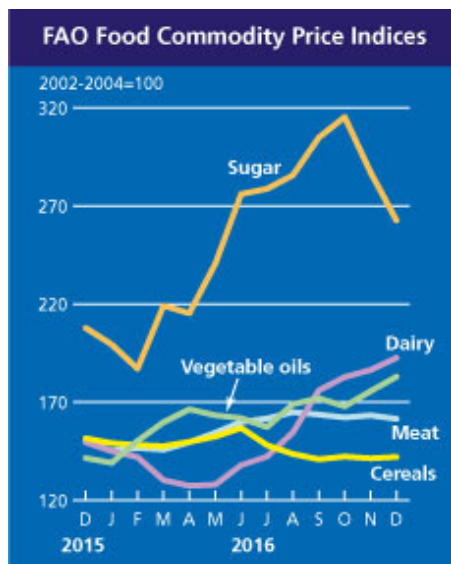
Saudi Arabia is going green. One of the world's biggest oil producers is seeking up to USD 50bn of investment in solar and wind energy. Moreover, plans may be in the works for the petrochemical state's first two commercial nuclear reactors, which will total 2.8 gigawatts.

Oil minister Khalid al-Falih, who has spoken of his ambition to turn the country into a "solar powerhouse", said they would start issuing tenders for major renewable projects "within weeks".

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INFOGRAPHIC OF THE WEEK

FAO Food Commodity Price Index



Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

SUSTAINABILITY AT DUTCH BANK

Dutch central bank promotes sustainable finance

Dutch central bank DNB is launching its Platform for Sustainable Finance this spring. It will be a new initiative in which different stakeholders in the Dutch financial sector – such as banks, pension funds, and insurance companies – work together on various topics related to climate change and sustainability.

Maarten Vleeschouwer, Deputy Programme lead on the DNB's climate work and secretary of the DNB's Platform for Sustainable Finance said about the program: "What we noticed back then, was that while a lot is happening, banks didn't always know what pension funds were doing, and insurance companies did not always know what banks were doing, and so on."

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WE'RE WATCHING...

...Willis Towers Watson's new [sustainability framework](#) which includes an analysis of the impact on returns. In the overview, the firm introduces key aspects of its framework and explores the work it's doing on quantifying the impacts of ESG factors on economies, industries and asset classes.



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THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

671

million GBP (USD 824M) is the amount Rolls-Royce paid in a deal to settle bribery probes

311

people have been convicted for making fraudulent claims in relation to BP's oil spill in 2010

78.1

USD billion of green bonds were issued globally in 2016 with China accounting for US\$31.3 billion

77

percent of men believe that a man is the best choice to lead an important project, while 55% of women do

13

energy transport and industrial companies are forming a hydrogen council and investing a combined USD 10bn

7

stewardship principles are included in the new Danish Stewardship Code, which will apply from January 2017

1.5

percent was the decline in the FAO Food Price Index in 2016, the fifth consecutive annual decline

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OXFAM: GLOBAL INEQUALITY

New report highlights stark inequality

Here are two jarring headlines: 62 people own the same as half world. And: 1% owns the same as everyone else. These are just two ways of explaining the key takeaway from the new [Oxfam report](#) on global inequality: The gap between the rich and the poor is very wide and getting wider. Oxfam's report calls for [urgent action](#) to "tackle the inequality crisis and reverse the dramatic fall in wealth of the poorest half of the world."

Many are [critical](#) of the report. For example, Mark Littlewood, of the [Institute of Economic Affairs](#), said Oxfam should focus instead on ways to boost growth.

SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING

Unilever's promise: Fully recyclable packaging

[Unilever](#), the company behind brands such as Dove, Lipton and Lynx, has committed to make all of its plastic [fully reusable or recyclable](#) by 2025. The company, one of the world's largest consumer groups with sales of more than £53 billion a year, received pressure from customers and stakeholders.

Furthermore, as part of its pledge, Unilever will publish all of the plastic materials used in its packaging by 2020 to help create a plastics protocol for the industry.

Read the company's Sustainable Living Plan [HERE](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING



Ellen MacArthur
Foundation

[The New Plastics
Economy: Catalysing
action](#)



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[Mobilizing private
wealth for public good](#)

NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

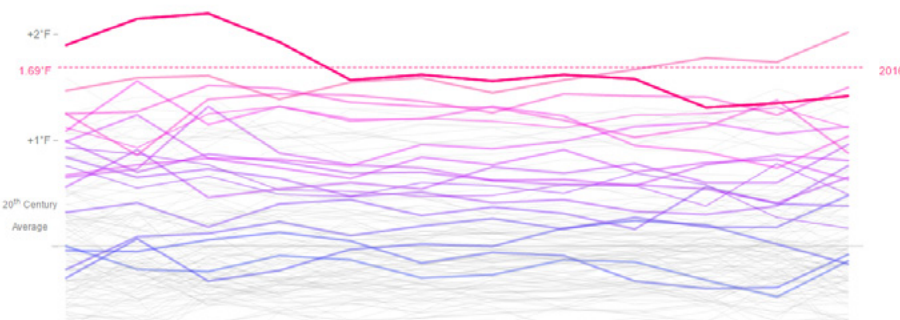
If you dare, check out [this list](#) of the most vermin-infested US cities. If you're in New Orleans or Houston, chances are you've seen a cockroach. New York, Philadelphia or Boston? You guessed it: rats.

DID YOU SEE...?

...diesel cars [have been banned](#) from Oslo between 6am and 10pm.

VISUALIZATION OF THE WEEK

2016 just obliterated the "[Hottest Year](#)" record. [Visualize](#) the global temperature through time.



Source: [Bloomberg](#)

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Only 14 percent of plastic packaging is collected for recycling globally although the universal recycling symbol was introduced in 1970.

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