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DEAR FELLOW INVESTORS,

Halfway into 2023, the bear market for stocks may be in retreat. Though, warnings from the Federal Reserve about further interest rate hikes leave some uncertainty. Investors entered the second quarter bracing for a possible recession and rate cuts from the Fed. By quarter's end, no economic downturn had materialized, inflation remained stubborn, and expectations of high rates persisted.

Within the stock market, there were significant divergences in performance. A group of large companies - dubbed the "Magnificent Seven," which includes Apple, Meta Platforms, and Nvidia - accounted for the majority of the rally. Energy stocks suffered a hit, with global oil and natural gas prices both falling.

The City Different + Change Finance ESG Carbon Neutral Strategy returned 8.26% in Q2, slightly underperforming the S&P 500 which returned 8.74%. Underperformance was primarily attributed to missing names from the "Magnificent Seven" - Amazon, Tesla, and Meta Platforms - in the Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services sectors. Our equal-weighting methodology was also a drag on performance, due to the significant performance of heavyweights such as Apple and Microsoft.

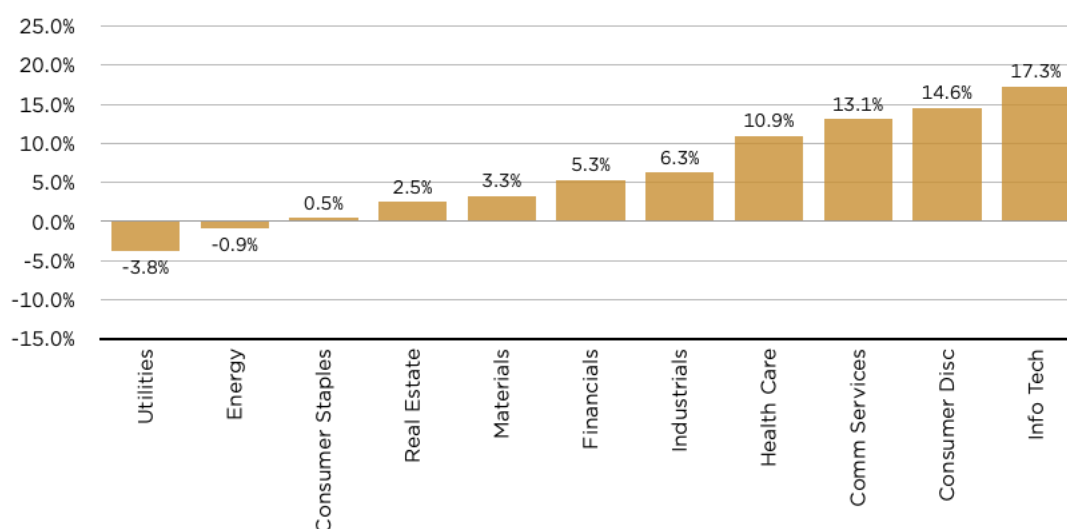
Strong stock selection in the Healthcare and Materials sectors almost made up for these missing and lower exposure names. Positions in McKesson Corp, Intuitive Surgical Inc., and HCA Healthcare Inc. led to substantial outperformance in the Healthcare sector. While positions in Vulcan Materials Co, PPG Industries Inc., and Ecolab Inc. led to even larger outperformance in the Materials Sector. Our lack of exposure to the Energy sector also contributed meaningfully.

We firmly believe in our long-term investment thesis. Equal weighting allows our portfolio to benefit from the rise of a next wave of game-changing companies. Apple, Microsoft, Tesla, and Meta all started as smaller entities. Our strategy benefitted from our equal weight methodology in Healthcare and Materials.

We also maintain our conviction about the repercussions of unsustainable corporate behavior, which can lead to decreased revenues and market underperformance in the long run. We remain hopeful that corporations like Amazon, Tesla, and Meta will evolve towards sustainable and just business models, resulting in reduced risk and improved revenue opportunities for all.

Despite this quarter's minor underperformance, we remain committed to our mission of sustainable, fossil fuel-free investing. As we move forward, we will continue to focus on balancing risk and return while ensuring our investments align with our ESG principles and objectives.

Q2 Performance of US Sectors



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2Q 2023 RESULTS

PERFORMANCE (NET)	2Q 2023	YTD 2023	SINCE INCEPTION
Carbon Neutral ESG	8.26%	15.73%	27.41%
S&P 500	8.74%	16.89%	25.73%

Source: Bloomberg, City Different Investments. Inception date of the strategy is October 1, 2022. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

IMPACT AND ADVOCACY

In May of 2023, the Change Finance team held seven meetings with members of Congress to discuss our priorities for the upcoming Farm Bill. We did this alongside numerous corporations as a part of a CERES Lead Hill Day.

The meetings focused on a number of key issues, including CERES' 5 Farm Bill Priorities:

1. Improve technical assistance, which would allow increased access to programs and provide farmers, especially BIPOC farmers, with training and technical assistance creating greater program equity.
2. Improve current NRD CS conservation programs to allow farmers to build on current conservation efforts and increase their resiliency.
3. Enhance economic opportunities for farmers with market development.
4. Facilitate greater and more equitable land access and tenure.
5. Reform crop insurance.

We also asked the Senators and Representatives we met with to preserve the \$20 Billion in the Inflation Reduction Act marked for conservation and climate smart agriculture. We are hopeful that our advocacy, along with the coalition from CERES, will help to ensure that the upcoming Farm Bill includes provisions that support climate-smart agriculture, biodiversity, and family farmers.

SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG

ESG Isn't About Politics—It's About Smart Business

ESG is often framed by its detractors as mere political activism. Evidence is growing, however, that the "E" in ESG is being taken very seriously by a group that cannot be written off as left-wing: the insurance industry. Insurers see the present and future risks of climate change to their business and they are acting accordingly.

In late May, State Farm [announced](#) it would stop accepting new applications in California for both home and commercial property insurance policies. The insurer blamed, "Historic increases in construction

costs outpacing inflation, rapidly growing catastrophe exposure, and a challenging reinsurance market." Two of the three reasons are directly linked to climate change.

First, there's the growing catastrophe exposure for property insurers on the policies they write. As Axios [noted](#), "Disastrous wildfires have plagued California in recent years, while multiple hurricanes have hit Florida and Louisiana, racking up losses for insurers at the same time that home costs have skyrocketed." Meanwhile, "sea level rise from climate change is causing more frequent sunny day flooding, and more damaging storm surge events in coastal areas."

Global losses caused by natural disasters, 2013-2022

The overall economic losses from natural disasters over the past decade, and insured losses, have been rising worldwide. One bad year can be devastating for an insurer. In U.S. dollars, adjusted for inflation.

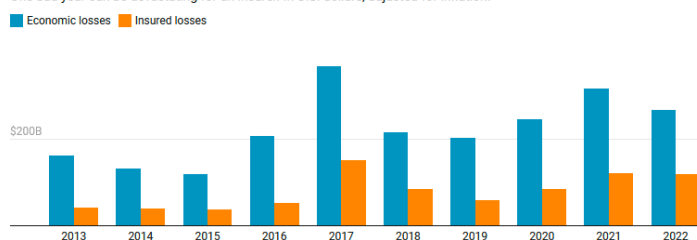


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There's also what State Farm called a "challenging reinsurance market." Again, per Axios: "reinsurance — essentially insurance for insurers — has also risen to prohibitive levels for companies operating in areas prone to escalating climate risks." Another way of saying this is that insurance companies that write policies are finding it pricier to entice other insurers to bear some of the risk—and that's due to the industry realizing how devastating climate change is to their revenues.

For a sense of the financial impact of climate change on the insurance industry, consider the following from the [National Association of Insurance Commissioners](#):

According to a [Swiss Re report](#), 285 natural catastrophe events occurred in 2022, causing the global economy \$284 billion, down from \$303 billion in 2021 but still well above the 10-year average of \$220 billion. The insured portion was \$125 billion in 2022, up from \$121 billion in 2021 and above the 10-year average of \$81 billion.

It's important to remember ESG isn't simply about "doing good" (not that there's anything wrong with that!). ESG is a risk-management tool; one that can help companies' bottom lines. It's about surveying the landscape of environmental, social, and governance risks and opportunities that could impact a firm's financial position, and acting to improve the odds of outperformance in the future.

Companies will (and must) monitor all ESG-related risks to their businesses. At the same time, investors deserve robust disclosure on these risks in order to make informed decisions. ESG risks are material, and investors have the right to know about them before pressing the buy button.

For all the talk that ESG is a hot-button political issue, we believe it's just good investing. To quote [Roy Swan](#), head of mission investments at the Ford Foundation:

"The insurance industry demonstrates why consideration of ESG factors in business and investment processes can be a prudent—and apolitical—risk management strategy and long-term profit-protecting activity. Embracing this approach can help people, investment portfolios, and the planet."

We couldn't agree more.

LOOKING FORWARD

We are now halfway through 2023, and the effects of climate change are real and worsening. The world had the hottest June on record, and while last year's Inflation Reduction Act was a huge step forward toward a clean energy transition, we are still far behind the needed pace.

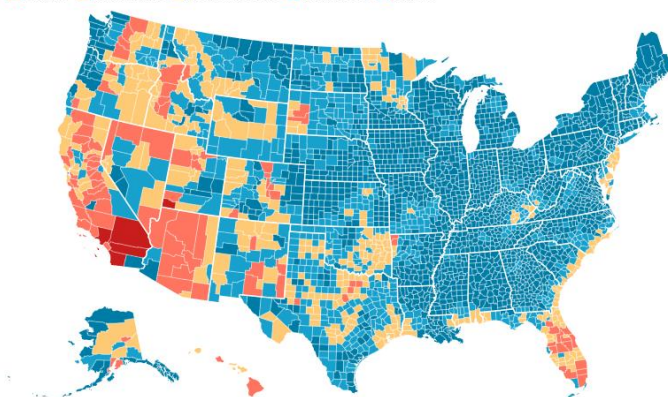
Companies, Governments, and consumers all have important roles to play in slowing the effects of climate change. GOP-sponsored bills to limit investors' right to invest as they see fit will only harm investors and businesses in the medium and long term.

Insurance companies clearly have the data they need in this regard and are making business decisions based on them - why should investors and pensioners have less rights and access? Large insurers exiting the Florida, Louisiana, and California economies are the biggest sign yet that climate change will dramatically disrupt business as we know it. As more and more American homes become uninsurable, this could have catastrophic impacts on homeowners and worsen the housing crisis further.

Expected annual loss from wildfires

FEMA's expected annual loss rating takes into account each county's building and agriculture value and population exposed to wildfires.

Very High Relatively High Relatively Moderate Relatively Low Very Low



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PARTING WORDS

Our rigorous ESG Standards and active shareholder engagement program help us sleep better at night, no matter which way the winds are blowing. We are proud of our product and believe ESG investing can have a tangible impact and create strong investor returns.

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