# BMO Clean Energy ETF Fund Making "cents" of Clean Energy

Our world runs on energy. Largely fueling our daily habits are resources like coal, crude oil and other fossil fuels. These resources, however, have a limited supply, and have large costs associated with them both in terms of expenses and on the health of our environment.

### **THE PROBLEM** Resource Scarcity → High Costs → Huge Impact on Environment

Renewables play an important role in our future. Whether that be solar, wind, geothermal or hydro these carbon neutral options have unlimited supply and will help create a cleaner, healthier society. Countries around the globe are investing heavily in green energy development including areas like clean transportation, energy efficiency, deployment, and research and development (R&D) which is having a great impact on job growth and emissions reductions. Climate change remains a hot topic in the political landscape with a Biden presidency in the U.S. signaling a tougher stance will be adopted.

# Clean energy provides growth potential far and above traditional energy with renewables having the opportunity to power the green revolution.

In April 2019, for the first time ever, renewable energy outpaced coal by providing 23 percent of US power generation, compared to coal's 20 percent share.<sup>1</sup>

To enable the power system of the future, \$14 trillion in grid investment is needed between now and 2050.<sup>2</sup>

Wind and Photo-Voltaic (Solar) grow to meet 56% of world electricity demand in 2050.<sup>2</sup>

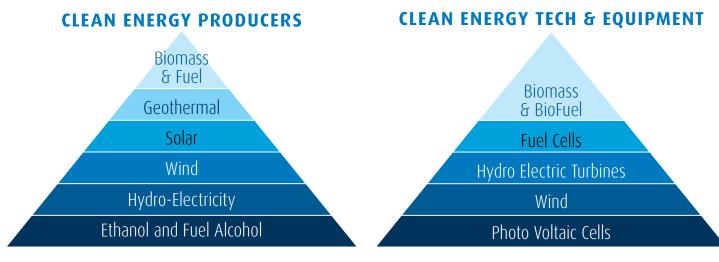
### Why now?

- Cost reductions and increasing policy certainty in key markets could significantly boost renewables deployment.
- Economic stimulus measures focused on clean energy can directly or indirectly support renewables.
- Net-zero emission targets in key markets are expected to accelerate the deployment of renewables.

1 <u>https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/energy-and-resources/articles/renewable-energy-outlook.html</u>
2 https://about.bnef.com/new-energy-outlook/

# BMO Clean Energy ETF Fund Methodology

BMO Clean Energy ETF Fund tracks the **S&P Global Clean Energy Index** providing liquid and tradable exposure to a target of 100 companies from around the world that are involved in clean energy related businesses. The Fund provides a diversified mix of the businesses below.



Eligible businesses are selected based on a company's business description and its most recent reported revenue by segment. The index must have a weighted average exposure score of 0.85% as defined by S&P (see Table 1). Exposure scores are based on FactSet's Revere Business Industry Classification System ("RBICS") and Trucost's Power Generation Data (for utility companies) and consider revenue exposure by segment and Clean Power Generation Score for utiliies and power generation companies.

#### Table 1

Exposure Score	Definition
0	Eliminated, no exposure
0.5	Moderate clean energy exposure
0.75	Significant clean energy exposure
1	Maximum clean energy exposure

## Key Facts

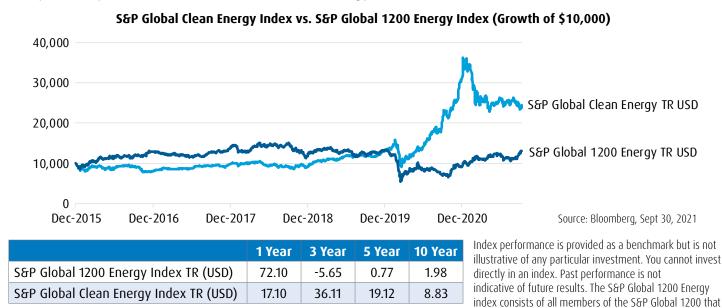
Index Name	S&P Global Clean Energy
Number of Stocks	Target of 100
Weighting	Market caps are adjusted by clean energy exposure scores. Max weight of 8% per security. The cumulative weight of all constituents which have a weight greater than 4.5% cannot exceed 40%.
Total Market Capitalization	Greater than or equal to US\$ 300 million
Float Market Capitilization	Greater than or equal to US\$ 100 million
Liquidity Thresholds	6-month Average Daily Value Traded of US\$ 3 million (US\$ 2 million for current constituents)
Domicile/Trading Location	Stocks must be trading on a developed market exchange.
Rebalance	Semi-Annual (April and October)

**Controversial business exclusions:** Exclusions include; controversial weapons, small arms, military contracting, tobacco, thermal coal, oil sands, shale energy, arctic oil and gas exploration (With levels of involvement and/or significant ownership thresholds defined by Sustainalytics). In addition, companies deemed "non-compliant" with the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles by Sustainalytics will be excluded.

Carbon intensity exclusion: Companies with a Trucost carbon-to-revenue footprint greater than three are excluded

# Performance of S&P Global Clean Energy Index

Clean energy showed resilience in 2020. Long term contracts, priority access to the grid and continuous installation of new plants helped renewables relative to traditional energy.



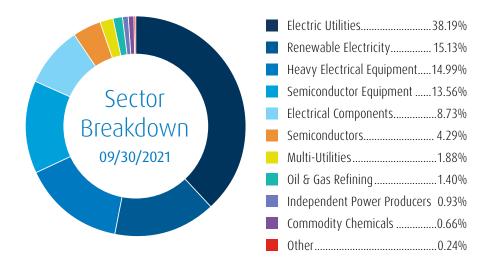
Source: Bloomberg, Sept 30, 2021

#### **ESG Carbon Characteristics**

The following characteristics show the reduction in carbon footprint that comes from investing in clean energy relative to traditional energy.

	S&P Global Clean Energy Index	S&P Global 1200 Energy Index
Carbon to revenue (metric tons CO2e/\$1M revenues)*	413**	595

Source: S&P Dow Jones, Sept 30, 2021. \*Operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. For more information, please visit: <u>www.spdji.com/esq-</u> <u>carbon-metrics</u> \*\*As of Sept 17, 2021



#### **Top 10 Holdings**

are classified within the GICS® energy sector.

Name	Weight (%)
VESTAS WIND SYSTEMS A/S	8.21
ENPHASE ENERGY INC	7.35
ORSTED AS	5.60
PLUG POWER INC	5.49
CONSOLIDATED EDISON INC	5.38
SOLAREDGE TECHNOLOGIES INC	4.97
IBERDROLA SA	3.89
EDP - ENERGIAS DE PORTUGAL SA	3.81
SSE PLC	3.55
SUNRUN INC	3.39

Source: Bloomberg, as of September 30 2021

### Fund Codes

Fund Name	Fund Code	MER*
BMO Clean Energy ETF Fund (Series F)	BM095119	0.34%

\*Management Expense Ratio (MER) is estimated as Fund is less than one year old.

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