

# BMO Brookfield Global Renewables Infrastructure Fund (GRNI)

## Real Assets are the Foundation

Investing has evolved to be more complex, with more options to investors, and in an environment with lower interest rates, lower fixed income returns, and higher inflation. In 1991, an investor with a portfolio of only Canadian bonds could have earned an annualized return of ~11% over 5 years.<sup>1</sup> Investors have increasingly looked to alternative assets to add diversification, for growth and income generation, and enhance returns.

## Global Renewables Infrastructure as an Alternative Investment

Alternative investments include non-traditional assets, like real estate and infrastructure. Investors can access these types of investment through ETFs that invest in public securities to give exposure to alternative investments.

### Benefits of Alternative Investments

- ✓ Adds portfolio diversification
- ✓ Inflation protection
- ✓ Potential for high returns

### Benefits of ETFs

- ✓ Adds daily liquidity and flexibility
- ✓ Transparent pricing and valuation
- ✓ Lower investment minimums

GRNI combines the benefits of an ETF fund with the advantages of alternative investments. It invests in listed infrastructure assets, providing flexibility and daily liquidity. It offers a lower cost strategy, as compared to traditional alternative investments, that capitalizes on Brookfield's longstanding infrastructure expertise.

## The Brookfield Advantage in Renewable Generation

Brookfield Asset Management has investments of \$58 billion in power assets and 120 years of experience in power generation, including listed renewable energy and infrastructure investing. Brookfield Public Securities Group (PSG) take a unique approach to the investment universe and focus on infrastructure-like companies. These are companies that develop, own, and operate renewable, power and water assets.

### Brookfield

**\$650B Asset Under Management**

Renewable Power  
& Transition  
\$58B

Infrastructure  
\$115B

Private Equity  
\$91B

Real Estate  
\$237B

Credit & Insurance  
Solutions  
\$149B

Source: Brookfield Public Securities Group LLC, AUM as of September 30, 2021.



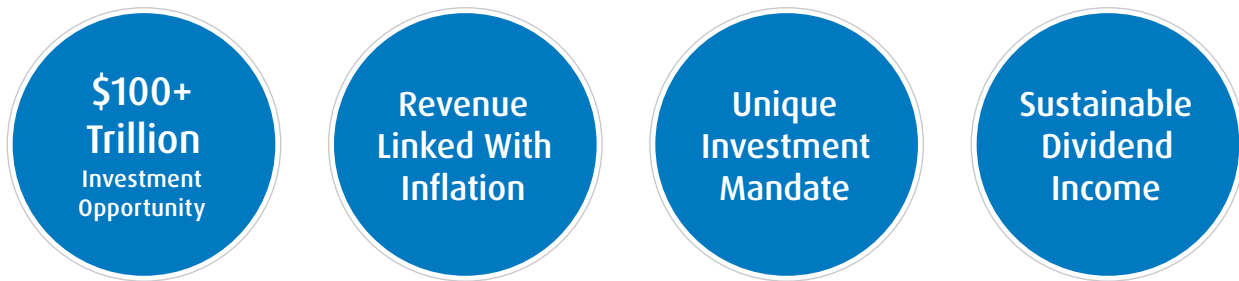
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## Inflation Protection with Global Listed Infrastructure

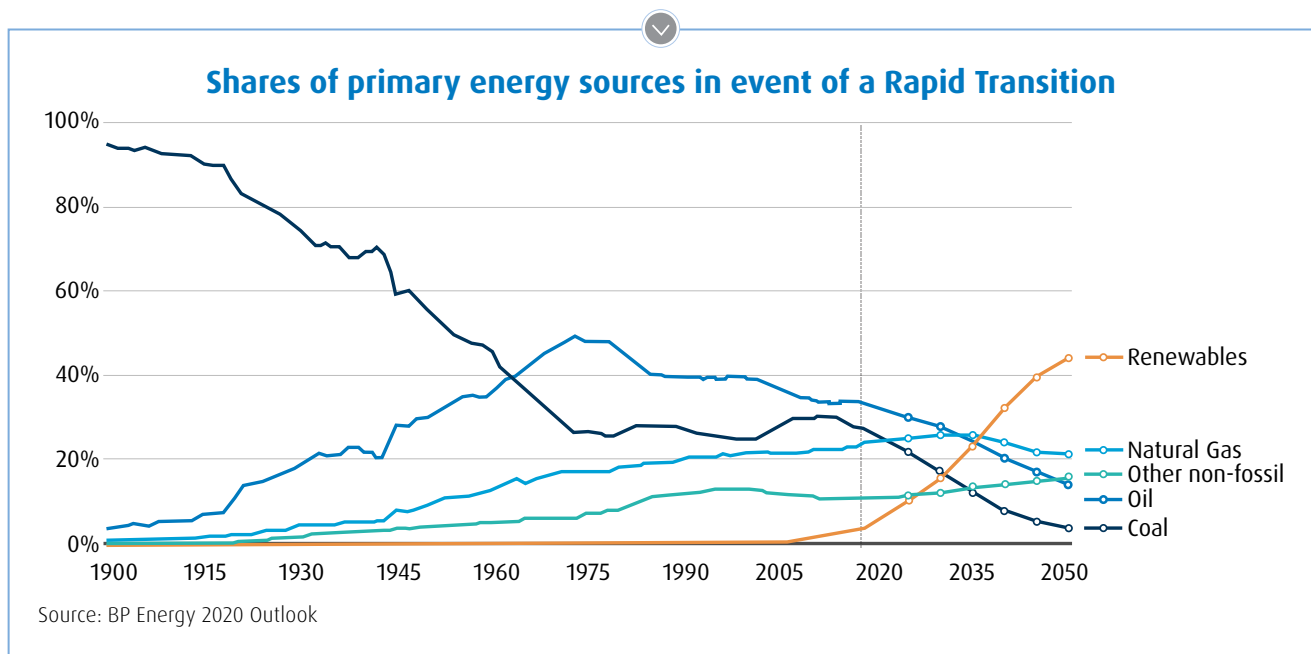
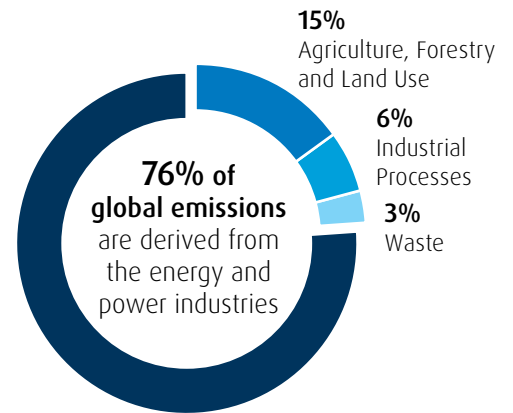
Inflation has become an increasingly important theme, as interest rates are expected to rise. Historically, the infrastructure asset class has generally outperformed fixed income during periods of rising rates due to the sector's ability to pass inflation through to customers and as investors look to add alternatives to fixed income without adding full equity market risk. It will also benefit from demand for renewable energy, with projected investments of ~\$25 trillion in renewable generation capacity and ~\$75 trillion in grid modernization and energy efficiency through 2050.<sup>2</sup>



## The Global Transition to Clean Energy is Here

There is a global effort to transition away from fossil fuels and towards clean energy. Governments around the world have introduced climate change plans, carbon tariffs, and policies to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

These efforts are rapidly changing the global power industry, with renewables presenting an opportunity for investors, as carbon-free and affordable energy source are primed to become the world's dominant technology over the coming decades. In fact, 76% of global emissions are derived from the energy and power industries.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Source: Brookfield Public Securities Group LLC, International Renewable Energy Agency. As of December 31, 2021.

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## Now is the Time for Renewables Infrastructure

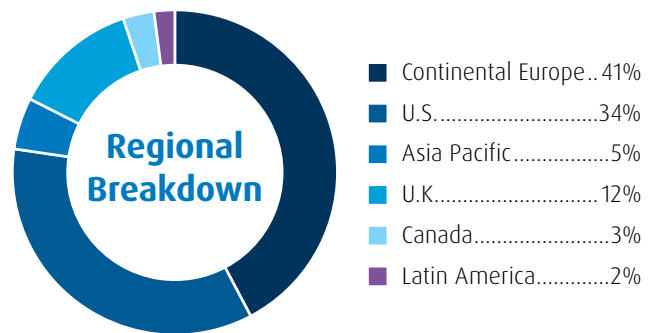
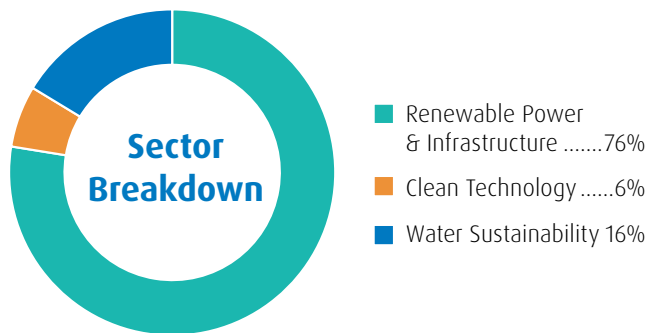


- Opportunity to enhance current income with reliable cashflows from **infrastructure-like companies** that have built in **inflation protection**.
- The sector is at an inflection point as the world transitions to **cleaner, cheaper, and more efficient sources** of power generation.
- The cost of renewables is at **historical lows**, and wind & solar are now **cheaper than coal**.<sup>4</sup>
- **9 of the 10** largest economies have committed to reach **net-zero emissions** targets by ~2050, increasing **demand** for renewables.<sup>4</sup>

## Fund at a Glance

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|---------------------------|---|------------|--------|
| <b>Ticker</b>             | GRNI  | <b>MER</b> | 0.90%* |
| <b>Invests in</b>         | Actively managed equity strategy that invests in companies that are seeking to capitalize on the multi-decade transition to renewable energy, specifically global opportunities in key sectors; renewable power & infrastructure, clean technology, and water sustainability, with an emphasis on infrastructure-like attributes to mitigate risk |            |        |
| <b>Investment process</b> | Bottom-up, fundamental analysis; benchmark agnostic portfolio construction  |            |        |
| <b>Typical holdings</b>   | ~20-40 positions  |            |        |
| <b>Top 10 weighting</b>   | Approx. 40-70% of fund  |            |        |
| <b>Benchmark index</b>    | FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index   |            |        |

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



Sample allocation of the Fund's Sector and Region Breakdown as of December 31, 2021. For illustrative purposes only and may change due to the Fund's ongoing portfolio transactions.

## Access Brookfield PSG's strategies with BMO Global Asset Management

BMO Brookfield Global Renewables Infrastructure Fund combines the expertise of BMO Global Asset Management as a provider of ETFs and Brookfield PSG's expertise in investing across real asset sectors.

Brookfield is committed to sustainable investing and is a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), formally demonstrating their ongoing commitment to responsible investment and ESG best practices. The Fund provides retail investors access to Brookfield's proprietary strategy for the first time in Canada, supporting BMO GAM's mission of providing clients with innovative products and solutions.



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