



**Target**

Profit from the upheavals in the energy sector ("energy transition"), while reducing the risk of setbacks on the stock markets.



**Concept**

The portfolio invests in a handful of specialised long/short funds that invest in companies which will be among the winners of the energy transition and sell short shares of companies where they expect a negative development for the company in question.



**Use**

For investors who prefer to hold a partially hedged portfolio in the energy sector instead of riskier "long only" equity positions.

**How this has worked so far**

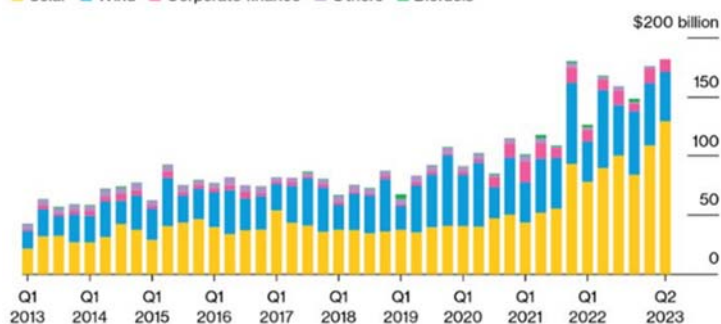
	Return				Risk: Volatility		Risk: Max. loss	
	Q2 2023	YTD 2023	3 years	5 years	3 years	5 years	3 years	5 years
<b>CB Energy Transition Portfolio (EUR)</b>	<b>-0.82%</b>	<b>-3.08%</b>	<b>11.42%</b>	<b>9.20%</b>	<b>5.97%</b>	<b>5.55%</b>	<b>-3.21%</b>	<b>-3.72%</b>
Renew. Stocks (MSCI Alt. Energy EUR)	-8.56%	-13.62%	8.90%	8.77%	30.30%	27.63%	-35.34%	-35.34%
Energy Stocks (MSCI World Energy EUR)	-1.71%	-7.48%	24.55%	1.13%	29.97%	31.06%	-24.17%	-58.96%

**Potential return**

**Renewable Energy Investment Hit Record \$358 Billion in 1H 2023**

Global quarterly investment in renewable energy

■ Solar ■ Wind ■ Corporate finance ■ Others ■ Biofuels

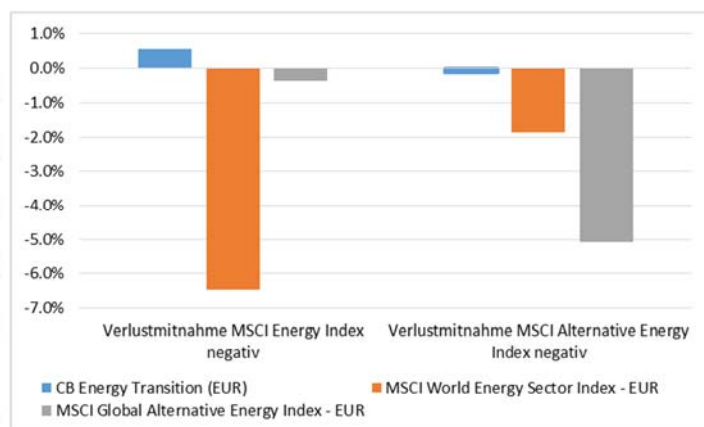


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Investment in renewable energy has a tailwind and will continue to increase to drive the energy transition.

**Hedging**



The choice of defensive hedge funds reduces the loss in negative markets.

**Comment second quarter 2023**

The managers in the CB Energy Transition Portfolio were not entirely immune to the difficult environment for energy equities and renewable energy sector stocks. In Q2, the portfolio generated a net return of -0.82%, compared to the MSCI Global Alternative Energy Index -8.56% and the broader MSCI World Energy Sector Index -1.71%.

For the managers in the portfolio, June 2023 was the most difficult month after Siemens Energy announced that the technical problems at its wind power subsidiary Siemens Gamesa are much bigger and more expensive to fix than expected. The stock had recovered significantly in recent months as Siemens Energy seemed to be slowly getting a grip on the subsidiary. As a result, other wind power stocks also fell.

One positive contribution came from a manager who held shares in gas infrastructure producer Chart Industries, lithium producer Livent Corp and uranium producer Cameco Corp. This was positive in June and outweighed for the portfolio the negative performance of the short positions in Ford and the various country hedges.