# BNPP ENVIRONMENTAL ABSOLUTE RETURN THEMATIC, EARTH

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT As of 29.01.2021



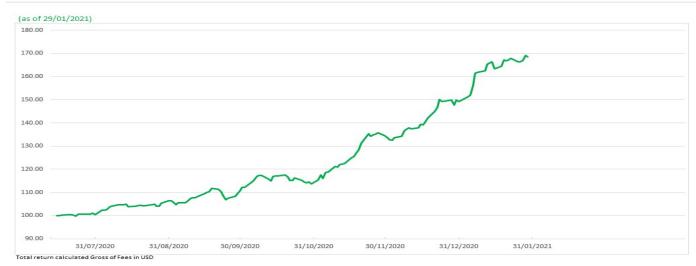
# **FUND DESCRIPTION**

The Fund invests in companies globally whose products, process or services provide environmental solutions that directly contribute to the energy transition through decarbonising energy related activities as well as restoring ecosystems across oceans, land and air, whilst taking short positions in companies - and other equity linked instruments - to hedge portfolio factor risk as well as capture alpha in companies with transition risk assets, stranded assets and/or inferior technologies with the aim of achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

# **FUND OBJECTIVE\***

The Fund targets annual average absolute performance of 9-12% net returns in the medium term with below market average volatility across thematic, relative value and catalyst investment strategies with a +/- 20% net exposure and gross exposure of 150-200%. The portfolio typically holds 30-50 strategies with each strategy alpha leg being 2-7% of NAV. The fund invests across market capitalisations and have a capacity of \$1bn.

# **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



Source : BNP Paribas Asset Management, Past performance is not an indication of future performance

# MONTHLY PERFORMANCE

as of 29/01	/2021												
	Jan	Feb	Маг	Арг	May	Jun	Jul*	Aug	Sep	0kt	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020							0.50%	5.83%	4.14%	2.68%	18.24%	11.02%	49.30%
2021	12.80%												12.80%

\*inception 15/07/2020

Total return calculated Gross of Fees in USD

Source : BNP Paribas Asset Management, Past performance is not an indication of future performance

# CALENDAR PERFORMANCE

YTD	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
12.80%	12.80%	48.08%	67.58%	-3	-	-	(-)	-

Total return calculated Gross of Fees in USD

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# FUND DETAILS AS 0F29.01.2021

Fund Details	
Fund Name	BNP Paribas Funds Environmental Absolute Return Thematic Equity, EARTH
ISIN code	LU2066067385
Share class category	Classic Share
Share class type	Capitalisation
Share class base currency	USD
Fund inception date	15/07/2020
Liquidity	Daily, 5 days notice
Management fees & others	1.50%
Performance fee	20%
Entry/Exit fee	Max. 3%
Currencies	USD, EUR, SGD
Fund AUM	\$257,707,852
Minimum investment	\$100,000

\*These internal guidelines are mentioned for your information only and are subject to change. Prospectus guidelines and the KIID are leadin

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Custodian Administrator	BNP Paribas Securities
External auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers Société Coopérative
Domicile	Luxembourg
Legal form	SICAV
Share class 1st NAV date	15/07/2020
Share class initial NAV	100.00
NAV date	29/01/2021
NAV per share	136.34
SRRI Category	Total Return



Ulrik Fugmann



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Source : BNP Paribas Asset Management

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# PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

as of 29/01/2021	
Annualized Volatility (%)	20.27%
Sharpe Ratio	5.61
Sortino Ratio	21.31
Treynor Ratio	1.25
Correlation (R) (Simple)	0.60
Worst Drawdown Peak-to-Trough	-4.47%
Source: BNP Paribas Asset Management	

## **FUND EXPOSURE**

# as of 29/01/2021

	Long	Short	Net	Gross
End of Month	79.4%	-62.7%	16.6%	142.1%
Monthly Average	84.8%	-78.7%	6.2%	163.5%

Source: BNP Paribas Asset Management

# TOP 5 CONTRIBUTERS

# as of 29/01/2021

as of 25/01/2021	
APPHARVEST INC	2.28%
NOVUS CAPITAL CORP	1.16%
DANIMER SCIENTIFIC INC CLASS A	1.13%
BALLARD POWER SYSTEMS INC	0.94%
GENERAL MOTORS	0.65%

Source: BNP Paribas Asset Management

# **TOP 5 DETRACTORS**

### as of 29/01/2021

SPARTAN ACQUISITION CORP CLASS A	-0.31%
FUELCELL ENERGY INC	-0.17%
ALBEMARLE CORP	-0.17%
PLUG POWER INC	-0.13%
ENEL	-0.13%

# PORTFOLIO CONTRIBUTION AS 0F29.01.2021

Agricultural technology company AppHarvest / Novus Capital contributed positively to performance in January leading up to a de-spac process to be effective in February. AppHarvest grows chemical-fee fruits and vegetables in large vertical farms with a strong shareholder base and management team to execute the strategy. Danimer Scientific was a new position for the portfolio in January that contributed positively to performance. The company produces biopolymers to create biodegradable and compostable plastic products and saw multiple upgrades and target prices paving the way for significant upside. The hydrogen fuel cell area continues to perform well announcing key milestone orders with expanding addressable markets whilst hedge – and peer - Fuelcell was a detractor that rallied on sector momentum.

After having sold Plug Power to take profits, we bought back into the company following a raft of new announcements, not least a JV with Renault on a hydrogen projects starting in 2022. We believe Plug Power offers the best value in the sector over the medium to longer term and will stand out as a key winner in the hydrogen fuel cell space.

# MARKET OUTLOOK & OBSERVATIONS AS 0F29.01.2021

January was not only a tough month for equity market-neutral long-short funds but indeed a tumultuous month for the environmental solutions space as well making new highs in the first week of the year - only to side line and come off significantly to end the month flat and inline with the market. Whilst we believe that 2021 will be another bumper year for environmental solutions stocks with pockets of strong performance, we also believe that "commoditised" plays with challenged balance sheets, inferior technologies, weak management teams, lower barriers to entry and lack of scalability could suffer. In other words, it will be a "show me" year of execution, consolidation and earnings growth rather than multiple expansion we have witnessed in 2020 with an outlook for greater dispersion in the theme. For this reason, we have reduced the gross exposure of the fund to take advantage of any further weakness and will see this as an opportunity to add to core names with best-in-class technologies, strong balance sheets, superior management teams and expanding addressable end markets with low penetration rates, including, but not limited to, US residential solar, hydrogen applications, EV platform providers with tech solutions, grid optimisation, sustainable lithium plays. We continue to be quite negative 'growth' short to medium term and have increased our short growth hedges as a result, however, we think that it will be a bumpy ride and shifts in the market between 'growth' and 'value' factors. It is likely that environmental stocks will get caught up in a 'growth' led sell off, but would expect them to de-correlate and outperform very quickly as we saw was the case during the significant Covid 19 sell off in March 2020.

# REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION

as of 29/01/2021	Long	Short	Net	
Others	-0.01%	0.00%	-0.01%	
Emerging Markets	0.67%	-0.04%	0.63%	
North America	9.43%	-1.14%	8.29%	
Europe	2.32%	1.14%	3.46%	
Asia	0.00%	-0.05%	-0.05%	
Total	12.41%	-0.09%	12.32%	

# MARKET CAPITALISATION EXPOSURE

as of 29/01/2021	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Futures	0.0%	-43.0%	-43.0%	43.0%
Bond	5.2%	0.0%	5.2%	5.2%
>= 10,000,000,000	31.2%	-10.0%	21.2%	41.2%
2,000,000,000 - 10,000,000,000	17.4%	-7.4%	9.9%	24.8%
< 2,000,000,000	25.6%	-2.4%	23.2%	28.0%
Total	79.4%	-62.7%	16.6%	142.1%

All data on Statistics, Exposure and Contribution are taken from Aladdin, the internal position keeping tool of BNPP AM, and may deviate from official accountant data

# SECTOR CONTRIBUTION

as of 29/01/2021	Long	Short	Net
Others	-0.68%	-0.31%	-0.98%
Communication Services	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Consumer Discretionary	1.08%	-0.16%	0.92%
Consumer Staples	2.62%	0.00%	2.62%
Energy	1.25%	0.13%	1.39%
Financials	1.07%	0.00%	1.07%
Health Care	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Industrials	3.75%	-0.13%	3.61%
Information Technology	0.15%	0.28%	0.42%
Materials	2.73%	-0.13%	2.60%
Real Estate	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Utilities	0.43%	0.23%	0.66%
Total	12.41%	-0.09%	12.32%

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# **COUNTRY EXPOSURE**

as of 29/01/2021	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Canada	3.8%	-1.5%	2.3%	5.2%
China	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	5.3%
Faroe Islands	1.4%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%
France	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Germany	1.3%	-2.5%	-1.2%	3.9%
Greece	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Ireland	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%
Italy	0.7%	-1.1%	-0.4%	1.8%
Korea (South), Republic of	1.7%	-1.5%	0.2%	3.1%
Netherlands	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%
Norway	1.8%	-1.0%	0.8%	2.8%
Portugal	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%
Spain	3.0%	-1.8%	1.3%	4.8%
Sweden	1.2%	-1.1%	0.1%	2.3%
United Kingdom	8.6%	-3.8%	4.8%	12.4%
United States	43.9%	-38.9%	5.0%	82.8%
Denmark	0.0%	-1.3%	-1.3%	1.3%
European Union	0.0%	-1.9%	-1.9%	1.9%
Finland	0.0%	-0.8%	-0.8%	0.8%
Hong Kong	0.0%	-4.1%	-4.1%	4.1%
Luxembourg	0.0%	-1.6%	-1.6%	1.6%
Total	79.4%	-62.7%	16.6%	142.1%

# SECTOR EXPOSURE

as of 29/01/2021	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Others	3.7%	-43.4%	-39.7%	47.1%
Communication Services	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Consumer Discretionary	7.7%	-1.2%	6.5%	9.0%
Consumer Staples	6.7%	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%
Energy	2.8%	-2.1%	0.6%	4.9%
Financials	7.4%	0.0%	7.4%	7.4%
Health Care	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Industrials	21.1%	-2.8%	18.3%	24.0%
Information Technology	4.1%	-7.4%	-3.3%	11.5%
Materials	7.3%	-1.0%	6.3%	8.3%
Real Estate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Utilities	18.5%	-4.8%	13.7%	23.3%
Total	79.4%	-62.7%	16.6%	142.1%

# TOP 10 HOLDINGS LONG

as of 29/01/2021	
PLUG POWER INC	4.08%
APPHARVEST INC	3.26%
SUNNOVA ENERGY INTERNATIONAL INC	2.84%
GENERAL MOTORS	2.51%
GENERAC HOLDINGS INC	2.34%
CENTRICA PLC	2.21%
NATIONAL GRID PLC	1.95%
ENPHASE ENERGY INC	1.94%
ENGIE SA	1.94%
NOVUS CAPITAL CORP	1.88%
Total	24 96%

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