SOLR
The SmartETFs Sustainable Energy II ETF
July 2024 Update

Portfolio Performance
as of 06/30/2024

SOLR underperformed its index in June, with the MSCI World Index benchmark delivering 2.03% while SOLR delivered -8.04% on NAV basis, and -8.40% on a market price basis. Among the top performers were Chinese wind power names Suntien and Longyuan, both benefiting from renewed investor interest in Chinese utilities following President Xi's mention of power market reform at a symposium in Shandong. Meanwhile SolarEdge was weaker after cashflow guidance missed expectations and the company announced plans to raise $300m via a private offering of convertible senior notes. Bloomberg New Energy Finance's 2024 Electric Vehicle Outlook predicts that EVs could make up a third of new car sales in the US by 2027, driven by affordable models from manufacturers like Ford and Tesla. Meanwhile, Brookfield Asset Management is advancing a €6.1bn (approx. $6.7bn USD) acquisition of French renewable power specialist Neoen, reflecting significant mergers and acquisitions activity in the European clean power sector. Read on for more!

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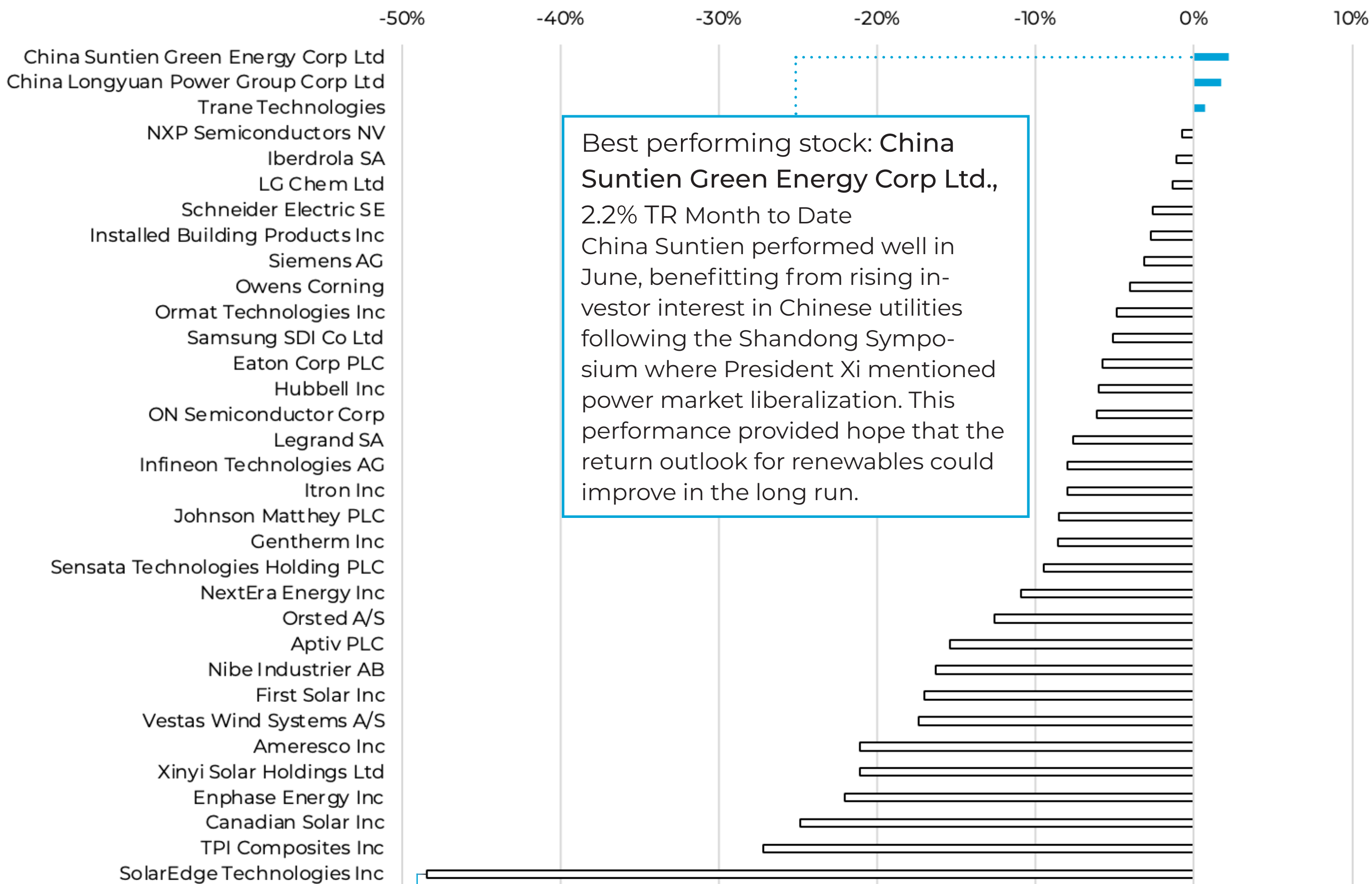

Best performing stock: **China Suntien Green Energy Corp Ltd.,** 2.2% TR Month to Date
China Suntien performed well in June, benefitting from rising investor interest in Chinese utilities following the Shandong Symposium where President Xi mentioned power market liberalization. This performance provided hope that the return outlook for renewables could improve in the long run.

Worst performing stock: **SolarEdge Technologies Inc.**, -48.4% TR Month to Date
SolarEdge underperformed in the month after cash flow guidance came in below expectations, demand weakness in Europe persisted, and the company unexpectedly announced plans to raise $300m via a private offering of convertible senior notes.

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As of 06/30/2024	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception (11/11/20)
SOLR at NAV	-8.04%	-3.37%	-12.08%	-4.26%	3.03%
SOLR at Market Price	-8.40%	-4.28%	-12.93%	-4.56%	3.41%
MSCI World NR	2.03%	11.75%	20.19%	6.85%	11.18%

Expense Ratio: 0.79% (net) | 3.18% (gross)

The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or pay ETF expenses in order to limit the Fund's total annual operating expenses to 0.79% through June 30, 2027.

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Interesting News

- Bloomberg New Energy Finance published its annual Electric Vehicle Outlook for 2024. A key finding was that despite recent news of a slowdown, they believe that EVs could make up a third of new car sales in the US by 2027. Despite plug-in vehicles penetration lagging China and Europe at just 10% in 2023, BNEF believes that the modest near-term growth is likely to give way to stronger momentum as new, more affordable EV models are launched by local champions such as Ford and Tesla, while the local manufacturing capacity of foreign automakers like Hyundai, BMW and Toyota also ramp up. Under the forecaster's Economic Transition Scenario, US EV sales are expected to rise to 4.5 million units in 2027, making up just under a third of new car sales, before rising to 48% of new passenger vehicle sales by the end of the decade, just below President Biden's target of 50%.

- After the announcement of US tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles in May, the European Union followed suit in June. The European Commission notified automakers that it would provisionally apply additional duties of 17-38% on Chinese EV imports from next month on top of the existing 10% tariff on all Chinese EVs. The final duty to be applied will depend on the extent to which each original equipment manufacturer complied with the EU's anti-subsidy investigation announced in September 2023, with a maximum all-in tariff of 48%. The EU defended the action, saying in a statement that their investigation had found that the EV supply chain in China "benefits heavily from unfair subsidies in China, and that the influx of subsidized Chinese imports at artificially low prices therefore presents a threat of clearly foreseeable and imminent injury to EU industry."

- Canada's Brookfield Asset Management advanced its €6.1bn (approx. $6.7bn USD) acquisition of French renewable power specialist Neoen, signing a share purchase agreement to take a 53% stake in the company. This is the latest move in a spate of mergers & acquisitions activity in the European clean power sector in 2024. Brookfield's advance on Neoen follows KKR's offer for German electricity and energy producer Encavis in March, TAQA's attempted takeover of Spanish gas and electricity giant Naturgy in April, and EQT and Masdar's proposals to take Swedish renewables developer OX2 and Greek IPP Terna Energy private respectively in May.

- According to Levelten energy, US wind power purchase agreements (PPAs) prices hit a record high in the first quarter of 2024, achieving an average price of $61.52 per megawatt hour. This represents a 20% increase year-over-year and around a 250% increase since 2019. This upwards trajectory not only reflects pressures from inflation and interest rates experienced in recent years, but also a scarcity of wind PPAs and a growing demand for renewable energy from power-hungry technology companies to support the roll-out of AI.

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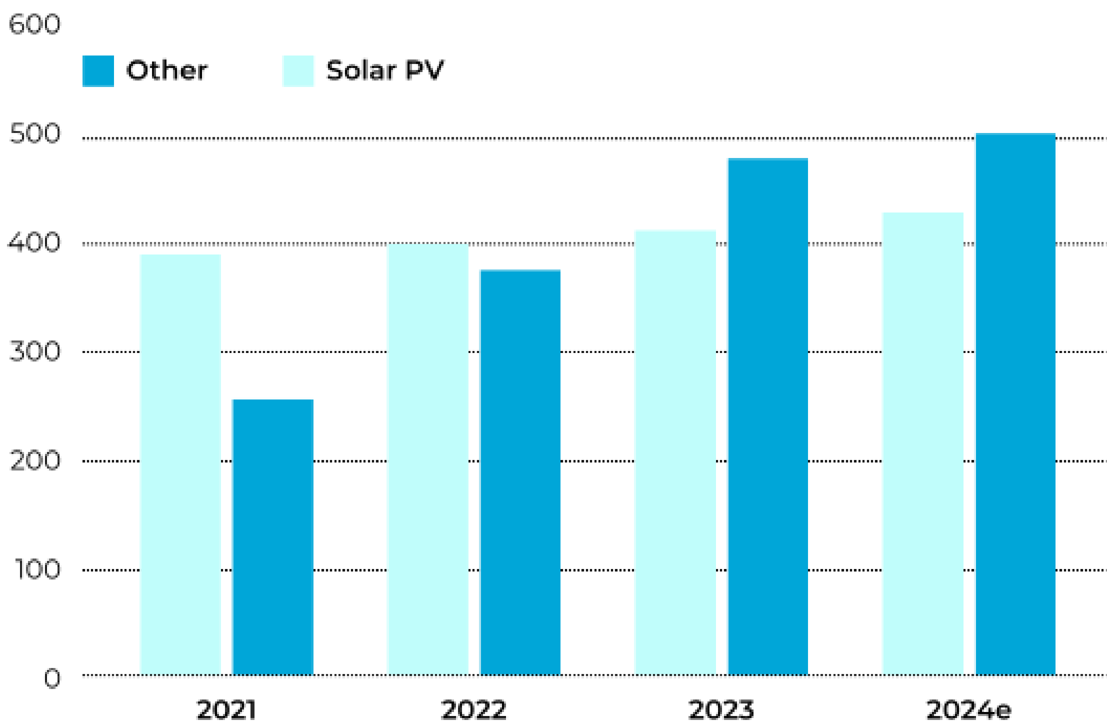
Interesting News (continued)

- According to an International Energy Agency report published last month, global investment in clean technologies is on track to hit nearly $2tn in 2024, almost twice the amount being spent on coal, oil and gas. A key concern for many investors was that the end of cheap borrowing would slow the growth of renewables, but the impact on project economics has been partially offset by easing supply chain pressures and falling prices, especially for solar photovoltaic (PV) and battery technologies.

- According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), global investment in solar PV power generation is projected to reach $503 billion in 2024, surpassing investment all other generation sources combined. On the other hand, investment in coal power has fallen by 40% since 2021.

Global Annual Investment in Solar PV & Other Generation Technologies (USD Billions)



Source: International Energy Agency. Data as of June 2024.

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