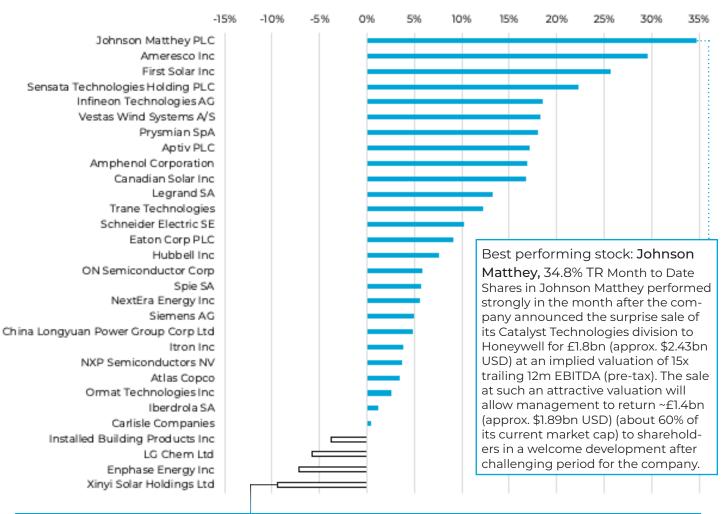


#### Portfolio Performance

as of 05/31/2025

SOLR outperformed its index in May, with the MSCI World Index benchmark delivering 5.92% while SOLR delivered 7.97% on NAV basis, and 8.36% on a market price basis. Markets continued to be impacted by political developments in the US and tariff uncertainty. Among the fund's top performers were auto-related names such as Infineon and Sensata who benefited from the temporary de-escalation in global tariffs. On the other hand, the fund's weaker performers were impacted by ongoing efforts to revise the Inflation Reduction Act as part of current US budget discussions. Read on for more SOLR.

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#### Worst performing stock: Xinyi Solar Holdings Ltd., -9.5% TR Month to Date Shares in Xinyi Solar underperformed in the month after the latest draft of the Republican tax bill implied an immediate and full repeal of benefits for Chinese companies. Under the latest draft, solar projects that contain components from China and/or Solar modules produced from over 10% Chinese-owned US capacity, will be disqualified for tax credits. These developments incrementally worsen the profitability outlook for Xinyi Solar.

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### Portfolio Performance

As of 05/31/2025	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception (11/11/20)
SOLR at NAV	7.97%	4.48%	-11.81%	-2.19%	1.48%
SOLR at Market Price	8.36%	5.09%	-11.90%	-2.33%	1.83%
MSCI World NR	5.92%	4.95%	13.72%	13.17%	11.45%
As of 03/31/2025	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception (11/11/20)
As of 03/31/2025 SOLR at NAV	1 Month -3.21%	YTD -4.97%	1 Year -15.29%	3 Years -7.03%	Since Inception (11/11/20) -0.64%

Expense Ratio: 0.79% (net) | 3.12% (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, 2028.

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A fund's NAV is the sum of all its assets less any liabilities, divided by the number of shares outstanding. The market price is the most recent price at which the fund was traded.

### Buys & Sells

#### - Buys

+ Atlas Copco is a producer of high-quality Swedish industrial-selling energy efficiency products that are critical for many existing and emerging low-carbon technologies. Having somewhat sold off in recent months, we believe that there is a compelling opportunity to purchase a high-quality compounder in a depressed cyclical sector.



### Interesting News

- Global heat pump sales rebounded in 2024, growing 6% with strong growth in Asia and North America. Sales in Europe materially declined due to faltering policy support and high electricity costs. Canada and the UK were the fastest growing regions, according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF), with shipments up 53% and 64% respectively. Continued growth remains dependent on consistent and supportive policy as well as further affordability improvements.
- Global electric vehicle (EV) sales have demonstrated considerable resilience in the face of ongoing trade disruptions, recording 29% year-on-year growth according to research house Rho Motion. China has seen 35% sales growth this year as domestic manufacturers have met surging domestic demand with little impact from increas-

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Heat Pump Sales (millions)

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2025

ing trade barriers. Europe has also enjoyed 25% year-to-date sales growth as tightening emission targets continue to drive adoption in key markets such as Germany (+42%), Italy (+56%), Spain (+57%), and the UK (+32%). In contrast, growth in North America continues to be constrained by tariff volatility and policy uncertainty, resulting in just 5% sales growth year-to-date.

In May, President Trump signed a series of executive orders aimed at revitalizing the US nuclear industry. The measures include fast-tracking licenses for new reactors, streamlining regulatory processes, and initiating a broader overhaul of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to reduce bureaucratic delays. These moves signal a significant policy pivot designed to re-establish nuclear power as a cornerstone of US energy strategy, potentially unlocking new investment in small modular reactors (SMRs) and next-generation nuclear technologies.

Developments in the sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) sector point to growing international momentum. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) recently projected that global SAF production will double in 2025 to reach 2 million tons – equivalent to 0.7% of the industry's fuel consumption. However, the agency also cautioned that without substantial investment in production capacity and consistent policy support, the sector may struggle to scale efficiently. Elevated costs could persist, limiting the aviation industry's ability to decarbonize.

Rising forecasts for US power demand continue to fuel merger & acquisition activity in the sector. In May, Blackstone Infrastructure announced the acquisition of utility TXNM Energy for \$11.5 billion, representing a 15% premium to the undisturbed market price. The firm cited surging electricity demand and TXNM's

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### Interesting News (continued)

transition-oriented generation portfolio as key drivers of the investment. In the same month, NRG Energy disclosed plans to acquire a portion of LS Power's generation assets for \$12 billion, with management noting that the US is in the early stages of a power demand "supercycle". These transactions mark the latest in a flurry of high-value deals in the space, following Constellation Energy's \$16.4 billion acquisition of Calpine in January.

- Danish energy company Orsted has cancelled its £8bn (approx. \$10.9bn USD) Hornsea 4 offshore wind project in the UK, citing deteriorating economic conditions including inflationary pressures and supply chain constraints. The decision underscores the mounting challenges facing large-scale renewable energy developments, particularly amid rising capital costs and uncertain policy support. Whilst the decision is clearly detrimental to the UK's net zero ambitions, the opportunity remains for the projected to be restarted when conditions improve.

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Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal.

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