Investment Risks and Options: The Climate Case and Beyond

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“I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been.”

-Wayne Gretzky

- Investing is a long-term quest: looking for corroborating evidence
- Global sectors: leaders, laggards, casualties, beneficiaries
- Limits to Wall Street, materiality
Portfolio Construction: A Holistic Approach to Challenging Sectors

Avoid Coal, Tar Sands, Nuclear, Ethanol
Egregious Companies

Favor “Best of Class”
Oil, Gas, and Renewables

Seek Substitutes
In Every Sector

Pursue Solutions & Energy Efficiency
In Every Sector

Engage in Dialogue
All Companies

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Long-term Risk/Return
Annualized Returns – 7yrs ending 12/31/13

1. BCAM Value represents data from the Tax-Exempt U.S. Large-Cap Value Equity Composite.
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3. BCAM Int’l represents data from the All Account International Equity Composite.

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• Same destination, different path

• Similar failings and successes

• Doubts about whether market benchmarks represent your opportunity cost
Future Outlook

“The future ain’t what it used to be.”
-Yogi Berra

- Charged with investing under uncertainty
- Pressures of the present, salience of the long-term
- Investment guidelines to address the “four horsemen”: inflation, deflation, confiscation, devastation