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# Megatrends! Climate Transition: A World of Compromises

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# **Megatrends!**

Introduction: In a decade, what will investors wish they had known today? (*Episode 1*)

- **1** Have the gains from *globalization* peaked or just shifted? (*Episode 2*)
- 2 Will *aging populations* slow growth—or spur innovation? (*Episode 3*)
- **3** How will the *climate transition* reshape the global economy? (*Episode 4*)
- 4 Will *government debts* drive growth or swamp financial markets?
- 5 How much will *new technologies* disrupt existing industries?



# **Question: How Will the Climate Transition Reshape the Global Economy?**

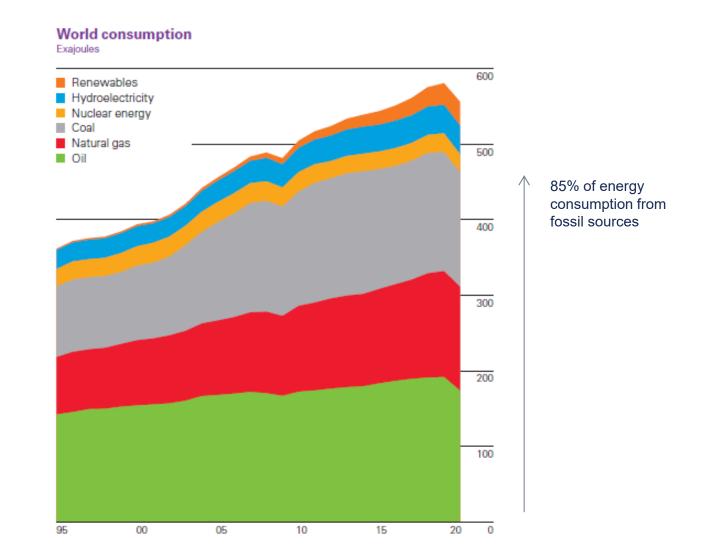
A transition away from a totally different life

- 1. The Long Road
- 2. A Trilemma
- 3. Climate Compromises
- 4. Alliances
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- 7. Where to invest?



## 1. The Long Road

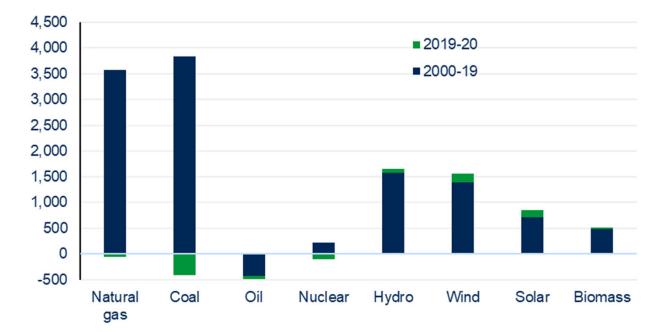
Except for the pandemic, energy use is growing and a large share comes from fossil sources



Source: BP 2021 Statistical Review of World Energy.

# 1. The Long Road

We are not moving very fast in substituting renewables for fossil energies



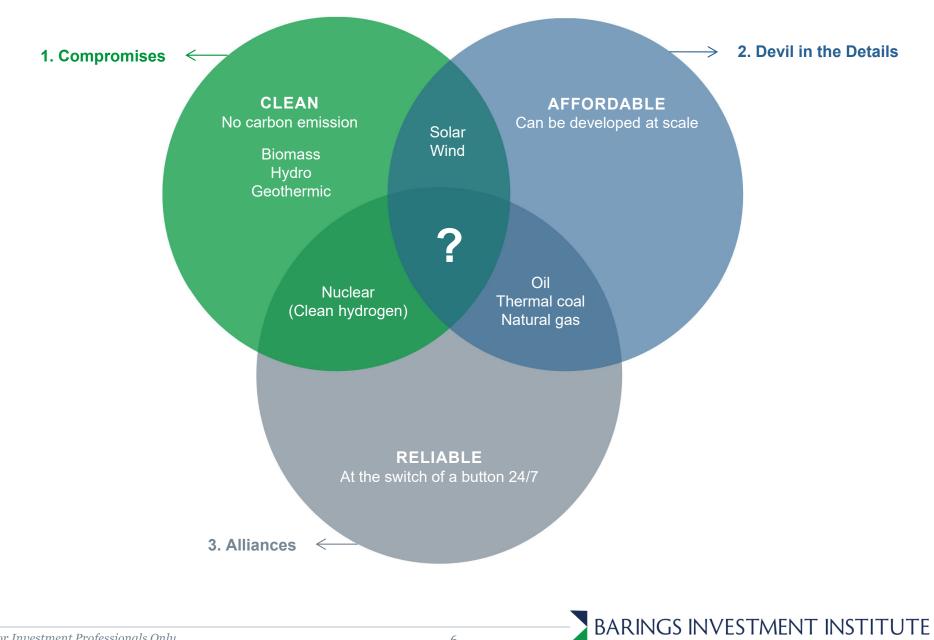
# WORLD: CHANGE IN ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION, 2000–20 (TWH/YEAR)

Source: BP 2021 Statistical Review of World Energy, BII calculations.

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# 2. A Trilemma

We want an energy mix that is clean, reliable and affordable

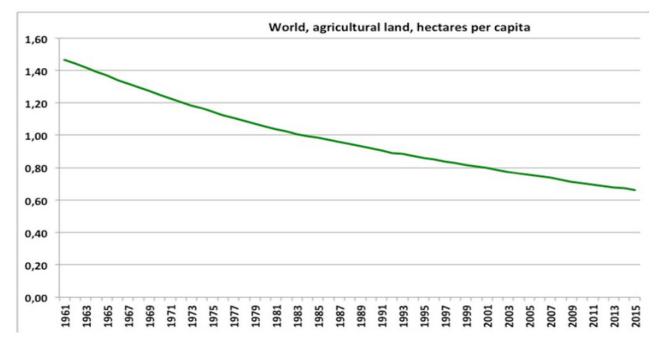


#### Sea, sun and compromises

# Recycling Land

#### DUE TO LOCATION AND GEOGRAPHY

- Need land: renewables compete for land with man, cattle, crops, unlike underground fossil sources
- "Not in my backyard" arguments: protection of wildlife, biodiversity, cultural habitat
- · Not every country can access every energy source

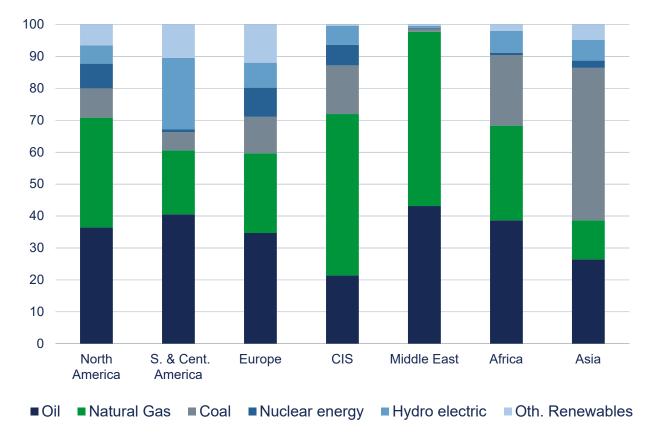


#### **COMPETITION FOR RESOURCES IN A SHRINKING LAND**

Source: World Bank. As of 2016.

# 3. Climate Compromises

#### There will not be one size fits all



#### **REGIONAL ELECTRICITY GENERATION BY FUEL (2020, %)**

Source: BP 2021 Statistical Review of World Energy, BII calculations.

A mineral-intensive shift

# EXAMPLE A COMPETITION FOR RESOURCES Circular Economy Recycling Minerals Minerals Minerals Minerals Minerals

#### Copper Transport (kg/vehicle) Lithium Electric car Nickel Conventional car Manganese 50 100 150 200 250 Cobalt Power generation (kg/MW) Graphite Offshore wind Chromium Onshore wind Molybdenum Solar PV ■Zinc Nuclear Rare earths Coal Silicon Natural gas Others 4 0 0 0 8 000 12 000 16 000 20 000

#### MINERAL INTENSITY

Source: International Energy Agency. As of 2021.



# 3. Climate Compromises

Demand increases meet resource constraints

# Machines

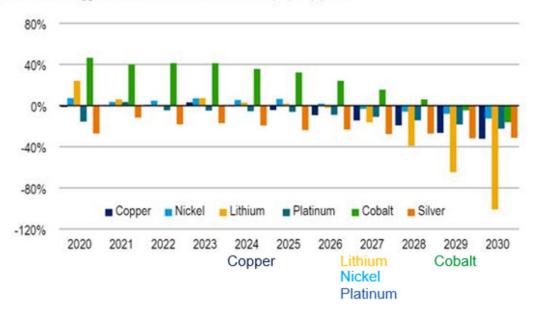
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#### Exhibit 69: Market balances, of supply

Miners will struggle to feed demand with the current project pipeline



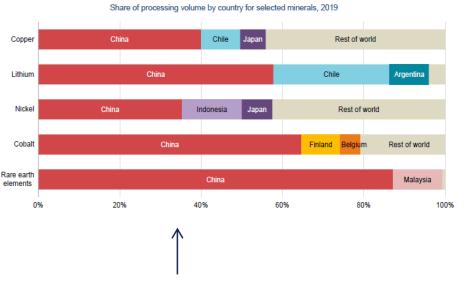
Source: Bank of America, Metals Strategist. As of May 2022.

# 4. Alliances

The energy transition will not reduce import dependency or enhance energy security Securing supply will require some persistent form of globalization and new strategic alliances

# Mining Transports Commodities





CONCENTRATED PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF MINERALS

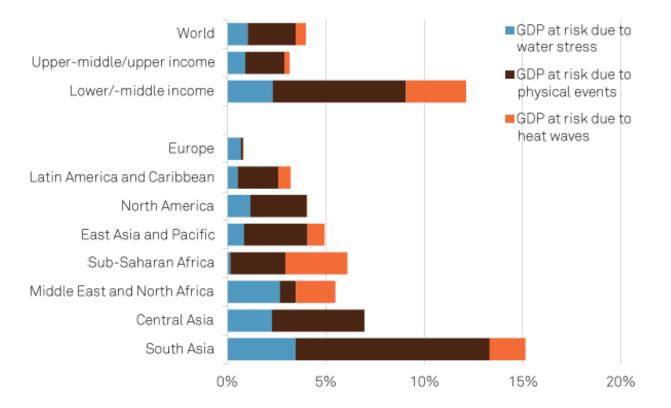
China



Source: International Energy Agency. As of 2021.

## **4.** Alliances

# Security Defence SOUTH ASIA IS MORE THAN TEN TIMES MORE EXPOSED Water

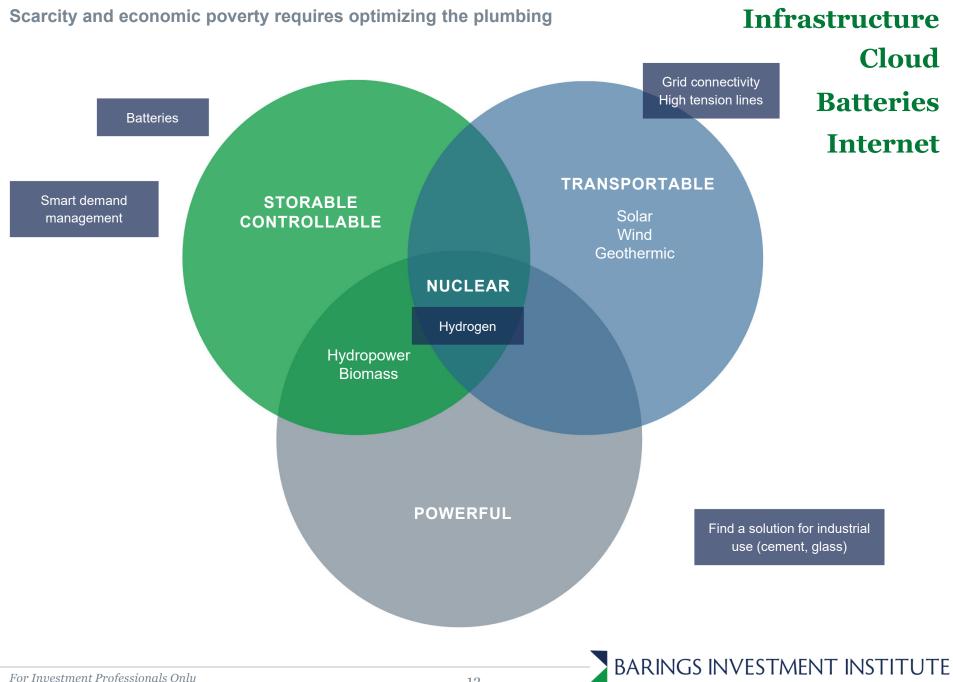


THAN EUROPE IN 2050 UNDER RCP4.5

Source: S&P, Physical Climate Risks: Global and Country Analysis. As of May 2022.

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# 5. Devil in the Details



# 6. What Will We Wish We Had Known?

Mapping the space between no longer and not yet

# Fossil fuels Carbon Capture Carbon Trading Impact Investment Insurance

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#### **COMPROMISE QUICKLY: NO FIRST BEST**

- · Not without fossils, with carbon pricing and capture
- Plan early for a clean baseload: difficult without nuclear, where affordable
- · Raise mining investment and secure supply: short-term costs vs long-term gains

#### **INVEST IN THE DETAILS: PHYSICAL CLIMATE RISKS WILL RISE**

- R&D hydrogen, storage, grid, demand management
- Demand for climate insurance, reinsurance
- Adaptation investments

#### PLAN THE WHOLE TRANSFORMATION: TOO BIG TO FAIL

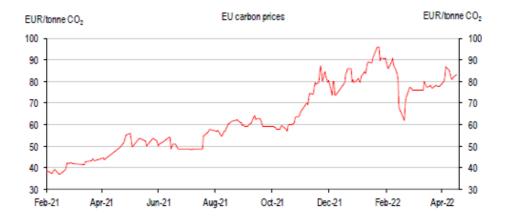
- Many moving parts and a global issue to coordinate: supranational body, climate bank
- Enroll the private sector in for-profit financing structures: ESG, impact investment

# 6. What Will We Wish We Had Known?

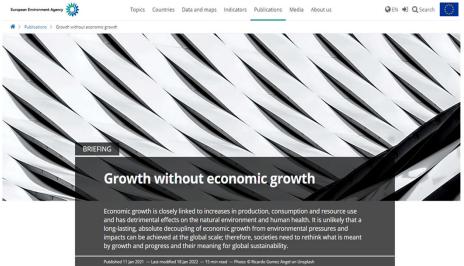
A transition at odds with the growth-inflation mix we desire

#### CARBON PRICES RISE WITH THE INTENSITY OF CLIMATE POLICY

#### CAN GROWTH DECOUPLE FROM A FALL IN ENERGY INTENSITY?



- · Higher inflation and inflation volatility
- · Detrimental to unemployment unless reskill and educate
- Lower growth, partly offsetting inflation pressure





## 7. Where to invest?

#### It always seems impossible until it's done

- 1. Real assets (through cash and financial instruments)
  - Land, water rights
  - Mines and mining equipment
  - Metals, minerals and energy

#### 2. Infrastructure

- Electrical equipment for grids
- · Cloud, internet, digitization of demand management

#### 3. Technology

- Battery storage
- Green hydrogen for transports
- R&D

#### 4. Financial sector

- Climate and conflict insurance
- Carbon market
- ESG and impact funds
- Credit Default Swaps



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