

ZKB MeinIndex Sustainable Water

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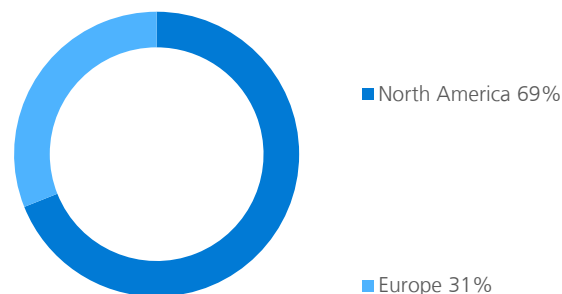
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In brief

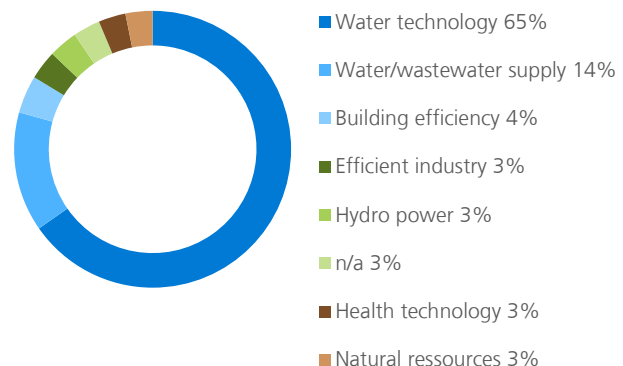
- Fresh water is essential to all forms of life on our planet.
- The world's population is growing at a rate of 78m annually. Population growth increases water consumption and requires the expansion of water infrastructures.
- Fresh water is becoming an increasingly scarce resource and therefore an economic good.
- Existing water infrastructures are in many cases obsolete and in need of replacement.
- Global warming is also having an increasingly negative effect on scarce supplies of fresh water.



Distribution by region as of 29.01.2021



Distribution by portfolio category as of 29.01.2021



Performance figures ZKB MeinIndex Sustainable Water

Absolute	Annualized	
1m	2.3%	
3mths	14.9%	
1y	15.9%	
3y	38.9%	13.0%
5y	93.0%	18.6%
since launch	210.7%	18.7%

Annual performance	
2013	26.9%
2014	11.1%
2015	-1.3%
2016	15.2%
2017	17.8%
2018	-13.5%
2019	38.1%
2020	12.8%
2021 YTD	2.3%

A precious commodity

Fresh water is becoming an increasingly precious commodity on our planet, and therefore an ever-more important economic factor. Of the world's 6.2 bn population, around 0.8 bn currently have no access to clean water and 2.4 bn live without an adequate sewerage system.

Water is more than just a liquid: it is essential to all forms of life on the planet. Besides a steady rise in usage and the attendant pollution of globally scarce supplies of drinking water, global warming is also having an increasingly adverse effect on this precious commodity. To ensure that all the planet's inhabitants have an adequate water supply in the future, the economy needs to deal with this resource in a much more sustainable manner. Sustainable water-sector corporations are therefore enjoying increasingly strong demand, providing attractive opportunities for investors.

Four key trends will drive the water sector's growth over the next

few years:

- The world's population is growing at an annual rate of around 78m, and there are likely to be more than 8 bn people by 2025. Population growth increases water consumption and necessitates appropriate infrastructures.
- Existing water infrastructures are in many cases obsolete and in need of replacement. There is a tremendous need for investment.
- The demands on water quality standards – particularly in the industrialized countries – are rising.
- According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), climate change means declining drinking water resources.

Water supply

This includes firms that have significant activities in the water / wastewater sector. These companies are characterized by their sustainable corporate leadership/strategy – meaning they take ecological and social as well as financial factors into account in their corporate strategy.

Water technology

The companies represented in the water technology category are specialized in areas such as water/wastewater piping, sanitary installations and water measurement. They also include

companies with water-efficient products and processes.

Water/wastewater treatment Due to continued pollution of water – especially in the residential, industrial and agricultural sectors – demand for water purification

and wastewater treatment technologies is growing globally.

Clean water plays an extremely important role in terms of combating disease and epidemics.

Water services

The water services category consists of companies that are involved in the measurement and assessment of water quality or with the planning of installations, for instance for water treatment and soil decontamination.

Hydroelectricity

Corporations which focus on renewable energy production from hydroelectricity and are managed on a sustainable basis.

Information on ZKB MeinIndex

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ZKB MeinIndex Sustainable Water Components as of 29.01.2021

Underlying	Currency	Portfolio category	Weight as of 29.01.2021
Advanced Drainage Systems Inc	USD	Water technology	4.22%
Algonquin Power & Utilities Co	CAD	Hydro power	3.39%
American Water Works Co Inc	USD	Water/wastewater supply	3.19%
Badger Meter Inc	USD	Water technology	4.03%
Danaher Corp	USD	Health technology	3.17%
Ecolab Inc	USD	Water technology	3.21%
Essential Utilities Inc	USD	Water/wastewater supply	3.49%
Eurofins Scientific SE	EUR	Water technology	3.53%
Geberit AG	CHF	Water technology	3.14%
Georg Fischer AG	CHF	Water technology	3.70%
Halma PLC	Gbp	Water technology	3.28%
Hera SpA	EUR	Water/wastewater supply	3.31%
ICF International Inc	USD	Water technology	3.76%
IDEX Corp	USD	Water technology	3.12%
Itron Inc	USD	Building efficiency	4.40%
Masco Corp	USD	Water technology	2.98%
Mayr Melnhof Karton AG	EUR	Efficient industry	3.39%
Pentair PLC	USD	Water technology	3.34%
Rexnord Corp	USD	Water technology	3.90%
Sika AG	CHF	Water technology	3.33%
Stantec Inc	CAD	Water technology	3.90%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	USD	n/a	3.18%
Tractor Supply Co	USD	Natural resources	3.15%
Valmont Industries Inc	USD	Water technology	4.84%
Veolia Environnement SA	EUR	Water/wastewater supply	3.96%
Waters Corp	USD	Water technology	4.07%
Watts Water Technologies Inc	USD	Water technology	3.49%
Xylem Inc/NY	USD	Water technology	3.36%

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