



Weekly Market Briefing

Week Ending 2025-08-19

Weekly Summary

This week's briefing highlights key developments shaping sustainable finance, particularly in emerging markets and transparency initiatives. ICRA's new SPO service for debt frameworks promises enhanced ESG due diligence, while a program integrating agroforestry with small tea growers signals growing opportunities for impact investments in India. Though the featured analysis of the French social analytics market offers tangential insights into technology growth, its direct relevance to ESG mandates remains limited. Looking ahead, expect continued momentum in sustainable agriculture and increasing demand for rigorous ESG assessments, driving greater investor confidence and capital allocation in these areas.

Listed Fund Performance Summary

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Smallest Discounts

Fund	Price	NAV	Discount
Downing Renewables & Infrastructure	£101.75	£112.36	-9.4%
Impax Environmental Markets	£386.50	£431.87	-10.5%
Greencoat UK Wind	£126.00	£150.00	-16.0%
Foresight Solar Fund	£91.40	£111.00	-17.7%
Renewables Infrastructure Group	£89.70	£112.70	-20.4%

Largest Discounts

Fund	Price	NAV	Discount
VH Global Energy Infrastructure	£71.80	£103.29	-30.5%
SDCL Efficiency Income	£57.00	£90.60	-37.1%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	£60.30	£102.80	-41.3%
Aquila Energy Efficiency Trust	£33.00	£85.55	-61.4%
HydrogenOne Capital Growth	£27.65	£89.28	-69.0%

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ICRA ESG Ratings launches Second Party Opinion to boost transparency in ESG debt market

Source: The Times of India

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POSITIVE IMPACT

- ICRA ESG Ratings Ltd. launches a Second Party Opinion (SPO) service, offering independent ESG assessments of issuers' debt frameworks, increasing transparency and credibility.
- This new service can assist institutional investors in the sustainable finance sector by providing deeper insights into the alignment of debt instruments with ESG principles and frameworks.
- The SPO will likely enhance due diligence processes for investors seeking to allocate capital to credible and impactful ESG investments, improving risk-adjusted returns.

Topic: Market Trends

Mentioned Companies: None

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Agroforestry push: Assam small tea growers receive agar saplings to boost green economy

Source: Syllad.com

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POSITIVE IMPACT

- **Agroforestry Integration:** The program promoting the integration of agroforestry with small tea growers signifies a move towards more sustainable agricultural practices. This aligns with the ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) investment priorities of institutional investors focused on sustainable finance.
- **Community Engagement:** The focus on small tea growers and local communities reflects a social dimension crucial for sustainable investments. Institutional investors increasingly seek projects that demonstrate positive social impact alongside environmental benefits.
- **Regional Focus:** The program's location in the Jorhat district of Assam (implied by Titabor block), India, highlights emerging market opportunities within sustainable agriculture. This provides potential avenues for institutional investors seeking diversification and impact investments in developing economies.

Topic: Corporate Action Mentioned Companies: None

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POSITIVE IMPACT

- **Focus on Marketing, not Sustainability:** The article focuses on the social analytics market for marketing *within* France. This is relevant to institutional investors focusing on the technology or marketing sectors, but not directly linked to sustainable finance.
- **Growth Potential:** The market is experiencing rapid evolution and growth, indicating investment opportunities within the French marketing technology space. Institutional investors may see potential for returns, but it's contingent on their specific investment criteria.
- **Competitive Landscape:** The article discusses the competitive dynamics of social analytics in marketing. This suggests that institutional investors will need to conduct thorough due diligence to assess the potential of individual companies and the market's long-term viability.

Topic: Market Trends Mentioned Companies: None

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