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Biodiversity Reloaded: Would you like to book a meeting?

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Despite Biodiversity arguably being a very challenging theme to invest in, a lot has changed in the last 18m since we published our <u>initial Deep-Dive</u> on the topic. In our <u>Biodiversity 2.0 note</u> out yesterday, **Virginia and Noemie update their analysis of biodiversity data, regulations and, of course, investment ideas.** To **book a meeting**, please click on the link below or reach out to your J.P. Morgan contact.

What's differentiated? We are making Biodiversity really investable

- Our Biodiversity 1.0 report contained c. 40 stock ideas, whereas today's note
 has almost 140, providing investors with a universe they can really engage
 with.
- We have identified 57 global solution-providing companies that help address the
 causes of biodiversity loss, and 81 companies that are strong risk managers of
 biodiversity-related risks.
- The screening output has also been strengthened with a revenue alignment calculation, and additional context for each solution provider, which we believe will be specially helpful for thematic/impact funds.

Ideas galore

- Of the 57 solution providers we have identified, 26 are OW-rated by J.P. Morgan analysts; we flag Sappi and Danone in EMEA, Kubota in Japan, AGCO and Darling Ingredients in the US, and CMPC, Natura &Co and Suzano in LatAm, in dedicated Espresso Shots detailing the financial investment case, alongside the sustainability and biodiversity angles.
- Of the 81 risk managers we have identified, 39 are OW-rated by J.P. Morgan analysts; we detail Unilever and AB InBev in EMEA, SLC Agricola in LatAm and

Shiseido and Lion in Japan in dedicated Espresso Shots.

No Sustainability report can be complete without...

- A round-the-world forward-looking regulatory journey
- Our comparative analysis of the main biodiversity vendors (Bloomberg, Carbon 4
 Finance (C4F), Iceberg Data Lab, ISS, MSCI, and S&P),

Would you like a virtual meeting with Virginia & Noemie to discuss their work further?

Please use the link below to book a slot.

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Dates and Times available:

- 18th July 2024: 9am 3pm UKT
- 22nd July 2024: 9am 4pm UKT

Hosts:

Global Head of ESG Research Methodology & Integration

Virginia is Head of ESG Research Methodology and Integration. Prior to her current role Virginia co-managed the JP Morgan Global Macro, Global Macro Opportunities and Global Macro Sustainable funds. Before this she had a number of roles as global multi-asset portfolio manager and financials equity analyst on the buy side and the sell side. Virginia has several scientific publications and a patent resulting from her work in academia and semiconductors prior to the GFC. She has a Diplôme d'Ingénieur from Télécom Paris and a Masters in Telecommunications Engineering from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. She is fluent in Italian, French and Spanish.

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Noemie de la Gorce is a Senior ESG Analyst within EMEA ESG & Sustainability Research. Prior to her current role, she was at S&P Global Ratings, where she contributed to develop the firm's ESG offering and supervised the delivery of thematic and company research across multiple sectors and regions. Noemie has spent her career in the ESG industry, starting at BNP Paribas and S&P Trucost. She holds a masters in Finance and Economics from Sciences Po Bordeaux (France) and is a CFA® charter holder.

Where the wild things are: finding biodiversity stocks and alphagenerating strategies

Using our biodiversity framework, we have identified **57 companies** where the **provision of solutions to help address the causes of biodiversity loss is a material revenue driver,** and **81 companies** that in our view are particularly **strong risk mangers of biodiversity-related risks**, that span the sectoral and regional spectrum.

Figure 1: Our framework to identify Biodiversity investments

Source: J.P. Morgan based on IPBES

Figure 2: Choose you own adventure

Biodiversity universe across sectors and regions

Source: J. P. Morgan. Note: OW-rated stocks are displayed in green, UWs in red, Ns in black and not rated stocks in grey.

Show me the alpha!

Our back-testing reveals that a long-only portfolio of biodiversity solution providers with dynamic allocation depending on the phase of the cycle could have **returned 7% p.a.** with a Sharpe ratio of 0.4, **outperforming the MSCI ACWI**.

Figure 3: A dynamic biodiversity strategy...

Figure 4: ... could have outperformed the ACWI over the past eight and a half years

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan

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Related Research:

- The Sustainable Investor: Biodiversity Reloaded, July 2024 (V.Martin Heriz & al.) link
- The Sustainable Investor: Biodiversity: Meet the New Climate, February 2023 (V.Martin Heriz & al.) - <u>link</u>

For any questions, please contact Virginia Martin Heriz or Noemie de la Gorce.

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Return CAGR	4.9%	7.0%	
Vol (annualized)	14%	16%	
Sharpe	0.3	0.4	

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