

Energy Perspectives

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Long-term macro and market outlook

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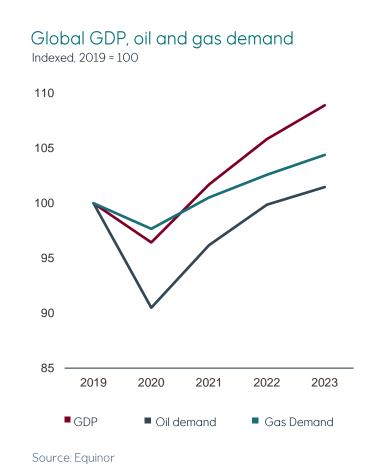






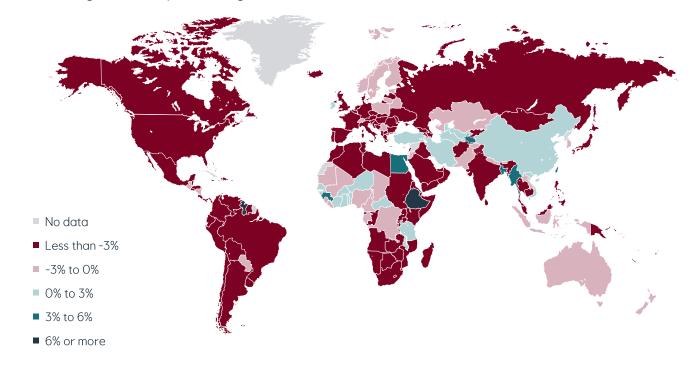
COVID-19: A shock with profound impact

On human beings, societies, economies, and markets





Real GDP growth, annual percent change

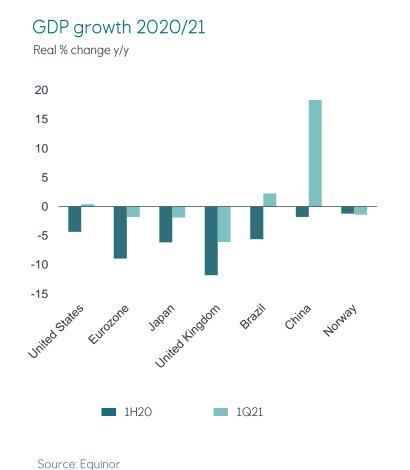


Source: International Monetary Fund



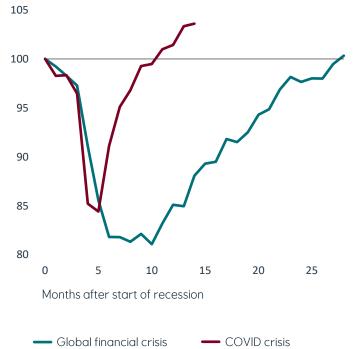
Signs of recovery

Recessions receding, trade levels back, signs of bottlenecks in markets



Global goods trade

Indexed, July 2008 and December 2019 = 100



Source: CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, Refinitiv Datastream

Global commodity prices

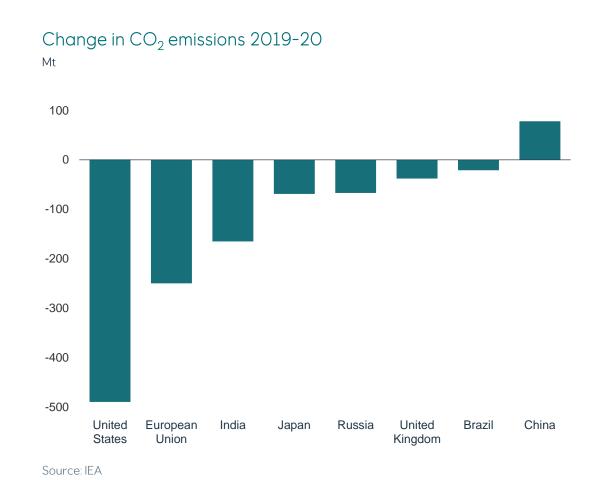
1000 Index 2019 = 100 (lhs) and USD/bbl (rhs)





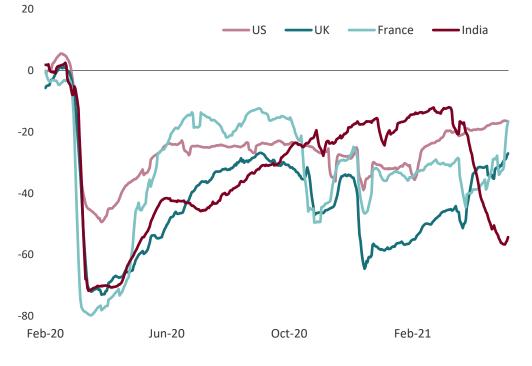
Energy use is increasing

 CO_2 emissions in China have rebounded, with others likely to follow; still potential for further increases



Community movement

% difference from pre-crisis. Average of retail, workspace and transit related movement of people

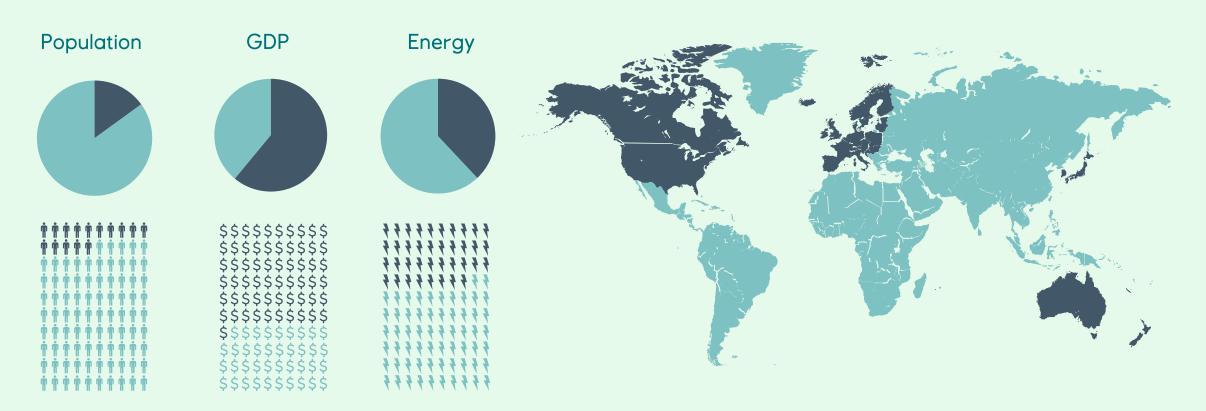


Source: Our world in data



An unbalanced world...

15% of the world's population have nearly 2/3 of the income and use more than 1/3 of the energy



Source: United Nations, IEA, Equinor

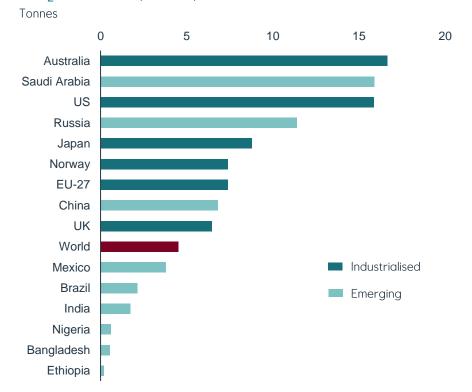


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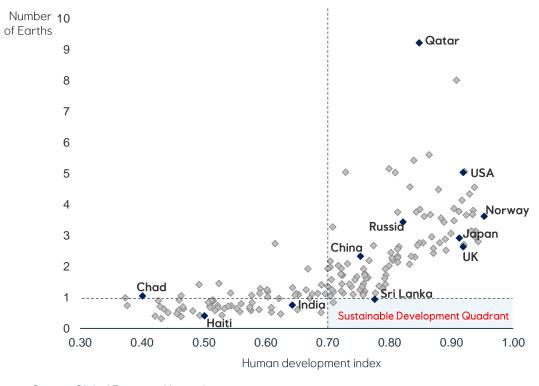
Industrialised countries emitting far more CO_2 per capita than those in the emerging economies; resource use too high

CO₂ emissions per capita in 2018

Source: United Nations



Living within the Earth's resource limits



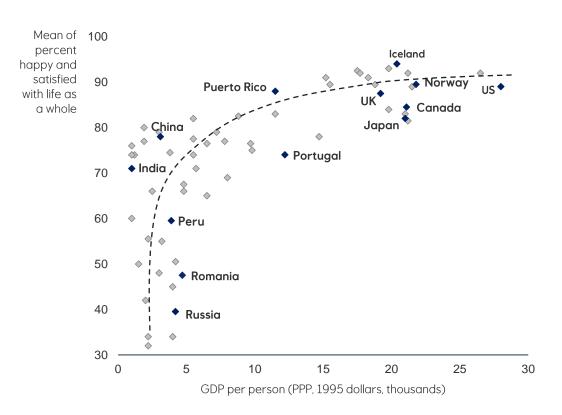
Source: Global Footprint Network



The limits to economic growth and well-being

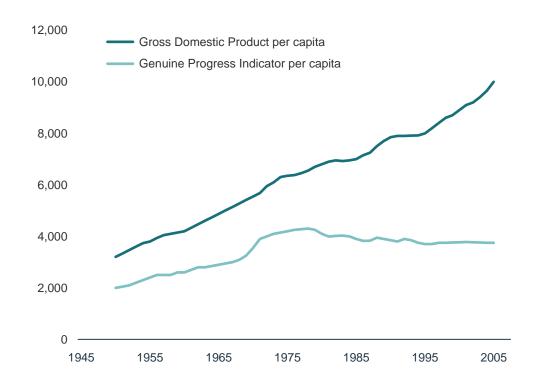
Economic growth brings enormous benefits, but beyond a certain point the improvements in well-being are marginal

Happiness and average annual income



GDP per capita and GPI per capita

2005 thousand USD, measured for 17 countries



Source: Beyond GDP, Measuring and achieving global genuine progress

Source: Worldwatch Institute



In which direction is the energy world moving?

Recent signposts show diverging paths, in terms of:

- Economic growth
- Energy efficiency
- Technology development
- Climate ambitions
- Market regulations
- Geopolitics



- Vaccine nationalism
- Weakening of international institutions
- Uneven recovery between rich and poor economies
- Traditional economic stimulus taking priority in policy
- Solar capacity growth slowing
- Volatility in commodity prices

- Net zero ambitions by governments and companies
- Growing support for CCS and Hydrogen
- USA taking leadership on climate issues

Two scenarios that capture where the world could be heading...



Reform

- Economic growth prioritised
- Market and technology driven
- Current policy momentum

Rivalry

- Focus on energy security
- Geopolitical uncertainty and volatility
- Trade tensions and isolationism





... and a path to a sustainable future

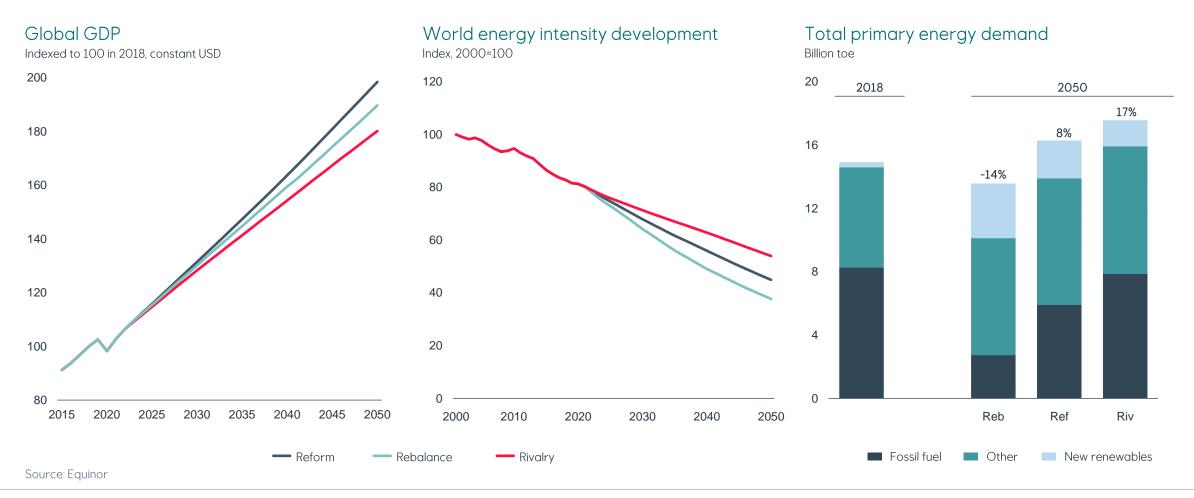
Rebalance

- Immediate and coordinated international action
- Consistent with well below 2°C Paris agreement target
- UN sustainable development goals met



Growing economies, massive improvement in energy efficiency

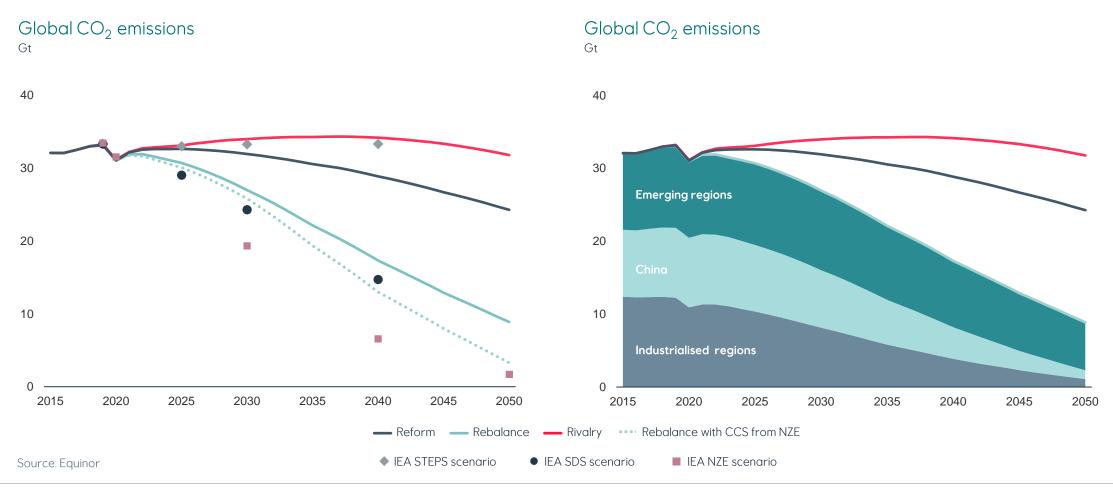
Only Rebalance delivers a sufficient energy transition and avoids energy addition





Several pathways for energy-related CO₂ emissions

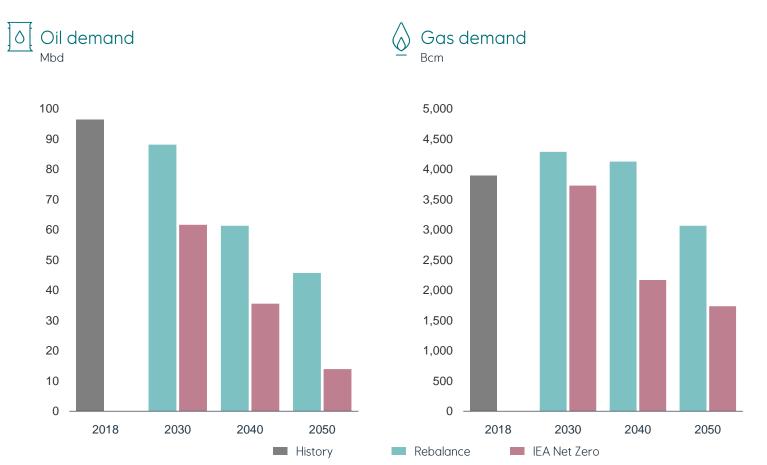
Reaching net zero in 30-50 years is a massive challenge and requires policies, behavioural changes, technology and investments



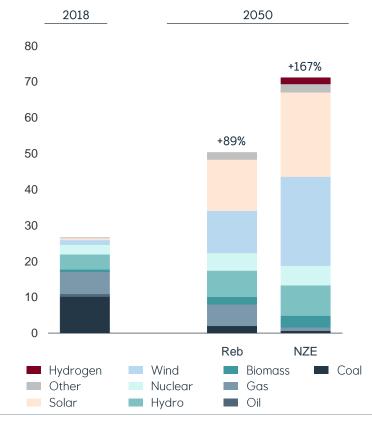


What does it take to get to net zero by 2050?

IEA NZE scenario compared with Rebalance



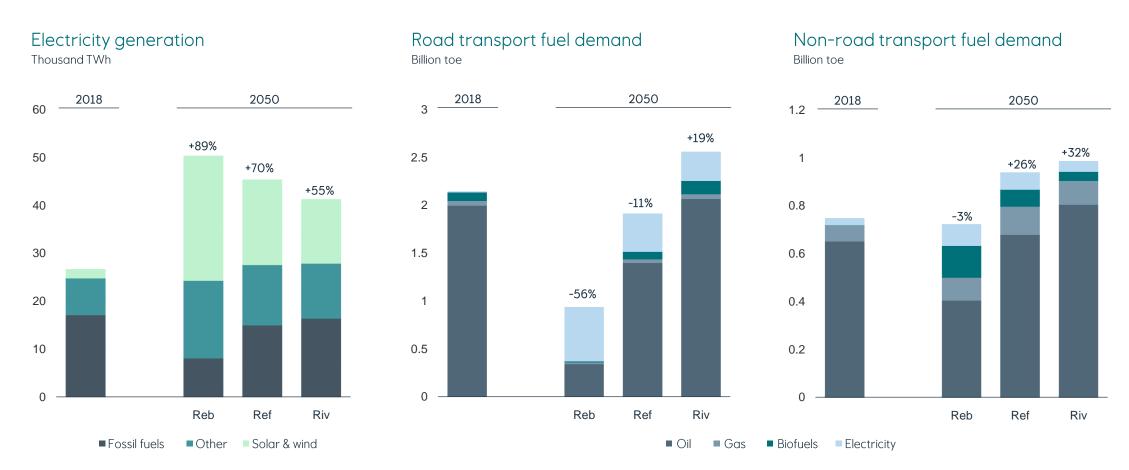






Where are energy markets moving?

Electrification is the key element of the energy transition, and a major factor in efficiency improvements

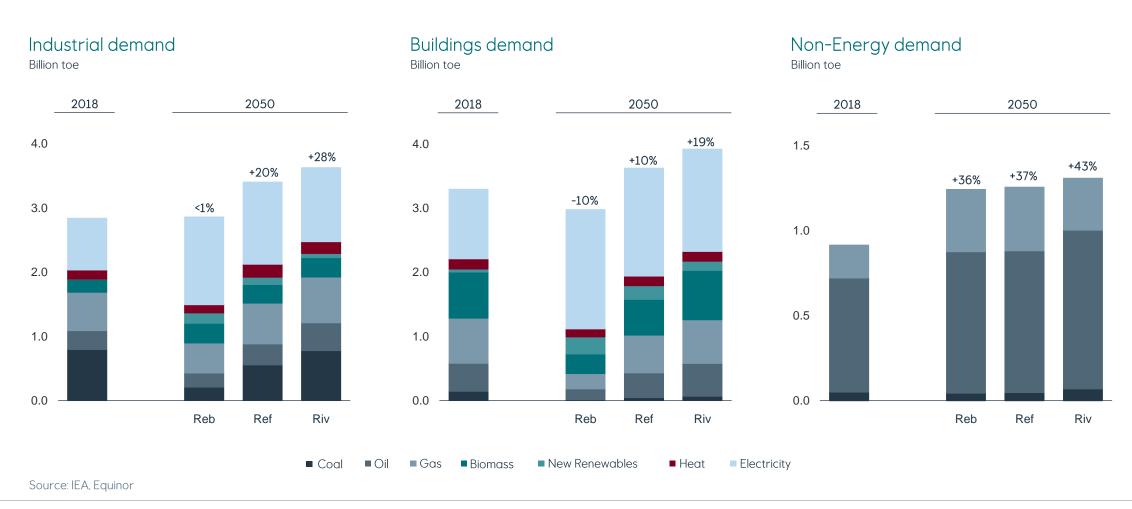


Source: IEA, Equinor



Transition moving too slowly in some sectors

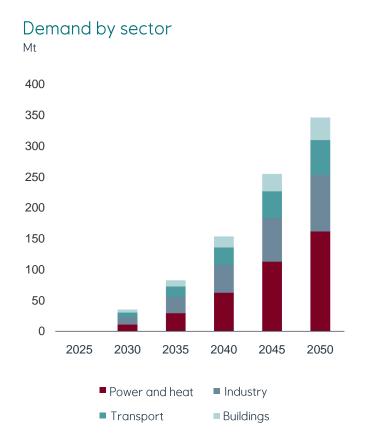
No silver bullet; efficiency and electrification are the primary measures

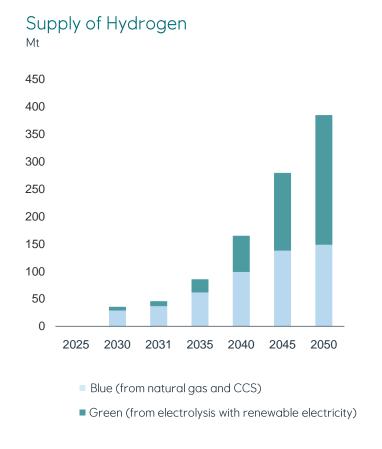


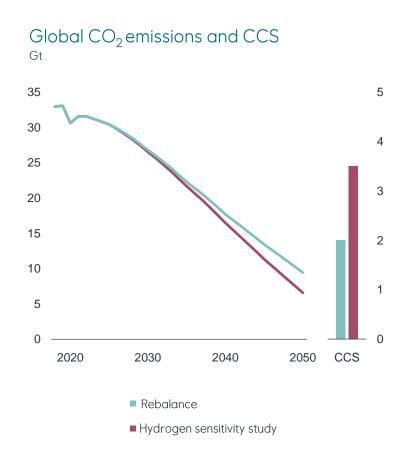


The impact of adding hydrogen to Rebalance

 H_2 could be an important part of the transition to a net zero economy





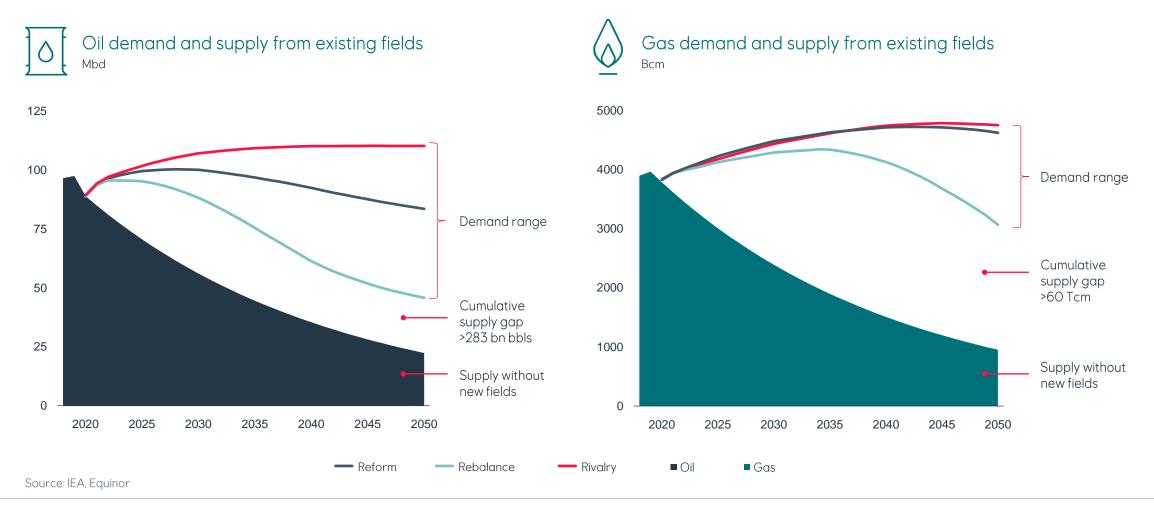


Source: Equinor



Wide outcome space for oil and gas demand

Large oil and gas investments in all scenarios, although significantly less in Rebalance



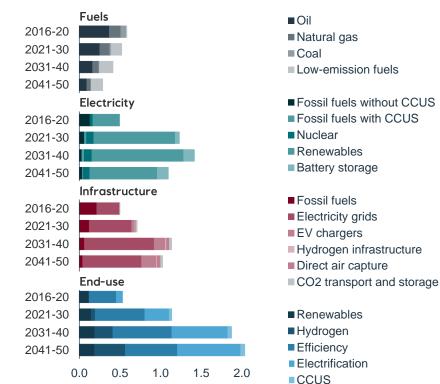


Investments in the IEA's Net Zero scenario

Gradually less investments in fossil fuels, massive growth elsewhere, with opportunities for incumbent players in oil and gas

Global average annual investments

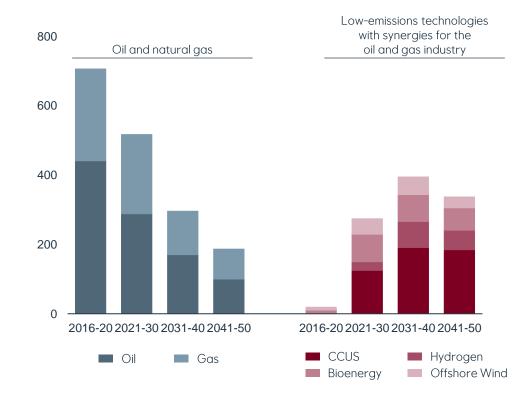
Trillion USD (2019)



Source: International Energy Agency (2021), Net Zero by 2050, IEA

Average annual investment needs

Billion USD (2019)

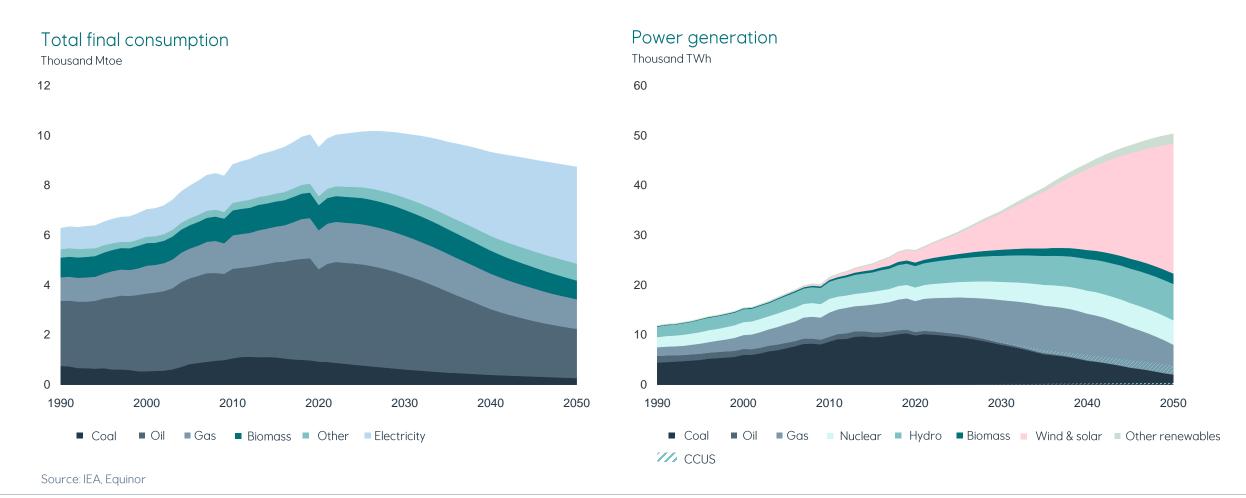


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What does the energy transition hold?

Continued growth and little change in fuel mix over preceding 30 years, then rapid change in Rebalance





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