# **Fund Commentary**



## **Hartford Climate Opportunities Fund**

Tickers A: HEOMX C: HEONX F: HEOFX I: HEOIX R3: HEORX R4: HEOSX R5: HEOTX R6: HEOVX Y: HEOYX Morningstar® Category Global Large-Stock Blend Inception Date 2/29/16

### **Market Overview**

Global equities fell in the first quarter, as financial markets were rattled by seismic shifts in US foreign policy, which significantly altered the outlook for global trade, economic growth, and inflation. Enthusiasm for artificial-intelligence related expansion and a more accommodative US business environment waned in response to rising economic and tariff uncertainty. Consequently, capital rotated away from the US to international markets, particularly Europe, which outperformed amid signs of a more favorable economic backdrop. Among these signs were less restrictive monetary policy, improving leading indicators like manufacturing output, and greater fiscal stimulus. In Germany, the new coalition government unveiled monumental spending plans to boost economic growth and defense, with total spending likely to exceed €1 trillion.

## **Performance Summary**

- Hartford Climate Opportunities Fund (I Share) outperformed the MSCI ACWI Index during the quarter.
- Sector allocation, a result of our bottom-up stock selection process, contributed to benchmark-relative returns. An underweight to information technology and consumer discretionary contributed most, while a lack of exposure to healthcare detracted.
- Security selection detracted from relative performance during the quarter. Weak selection within industrials and materials was partially offset by stronger selection in consumer discretionary.
- On a regional basis, security selection in North America contributed the most, while selection in the France detracted.
- The top relative contributor during the period was an overweight allocation to BYD (consumer discretionary), while the top relative detractor was an overweight allocation to Vertiv Holdings (industrials).

# **Positioning & Outlook**

- At the overall Fund level, the largest climate theme allocation at the end of the quarter was in energy efficiency, with approximately 21% of the Fund's assets.
- Environmental resource management was the second-largest thematic allocation, with 19.5% of the Fund's assets.
- The rest of the Fund's assets were allocated to the following climate themes: clean energy (19%), sustainable transport (13%), lower carbon leaders (11%), and climate resilient infrastructure (10%).
- At the regional level, 65% of the Fund's assets were invested in US stocks, with 34% in non-US stocks and the remaining balance in cash.
- With a philosophy and process curated over a decade, we're confident that our broad and robust climate solutions opportunity set can generate attractive relative performance throughout a market cycle while also having a meaningful, measurable positive impact on the climate.

### Portfolio manager from Wellington Management and years of experience

Alan T. Hsu, 25 years G. Thomas Levering, 32 years

# Portfolio managers from Schroders and years of experience

Simon Webber, CFA, 26 years Isabella Hervey-Bathurst, CFA, 13 years

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Percentage Of Portfolio	22.00
Deere & Co.	1.88
Infineon Technologies AG	1.91
Hitachi Ltd.	1.97
Swiss Re AG	2.07
Siemens AG	2.09
Ecolab, Inc.	2.22
BYD Co. Ltd.	2.28
Alphabet, Inc.	2.45
Microsoft Corp.	2.48
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.65

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

### **Average Annual Total Returns (%)**

Class								Expenses <sup>1</sup>	
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
Ā	-0.62	-0.62	-1.27	1.53	14.38	_	9.95	1.17%	1.17%
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	_	_	-6.70	-0.37	13.09	_	9.27	_	_
F	-0.49	-0.49	-0.71	2.04	14.92	_	10.40	0.79%	0.69%
	-0.57	-0.57	-0.93	1.82	14.72	_	10.27	0.91%	0.89%
R3	-0.70	-0.70	-1.50	1.30	14.25	_	10.01	1.51%	1.41%
R4	-0.57	-0.57	-1.02	1.68	14.57	_	10.11	1.21%	1.11%
R5	-0.51	-0.51	-0.85	1.90	14.78	_	10.29	0.89%	0.81%
R6	-0.51	-0.51	-0.74	2.01	14.92	_	10.42	0.80%	0.69%
Υ	-0.50	-0.50	-0.81	1.92	14.80	_	10.34	0.90%	0.79%
Benchmark	-1.32	-1.32	7.15	6.91	15.18	_	_	_	_
Morningstar Category	-0.34	-0.34	4.75	6.07	13.94	<u> </u>	_	_	_

Morningstar® Category Global Large-Stock Blend

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Share Class Inception: A, I, R3, R4, R5, R6, Y - 2/29/16; F - 2/28/17. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 2/29/16. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets, consisting of developed and emerging market country indices. MSCI index performance is shown net of dividend withholding tax. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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Expenses are from the Fund's most recent prospectus at the time of publication. Gross expenses do not reflect contractual expense reimbursement arrangements. Net expenses reflect such arrangements in instances when they reduce gross expenses. These arrangements remain in effect until 2/28/26 unless the Fund's Board of Directors approves an earlier termination. Without these arrangements, performance would have been lower.

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Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in a fund's full prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting hartfordfunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

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