

The New World Economy:

Raising Capital for Disruptive Innovation & Cleantech

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### **Interconnected Megatrends and the New World Economy**

#### ALL ASKING FOR BIG INVESTMENTS

CO2 explosion and resource extraction from 4.6T to 10.6T annually per person in one century

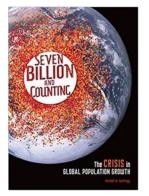


From mitigation to adaptation

Need smart bulwarks against hostile climate & safe havens for the most vulnerable







Population growth explosion in Africa while declining in the developed world



Automation of work; making everything SMARTER & cheaper

### **Need for Disruptive Innovation and Cleantech**

INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS THAT BY SENSING, THINKING, ACTING & LEARNING WILL TACKLE THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND "FUTURE-PROOF" OUR TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES AND SOCIETY



CITIES AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

#### **ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES**



**SENSORS &** 

COMPONENTS









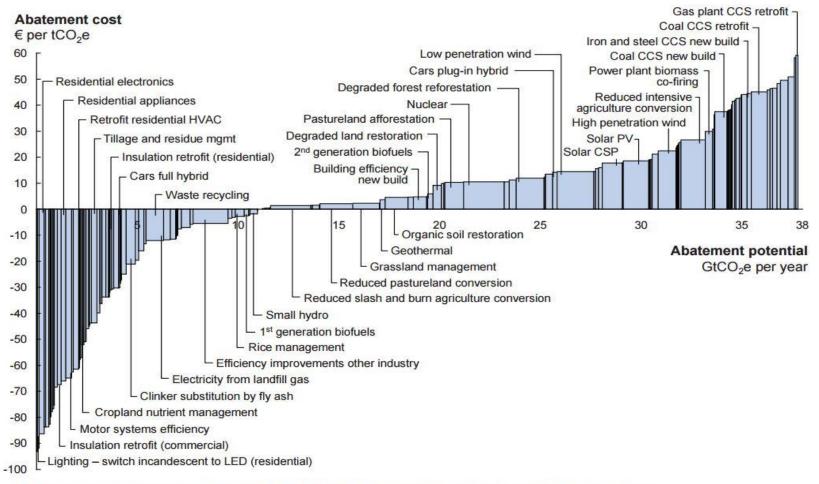








#### Global GHG abatement cost curve beyond business-as-usual – 2030



Note: The curve presents an estimate of the maximum potential of all technical GHG abatement measures below €60 per tCO₂e if each lever was pursued aggressively. It is not a forecast of what role different abatement measures and technologies will play. Source: Global GHG Abatement Cost Curve v2.0

# **Industry 4.0 Will Unlock Significant Value**



Vehicles
Autonomous vehicles and
condition-based maintenance
\$210B-740B

nd

Home Chore automation and security \$200B-350B



Offices
Security and energy
\$70B-150B



Factories
Operations and
equipment optimization
\$1.2T-3.7T





Cities
Public health
and transportation
\$930B-1.7T



Outside Logistics and navigation \$560B-850B



Human Health and fitness \$170B-1.6T



Worksites
Operations optimization/
health and safety
\$160B-930B



Source: McKinsey



# Who Has the Courage to Bring Necessary 'Breakthroughs' to Market?















# **Technical & Financial Road Blocks**









# Limited Access to Capital for Disruptive Technologies and Cleantech

#### Divesting from fossil fuels doesn't necessarily translate into cleantech investments:

Of the \$40trn in global pension funds, \$8trn has been divested from the fossil fuel industry;
 only a part of that has been invested in cleantech and disruptive technologies

#### Focus on saving, instead of investing:

A quarter of all investment-grade bonds, worth \$15trn, have negative yields

#### Risk management departments rule:

Assisted by AI, they virtually only allow for (debt) investments in proven technologies, not
equity investments in cleantech and disruptive technologies

#### **Concentration of wealth:**

 Increasing wealth disparity & "have-nots" after a century of bringing more people out of poverty; slows down investment cycle

#### Impact investing growing:

 But still small while many big financial institutions use "green washing" in their impact funds



So: Are Subsidies Essential?

### SUBSIDIES MYTHS & REALITIES

Subsidies started Silicon Valley:

- NASA was the most important early customer for silicon semiconductors
- Pentagon's research arm, DARPA, sponsored the creation of the Internet
- Government remains major source of funding for top computer science programs like Stanford

Subsidies have always been important in the energy industry







### Of Fossil Fuel Profits vs Subsidies

- The energy industry always depended on subsidies and that was good
- In 2017, the world subsidized fossil fuels by \$5.2trn, equal to roughly 6.5% of global GDP; that's up half a trillion dollars from 2015 (Source: IMF)
  - Actual "direct" subsidies for fossil fuels were \$296bn in 2017
  - The IEA estimates that renewables got approximately \$60bn in subsidies in 2012
- In 2012 actual "direct" subsidies were still \$572bn; net profits of top 1,800 oil & gas and coal companies worldwide in that year totaled ~\$500bn (not including O&G equipment and distribution companies)

#### Food for Thought:

- Are we just shoveling tax payers' dollars into the hands of shareholders?
- What would the price of oil, gas & coal be without the subsidies?
- Is it realistic to expect the rise of a new clean energy industry without a bifurcation in funding?



### So How to Raise Capital for Disruptive Innovations & Cleantech?

- Have a clear strategy on how to capture the high returns
- Marketing and communication as important as the technology
- Find enlightened billionaires & influencers to help wave the flag
- Approach visionary business leaders in old industries in transformation
- Find patient capital from sovereign wealth funds and pension funds
- Persuade governments of the importance of their contributions



