

# The Sphere 500 Climate Fund

## Highlights

- Invests in the top 500 companies in the US by market capitalization, minus fossil fuel companies, major contributors to deforestation, and other screens
- Votes shares for climate action and long-term growth in value using As You Sow proxy service from non-profit As You Sow
- 0.07% net expense ratio

## Fund Description

SPFFX is designed to replicate the The Sphere 500 Fossil Free Index. The Index is a rules-based U.S. Large Cap Core equity index. It is comprised of the 500 largest listed equities on U.S. exchanges by market capitalization, excluding fossil fuel, deforestation, private prison, weapons, and tobacco companies on an exclusionary list created by independent non-profit As You Sow. The remaining securities are re-weighted based on the adjusted market capitalization of surviving constituents and rebalanced quarterly. Shares are voted to encourage climate action, which grows the long-term value of companies by helping to protect against climate risks and setting them up for success in a changing world.

## Why our screens

Our investment thesis is rooted in the belief that by avoiding or reducing exposure to certain historically volatile sectors and those sectors that are volatile or potentially exposed to regulatory over-hang, we seek to deliver market-like returns in the near-term while potentially improving long-term risk and return characteristics.

Fossil fuels	Deforestation	Military weapons	Tobacco	Civilian firearms	Private prisons
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## Fund Manager Bio

Jason Britton has 20 years of investment experience. He is the President and Chief Investment Officer of Reflection Asset Management and lead portfolio manager for SPFFX. He previously served as Managing Director and Head of Impact Investing at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and was the Head of the Community Investing Team and a Product Engineer in ESG Investing at Barclays Wealth. He holds an MBA from Yale University, is a Chartered Sustainable Financial Analyst (CSFA), and is a professor Impact Investing at the College of Charleston School of Business.

Performance	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	2Y	3Y	Since Inception
As of March 31, 2025							
<b>Sphere 500 Climate Fund</b>	-6.65%	-5.18%	-5.18%	8.17%	18.66%	8.93%	8.77%
<b>Sphere 500 Fossil-Free Index</b>	-6.74%	-6.06%	-6.06%	7.26%	19.39%	8.83%	8.57%
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	-5.63%	-4.27%	-4.27%	8.25%	18.57%	9.06%	9.59%

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# SPFFX



The top 500 US companies, minus fossil fuel companies.

Net Expense Ratio	0.07%
Ticker	SPFFX
CUSIP	66263L635
Tracking Index	Sphere 500 Fossil-Free Index
Inception Date	Oct 4, 2021
Net Assets	\$28.5 M
# of Holdings	409
Turnover	16%
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly
Objective	Capital appreciation

## Climate Characteristics



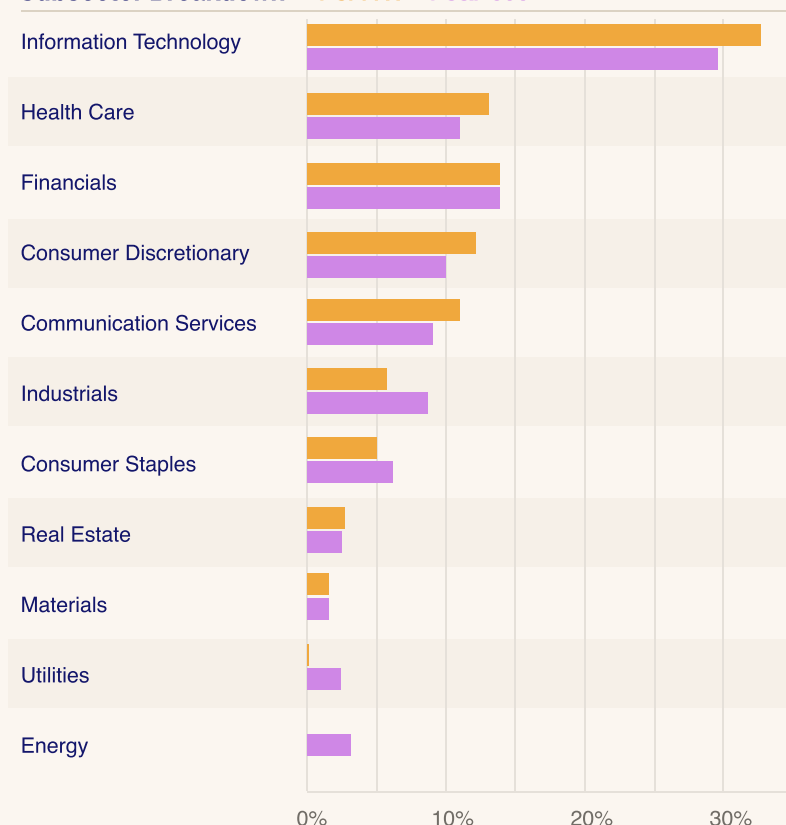
SPFFX does not invest in the fossil fuel industry, or in major contributors to deforestation. As You Sow gives it an A grade on gender equality.

Fossil fuels	0%
Deforestation	0%
Gender equality	A
Shareholder votes for the planet	100%

Calendar Year Perform.	2022	2023	2024
<b>Sphere 500 Climate Fund</b>	-20.58%	29.48%	25.12%
<b>Sphere 500 Fossil-Free Index</b>	-22.75%	31.85%	26.26%
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	-18.11%	26.29%	25.02%

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## Subsector Breakdown



## Top 10 Holdings Snapshot (%)\*

Apple	AAPL	7.75%
Microsoft	MSFT	6.32%
NVIDIA	NVDA	5.87%
Amazon	AMZN	4.55%
META	META	3.22%
Alphabet Class "A"	GOOGL	2.32%
Alphabet Class "C"	GOOG	2.08%
Broadcom	AVGO	1.96%
Tesla	TSLA	1.84%
Eli Lilly	LLY	1.80%

\*Fund holdings and sectors are subject to change at any time and should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security.

Portfolio Chars.	SPFFX	SPFFXI	S&P 500
Price/earnings (1-yr )	25.30x	25.28x	24.60x
ROE (1-yr )	19.58%	19.75%	18.03%
Price/Cash Flow (1-yr )	20.48x	20.48x	19.01x
Price/book (1-yr )	5.47x	5.49x	4.81x
Wtd avg market cap (1-yr )	45.5B	45.6B	52.4B
Correlation (3-yr )	.99	.99	1.00
Standard deviation (3-yr )	17.21%	18.14%	17.00%

## Votes for the planet

The Fund pools investor voices to vote in favor of climate-related shareholder proposals at the companies it invests in. This pushes some of the biggest companies in the economy to do better on climate, which grows the long-term value of companies by protecting against climate risks and setting them up for success in a changing world.

## Market Recap

The First quarter of 2025 began with optimism, but sentiment turned as broader economic data, including inflation measures, began to show signs of weakness. The Fund ended the quarter down 6.02% vs. the S&P 500 which was down 4.27%. This underperformance is primarily attributable to the relative overweight to the Information Technology Sector. Additionally, the Energy Sector was up 10.21%, reversing its prior quarter decline. The Fund's zero allocation to energy contributed 33bps of the 175bps of quarterly underperformance. The Fund continues to become available on large brokerage and 401k platforms.

**Before investing in the Sphere 500 Climate Fund ("SPFFX"), consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. As with all investments, there are risks involved with investing in SPFFX. Risks include, but are not limited to, sustainability considerations, general market or market event, and common stock risks. To obtain a prospectus or summary prospectus which contains this and other information, please visit <https://oursphere.org/fund> or talk to your financial advisor. Read it carefully before investing.**

The Sphere 500 Climate Fund tracks The Sphere 500 Fossil-Free Index. The Index is constructed beginning with the largest 500 U.S. companies that trade on regulated U.S. exchanges by market capitalization. The index administrator, BITA GmbH, then eliminates companies from this investable universe using data obtained from As You Sow, an unaffiliated non-profit organization that promotes environmental responsibility through shareholder advocacy. As You Sow eliminates companies from the Index based primarily on their risk profile of being exposed to the fossil fuel industry and secondarily, by other exclusionary screens, including companies engaged in deforestation activities, civilian and military firearms manufacturing and related guns/arms sales, prison and border security operations, and tobacco and e-cigarette manufacturing. The elimination of these companies from the Index is intended to foster and support the climate-focused, social investing goals of the Fund. The fund may invest in companies that use fossil fuels as a part of their business or have used fossil fuels in the past. The performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Index returns do not reflect the effects of fees or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For the most recent month-end performance, please call 844-2-SPHERE or visit the fund's website at <https://www.oursphere.org/fund>.

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