



## PORTFOLIO UPDATE

### New Era Fund

As of February 29, 2024



**Portfolio Manager:**  
Shinwoo Kim

**Managed Fund Since:**  
2021

**Joined Firm:**  
2009

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth primarily through the common stocks of companies that own or develop natural resources and other basic commodities, and also through the stocks of selected non resource growth companies.

## FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PRNEX
CUSIP	779559103
Inception Date of Fund	January 20, 1969
Benchmark	MSCI World Select Natural Resources Index Net
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.74%
Fiscal Year End	December 31
12B-1 Fee	—

## PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	One Month	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualized			
					Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
New Era Fund	2.62%	1.81%	-0.08%	1.44%	8.42%	6.76%	2.71%	6.98%
MSCI World Select Natural Resources Index Net	1.86	2.22	-0.64	7.04	15.01	9.22	3.67	8.08
S&P 500 Index	5.34	11.98	7.11	30.45	11.91	14.76	12.70	16.03
Lipper Global Natural Resources Funds Index	1.11	-1.31	-3.30	-1.28	11.86	9.23	2.09	6.22

The **1-, 5-, and 10-year** annualized returns as of **12/31/23** were **1.10%, 9.10% and 2.97%** for the fund. **Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit [troweprice.com](https://www.troweprice.com).** The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

Because of the cyclical nature of natural resource companies, their stock prices and rates of earnings growth may follow an irregular path. Factors such as natural disasters, declining currencies, market illiquidity, or political instability in commodity-rich nations could also have a negative impact on various portfolio holdings and cause a drop in share prices.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Natural resources equities, proxied by the MSCI World Select Natural Resources Index, rose but underperformed the broader market S&P 500 Index in February.

Oil prices rose in February despite higher-than-expected inflation as escalated geopolitical tensions in the Middle East drove concerns about further expansion of the conflict throughout the region, potentially tightening oil supply. As a result, U.S. oil exploration and production, oil and gas equipment and services, and oil and gas storage and transportation companies rose. Global natural gas prices fell as mild weather hindered demand and supply levels remained strong. U.S. prices fell to a near-three-decade low in what could be the warmest winter on record. European prices also fell. However, U.S. mixed explorers and producers, which are heavily levered to natural gas, moved higher as various companies reported higher production and robust revenue in 2023. Construction materials companies rose on strong quarterly results and a favorable pricing environment, with expectations for interest rate cuts also supporting the industry. Industrial gases companies advanced as higher pricing offset lower volumes. Specialty chemicals companies rose on stronger demand, higher prices, and cost-cutting, particularly among specialty coatings names. While uranium prices climbed to reach a 17-year high, coal and consumable fuels companies fell, largely due to lower-than-expected earnings from an industry leader.

After spending a decade underweight energy, the portfolio is now overweight versus the benchmark. In 2023, we saw incremental evidence that we are in the ending stages of the productivity wave in oil and natural gas and are approaching a more structurally positive environment for commodities. We've found that the market transition as productivity rolls over is often bumpy, so we are modestly overweight energy and metals, with a focus on names that are high quality, high conviction, and/or with idiosyncratic drivers.

**RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

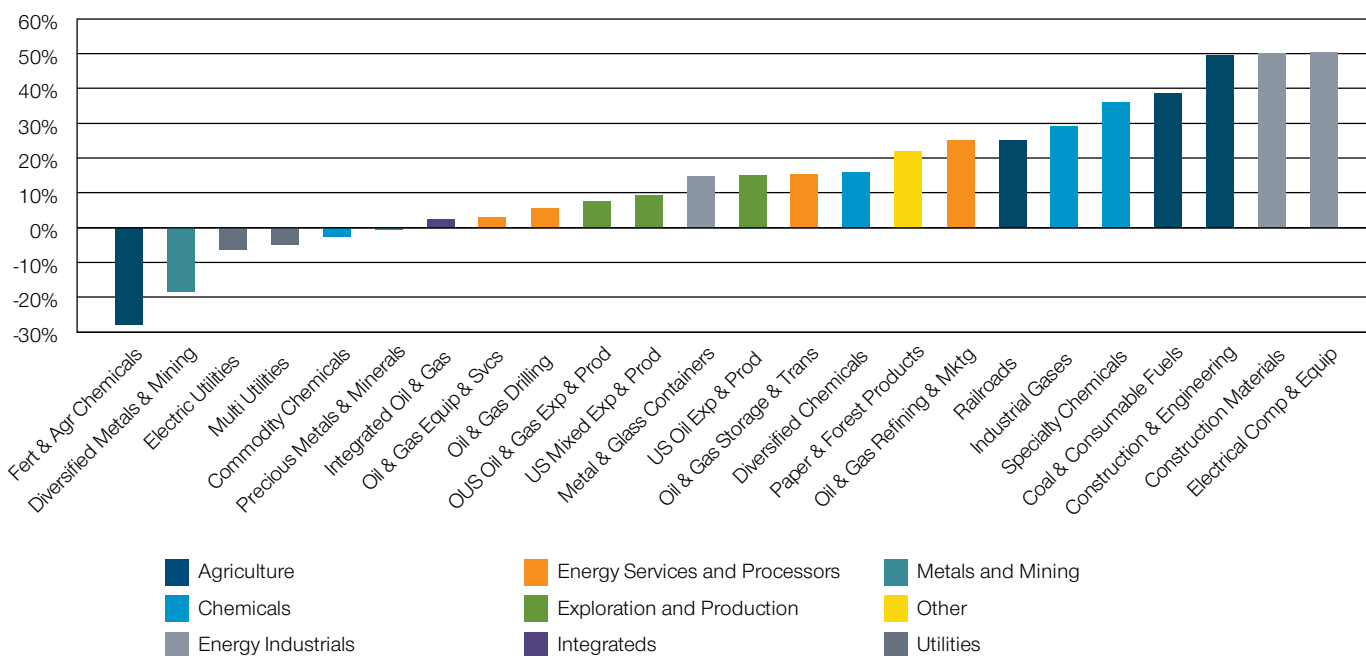
(Five Years ended February 29, 2024)

	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
New Era Fund	22.68%	-1.63%	0.87	0.95	-0.39	0.21	6.28%
MSCI World Select Natural Resources Index Net	25.50	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.28	0.00
New Era Fund	22.68	-1.64	0.86	0.95	-0.40	0.21	6.13
LPR Gbl Natural Resources Ix	25.61	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.28	0.00

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

**PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**

12 months ended February 29, 2024



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## TOP 10 ISSUERS

Comprising 32.2% of total net assets.

	Country	Industry	% of Fund
ExxonMobil	United States	Integrated Oil & Gas	5.2%
ConocoPhillips	United States	US Oil Exp & Prod	4.3
Linde	United States	Industrial Gases	3.7
TotalEnergies	France	Integrated Oil & Gas	3.3
Shell	United Kingdom	Integrated Oil & Gas	3.1
Hess	United States	US Oil Exp & Prod	2.9
Chevron	United States	Integrated Oil & Gas	2.6
Canadian Natural Resources	Canada	OUS Oil & Gas Exp & Prod	2.4
Schlumberger	United States	Oil & Gas Equip & Svcs	2.4
BP	United Kingdom	Integrated Oil & Gas	2.3

Industries are derived from custom industry structure. Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	New Era Fund	MSCI World Select Natural Resources Index Net
Number of Issuers	93	1,192
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$54,946	\$44,262
Price to Earnings (Current Fiscal Year)*° †	12.9X	12.7X
Price to Book (trailing)°	2.4X	2.0X
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° †	0.3%	1.2%
Return on Equity (Current Fiscal Year)° †	17.5%	16.3%
Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total	51.5%	39.2%
Total Assets (all share classes)	2,477,855,583	–
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	1.4%	–

°Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.

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†These statistics are based on the Fund's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

	Integra- teds	Explora- tion & Pro- duction	Energy Services & Processors	Metals & Mining	Chemicals	Commod- ity Industri- als	Utilities	Agricul- ture	Other
New Era Fund	20.7%	20.7%	19.1%	14.9%	11.8%	4.1%	3.1%	1.9%	2.4%
MSCI World Select Natural Resources Index Net	19.3	17.9	20.4	11.6	13.3	9.0	4.7	1.3	2.5
<b>Over/Underweight</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

## Additional Disclosures

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