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Why should I review my investments?



Personal investments constitute an important part of our “carbon footprint”.

Investors are never neutral – buying shares of a company boosts its value.

Studies confirm that investors who eliminate fossil-fuel companies from their portfolios do not make a financial sacrifice.

Learn to invest successfully, without owning the stocks of the largest holders of coal, oil and gas reserves (ExxonMobil, Chevron, etc.)

## ***Invest in a livable planet!***

You’ll be far from alone: 1200 institutions worth more than **\$14 Trillion**, and more than 58,000 individuals with more than \$5 Billion have committed to Fossil Fuel Divestment.

In 2019, California’s University system announced they are divesting \$80 Billion in endowments and pension funds from fossil fuels.

California pension plans lost \$19 Billion over 10 years by continuing to invest in fossil fuel stocks (Corporate Knights study 2019).

## Here's how you can get started:

1. Ask your employer if you have access to sustainable/fossil-fuel free investing options within your retirement plan. Explain why that is important to you and offer to provide information about low-carbon funds that could be included in the plan.
2. Check your mutual funds or ETFs to see if they hold fossil fuel company stocks by doing a search on the [FossilFreeFunds.org](http://FossilFreeFunds.org) website.
3. Investigate your financial advisor's attitude toward low-carbon, fossil-fuel free investing. Offer to provide third party data, showing no performance sacrifice with low-carbon funds. Suggest that she/he visit sustainable investing websites of fund companies such as Calvert, Paxworld, Parnassus, Green Century and others.
4. Learn more by visiting websites that rate funds for carbon footprint, carbon risk and sustainability, as well as performance track records: [www.morningstar.com](http://www.morningstar.com) and [www.ussif.org](http://www.ussif.org)
5. Find out about regional, state, national, and international Fossil Fuel Divestment campaigns:  
[FossilFreeCa.org](http://FossilFreeCa.org), [350Marin.org](http://350Marin.org),  
[GoFossilFree.org](http://GoFossilFree.org), [350.org](http://350.org),  
[SunriseMovement.org](http://SunriseMovement.org), [DivestInvest.org](http://DivestInvest.org)