

NEX HALVES YTD PERFORMANCE WITH 7.4% RETREAT IN THIRD QUARTER

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The WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index, or NEX, fell 7.4% in the third quarter of 2014, leaving the previously high-flying global index of low-carbon stocks on par with some broad market indexes on year-to-date return.

In the quarter, the technology-centric Nasdaq Composite Index rose 1.9%. The S&P 500 Index of large-capitalisation stocks appreciated less than 1%, and the MSCI AC World Index of global stocks retreated 2.8%.

Year to date, the NEX is ahead 7.2%. The Nasdaq Composite Index is up 7.6%. The S&P 500 Index rose 6.7 %, while the MSCI AC World Index has risen 2%.

At midyear 2014, the NEX was up 15.7% year to date versus 6.8% for the S&P 500, 6.7% for the Nasdaq Composite and 4.9% for the MSCI AC World.

NEX biofuels and biomass stocks, off 3.4%, turned in the quarter's best performance. Wind shares fell 3.6%. Energy storage was down 4.6%. Energy efficiency retreated 6.5%. Solar declined 9.5%.

Issues in NEX Asia and Oceania were down 0.5%, making it the index's best-performing region. Americas components fell 5.4%, while Europe, Middle East and Africa shares slumped 13.2%.

The index's best performing stock in the quarter was US microinverter source Enphase Energy Inc., which surged 79%. The stock price began its upward move on 5 August, when it reported quarterly revenue of \$82m versus a consensus expectation of \$71.4m and an adjusted loss per share, at \$0.01, that was half the loss expected.

Shares of Dalian East New Energy Development Co. Ltd. were up 45.8% in the quarter as of 19 September. On that date, trading was halted on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. No significant news about the company or its trading status has been published this year.

The remaining top-five gainers were International Rectifier Corp. (US; 42%), Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology Co. Ltd. (China, Hong Kong traded; 37%) and Energy Absolute PCL (Thailand; 32%).

The index's biggest decliner was Suzlon Energy Ltd., which plunged 53%. The India wind-turbine manufacturer issued 270m new shares on 19 September to fulfill convertible-bond redemptions.

Shares of Rubicon Technology Inc. slumped 48% in the period. On 7 August, the US crystalline product vendor forecast third-quarter revenue of no more than \$12m versus consensus expectations of above \$16m.

Other top NEX quarterly decliners were Maxwell Technologies Inc. (US; -38.5%), GT Advanced Technologies Inc. (US; -38.3%) and Seoul Semiconductor Co. Ltd. (South Korea; -36.5%).

Effective with the close of trading on 29 September, Japan Wind Development Co. Ltd. was dropped from the NEX and Capital Stage AG, a Germany-traded power project developer, was added.