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Where are the opportunities? What is new on the horizon?

For those who are looking for market rate investment returns in a responsible way:

1. It is this time when there is likely to be a return to high quality, growth-oriented investing.
2. Certain sectors may benefit more than others as a result of the various incentives being put in play. Investment sectors that should show promise over the moderate and longer term yet need thoughtful approaches and SRI backing:
 - Water
 - Alternative Energy
 - Infrastructure
 - Housing and Communities
 - Education financing
3. Invest in quality in way that is redefined and is inclusive of the tenets of SRI.

For those who are looking for greater sustainability, social and environmental justice and impacts.

1. There is significant recognition of the responsibility for and success of advocacy.
2. At this time, there are more vehicles and ways in which to invest in communities: Microplace, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).
3. Consider these fast emerging issues:
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Disclosures
 - Carbon footprint
 - Water as a human right
 - Labor and Governance
 - Rights to organize
 - Say on Pay
 - Disclosure and Transparency
 - Non-discrimination including sexual orientation and identity
 - Human Rights and Health
 - Indigenous People's Rights
 - Access to healthcare