







#### RECENT NATURAL DISASTER ACTIVITY AND RECOVERY EFFORTS



#### NEW U.S. HURRICANE OUTLOOK SEES FIVE MAJOR STORMS BY ERWIN SEBA

Brace yourselves for more storms than usual this hurricane season. Colorado State University researchers predict the U.S. will experience 20 tropical storms, 10 hurricanes, and 5 major hurricanes. While the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasts 14 to 21 named storms and the seventh consecutive higher than average hurricane season.

www.reuters.com



#### INSURERS HARNESS DATA TO HELP CLIENTS WEATHER STORMS, FLOODS

BY RICHARD VANDERFORD

Knowledge is power. As the storm season ramps up, insurers are looking to data analysts and climate scientists to analyze the risks and potential damages caused by the expected bad weather. Companies such as Verisk Analytics\* are using advanced modeling to help insurers forecast their loss probability.

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## TEMPERATURE RECORDS TUMBLE IN EARLY, INTENSE HEAT WAVE

HOW EXTREME HEAT IS CHANGING THE WAY WE LIVE BY NIMO OMER





### AT LEAST 920 DEAD AFTER 6.1-MAGNITUDE QUAKE HITS AFGHANISTAN

BY SHAH MEER BALOCH, MARTIN FARRER

Around the globe, hospitals overfilled in Pakistan, temperatures in Spain measured higher in June than they have in 20 years, Doha hit a record 44°C, and land from Central Europe to the Black Sea experienced drought. Millions were left stranded due to extreme flooding in Bangladesh, while a 6.1-magnitude earthquake hit Afghanistan.

www.public.wmo.int/en, www.theguardian.com/us-news/, www.reuters.com, www.theguardian.com/world

#### NAMING HEATWAVES MAY HELP WARN OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM

Say my name, say my name. Names shouldn't be reserved only for hurricanes, says Kathy Baughman McLeod at the Atlantic Council.



Baughman suggested that heatwaves need to also be given names to help with branding and highlight the major damage the heat can cause.

www.npr.org



### CARBON DIOXIDE NOW MORE THAN 50% HIGHER THAN PREINDUSTRIAL LEVELS

WORLD HAS 42% CHANCE OF BREACHING 1.5 DEGREES IF EMISSIONS STOPPED TODAY, NEW STUDY FINDS BY OLIVIA ROSANE



Well this certainly isn't anything to brag about. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere measured higher in May than it has in millions of years. According to measurements from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, CO2 levels hit 421 parts per million, 1.8 ppm more than in 2021.

It's not so easy to turn back time. Even if the world completely ended emitting all greenhouse gases, a new study from the University of Washington discovered that there is still a 42% likelihood of exceeding the 1.5°C climate change target because of past emissions.

Scientists attribute the increased greenhouse gases output to human activity such as deforestation, agriculture, and the burning of fossil fuels. Carbon dioxide captures heat from the Earth's surface, thereby warming the planet and leading to a host of natural disasters including droughts, flooding, wildfires, and severe heat.

www.noaa.gov

www.ecowatch.com



## NEARLY \$600 MILLION IN FEMA FUNDING INJECTION TO REBUILD POWER GRID

BY ERWIN SEBA

Better late than never. Almost five years after Hurricane Maria pummeled Puerto Rico, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) signed off on \$600 million to reconstruct a stronger, more reliable power grid. FEMA has given the greenlight for more than \$12.8 billion to fix the devastation caused by Maria and the 2020 Earthquakes.

www.fema.gov



## FUND OF RECOVERY FIRMS DEBUTS AS DISASTERS GROW MORE DAMAGING, COSTLY

BY ELAINE CHEN

Innovative exchange-product issuer ProcureAM launched the first fund to invest in global companies that are engaged in sustainable recovery and risk reduction efforts due to natural disasters, the **PROCURE DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY ETF (NASDAQ: FIXT)**.

The FIXT ETF includes companies that are materially involved in emergency/backup power generators and batteries, engineering and construction, specialty industrial machinery, building products and materials, and waste management, such as American States Water Company,\* Home Depot,\* Jacobs Engineering Group,\* and Lowe's Companies.\*

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# PROCURE ETFs

# Newsletter courtesy of FIXT ETF THE PROCURE DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY ETF

T h e PROCURE DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY ETF (NASDAQ: FIXT) tracks a portfolio of companies engaged in recovering from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, wildfires, floods or earthquakes.

The FIXT ETF tracks the VettaFi Natural Disaster Response and Mitigation Index, an equal weighted index of stocks that are involved with the recovery and mitigation of natural disasters. Included in the Index are companies with government contracts for natural disaster recovery and mitigation, companies involved with home improvement retail and companies that are materially engaged in emergency/backup power generators and batteries.

\*As of July 3rd, 2023, American States Water Company (AWR) was a 0.00% holding, Home Depot (HD) was a 2.91% holding, Jacobs Engineering Group (J) was a 0.00% holding, Lowe's Companies (LOW) was a 2.13% holding, and Verisk Analytics (VRSK) was a 2.01% holding in the <u>Procure Disaster Recovery Strategy ETF (NASDAQ: FIXT)</u>.

For a complete list of holdings in the FIXT ETF, visit https://procureetfs.com/fixt/.

Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change at any time and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security.

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