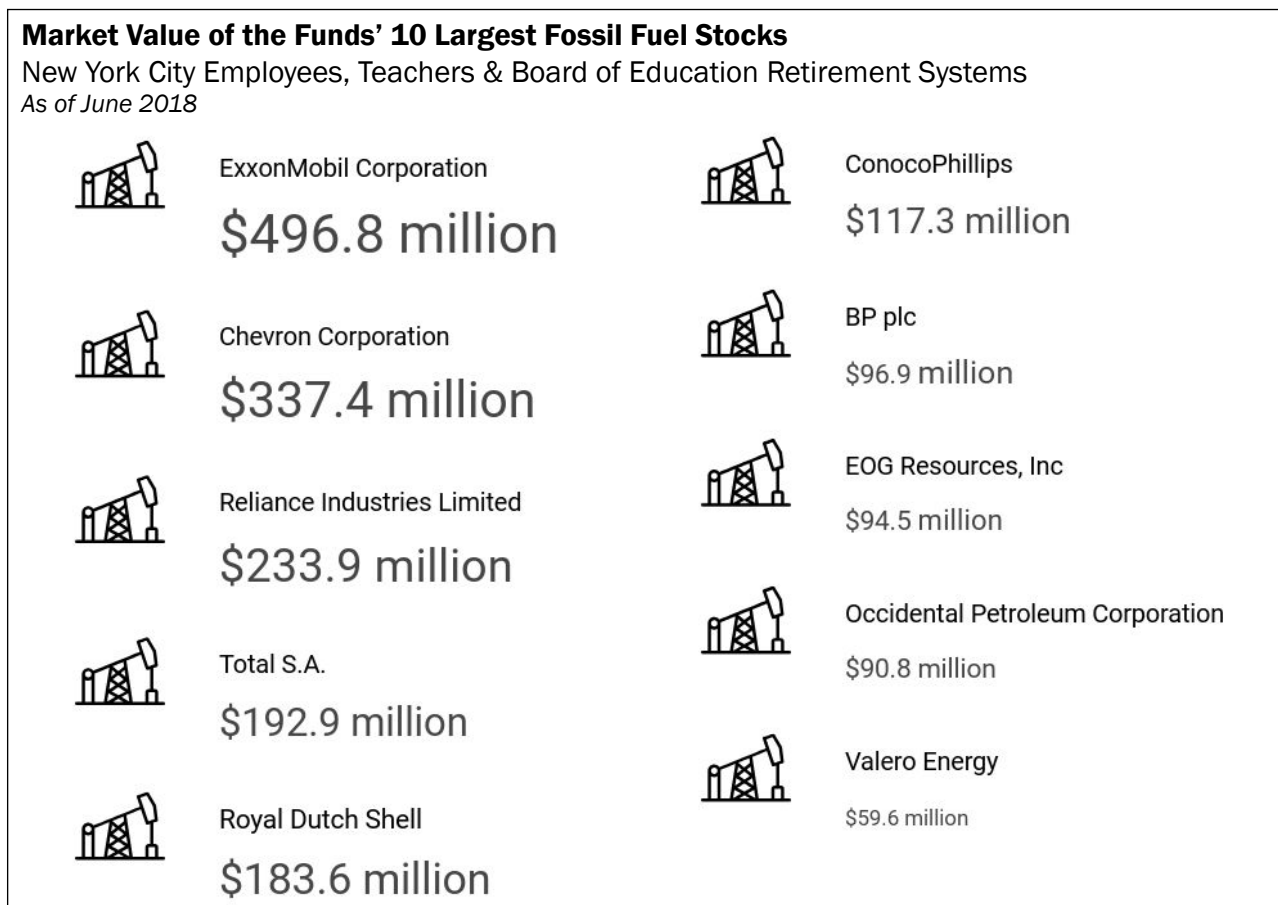


Three City Pension Funds Are Ready to Divest From Fossil Fuel Stocks. How Much Do They Own?

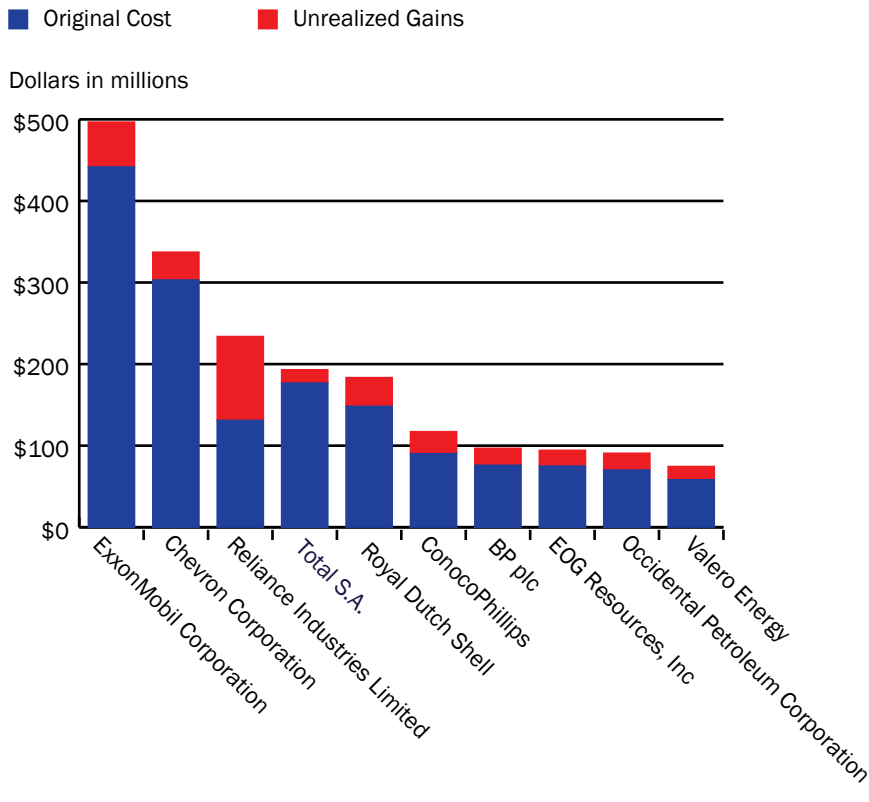
Calls from the public and elected officials for New York City's five pension funds to divest holdings in fossil fuel companies have grown louder in recent months. In January 2018, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Comptroller Scott Stringer announced a goal of divesting the city's pension funds from fossil fuel companies. Three of the funds—the New York City Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers Retirement System, and the Board of Education Retirement System—subsequently passed resolutions that enabled them to begin the process of selling their shares in these companies.

How much have the three pension funds invested in oil, gas, and other fossil fuel companies? How many shares do they own and what is the value of these holdings? IBO has compiled the numbers.



- At the end of fiscal year 2018 the three pension funds had over \$3.7 billion of investment in fossil fuel companies—out of the funds' total investments of \$143.3 billion. The funds' investment in fossil fuels made up 2.6 percent of their entire portfolio, making it the third largest sector in the funds' investment portfolios, behind industrials and banks.
- As of June 2018, the pension funds' largest investments in the sector included \$496.8 million in ExxonMobil Corp., \$337.4 million in Chevron Corp., and \$233.9 million in Reliance Industries Ltd.

Tallying the Shares in the Funds' Largest Fossil Fuel Holdings



The Fossil Fuel 10: Shares Held in Each Company, June 2018

Company	Number of Shares
ExxonMobil Corporation	6,766,463
Chevron Corporation	3,099,870
Reliance Industries Limited	9,362,473
Total S.A.	3,188,897
Royal Dutch Shell	6,395,356
ConocoPhillips	2,113,580
BP plc	13,589,549
EOG Resources, Inc	853,609
Occidental Petroleum Corporation	1,210,254
Valero Energy	720,418

- The three pension funds that voted to divest from fossil fuels held over 495 million shares in 327 fossil fuel companies.
- On June 30, 2018, the unrealized gains—the difference between the current market value and the purchase price of investments—of the three funds’ holdings in fossil fuel companies were about \$486 million, a nearly 15 percent return on investment in the sector. In comparison, the unrealized gains for the funds’ total holdings were approximately 5 percent.
- The unrealized gains for fossil fuels fall in the top quartile of sectors for returns on investment. As of June 30, 2018 the current market value for pension holdings in nearly 40 percent of all sectors was lower than the original cost of the assets in that sector.

Correction: This post has been updated to correct the value of the funds’ fossil fuel shares as of June 2018. We had erroneously cited \$3.2 billion.

SOURCE: City Comptroller’s Pension Holdings Report for 2018

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