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Climate change is ubiquitously recognized as a “wicked problem”, with only a residual share of society holding on to the view that human activity is causing irreversible climate damage. The breadth and depth of the challenges that require a confrontation to adapt to our economic systems are daunting, but so are the potential opportunities. There are no forms of economic activity that are unaffected by climate change. For this reason, many economies have initiated and promoted efforts to confront climate change head-on. The efforts are too numerous and diverse to discuss here in any depth, but essentially, a push for a re-calibration of economic activity to adapt to already-realized climatic change and mitigate further change, a re-consideration of physical assets and infrastructure with the aim to balance them increasingly in favor of preserving finite natural assets, a and re-evaluation of the value systems used in guiding resource allocation decisions to be increasingly cognizant of life-cycle and full supply chain considerations instead of mere private gains.

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