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Don't panic, but take a look at your portfolio

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"Investors may miss a great opportunity to position their portfolio for the future."

The stock market has rarely provided a better lesson in the hazards of panic selling than it did last week.

First, panic sold market over on the credit crisis was getting out of control following the failure of mortgage-bond Lehman Brothers and the bankruptcy of both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. A market crash and economic de-

Donuts can also be a great opportunity to position your portfolio for the future. It's not every day that people get excited about watching sugar and corn being harvested. But there was plenty of excitement last week among a delegation invited to visit a Stavelot refinery in Belgium, which is the first to use a process that captures carbon dioxide, condensing it into a liquid and environmentally benign, recoverable methane.

Furthermore, a company in Switzerland has developed a way to turn carbon dioxide from the atmosphere into a valuable fuel. This company, Climeworks, has created a system that captures carbon dioxide from the air and stores it in underground repositories.

Fiber optic manufacturers, including those that produce the long-wave light that makes up the bulk of modern optical fibers, are already seeing an increase in demand for their products as energy efficiency and sustainability become top priorities for businesses and governments around the world.

"We're seeing a trend in Quebec in which utility-scale projects are being financed by Wall Street investors," said Paul Desjardins, President of Falco Power. "And we're seeing more interest in the technology from investors who are looking for ways to reduce their carbon footprint."