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## Why Alt Energy Investors Are Buying These 7 Green Energy ETFs

Face it, there are not infinite amounts of oil out there, and the U.S. consumes more oil proportionately than any other country in the world. The country also has a problem with dependence on foreign oil. Politicians have talked for several decades already to wean the U.S. off of this.

Alternative energy sources have become popular as of late. Development and wide use may take a few more years, so now is the right time to invest in companies that specialize in alternative energy. To diversify your risks by investing in several companies, here are some exchange-traded funds built by financial professionals:

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**PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio (PBD)** is up 4.4%, YTD. It is based on the WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index (NEX). The top five holdings are Universal Display (**PANL**), Enel Green Power (**EGPW**), Amyris (**AMRS**), Verbund (**OEZVY.PK**) and GCL-Poly Energy (3GY.F). Ninety-eight companies make up the fund, and the sector allocations are consumer discretionary (4.52%), consumer staples (2.81%), energy (3.33%), industrials (46.25%), information technology (18.26%), materials (5.13%) and utilities (19.69%). The NAV is \$14.59 with a market value of \$150.7 million. The expense ratio of 0.75%. The fund was first traded on June 13, 2007.

**PowerShares Clean Energy Portfolio (PBW)** is up 4.6%,

YTD. It is based on the WilderHill Clean Energy Index (ECO). The top five holdings are Polypore ([PPO](#)), ReneSola ([SOL](#)), MEMC Electronic Materials ([WFR](#)), Universal Display ([PANL](#)) and SunPower ([SPWRA](#)). Fifty-seven companies make up the fund, and they are from the following sectors: consumer discretionary (5.94%), consumer staples (1.59%), energy (2.13%), industrials (42.65%), informational technology (27.46%), materials (13.23%) and utilities (7.00%). The NAV is \$10.88. The fund size is \$561 million. The expense ratio is 0.70%. The fund has been around since March 2005.

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