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## **Renewable Energy Stocks Sector Close Up -- Tracking the Sector With Indices**

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Dr. Robert Wilder, of the WilderHill Clean Energy Index, reports, "I'm delighted our WilderHill Clean Energy Index (AMEX: ECO) was first to capture this new theme, and its tracking PowerShares ETF too was an original investment product in this space. Having a lead of a few years also let us help define what investing in clean energy should look like, and in that time we've seen more than a billion dollars have come into that independent tracking fund, PBW. On the other hand I am also gratified to see so many new Indexes and trackers move into this space lately; a few are pretty close replicas to ECO, while others add interesting new dynamics such as an ability to invest in solar alone. In the meantime since 2004 we've also produced the first Index capturing opportunities found in a response to climate change and for improving dominant energy sources: its tracker is the PowerShares WilderHill Progressive Energy Portfolio (PUW). And most recently partnering with New Energy Finance in London, and Josh Landess in the U.S., we together co-produced the first Global Index for stocks around the world in the clean & new energy space: a tracker for this is the PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio (PBD) and all three now capture key stocks worldwide. I'm excited by the progress made here as well as encouraged by the fact so many new Indexes have since entered this space, which I think reflects this is no longer seen as a niche or unimportant arena. Today, some of the world's biggest corporations are taking clean, new and progressive energy technologies all very seriously, and I believe 'alternative energy' may soon simply become just energy."

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