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## A Good Week for Green Funds

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With the holiday season upon us, it is important to recognize those people trying to make this world a better place. In honor of that goal, today's article continues my annual holiday tradition of reviewing the best- and worst-performing socially, religiously and environmentally friendly funds.

The best performer for the five trading days ending Dec. 20 is **Powershares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio (PBW)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#)). The exchange-traded fund added another 3.13% this week to an already phenomenal year.

Nearly half the fund is invested in alternative energy sources. The largest holdings include **First Solar (FSLR)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#), **Suntech Power Holdings (STP)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#) and **Evergreen Solar (ESLR)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#).

Some of the biggest contributors to the fund's performance this week were two ethanol producing companies. As President Bush signed the Energy Independence and [Security](#) Act of 2007 into law, these companies' stock prices rebounded from what has been an abysmal year. The bill requires the quadrupling of alternative biofuel usage over the next 15 years. The fund's holdings of **Pacific Ethanol (PEIX)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#) and **Verenium (VRNM)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#) bounced 51.33% and 18.76%, respectively.

The second-best performer this past week was the **First Trust NASDAQ Clean Edge US Liquid Series Index Fund (QCLN)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#), which rose 1.95%. This fund also benefited from its holdings of Pacific Ethanol and Verenium. Two additional winning positions include **Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings (AVR)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#), rising 26.24%, and China's **Yingli Green Energy (YGE)** - [Cramer's Take](#) - [Stockpickr](#), up 15.14%. While most of the funds on the best-performing list select stocks based on environmentally friendly criteria, the worst performer list is littered with funds that screen out socially irresponsible equities.

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