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Solar Stocks ... and ... May Be in the Political Hot Seat, Says Analyst

Last year was a tough one for the renewable-energy sector, and election years bring more challenges as issues involving the environment and climate are politicized, one analyst team said as it downgraded two solar

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... installs rooftop solar panels, and ... sells devices called inverters that convert solar energy into usable power, as well as batteries to store solar

Last year, the WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index tumbled 12%, as higher interest rates deterred customers from borrowing money to tackle larger home projects, such as installing solar panels, hurting companies that sell and service Meanwhile, the broader stock market rallied, with the S&P 500 logging a 24% 2023 gain. The anticipation that the Federal Reserve would soon cut rates helped lift shares of renewables near the end of the year, but ... doesn't see the rally continuing, highlighting pricing pressure and inventory challenges for solar-equipment firms in particular.

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