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Head-To-Head: Alternative Energy ETF Surprises

In the world of energy investing, most turn to traditional futures contracts or “Big Oil” companies for exposure to this volatile yet attractive corner of the commodities market.

Despite widespread efforts, alternative energy still remains a small fraction of our energy production, and companies involved in the industry have struggled to gain ground. For the last several years, [alternative energy ETFs](#) have suffered steep losses, and no corner of the market has been spared, as solar, wind and nuclear power stocks have all faltered.

In 2013, however, these funds have been able to log in modest gains, piquing investor interest once again.

Alternative Energy Rising From The Grave?

The chart below highlights five alternative energy ETFs, comparing their performances across various time frames, including year-to-date returns [see [Energy Bull ETFdb Portfolio](#)]:

- WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio ([PBW, A](#))

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- Global Clean Energy Portfolio ([PBD, A-](#))