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Solar Strategies in Industry Race

Solar Power Companies Look to Stay Ahead in Solar Game

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For example, just last month Sharp Corp. paid a cool \$305 million for developer Recurrent Energy and their 2 gigawatts project line.

As big-name solar developers following this trend, there are still a few independents that, given their projects hover around 20 megawatts while other big names are touching 300 megawatts, are easier to plan, permit and connect to the grid.

Independent companies such as Silverado Power LLC are holding off from potential suitors because they believe valuation will go higher.

Investors should keep an eye out on this sector before it climbs too high. We saw the WilderHill Clean Energy index, whose components include companies such as First Solar and Suntech, rise 16% since June. Clearly an indication of market interest...

Another way for companies to stay ahead is to buy companies that streamline installation processes or that make margin-boosting solar components... Companies like EnPhase Energy, which produce inverters that plug directly into solar panels rather than requiring a separate space - saving the need for extra cables, lowering installation costs and raising power output.

Savvy investors should be eyeing a move in this sector as it holds a bright future.

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