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Five Energy ETFs to Watch

NEW YORK ([TheStreet](#)) -- Explosive growth in emerging markets, as well as a trend toward efficient energy technology and "green" energy use, makes the energy sector a compelling area to allocate assets both in the short and long terms.

Equity-based energy ETFs offer exposure to everything from large, integrated firms like **Exxon Mobil**([XOM Quote](#)) to clean energy pioneers like **Cree**([CREE Quote](#)), while avoiding the regulatory hassles of funds that use futures and swaps to access the sector. These five energy [ETF](#) picks are well constructed, liquid funds that are worth considering when building a well-diversified portfolio.

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- **PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy**([PBW Quote](#)). Scientists may disagree on global warming, but investors can be relatively certain that both legislation and regulation will favor "green energy" companies in the future. Investors looking to get [ahead of the curve](#) should consider PBW, a fund that includes firms like LED-provider CREE and solar power companies across the globe. PBW's well-balanced portfolio and reasonable expense ratio help to make green energy firms accessible to traders.

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