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## Top-Rated ETFs Invest in Foreign Stocks

NEW YORK ([TheStreet](#)) -- The best bets in exchange traded funds invest in commodities and international stocks, according to TheStreet.com Ratings.

Of the 10 top-rated funds, six [invest](#) in stocks outside the U.S. and three target precious metals or coal. All the funds have "buy" recommendations, but three have earned our top grade of A-plus.

The **PowerShares Global Progressive Transportation Portfolio**([PTRP Quote](#)), the best-rated fund, has gained 17% in the past year. The fund advanced as shares of **Maxwell Technologies**([MXWL Quote](#)) and **Westport Innovations**([WPRT Quote](#)) doubled.

The second-best rated ETF, **First Trust Health Care AlphaDEX Fund**([FXH Quote](#)), which has climbed 12% in the past year, is positioned to benefit as [health care reforms](#) bring the company new customers. More than half of the fund focuses on health care products and [services](#), while 36% is invested in drugmakers and biotechnology. ....

Despite all the hype surrounding alternative energy, coal remains a popular energy source. The **PowerShares Global Coal Portfolio**([PKOL Quote](#)) has increased 22%. Industry leaders **Massey Energy**([MEE Quote](#)) and **Patriot Coal**([PCX Quote](#)) have doubled in value this year. An economic rebound would boost demand for energy, making this an attractive [ETF](#).

### Best Rated Exchange-Traded Funds

Fund (Ticker) Initial Rating	Objective	Total Return 1 Year
PowerShares Global Progressive Transportation (PTRP) A+	Global Equity	16.57%
First Trust Health Care AlphaDEX Fund (FXH) A+	Health/Bio tech	11.61%
PowerShares Global Coal Portfolio (PKOL) A+	Energy/Natural Res	22.18%
iShares MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Fund (AAXJ) A	Non-US Equity	28.51%
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Index Fund (EIS) A	Non-US Equity	20.31%
PowerShares Global Steel Portfolio (PSTL) A-	Global Equity	13.99%
Rydex S&P Equal Weight Materials ETF (RTM) A-	Energy/Natural Res	17.74%
PowerShares DB Precious Metals Fund (DBP) A-	Precious Metals	21.93%
SPDR S&P Emerging Middle East & Africa ETF (GAF) A-	Emerging Markets	23.63%
PowerShares Global Agriculture Portfolio (PAGG) A-	Global Equity	21.47%

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