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New Energy Index Sinks to Two-Year Low as Global Markets Decline

The Wilderhill New Energy Global Innovation Index sank to the lowest since March 10, 2009, as global economies face slower growth and incentives for clean technologies such as solar panels and wind turbines decline.

The index of 99 companies including [First Solar Inc. \(FSLR\)](#) and battery maker [Ener1 Inc. \(HEV\)](#) today sank as much as 5.5 percent to 138.17, and has dropped 35 percent this year. The S&P 500 Index slumped 3 percent, extending this week's decline to almost 6.9 percent.