## Will Clean Energy ETFs Bounce Back?

Clean or renewable energy stocks have seen choppy trade since a couple of months as investors are fleeing high growth and high beta stocks on valuation concerns and profit-taking activity.

While the sluggish trend that stemmed from the broad sell-off could continue in the near term, the long-term outlook seems bright. ....

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The alternative energy sector is seeing a global boom led by China, Europe, the U.S. and Japan, and might outpace the rising shale oil and gas business in the coming years. The depletion of fossil fuel reserves, higher oil and gas prices, new and advanced technologies, and more efficient alternative energy applications have made clean power more viable, injecting optimism into the sector.

Moreover, the sector is well placed in the top 13% as per the Zacks Industry Rank, suggesting bullish fundamentals for the green stocks in the coming months.

.... Below, we have highlighted three ETFs that are not restricted to one source of energy but provide diversified exposure to various green energy sources (see: all the Alternative Energy ETFs here):

PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio Fund ((PBW - ETF report)) This product follows the WilderHill Clean Energy Index and targets the stocks, which focus on greener and generally renewable sources of energy, as well as technologies that facilitate cleaner energy. The fund has amassed \$205.3 million in its asset base and sees solid volume of more than 446,000 shares a day. Expense ratio came in at 0.70%.

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PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio ((PBD - ETF report))This product provides global exposure to the stocks that focus in on greener

and generally renewable sources of energy as well as technologies that facilitate cleaner energy. It can be done by tracking the WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index. Holding 105 stocks in its basket, the fund is widely spread with no single security holding more than 2.04% of PBD.

## **Bottom Line**

A pullback in the alternative ETFs is definitely a buying opportunity for long-term investors given favorable green energy trends. Additionally, investors should note that many alternative energy funds still must go a long way to reach their all-time highs, suggesting more room for upside in the coming months.