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Five ETF Superstars Of 2012 (PUW, PXE, ITLY, ITB, EGPT)

... After stretching out the global recovery over the last four years, equity markets finally had a strong start to 2012, but it was short lived. While this summer has been tame in comparison to last year, resurfacing Euro zone worries have made for a tumultuous quarter on Wall Street. There is also the added stress to the markets of the upcoming presidential election and how the policies of each candidate will shape U.S. GDP in the future. Consumer confidence however has slowly been on the rise, and this improving sentiment has spilled over into [the stock market](#) prompting many to increase their risk appetites. Despite the laundry list of economic uncertainties, the investment landscape is ripe with opportunities for those with a keen eye and a stomach for risk ...

As such, below we highlight a number of "ETF Superstars" shining bright in 2012; the ETFs profiled below are outperforming the peers in their respective [ETFdb Category](#) by a wide margin year-to-date [try our [Free ETF Analyzer](#)].

The YTD performance of each fund is listed as well as the average return of all ETFs in its ETFdb Category (as of 9/6/2012):

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PowerShares WilderHill Progressive Energy Portfolio
(NYSEARCA:PUW): +13.09%

Alternative Energy Equities: -9.70%

PUW has exceeded all expectations so far this year after finishing down 20% last year, and being one of only three alternative energy ETFs to actually have a positive YTD return at the time of writing. Most of the funds in this category are invested in green energy, but 90% of PUW's funds are instead invested in companies looking to improve the efficiency, cleanliness, and use of fossil fuels, nuclear power, and mining operations. PUW's underlying holdings consist of both domestic and international firms, including some allocations to stocks from South Africa, India, and Chile.