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Top 5 Alternative Energy ETFs as of November 2017

The alternative energy space has not been as lucrative as environmentallyconscious investors would like. And with the Trump administration promoting legislation that would cut resources for alternative energy, the immediate future for the sector could be turbulent. However, those interested in gaining some exposure to this potentially profitable market can diversify across several companies by buying alternative energy exchange-traded funds.

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We selected five alternative energy ETFs based on year-to-date returns. All performance figures are current as of November 6, 2017.

PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy ETF (PBW PBW PS WidHi Cln En

24.60

+0.88%

PBW provides exposure to U.S. companies engaged in the business of advancement of cleaner energy and conservation. It follows the WilderHill Clean Energy Index and invests at least 90% of its assets in stocks from the index. The ETF holds about 40 stocks in its basket with none holding more than 4.4% of the total assets.

- Avg. Volume: 17,501
- Net Assets: \$109.94 million
- Yield: 1.36%
- YTD Return: 35.56%

• Expense Ratio (net): 0.70%

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The Bottom Line

Alternative energy has yet to produce a highly profitable company, but for investors who are willing to be patient and wait for increased consumer acceptance and government endorsement, alternative energy ETFs can be an attractive way to get into the sector.