## Looking for a Contrarian, Beaten-Down Clean Tech Idea for 2022? ... Checks the Boxes

With the clean tech benchmark (ECO index) down 30% year-to-date — following the record-setting 2020 gain of 203%, of course — it is readily apparent that 2021 turned out to be a year of share price consolidation, for reasons we have discussed previously. Case in point: .... Power grid modernization — a facet of both climate mitigation and adaptation — is a theme to which ... is uniquely leveraged among U.S.-listed companies. Many of the "crowded trades" under the umbrella of energy transition in the electric power sector — distributed generation, power storage, electric vehicles — require a grid that is more intelligent and digitized. To be clear, ... itself is very far from a crowded trade: after the supply chain issues that hit the stock in August, erasing its earlier outperformance for the year, this ....

The supply chain headwinds of 2021 are starting to dissipate, heralding a back-end-weighted revenue recovery in 2022. In 2020, ... and other smart meter manufacturers accommodated utility requests to postpone deliveries due to COVID-related installation delays across North America and Europe. Quite simply, utility workers were temporarily unable to enter homes or businesses. While vaccination enabled a strong boost in demand in 2021, the pandemic's surge in Asia wreaked havoc on numerous supply chains, notably the electrical components (particularly MLCCs) on which meter providers depend. As a result, more than \$100 million, or 5% of ....

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