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Two Years of Steep Declines in Clean Tech Stocks, but Sector Market Cap Is Flattish - It's No Mystery, Just Math

Continuing the year-end tradition that we started in 2020, we are taking this opportunity to provide the broadest-based readout of clean tech's investability. When we first did this in December 2020, clean tech investors were popping champagne – while socially distancing, of course – after the benchmark [WilderHill Clean Energy] ECO index's best-ever annual gain of 203%. The tone in 2021 was less ebullient, following a drop of 30%. Well, 2022 is on pace to be an even worse year, down around 45%, making this the roughest two-year period in the (admittedly limited) history of clean tech investing. But here is what might seem paradoxical. Despite two years of hefty underperformance, the sector's aggregate market cap stands at \$1.12 trillion, which is down only modestly from \$1.49 trillion two years ago.

We have counted 236 clean tech pure-plays that trade on U.S. exchanges, nearly doubling from 123 in December 2020.

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.... With the caveat that investability is in the eye of the beholder, we think that at least half of the 236 stocks can be relevant for most of our readers – they trade on a senior exchange and have a market cap above \$500 million. To clarify, our list does **not** include the 16 pending SPAC transactions, **nor** the sizable number of prospective IPOs with a Form S-1 on file.

The EV vertical has by far the most market cap, even without Tesla, and more than 60 names to choose from – you can thank/blame SPACs for that.

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Wind and solar have long been highly investable – and, again due to SPACs, there are many choices in power storage.

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