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Summary

While progressive environmentalist groups are at war with the new Administration for, most recently, moving the Keystone and Dakota pipelines forward, cleantech stocks have been enjoying a recovery. Cleantech and solar stocks have been up significantly in the new year, which in turn allows these companies to raise the proper funding to continue R&D, expand commercial production, and build out the next generation energy economy.

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Cleantech and solar stocks continue to outperform the broader market in the new year. In 2017 YTD through 1/20, the PowerShares Clean Energy ETF (PBW) ... gained +2.7% For comparison, the Dow Jones gained +0.3%, the S&P 500 gained +1.5% and the Russell 2000 declined -0.4%.