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Clean Energy ETF Is A Sign Of The Times

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Clean energy is a growing sector of the exchange traded fund (ETF) market. The sector is a highly fragmented one with areas to choose from such as renewable energy, power conservation, clean fuels, and fuel cell technology. The PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Fund (**PBW**) holds 42 stocks in a spectrum that's green and small-cap, and has no more than 4% in a stock. Energy alternatives are here to stay and **Brett Steenbarger** of Trading Markets.com has a list of reasons.

- . Due to the war in Iraq, U.S. citizens will look for energy independence.
- 0. Clean energy is a response to global warming, and may help re-establish ties with ecologically concerned allies abroad.
- 0. The average consumer is well aware of ethanol and hybrid engines-clean energy isn't just a pipe dream anymore.
- 0. Energy independence takes us out of competition for resources, especially with developing nations.

Clean energy is American - Republicans and Democrats are making it a priority.