Excerpt from Investment U, July 10, 2009
http://www.investmentu.com/IUEL/2009/July/green-energy-profiting.html

# Four ETFs Profiting From Green Energy

It doesn't take an genius to see the writing on the wall for green energy.

Governments around the globe from the United States to Europe to China are clearing the way for investors to make some "green" while investing in green-energy technologies.

Clean energy technology has been a universal component of government stimulus packages around the globe. Here in the United States, President Obama continues to focus the spotlight on clean energy with many visits to such projects around the country. Over $100 billion from the administration's stimulus package has been designated for the advancement of clean energy technologies.

Congress is currently trying to cobble together perhaps the most far-reaching climate and energy legislation ever. The legislation would not only initiate a "cap and trade" system for emissions, but would *require* the growth of renewable energy by law.

While renewable energy sources currently supply about 2% of the nation's electricity supply, this legislation may require that number to go as high as 20% by 2020. That's an incredible amount of new power capacity.

And it's not just us.

Globally, the European Union has been "green" since signing the Kyoto Treaty in 1997. They have set emission reduction targets and renewable generation targets since signing the protocol. China and India have also set minimum renewable energy requirements and in their recent stimulus package, China allocated $30 billion worth of "green" stimulus.

Here's why green investing is a sector you can't afford to miss, and four ways to easily add some "green" to your portfolio.

**Clean Energy – A Growth Industry**

Currently, renewable energy sources account for only about 6.2% of total global power sector capacity. This means there is a lot of room left for growth. And for investors to profit.

Around $250 billion was spent on new global power capacity in 2008 and, for the first time ever, the majority of the money went toward clean energy. According to a United Nations report, renewable energy sources accounted for $140 billion or 56% of the $250 billion spent toward new power capacity in 2008.

….

So how do we play this green building boom? Simple.

**Four Clean Energy ETFs**

How does an investor make some "green" from this macro-economic trend? There are several ways for investors to turn this long-term transition of our energy usage into sizable portfolio gains.

While many will buy individual stocks in the various clean energy sectors, figuring out the long-term winners and losers at such an early stage of the industry's development is difficult if not impossible. For long-term investors, a diverse clean energy exchange-traded fund (ETF) may be the best alternative. Because of social and political roadblocks in the United States, the leaders in developing clean energy technology for years have been overseas companies. So our preference in choosing clean energy ETFs is to choose ETFs which have a heavier weighting toward these overseas companies, but don't discount the good ol' U.S.A entirely.

….

**InvescoPowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio** (NYSE: PBD)

This ETF consists of a wider mix of companies, with 83 components. But American companies make up only 25% of the fund.

The top ten components of the fund include: ***EDF Energies Nouvelles, Hansen Transmissions, American Superconductor, Gamesa, Nordex, Iberdrola Renovables, Acciona, EDP Renovaveis, Vestas Wind Systems*** and ***China High Speed Transmission Equipment Group.***

….