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Alternative energy funds have dim prospects under a Trump presidency

Solar is already taking it on the chin, although some clean energy funds are holding up

One thing you can learn from the Trump presidential victory: Making bets on the fallout is anything but certain.

For example, President-elect Donald Trump has promised **to bring back coal**. Investors don't believe it. ... Coal ETF ..., is down 7.1%.

On the other hand, **solar funds have taken it on the chin**.

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Nevertheless, while diversified energy ETFs, such as ... U.S. Energy ... have risen 10% or more since Nov.8, some clean energy funds have done quite well. Of course, it all depends on how you define “clean energy” for the purposes of creating a portfolio. And for an alternative energy fund to have a good record, it doesn't hurt to have a heaping helping of oil.

Consider PowerShares WilderHill Progressive Energy Portfolio (PUW), up 13.8% since Election Day. The fund concentrates on companies that “are engaged in a business or businesses that the index provider believes may substantially benefit from a societal shift toward the transitional energy technologies significant in improving the use of fossil fuels

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Similarly, PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio (PBW), up 4.9% since the election, has fared better than solar funds ...

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