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Rise in global clean energy investment Global investment in clean energy in Q2 was up 22% from Q1, due to upturn in the financing of wind and solar projects and a 170% surge in equity funding for specialist companies on public markets.

The investment rose to US\$53.1 bn, led by the US, which saw investment jump 155% compared to a weak first quarter, to reach US\$9.5 bn, and China (up 63% at US\$13.8 bn) and South Africa (up from almost nothing in Q1 to US\$2.8 bn in Q2).

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During the second quarter, clean energy shares rose nearly 14%. The Wilder Hill New Energy Global Innovation Index, or NEX, which tracks the performance of 98 clean energy stocks worldwide, was at 151.32 on Tuesday this week, up from a nine-year low of 102.20 reached in July last year.

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