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Stock predictions - what energy play is the best to get into right now?

This can be for the short term or long term. Stock tickers and reasons why are good, or just a general sector like "solar" and why would be awesome. First of all, many of the large well-known gas/oil companies still seem to be undervalued to me. Particularly look at the P/E vs growth rates of ConocoPhillips, it's a steal. Other than Conoco, I'd stay away from any major Russian or Venezuela exposure, though — both for the cheating and lying and also for the government interference.

But better than that, and less well-known, are probably the people who supply gas and oil drilling equipment and services.

The alt-energy plays are a little dicy. Sure, you can buy a little and hold for a while — but it'll be relatively hard to pick the winners vs. losers, particularly with the market all split up into little chunks. Here are two ways to play, though: (1) Buy a couple of big well-known and fairly-priced to underpriced companies with a solar or other alt-energy stake: GE, Dow, Boeing. (2) Buy a fund instead: PowerShares WilderHill's Clean Energy Portfolio.