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## Greener Days Ahead for Clean Energy ETFs? - ETF News And Commentary

Clean or renewable energy stocks saw choppy trade last year as investors fled these victims of crude oil crash. A supply glut and lower demand in the wake of a global slowdown took oil prices to multi-year lows. While weak demand wrecked havoc in the conventional energy field, its ripples played a key role in pushing the clean energy space to red (read: Clean Energy ETFs: Losers of the Crude Oil Crash?).

However, thankfully, the waning trend in clean energy changed its course to start 2015 and the sector saw smart gains even as oil prices remained volatile. The demand for renewable energy, in particular solar and wind, is rapidly growing for electricity generation in the U.S. Plus president Barrack Obama's 'Climate Change Action Plan' has done a lot in driving up the sector from last year's lows.

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All these should keep the demand for green energy alive going forward and have already culminated into pushing the space higher. Moreover, the sector is well placed in the top 31% of the Zacks Industry Rank, suggesting bullish fundamentals for the green stocks in the coming months. Below, we have highlighted three ETFs to watch on this upturned:

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## PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio (PBD)

This product again provides global exposure to stocks that

focus on greener and generally renewable sources of energy as well as technologies that facilitate cleaner energy. This is done by tracking the WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index. Holding 104 stocks in its basket, the fund adopts a widely spread-out across the individual security.

In terms of countries, the U.S. makes up about one-third of the portfolio, followed by China (15.7%). The product has amassed about \$66.3 million in assets. Expense ratio came in at 0.81%. The ETF is up about 9% so far this year.