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## **VCs Bet on Solar...**

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The 40-stock WilderHill Clean Energy Index has rocketed since its August 2004 debut, rising 90 percent to a record 251.17 on May 5. Since then, the index has fallen 23 percent to trade at 194.21 on June 28.

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Green Future?

For green-power fans, the biggest risk of all is oil. Venture capitalists and stock market investors are all betting that high-priced crude is here to stay.

``If oil suddenly drops to \$50 a barrel on decreasing demand, then this whole thing could drop like a rock," says Robert Wilder, CEO of Encinitas, California based WilderShares Inc., which tracks the WilderHill Clean Energy Index.

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