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Why Energy Investors Are Pivoting Towards ESG Funds

After years of just bubbling under, the ESG megatrend has finally opened the afterburners. At a time when the reminders of past flameouts by the fossil fuel sector have been amplified by the pandemic, the Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) momentum has reached fever-pitch with assets invested in ESG funds eclipsing the pivotal \$100B mark. According to ETF navel-gazer ETFGI, assets invested in ESG-themed Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs) and Exchange-Traded Products (ETPs) reached a [record \\$101B globally by the end of July](#), 18 years after the products

The remarkable milestone was achieved after the global sector racked up inflows of \$38.8B for the first seven months of the year. That was more than 3x the \$12.4B that the sector was able to attract during last year's corresponding period and significantly higher than the \$26.7B of net inflows recorded over the entire

Clean Energy ETFs Outperforming

Back in the U.S., low-carbon and renewable energy ETFs have been shooting the lights out, with some popular names even recording triple-digit gains. For instance,

... Here are some of the top-performing ETFs in the clean energy sector so far ...

Invesco WilderHill Clean Energy ETF

AUM: \$781.77M

Expense Ratio: 0.7%

YTD Returns: 84.14%

Invesco WilderHill Clean Energy ETF ([PBW](#)) is an exchange-traded fund designed to track US-listed stocks in the Clean Energy sector: specifically, companies that stand to benefit from the transition towards the use of cleaner energy, zero-CO2

Top 5 holdings include:

- **Workhorse Group Inc.** 4.37%
- **NIO Inc.** 4.25%
- **Ballard Power Systems Inc.** 3.29%
- **Tesla Inc.** 3.19%
- **Vivint Solar Inc.** 3.15%

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