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PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy **By David Gardner**

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The best way I've seen to spread out some bets in alternative energy is through **PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy** (AMEX: PBW), an exchange-traded fund (ETF). I want to thank a couple members for suggesting it ... who was the first to suggest this fund. Both members will get free one-year extensions to their *Rule Breakers* subscriptions. Congratulations!

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There is little exposure (though not zero) to any fossil fuel approaches in this fund ... nor is there any direct exposure to nuclear energy. But you'll find plenty of companies involved in solar power, wind power, ethanol production, fuel cells, and more. In all, the fund holds 41 companies, about two-thirds of which it classifies as small-cap growth, which makes it fairly risky and volatile as funds go, but very much in fitting with the Rule Breaker ethos.

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Of course, members interested in some of the companies in the fund could buy them individually and avoid even the meager expenses of this ETF. However, it would be difficult to get the diversification across alternative energy, and harder still to rebalance such a portfolio. If you're looking to get serious about alternative energy, this is an excellent starting point.

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