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PowerShares Global Clean Energy, Solar ETFs Shining

Contrarian-minded investors are bidding up some popular alternative energy ETFs, namely in solar and broad clean energy areas.

Light, sweet crude for Aprile delivery in New York has retraced some of its earlier losses and is down 75 cents at \$100.41 a barrel. Brent crude in London is also still down, now by 55 cents at \$113.29 a barrel.

At the same time, concerns about Japan's energy refineries and nuclear plants underpin what some see as an opening for alternative energy sources.

One of those is the **PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio** (PBD). The ETF's down more than 6% in the past 12-months and flat-to-negative so far this year. Still, it's up 1.7% today.

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