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Clean Energy ETF Up 1.5% As Int'l Rectifier Soars

Oil futures were moderating lower today after crude prices in New York had pushed past \$100 a barrel earlier in the week. But judging from the reaction of **clean energy** proponents at an industry conference held yesterday, expectations for a quicker shift by the U.S. to alternative energy sources remain in-check.

While higher oil prices will no doubt help to raise awareness of clean energy technologies, participants at the Jefferies 11th Global Clean Technology Conference told MarketWatch's **Steve Gelsi** that an influx of private capital will have to serve as the main driver to growth in the industry. And that could take time.

Still, one of this year's star performers has been the ... , which was up more than 19% this year heading into today's session. It's down slightly this morning.

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Meanwhile, the **PowerShares Global Clean Energy ETF** (**PBD**) has jumped 1.5% this morning and gained close to 8% since late November.

So clearly, some investors are taking notice.

Today, top holdings of PBD such as **Amyris** (**AMRS**) and **Enel SpA** (**ENLAY**) are off to fast starts. Shares of Amyris, an alternative energy producer based in Emeryville, Calif., are up 0.9% so far while Italy's Enel is climbing by more than 1.5%. Also, **International Rectifier** (**IRF**) is up 2.2% in the early going.