You can make great investment returns while also helping the world. Here are 20 ESG funds that have beaten the market over the past year.

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**One-year performance:** up 39.7%

**Assets under management:** $56.8 million

**Focus:** Clean energy companies