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Best-Performing Sector ETFs of 2025

The year 2025 began with post-election optimism and expectations of a strong first quarter. Instead, markets were hit by the rise of low-cost AI initiatives from China, the adverse impact on the U.S. Big Tech, Trump tariffs, sticky inflation, and persistently high interest rates. Stabilization in the market returned in the month of May after a tariff-led, turbulent April.

Market euphoria started to solidify from midyear, thanks to easing trade tensions. There have been three Fed rate cuts this year, with the action starting in September. That momentum faded suddenly when the longest U.S. government shutdown brought the fourth-quarter economic progress to a halt, and overvaluation concerns intensified in the AI space.

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Clean energy and cleantech stocks grabbed investors' attention this year. Some indices tracking renewable and green energy sectors reported much better returns compared with broader markets. ... is up 40%, and **Invesco WilderHill Clean Energy ETF** PBW has jumped about 49%. Rapid expansion of AI data centers has caused a surge in electricity demand, and to meet this insatiable demand, clean energy has come to the rescue.

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