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What's in Store for Cleantech Stocks? Money Managers Consider the Impact of the Market Correction

With the markets in free fall since the start of the year, many investors are rightfully worried about their portfolios' rapid declines. Although one of the biggest drivers of recent declines has been the fall in fossil fuel (especially oil) prices, clean energy investors have been far from immune.

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I asked a panel of professional green money managers these questions. Here is what they had to say.

Robert Wilder, a co-manager of the [WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index](#) and manager of the WilderHill Progressive Energy Index, expressed worries about fossil fuel prices across the board.

" ... oil dropping near \$30, something hardly predicted by anyone a couple of years ago. Natural gas continues to look cheap and abundant too far over the horizon, while coal is fetching very low prices. All this has meant dirty fossil fuels are very tough competition, since natural gas, for instance, could readily fire new power plants, and oil can cheaply fuel traditional cars," said Wilder.

Wilder still holds out hope for solar, wind, efficiency, electric cars and advanced batteries.

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"Once solar unsubsidized gets as cheap as fossil fuels, all bets are off in terms of support for dirty energy. That notion, which not long ago seemed very far off, is quickly becoming a more real threat to vested interests."

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" ... the global climate agreement in Paris will provide tailwinds for the sector. However, in 2015, the solar industry was "unable to overcome strong headwinds that include a fast-weakening China, low energy prices, opposition to solar continuing in some domestic fronts, and solar profit margins upstream to downstream being squeezed ever harder."

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