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Clean Power Stocks Close to Bottom as Vestas Falls, Impax Says

Clean energy stocks are approaching a floor after European austerity measures and cheap U.S. natural-gas pushed wind and solar companies lower, Impax Asset Management Ltd. said.

The industry offers value for investors after the WilderHill New Energy Index fell 20 percent this year, investment manager Vestas Wind Systems A/S, the world's biggest wind turbine maker, this week fell to its lowest level in more than five years and [Trina Solar Ltd. \(TSL\)](#), the No. 4 solar cell maker, is down 36 percent this year.

"Unless you believe renewable energy is going absolutely nowhere, the leading names will do well eventually," ... said in an interview in [London](#). "We think we're close to a bottom.

Solar power companies have been whiplashed this year as governments in [Germany](#) and [Italy](#) cut subsidies, while overcapacity in the wind turbine industry pushed Vestas to a loss in the first three months.

Impax's Environmental Markets London-listed investment trust fell 13.5 percent this year, compared with a 14.4 percent decline for its peers, according to Bloomberg data. The group's Asian Environmental Trust underperformed its peers, falling 23 percent this year compared with a 12.8 percent decline for similar funds.

'Tough Time'

"The Asian Fund did well until November and since then it's had a very tough time," said Impax Managing Director

He said the smaller companies the fund tends to hold were particularly affected by interest-rate increases in [China](#) and [India](#)

and its holdings of LED, or light emitting diode, makers suffered from overcapacity in the industry.

Impax is focusing its investments on the engineering companies that will build new power networks and boost the energy efficiency of factories, Clements said. China and Germany are building [power lines](#) to cope with an increase in unpredictable flows from wind generators while China is aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from industrial processes.

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“We aren’t going to make a very big play in solar because it’s a hugely volatile market,” ... said. “We’re lacking a clear view of a catalyst” to send stocks higher.