

ALPS Clean Energy ETF

Monthly Insights | August 2021

Key Takeaways

- The ALPS Clean Energy ETF (ACES) fell -2.52% in August 2021 as policy and supply chain concerns continue to grip the clean energy landscape.
- Hydro/Geothermal was the best performing segment, with both underlying names in the green.
- Array Technologies Inc. (ARRY; 2.10% weight*), a Solar name, was the top performer in ACES after Q2 earnings reassured investors regarding Q1 issues with component costs, notably steel, as well as an investment by Blackstone to support growth.

Performance

- The ALPS Clean Energy ETF (ACES) fell -2.52% in August 2021, trailing the WilderHill Clean Energy Index (ECO), but ACES still outpaces ECO year to date. ACES U.S. and Canadian based methodology continues to benefit the fund as policy in Asia has dragged down many names, including solar firms. U.S. solar companies filed a petition for the Biden Administration to look into Chinese solar firms skirting around U.S. tariffs by manufacturing components in nearby countries, such as Malaysia.
- According to an Energy Department study, 2020 saw record installs of wind generating capacity, about 17,000 megawatts. This represented about 42% of new capacity, with Solar trailing just behind at 38%. Renewable sources accounted for 80% of new U.S. power generation capacity in 2020 as favorable policy continues to accelerate growth in the clean energy space.

	Aug-21	Year to Date	1 Year
ACES (NAV)	-2.52%	-11.57%	32.38%
NACEXT-CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Index	-2.47%	-11.40%	32.90%
ECO-WilderHill Clean Energy Index	-2.28%	-20.88%	44.09%

As of 8/31/2021

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Strategy

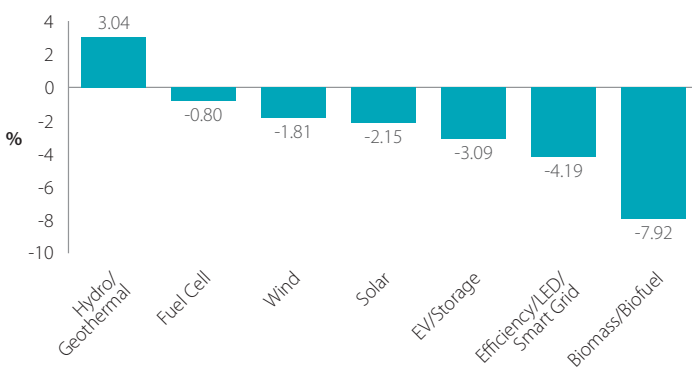
- 7 thematic segments across 2 categories (Renewables and Clean Technology)
- Pure Play: Constituent companies derive a majority of their value from clean energy businesses
- U.S. and Canadian based companies for increased business transparency and reduced volatility



Attribution

- Hydro/Geothermal was ACES best performing and only segment in the green in August. Biomass/Biofuel was the laggard, down 7.32% after leading all segments in July. Despite the down month, biofuel company Aemetis Inc. (AMTX; 0.26% weight*) was the second best performing security in ACES, +26.80% after reporting strong earnings mid-month with sales increasing 16% compared to Q2 2020.
- The Solar segment was mixed this month, but Array Technologies Inc. (ARRY; 2.10% weight*) and Shoals Technologies Group (SHLS; 2.53% weight*) were both leaders within ACES in August. SHLS is highlighted below in the company snapshot and Array Technologies led all names forward, +40.84%, after a month that included strong earnings and an investment from Blackrock private equity. Important to note in regards to supply chain issues, Array has entered into component supply agreements for about 85% of its input costs, specifically steel. With a better handle on costs and procurement, Array can better gauge the profitability of the solar project bids.

ACES Thematic Segment Performance - August 2021



Source: Bloomberg, as of 8/31/21.

Past performance does not guarantee future results

* Weight in ACES as of 8/31/2021

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Valuation

- ACES's underlying index, the CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Index, has a price-to-earnings ratio (P/E ratio) of 38.69x and a price-to-cash flow ratio of 16.88x.
- ACES ~29% weight to U.S. and Canadian-based utilities is within more expensive Yieldco's, which garner higher P/E's but lower P/CF (Price to Cash flow) metrics.

ACES Top/Bottom Performers August 2021

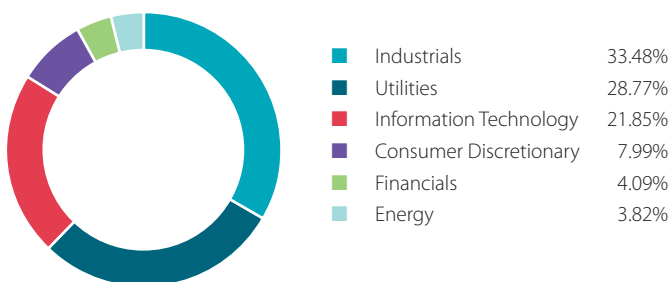
Leaders	Performance	Sub Segment
ARRAY TECHNOLOGIES INC (ARRY US)	40.84%	Solar
AEMETIS INC (AMTX US)	26.80%	Biomass/Biofuel
SHOALS TECHNOLOGIES GROUP -A (SHLS US)	11.96%	Solar

Laggards	Performance	Theme
ROMEO POWER INC (RMO US)	-30.92%	Efficiency/LED/Smart Grid
ARCIMOTO INC (FUV US)	-24.04%	EV/Storage
RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP INC (REGI US)	-20.95%	Biomass/Biofuel

ALPS as of 8/31/2021.

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Sector Allocations



Price Multiples

	NACEXT Index	ECO index	CELS index
Price/Earnings Ratio	38.69x	28.77x	41.18x
Price/Cash Flow Ratio	16.88x	14.82x	22.81x
Price/Sales Ratio	3.72x	1.96x	4.56x
Average Market Capitalization (in Mil, \$)	\$51,126	\$20,923	\$80,337

Source: Bloomberg, as of 8/31/2021

August 2021 Company Snapshot

Company: **Shoals Technologies Group (SHLS; 2.53% weight*)**



Segment:
Solar

- Shoals Technologies, based in Tennessee, provides electrical balance of system for solar energy, storage, and electric vehicle (EV) projects.
- Shoals reported earnings this month that beat some estimates, which prompted a price target raise from Morgan Stanley.
- A collaboration with Ernst & Young for electric vehicle (EV) charging solutions was also announced.
 1. "As infrastructure is electrified and supply chains are reimagined, the challenges are too big for one sector or one company to solve alone. Only through collaboration can organizations thrive in the emerging e-mobility ecosystem, win customers, and drive returns while advancing sustainability in transport."¹ – Shoal's Senior VP
 2. The partnership will pair Ernst & Young's economic and modeling capabilities with Shoals innovating EV offerings.

* As of 8/31/2021 in ACES

¹ <https://investors.shoals.com/news/news-details/2021/Shoals-Technologies-Group-Collaborates-with-EY-for-Electric-Vehicle-Charging-Solutions/default.aspx>

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ACES Performance as of 8/31/2021

Total Returns	Cumulative as of 8/31/2021				Annualized as of 6/30/2021		
	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	YTD	S.I.	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	S.I. ¹
ALPS Clean Energy ETF (Net Asset Value)	-2.52%	2.16%	-11.57%	193.34%	95.15%	46.29%	46.52%
ALPS Clean Energy ETF (Market Price) ²	-2.46%	2.15%	-11.75%	193.22%	95.07%	46.13%	46.52%
CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Index (Benchmark)	-2.47%	2.14%	-11.40%	198.98%	96.07%	47.20%	47.43%
S&P 1000 Total Return Index	1.97%	0.84%	21.10%	45.84%	57.32%	12.87%	12.84%

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Gross Expense Ratio: **0.55%**

¹ Fund inception date of 6/28/2018

² Market Price is based on the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4 p.m. ET and does not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at other times.

Top 10 Holdings (%)[^]

ENPHASE ENERGY INC	6.25%
FIRST SOLAR INC	6.01%
TESLA INC	5.96%
NEXTERA ENERGY PARTNERS LP	5.33%
SUNRUN INC	5.07%
BROOKFIELD RENEWABLE PARTNER	5.00%
NORTHLAND POWER INC	4.75%
ACUITY BRANDS INC	4.74%
UNIVERSAL DISPLAY CORP	4.70%
PLUG POWER INC	4.13%

[^] Source: Bloomberg as of 8/31/21,

Holdings subject to change.

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ALPS Clean Energy ETF Shares are not individually redeemable. Investors buy and sell shares of the ALPS Disruptive Technologies ETF on a secondary market. Only market makers or "authorized participants" may trade directly with the Fund, typically in blocks of 50,000 shares.

There are risks involved with investing in ETFs including the loss of money. Additional information regarding the risks of this investment is available in the prospectus.

An investment in the Fund is subject to investment risk including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest.

Clean Energy Sector Risk. Obsolescence of existing technology, short product cycles, falling prices and profits, competition from new market entrants and general economic conditions can significantly affect companies in the clean energy sector. In addition, intense competition and legislation resulting in more strict government regulations and enforcement policies and specific expenditures for cleanup efforts can significantly affect this sector. Risks associated with hazardous materials, fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of alternative energy fuels, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects and tax and other government regulations can significantly affect companies in the clean energy sector. Also, supply and demand for specific products or services, the supply and demand for oil and gas, the price of oil and gas, production spending, government regulation, world events and economic conditions may affect this sector. Currently, certain valuation methods used to value companies involved in the clean energy sector, particularly those companies that have not yet traded publicly, have not been in widespread use for a significant period of time. As a result, the use of these valuation methods may serve to increase further the volatility of certain clean energy company share prices.

Concentration Risk. The fund seeks to track the underlying index, which itself may have concentration in certain regions, economies, countries, markets, industries or sectors. Underperformance or increased risk in such concentrated areas may result in underperformance or increased risk in the fund.

Canadian Investment Risk. The fund may be subject to risks relating to its investment in Canadian securities. The Canadian economy may be significantly affected by the U.S. economy, given that the United States is Canada's largest trading partner and foreign investor. Any negative changes in commodity markets could have a great impact on the Canadian economy. Because the fund will invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies and the income received by the fund will generally be in foreign currency, changes in currency exchange rates may negatively impact the fund's return.

Micro-Capitalization Company Risk. Micro-cap stocks involve substantially greater risks of loss and price fluctuations because their earnings and revenues tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices tend to be more volatile. The shares of micro-cap companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the future ability to sell these securities.

Small- and Mid-Capitalization Company Risk. Smaller and mid-size companies often have narrower markets, less liquidity, more limited managerial and financial resources and a less diversified product offering than larger, more established companies. As a result, their performance can be more volatile, which may increase the volatility of the Fund's portfolio.

Large Capitalization Company Risk. The large capitalization companies in which the Fund invests may underperform other segments of the equity market

or the equity market as a whole. NACEX Index – The CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Index is an adjusted market cap weighted index designed to provide exposure to a diverse set of U.S. or Canadian based companies involved in the clean energy sector including renewables and clean technology.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

The fund is new and has limited operating history.

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There is no assurance that the market developments and sector growth discussed in this Insight will come to pass.

The Fund's investments in non-U.S. issuers may involve unique risks compared to investing in securities of U.S. issuers, including, among others, less liquidity generally, greater market volatility than U.S. securities and less complete financial information than for U.S. issuers. In addition, adverse political, economic or social developments could undermine the value of the Fund's investments or prevent the Fund from realizing the full value of its investments. Finally, the value of the currency of the country in which the Fund has invested could decline relative to the value of the U.S. dollar, which may affect the value of the investment to U.S. investors.

Price/Earnings Ratio – A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings.

Price/Book Ratio – The weighted average of the price/book ratios of all the stocks in a portfolio. The P/B ratio of a company is calculated by dividing the market price of its stock by the company's per-share book value.

Price/Cash Flow Ratio – This represents the weighted average of the price/cash-flow ratios of the stocks in a portfolio. Price/cash-flow represents the amount an investor is willing to pay for a dollar generated from a particular company's operations.

Price/Sales Ratio – This represents the weighted average of the price/sales ratios of the stocks in a portfolio. Price/sales represent the amount an investor is willing to pay for a dollar generated from a particular company's operations.

The NASDAQ Clean Edge U.S. Liquid Series Indexes are modified market capitalization weighted indexes designed to track the performance of clean-energy companies that are publicly traded in the U.S.

The WilderHill Clean Energy Index is a modified equal dollar weighted index comprised of publicly traded companies whose business's stand to benefit substantially from societal transition toward the use of cleaner energy and conservation. The index benchmark value is 100.00 at the close of trading on December 30, 2002. * Disseminated by AMEX *

The S&P Global Clean Energy Index provides liquid and tradable exposure to 30 companies from around the world that are involved in clean energy related businesses. The index is comprised of a diversified mix of Clean Energy Production and Clean Energy Technology and Equipment Providers companies.

The Fund employs a "passive management"- or indexing- investment approach and seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of global companies that enter traditional markets with new digital forms of production and distribution, and are likely to disrupt an existing market or value network. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund is not "actively" managed. Therefore, it would not necessarily sell a security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble unless that security is removed from the CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Index. Similarly, the Fund does not buy a security because the security is deemed attractive unless that security is added to CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Index.

The inclusion or exclusion of a company in the CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Index is not a recommendation to buy or to sell securities, and not an offer to buy or sell securities.

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