Goldman Leading Renewable Offerings Says Slump Is Ending

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The industry is so important that when Goldman's top executives visit the West Coast, up to Chief Executive Officer Lloyd Blankfein, "they don't just visit our largest market-cap clients, they also spend time with our early stage clean-tech companies," Bernstein said. Clean energy is "central to the Goldman Sachs franchise."

The WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index (NEX), known as the NEX, slumped 5.5 percent last year, adding to 40 percent and 15 percent declines in the two previous years as investors pared their appetite for risk and governments slashed incentives for the industry. The Bloomberg Industries Large Solar Energy (BISOLAR) index of 17 companies fell 26 percent last year.

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