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Five ETFs With Wild Five-Year Returns (IAU, BBH, EWM, PBW, UNG, FXI, EEM, SPY)

Bull or bear market, it's undeniable that the [ETF](#) universe has grown like a weed. The exchange-traded product lineup is quickly approaching the 1,500 mark; veteran issuers and new entrants alike continue to ramp up developments at a blistering pace despite looming worries over the sluggish global recovery. As innovative, first-to-market [ETFs](#) hit the street every week, investors might be wondering how some of the industry's "old dogs" have held up throughout the ups and downs on Wall Street over the past few years

As such, below we take a look at five ETFs with noteworthy five-year returns, highlighting three funds with impressive performance track records and two with dismal ones (returns as of July 20, 2012):

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2. PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio (NYSEARCA:PBW): Down 81%

The alternative energy sector has been riddled with handfuls of volatility as investments in this corner of the energy market haven't truly taken off like many have been hoping for. The "green" trend is without a doubt taking root across the globe; however, PBW's portfolio of holdings has unfortunately failed to gain much traction. This PowerShares ETF has amassed \$137 million in assets under management since launching in early 2005 [see also [3 ETFs For Long-Term Energy Trends](#)].

1. United States Natural Gas Fund (NYSEARCA:UNG): Down 94%

UNG's five-year chart bears an uncanny resemblance to a steep ski slope: all downhill with the occasional bumps. Natural gas prices have been in a seemingly perpetual decline over the past few years as new fracking technologies have expanded supplies beyond investors' wildest expectations. Furthermore, this ETP has endured several reverse splits since inception to help quell its downhill performance; the most recent one was a [4-for-1 reverse split](#) on February 22, 2012.