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CLEAN EDGE ANNOUNCES SEMI-ANNUAL STOCK INDEX CHANGES FOR QGRD™, HHO™, GHHO™, CELS™, AND GWE™

Portland, OR, March 23, 2026 — Clean Edge, Inc. today announced the results of the semi-annual evaluation of the following indexes:

- [Nasdaq OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure™ Index](#) (QGRD™)
- [ISE Clean Edge Water™ Index](#) (HHO™)
- [Nasdaq Clean Edge Global Water™ Index](#) (GHHO™)
- [Nasdaq Clean Edge Green Energy™ Index](#) (CELS™)
- [ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy™ Index](#) (GWE™)

All changes became effective prior to today's market open as a result of the semi-annual evaluation.

Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) based on the indexes are offered by First Trust in the U.S. and Europe under the ticker symbols GRID, FIW, H2O, QCLN, and FAN, respectively. All U.S. and global tracking financial products of Nasdaq Clean Edge indexes equaled \$12 billion in assets under management as of March 15, 2026.

Nasdaq OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index (QGRD):

The following securities have been added to the QGRD Index: Azbil Corporation (Tokyo: 6845), Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. (Tokyo: 6504), Fujikura, Ltd. (Tokyo: 5803), Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. (Tokyo: 5801), PFISTERER Holding SE (Xetra: PFSE), Primoris Services Corporation (New York: PRIM), and Tatung Co. (Taiwan: 2371). No securities were removed as a result of the latest evaluation.

The Nasdaq OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index is designed to act as a transparent and liquid benchmark for the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The Index includes companies that are primarily engaged and involved in electric grid; electric meters, devices, and networks; energy storage and electric vehicle network management; and enabling software used by the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria including minimum requirements for market capitalization and average daily dollar trading volume. The Nasdaq OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index is evaluated semi-annually in March and September.

The Index is the basis for the [First Trust Nasdaq® Clean Edge® Smart Grid Infrastructure Index Fund](#) (GRID), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the Nasdaq OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index before fees and expenses.

An alternate version of the index, the Nasdaq OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Exclusions™ Index (QGRDE™), incorporates an ESG screening methodology identified and applied by Morningstar Sustainalytics. The index is the basis for the First Trust Nasdaq® Clean Edge® Smart Grid Infrastructure UCITS ETF (GRDU).

ISE Clean Edge Water Index (HHO):

The following securities have been added to the HHO Index: Jacobs Solutions, Inc. (New York: J) and The Gorman-Rupp Co. (New York: GRC). The following securities have been removed from the Index: Essential Utilities, Inc. (New York: WTRG) and Lindsay Corp. (New York: LNN).

The ISE Clean Edge Water Index is designed to track the performance of U.S.-listed companies that derive a substantial portion of their revenues from the potable water and wastewater industry. Industry exposure includes water distribution, infrastructure (pumps, pipes and valves), water solutions (purification and filtration), and ancillary services such as consulting, construction, and metering. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria including minimum requirements for market capitalization and average daily dollar trading volume.

Securities which meet eligibility criteria are then ranked in descending order by market capitalization and the top 36 securities are selected as Index Securities. The ISE Clean Edge Water Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September.

The Index is the basis for the [First Trust Water ETF](#) (FIW), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the ISE Clean Edge Water Index before fees and expenses.

Nasdaq Clean Edge Global Water Index (GHHO):

The following securities have been added to the GHHO Index: Aalberts N.V. (Amsterdam: AALB), Companhia de Saneamento de Minas Gerais S.A. (São Paulo: CSMG3), Organo Corp. (Tokyo: 6368), and Pennon Group Plc (London: PNN). The following securities have been removed from the Index: Arcadis N.V. (Amsterdam: ARCAD), Essential Utilities, Inc. (New York: WTRG), Kemira Oyj (Helsinki: KEMIRA), and Wienerberger AG (Vienna: WIE).

The Nasdaq Clean Edge Global Water Index (GHHO) is a modified equal-weighted Index designed to track the performance of companies that derive a substantial portion of their revenues from the potable water and wastewater industry, as defined by Clean Edge. Industry exposure includes water distribution, infrastructure (pumps, pipes, and valves), water solutions (purification and filtration), and ancillary services such as consulting, construction, and metering. Companies are also evaluated on the basis of their business activities, controversies, and ESG Risk Ratings. The Nasdaq Clean Edge Global Water index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September.

The Index is the basis for the [First Trust Nasdaq® Clean Edge® Global Water UCITS ETF](#) (H2O), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the Nasdaq Clean Edge Global Water Index before fees and expenses.

Nasdaq Clean Edge Green Energy Index (CELS):

The following securities have been added to the CELS Index: Amprius Technologies, Inc. (New York: AMPX), FuelCell Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq: FCEL), Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: MPWR), and T1 Energy, Inc. (New York: TE). The following security has been removed from the Index: ChargePoint Holdings, Inc. (New York: CHPT).

The Nasdaq Clean Edge Green Energy Index is designed to track the performance of clean-energy companies that are publicly traded in the U.S. The Index includes companies engaged in the manufacturing, development, distribution, and installation of emerging clean-energy technologies such as solar photovoltaics, advanced batteries, hybrid and electric vehicles, and renewable materials. The four major sub-sectors that the index covers are Renewable Electricity Generation; Energy Storage & Conversion; Energy Intelligence; and Advanced Energy-Related Materials. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria including minimum requirements for market capitalization, average daily share volume, and price. The Nasdaq Clean Edge Green Energy Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September.

The Index is the basis for the [First Trust Nasdaq® Clean Edge® Green Energy Index Fund](#) (QCLN), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the Nasdaq Clean Edge Green Energy Index before fees and expenses.

ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index (GWE):

The following securities have been added to the GWE Index: Bonheur ASA (Oslo: BONHR), DEME Group N.V. (Brussels: DEME), Orrön Energy AB (Stockholm: ORRON), and SGL Carbon SE (Xetra: SGL). No securities were removed as a result of the latest evaluation.

The ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index is designed to track the performance of companies that are primarily engaged and involved in the wind energy industry based on analysis of the products and services offered by those companies (including both pure-play companies focused on the wind energy sector and diversified multinationals with wind energy sector exposure). The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria including minimum

requirements for market capitalization and average daily dollar trading volume. The ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index is re-ranked semi-annually in March and September.

The Index is the basis for the [First Trust Global Wind Energy ETF \(FAN\)](#), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield of the ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index before fees and expenses.

About Clean Edge, Inc.

Clean Edge, Inc. develops and publishes thematic research on clean energy, transportation, water, and the grid. Founded more than 25 years ago, the firm was the first analyst company to promote the concept of “clean tech” to a business audience. Clean Edge is a joint developer of and contributor to a suite of Nasdaq Clean Edge indexes, including the Nasdaq Clean Edge Green Energy Index (CELS) and the Nasdaq OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index (QGRD), launched in 2006 and 2009, respectively. Other indexes include the ISE Clean Edge Global Wind Energy Index (GWE), the ISE Clean Edge Water Index (HHO), and the Nasdaq Clean Edge Global Water Index (GHHO). Financial products tracking Nasdaq Clean Edge indexes equaled \$12 billion in assets under management as of March 15, 2026. To learn more about the company and stay up to date on clean-tech trends, visit www.cleanedge.com.

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