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Forseeing 2009's Best Stocks

At the end of each year [investors](#) have the benefit of using hindsight to identify the best performing stock of the year from the [S&P 500](#). For 2009 though, it will come down to determining which industry will have the best "change". Investors should consider the following factors before coming up with their short list of hopefuls for 2009.

New Administration President-Elect Obama begins his administration later this month and he will angle the country towards an economic recovery and a resolution to the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Glimpses into solutions for the economy reveal a combination of a stimulus package for individuals, tax incentives for business and [financial](#) support for [infrastructure](#) development at the state level

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Pool of Unemployed Workers According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2.7 million individuals became unemployed during the 12-month period ending in December 2008. Whether or not new jobs from an agricultural revolution or a "Green Revolution" will be enough to offset the job losses remains to be seen. If the turnaround in unemployment does take hold in this industry companies found on the **PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy** (NYSE:[PBW](#)) like **Cree Inc** (NASDAQ:[CREE](#)) are worth reviewing. **Final Thoughts** The broad strokes painted above suggest that investors cannot possibly have a clear formula for determining which stocks will come out on top in 2009. The idea is to at least factor in forces driving the economy. The list above is by no means totally encompassing, but keeping an eye on players in infrastructure, healthcare and renewables are great places to begin your search.