

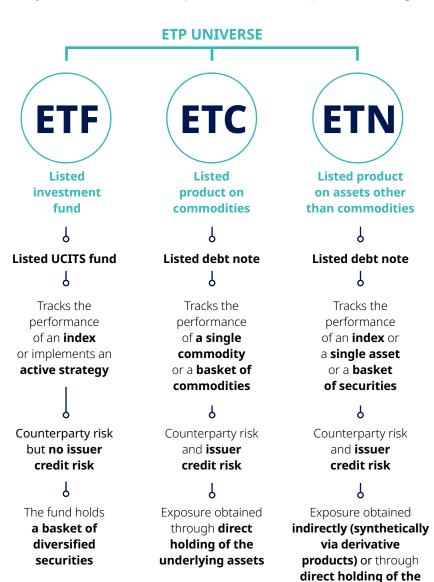
Trust must be earned



What are exchange -traded products?

Exchange-traded products (ETPs) are investment vehicles1 that are listed on an exchange. Similar to a stock, ETPs can be traded whenever the exchange is open.

Depending on the type of ETP, they are designed to replicate the performance², both upward and downward, of a financial instrument, such as a security, an index, a commodity or a group of commodities. As such, the ETP universe is very broad and covers a wide spectrum of investment products including:



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Counterparty risk:

Counterparty risk is the risk that the financial institution with which the fund is conducting a transaction (the counterparty) does not fulfill its commitments (if it fails to honor a scheduled payment or delivery). In other words, it is the risk that the other party in a financial transaction defaults.

Issuer risk: Issuer risk corresponds to the risk that the company or entity that issued a financial security (such as a stock or bond) may not be able to meet its financial commitments. For example, it might be unable to pay interest or repay the principal at maturity. This risk is related to the financial health and solvency of the issuer.

1 Investment involves risks. For more information, please refer to the Risk section below.

underlying assets

2 Past performance does not predict future returns.

The key differences

Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are the most well known of these products, and while they are ETPs, they have very distinct characteristics that other ETPs do not share. The fundamental differences relate to each product's underlying characteristics – i.e. the market and financial instruments they track – as well as the way the product is built and managed.

ETFs are funds³, which means, in the case of index⁴ ETFs:

- **⊘** They track highly diversified⁵ indices.
- There is no issuer credit risk linked to the product's structure, as the fund owns the underlying assets it invests in, and if there is an issue with the fund manager, the assets are safely ring-fenced for the fund and its investors.
- They are regulated through UCITS Directive⁶ in Europe, which provides investors with important safeguards not offered by other ETPs.
- They are easy to understand and compare thanks to their UCITS compliance.
- They are highly transparent.

ETNs and ETCs, on the other hand, are debt instruments, which means:

- As they are structured as debt instruments, they do not directly own the underlying assets, their issuer does.
- They are exposed to credit risk, the degree of which depends notably on the quality of the issuer. It is also impacted by whether the debt note is backed by physical assets and even by the quality of the custodian.

Furthermore, ETNs and ETCs:

- ② Do not benefit from a standard regulation such as the UCITS structure; rather, the regulation of ETNs and ETCs is quite varied and depends on the structure of each individual product.
- Are not subject to UCITS regulations, therefore they have no diversification requirements. An ETN or ETC can be structured to be diversified, but they can also track a single stock.
- **O** Can be quite varied, complex, and require in-depth analysis to assess underlying risks.

³ Investment involves risks. For more information, please refer to the Risk section below. For more information regarding the investment objectives of the fund, please refer to the Key Information Documents (KID) and the prospectus.

⁴ For more information regarding the index methodology, please refer to index provider website. Past performance does not predict future returns.

⁵ Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.

⁶ UCITS: "Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities" – European Directive 2014/91/EU.

Risks and regulation

European ETFs comply with UCITS rules, a strict legal framework governing a range of investment products, aimed at protecting investors. This comprehensive and robust structure allows investors to benefit from clear regulation on:



Diversification rules⁸,

applying to both the index components (in the case of an index ETF) and the assets of the fund.



Transparency,

ensuring a high level of standardised disclosure on key fund elements.



Risk control and governance,

as it relates to limitations on counterparty risk and conflict of interest.



Safekeeping of assets,

with segregation of the fund's holdings in ring-fenced accounts with the custodian.

As with all investment products, ETFs are not without risk. They carry similar risks to traditional mutual funds, in particular those related to their investment universe.

Counterparty risk can occur in all ETPs, and while this may reach 100% of the product value for ETNs and ETCs, this is limited to a maximum of 10% per counterparty within all UCITS funds, including ETFs.

Counterparty risk can be reduced by:

- Strictly selecting and monitoring all counterparties.
- Applying conservative rules for the assets or collateral that back transactions.
- Daily monitoring of the level of risk and applying mitigation techniques to keep it below the 10% limit (for ETFs).

Due to their structure as debt notes, ETNs and ETCs also carry issuer credit risk, i.e. the possibility that an investor's assets may be negatively impacted in the event of the issuer defaulting.

- 7 A UCITS index must be sufficiently diversified: each component should not exceed 20% of all index components. In exceptional circumstances, as in very volatile or concentrated market conditions, this limit can stretch up to 35% for one component only. For OECD Govies indices, the 35% weight limit is on issuers. The limit can be put at 100% if there are at least 6 different issues and the bonds are guaranteed bonds. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss
- 8 Counterparty risk is strictly regulated in UCITS funds (Article 52 of the UCITS Directive), and limited to 10% of the fund's total net assets per counterparty when the counterparty is a credit institution, or 5% otherwise.

The right tool for the job



OBJECTIVE

STRUCTURE

REASON

ADDITIONAL RISK CONSIDERATIONS



Track the Euro Stoxx 50







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Gain exposure to gold





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MARKETING COMMUNICATION

Key risks

- · Risk of the loss of invested capital. Investors may not get back the original amount invested and may lose all of their investment
- Risk associated with the markets to which the ETF is exposed. The price and value of investments are linked to the liquidity risk of the components. Investments can go up as well as down.
- Risk associated with the volatility of the securities/currencies composing the underlying index.
- The fund investment objective may only be partially reached.

Important information

This is a marketing communication. Please consult the Prospectus and the Key Investor Document ("KID") before making a final investment decision

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