

5 great Sterling priced Exchange Traded Funds for accessing world markets

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Tom Sieber from Shares Magazine has offered up the following list of ETFs for 2017 to give you a head start on choosing what ETFs you'll be investing in this year. With so many to choose from sometimes it helps to have the choices narrowed down.

See which ones suit your goals for investment, take some time to do your own research on them and get started on putting investing at the top of your to do list for 2017!

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What is an Exchange Trade Fund (ETF)?

You might be happy picking your own investments such as shares in large brands, or you might want to get rid of the need to choose lots of individual investments and select an Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) instead.

ETFs are big collections of shares which are pooled together into one easy to

manage basket. They can track a stock market index, such as the FTSE 100, and are an easy, inexpensive way to gain access to varied range of large brands in the UK or overseas in one 'share'.

So buying a FTSE 100 ETF, for example, will give you exposure to the biggest 100 companies listed on the UK's stock

market with just one click, and helps to easily spread some of the risk whilst keeping costs low potentially giving you a better return.

There are different types of ETFs even amongst those that track the same index, so be sure to understand what those are before buying.

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db X-trackers DJ STOXX Basic Materials (XSPR)

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The mining sector enjoyed a big recovery in 2016 and that is reflected in the performance of this ETF. It tracks the performance of leading companies in Europe involved in forestry and paper, industrial metals and mining.

It has a total expense ratio of 0.3%. Among the stocks it tracks are Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton and Glencore.

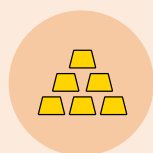


iShares Oil & Gas Exploration & Production (SPOG)

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Having hit multi-year lows in early 2016, oil prices recovered in the remainder of the year with producers' cartel OPEC taking action to support prices.

This helped the share prices of companies which explore for and produce oil to rebound too. This ETF tracks a basket of global oil and gas companies with more than 70% accounted for by the US.



ETFS DAXglobal Gold Miners (AUCP)

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This ETF is designed to track the performance of the DAXglobal Gold Miners index.

It contains the top companies in the sector that generate at least 50% of their revenues from gold mines. The selection criteria for the DAXglobal Gold Miners index includes market valuation and how easy a company's shares are to buy and sell.



db X-trackers MSCI Russia 25% Capped (XMRC)

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Reflecting Russia's reliance on hydrocarbons, ETFs simply tracking the headline MSCI Russia index would have nearly 60% invested in energy companies but the structure of this product limits exposure to individual firms.

The ETF applies a cap to ensure constituents whose weights are greater than 25% are limited daily at 22.5% and quarterly at 20%.



iShares MSCI Brazil (IBZL)

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This ETF tracks the performance of the MSCI Brazil index for a total expense ratio of 0.74%.

As such it provides diversified investment into a broad range of Brazilian companies. After a torrid 2015 Brazilian stocks bounced back in 2016 boosted by the Rio Olympics and changes in the government which are perceived as being positive for business.

Sharepad, iShares MSCI Brazil and db X-trackers MSCI Russia 25% Capped chosen from several top performing Brazil-focused and Russia-focused ETFs

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