



# **5 Exchange Traded Fund ideas** for the more specialist investor

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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.

# 5 ETF ideas for the more specialist investor



## iShares Ageing Population (AGED)

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*The average age of the global population is increasing and this issue is particularly acute in the developed world.*

This has all sorts of implications for the jobs market, pensions provision and healthcare, alongside other areas. This ETF is made up of companies which derive at least 50% of their revenue from areas which can be beneficiaries of this trend.



## iShares Global Infrastructure (INFR)

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*The demand for enhanced infrastructure is dictated by an increasingly urbanised global population and data from the McKinsey Global Institute estimates this growing demand will require \$57 trillion of investment between now and 2030.*

The fund tracks the Macquarie Global Infrastructure 100 index has a heavy weighting to global utilities providers.



## iShares Global Water (IH2O)

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*This ETF seeks to track the performance of an index composed of 50 of the largest global companies engaged in water related businesses.*

Demand for water is growing thanks to surging demand from the agriculture industry and new energy sources such as shale oil and gas and biofuels. Companies involved in this space could be beneficiaries of this demand.



## ETFS ISE Cyber Security (ISPY)

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*This tracks a basket of global companies which work in the burgeoning cyber security space.*

The headlines have recently been filled with a litany of cyber-crimes, IT system breaches and digital data scams. The ETF has a total expense ratio of 0.75%. While this is relatively expensive, it reflects its scarcity value as the only UK product offering pure exposure to this theme and the relative greater complexity of the product.



## ROBO Global Robotics and Automation (ROBG)

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*If you think the future will be dominated by robots you might want to consider this ETF.*

It tracks an index made up of 80 companies from around the world whose business is related to robotics and automation. According to Myria Research, the robotics and automation industry is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 30% from now until 2020.

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