

# THE 2014 ETF Investing Guide



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for the Year Ahead

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## Looking Forward To 2014

2013 shaped up to be quite a year for investors, as bullish momentum became a dominant force on Wall Street. Equity markets charged ahead, with major indexes logging in several all-time record highs, thanks in part to a more solid economic landscape. After a year that will likely be one for the record books, many now will take the time to catch their breath and rebalance their portfolios in an effort to more favorably position them for the year ahead.

While formulating an economic forecast for 2014 is a rather difficult task, we hope this eBook will provide several compelling ETF investing ideas for the year ahead. This guide outlines several key macroeconomic factors that will likely influence the markets in 2014, and specifies which ETFs can be used to capitalize on the outlined themes.

Included with each recommended ETF are in-depth looks at the noteworthy drawbacks and advantages, as well as analyst takes that offer a clear-cut view of the fund's most compelling features.

Investors should remember, however, that the scenarios that follow are only possibilities, not outright predictions!

Following our "2014 Investment Themes" section, we take a look at those ETFs that have logged in impressive gains in 2013, as well as those that haven't fared as well. Though past performance certainly does not define future performance, looking back may provide some insightful tips, as well as potential portfolio allocation strategies.

As always, be sure to follow the latest ETF news and analysis with [ETFdb.com](http://ETFdb.com), and utilize our [free analytical tools](#) and proprietary [ETF Screener](#).

Cheers,

*--Michael Johnston & the ETFdb Analyst Team*

## IPO Market Heats Up

In 2013, investors saw a slew of big-name companies going public, including Twitter (TWTR), The Container Store (TCS), Potbelly (PBPB), and Noodles & Co. (NDLS). While some of these IPOs had somewhat of a rough start, others have displayed very promising signs for investors.

### What To Look For In 2014:

Already, several well-known companies have announced their plans to go public sometime in 2014. Some of these names include the payments startup Square, online payroll software company Paylocity, food delivery service Seamless North America, and e-commerce company Alibaba.

#### ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch

[All Cap Equities](#)

[Growth](#)

IPOs may be attractive to ETF investors for two simple reasons: First and foremost, IPOs have a tendency to generate stellar returns on their first day of trading alone and investors naturally want an opportunity to buy into a stock that may one day turn out to be the next Apple (AAPL) or Google (GOOG); second, historical data reveals that IPOs as a whole have delivered impressive returns since the stock market bottom in March of 2009. As such, investors may want to take a closer look and consider the IPO market as an asset class, rather than a stock-by-stock picking challenge.

### ETFs To Play: FPX, IPO

#### **IPOX-100 Index Fund (FPX, B)**

**Investment Thesis:** FPX is designed to measure the performance of U.S. companies that have recently gone public – specifically, those that are within their first 1,000 trading days after an IPO.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">FPX</a>	IPOX-100 Index Fund	\$240 M	0.60%
<a href="#">IPO</a>	Renaissance IPO ETF	\$28 M	0.60%

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 100 newly listed stocks; top holdings include AbbVie, General Motors, Facebook, Phillips 66 and Kinder Morgan.

**Analyst's Take:** This veteran IPO ETF is a great option for those investors who feel more comfortable with larger, more established funds.

#### **Renaissance IPO ETF (IPO)**

**Investment Thesis:** IPO is linked to the Renaissance IPO Index, which is a benchmark designed to hold the largest, most liquid newly listed domestic IPOs.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF's portfolio is rebalanced regularly and removes securities after they have been publicly traded for two years (slightly less time than FPX's 1,000 day threshold). Currently, IPO's portfolio consists of 50 individual securities.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF is created by Renaissance Capital, which specializes in IPOs – in fact, it is all the firm does. For those wanting to stick with the IPO experts, this ETF may be a better fit.

## Technology Powers Up

Technology equities logged in solid gains in 2013, following many better-than-expected earnings reports. Internet and social media companies in particular delivered stellar returns, as investors piled into the highflying world of internet-based companies like Google, Microsoft, and Apple amid improving economic growth prospects.

### What To Look For In 2014:

For investors, the technology sector has been one of the most rewarding—yet frustrating—industries to invest in, as this corner of the market goes through periods of rapid evolutions, booms, and busts. But considering the uptrend seen last year, 2014 is certainly shaping up to be another big year for tech stocks.

There are over 40 different technology-focused ETFs that investors can choose from, with several products offering exposure tilted towards a particular sub-sector and others casting a wider net over the entire space, making it easy for investors to fine-tune their exposure.

ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch
<a href="#">Technology Equities</a>
<a href="#">Broad Technology</a>
<a href="#">Internet</a>
<a href="#">Social Media</a>

### ETFs To Play: XLK, FDN

#### Technology Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLK, A)

**Investment Thesis:** XLK is designed to provide broad exposure to the U.S. technology sector, including companies from computer software, telecom, semiconductor, and internet industries.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">XLK</a>	Technology Select Sector SPDR ETF	\$12 B	0.18%
<a href="#">FDN</a>	DJ Internet Index Fund	\$1.6 B	0.60%

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 78 individual securities, the majority of which are large cap; top holdings include Apple, Microsoft, Google, IBM, AT&T, and Verizon.

**Analyst's Take:** Making its debut in 1998, this well-established fund is a great pick for those investors looking to gain broad exposure to the tech industry, while at the same time mitigating risk that is inherent in certain more-volatile corners of the tech space.

#### DJ Internet Index Fund (FDN, B+)

**Investment Thesis:** FDN tracks an index that is comprised of Dow Jones listed companies that generate at least 50% of their annual sales/revenues from the internet.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds only about 40 internet stocks, with more than 50% of total assets allocated to its top 10 holdings, which include Google, Amazon.com, eBay, Priceline.com, Yahoo!, and Salesforce.com.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF is the best bet for investors looking to target the internet sub-sector. The fund also has meaningful allocations to mid cap companies, which tend to have more appealing growth and return potentials than their large cap counterparts.

## Housing Market Shows Promising Signs

As the economy continues to pick up its pace, many investors are returning to the corner of the market that was one of the primary sources of the 2008 financial crisis: housing. Across the board, housing stats have been on the rise in recent years, including home prices, housing starts, and existing sales.

### What To Look For In 2014:

Many analysts believe the housing market will continue to rise in 2014, though the industry will likely face some headwinds. For those wanting to ride the uptrend, there are several ways to play.

Building and construction ETFs are popular options, as these funds fine-tune exposure to nearly everything that is involved in the homebuilding remodeling industry. Investors can also profit from a stronger housing market using real estate ETFs, which offer exposure to mortgage, residential, and/or commercial REITs. Last, but certainly not least, investors who can stomach the risk may be able to make a play on housing using commodity and commodity producer ETFs; timber ETFs, in particular, have historically done well when the housing market has been on the rise.

#### ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch

[Building & Construction](#)

[Real Estate](#)

[Timber](#)

### ETFs To Play: XLK, REM

#### **SPDR Homebuilders ETF (XHB, A+)**

**Investment Thesis:** XHB is designed to offer exposure to the homebuilding sub-industry portion of the S&P Total Markets Index.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 36 individual securities, the majority of which are mid and small cap; top holdings include Select Comfort Corp, Mohawk Industries, Home Depot, and Lennox International.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF is the largest and most popular option for investors looking to gain exposure to the homebuilding industry, as well as the cheapest.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">XHB</a>	SPDR Homebuilders ETF	\$1.8 B	0.35%
<a href="#">REM</a>	Mortgage Real Estate Capped ETF	\$968 M	0.48%

#### **Mortgage Real Estate Capped ETF (REM, B-)**

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF tracks a benchmark that is designed to measure the performance of the residential and commercial real estate, mortgage finance, and savings associations sectors of the U.S. equity market.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 33 individual holdings; top holdings include Annaly Capital Management, American Capital Agency, Starwood Property Trust, and Two Harbors Investment Corp.

**Analyst's Take:** In addition to providing exposure to the real estate market, this mortgage REIT ETF is an attractive option for those in search of a high-yield current income stream.

## A Recovering Europe

While the U.S. has seemingly stayed on track for economic recovery, the eurozone has struggled to overcome its debt burdens. Until recently, most investors have remained understandably bearish on the currency bloc, but recent data has shown some glimmers of hope in the eurozone's ability to bounce back.

### What To Look For In 2014:

In 2013, the eurozone's seemingly never-ending recession was brought to a close after Eurostat reported that the economy grew at an annualized rate of 1.1% in the second quarter – the first positive reading after 18 months of contraction.

Many analysts have already started shifting from neutral positions to overweight, following 2013's sharp rebound in European stocks and the slew of better-than-expected business and economic reports.

#### ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch

[Europe Equities](#)

[Developed Europe](#)

### ETFs To Play: VGK, FEZ

#### **FTSE Europe ETF (VGK, A+)**

**Investment Thesis:** VGK tracks an index that is made up of approximately 511 common stocks of companies located in 17 European countries.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">VGK</a>	FTSE Europe ETF	\$12 B	0.12%
<a href="#">FEZ</a>	SPDR Euro STOXX 50 ETF	\$4.3 B	0.29%

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 506 individual securities, the majority of which are stocks from the United Kingdom (over 30%). Equities from Switzerland, France, and Germany are also given meaningful exposure.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF is the largest and cheapest option for investors looking to tap into the leading companies based in Europe.

#### **SPDR Euro STOXX 50 ETF (FEZ, A-)**

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF was designed to represent the performance of some of the largest companies across components of the 20 EURO STOXX Supersector Indexes.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF has 55 individual holdings, all of which are either large or giant cap stocks. Equities from France and Germany make up two-thirds of the portfolio, while Spain, Italy, Netherlands, and Belgium are given allocations under 7%.

**Analyst's Take:** For those investors wanting to place a bigger bet on the largest European companies, this fund may be more appropriate given its smaller portfolio size.

## A Transitional China

In 2013, emerging market equities suffered tremendous losses as the impact of the global economic slowdown weighed heavily on these once rapidly growing economies. The emerging economies hit hardest were once the most promising investments, namely Brazil, Russia, India, and China – the BRIC nations.

### What To Look For In 2014:

Despite the rather sour outlook most economists have for BRIC nations and other emerging economies in 2014, some analysts believe China may be able to regain its footing next year. The OECD has noted that growth is picking up and inflation remains low, allowing for domestic demand to lead the turnaround.

ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch
<a href="#">China Equities</a>
<a href="#">Asia Pacific Equities</a>
<a href="#">BRIC</a>

Though forecasts are mixed, economists have estimated that China's economy will grow anywhere from 7.4% to 8.2% in 2014. Investors should also note that depending on which way China's economy goes, its direction will set the pace for other emerging market equities, especially the remaining BRIC nations.

### ETFs To Play: FXI

#### **China Large-Cap ETF (FXI, B)**

**Investment Thesis:** FXI tracks an index that is designed to measure the performance of the largest companies in the China equity market.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds only 27 individual securities, with the top 10 holdings receiving roughly two-thirds of FXI's total assets. Financial equities make up roughly half of the portfolio, while communication services, energy, and technology receive weightings under 20%.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF is by far the largest and most popular option for gaining exposure to Chinese equities; it's also the most heavily traded.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">FXI</a>	China Large-Cap ETF	\$1.4 B	0.72%
<a href="#">PGJ</a>	Golden Dragon Halter USX China Portfolio	\$314 M	0.60%

#### **Golden Dragon Halter USX China Portfolio (PGJ, A)**

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF was designed to offer exposure to U.S.-listed securities of companies that derive a majority of their revenue from the People's Republic of China.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 68 individual holdings, the majority of which are technology equities. Large and giant cap firms make up the majority of the portfolio, although small and mid cap stocks are also given meaningful allocations.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF offers investors a unique way of accessing the Chinese equity markets while mitigating some of the risk that comes with investing in foreign-listed securities.



## Bullish On Developed Markets

With the global economy continuing to pick up steam, economists have become more bullish on developed markets, including the U.S, the eurozone, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Analysts cite the combination of unusually low interest rates and accelerating earnings growth as the primary reasons why developed markets will likely continue to perform well.

### What To Look For In 2014:

Overall, economists are expecting developed market growth of roughly 2% in 2014, up from the estimated 1% in 2013, which should fuel further gains in the equity market. Separately, the U.S. is expected to grow 2.7% next year, while the eurozone is expected to expand by 0.9%, Japan by 1.3%, and the U.K. by 2.4%.

#### ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch

[Foreign Large Cap Equities](#)

[Global Equities](#)

[Developed Markets](#)

Investors should note, however, that while forecasts are quite positive, many analysts remain cautiously optimistic given the potential headwinds, including changes in monetary policies, rising interest rates, and mounting debt piles.

### ETFs To Play: IOO, IDV

#### **Global 100 ETF (IOO, B+)**

**Investment Thesis:** IOO tracks an index that is designed to measure the performance of 100 large transitional companies that are of major importance in the global markets.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">IOO</a>	Global 100 ETF	\$1.4 B	0.40%
<a href="#">IDV</a>	International Select Dividend ETF	\$2.9 B	0.50%

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 110 individual securities from a wide array of sectors. U.S. equities account for more than half of the portfolio, though the U.K., Switzerland, Germany, and France receive significant allocations.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF focuses on only the largest and most "important" companies from developed markets, making it a relatively safe option.

#### **International Select Dividend ETF (IDV, B+)**

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF is designed to measure the performance of a selected group of companies that have provided relatively high dividend yields on a consistent basis over time.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 113 individual holdings, which are nicely spread out across giant, large, and mid cap firms. Equities from Europe make up more than half of the portfolio, while Australia and developed Asian economies also receive meaningful allocations.

**Analyst's Take:** For those investors who want to access this theme with a dividend twist, IDV is the most popular option.

## Bracing For Volatility

While most economists have an optimistic outlook on global growth, specifically in developed markets, many have warned that the first half of 2014 may experience some volatility. Analysts have also noted that with markets at record highs, broad equity indexes could be setting up for an unexpectedly steep correction in the New Year.

### What To Look For in 2014:

Next year, the Federal Reserve will welcome a new chairwoman, Janet Yellen, a staunch supporter of easy money policies. And though the Fed has decided to scale back its asset purchases, it has been adamant that the taper is not on a pre-set course and that the central bank will remain highly accommodative. Any additional changes in the bond-buying program, however, may bring some volatility back into the markets.

In Europe and other developed economies, easy money policies look as though they are here to stay for some time, though any major monetary policy change could spur a pullback in equity markets. For those who still remain bullish on the markets, but want to protect themselves from significant downside risk, there are several ETF options.

ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch
<a href="#">Low Volatility</a>
<a href="#">Hedge Fund</a>
<a href="#">Long-Short</a>

### ETFs To Play: SPLV, ERW

#### **S&P 500 Low Volatility Portfolio (SPLV, A-)**

**Investment Thesis:** SPLV tracks an index that consists of the 100 stocks from the S&P 500 Index with the lowest realized volatility over the past 12 months.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">SPLV</a>	S&P 500 Low Volatility Portfolio	\$4.1 B	0.25%
<a href="#">ERW</a>	Equal Risk Weighted Large Cap ETF	\$29 M	0.65%

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds 102 individual securities, the majority of which are utilities and consumer defensive equities. Giant and large cap equities make up roughly two-thirds of the portfolio.

**Analyst's Take:** Considering this ETF's track record, SPLV is a great, low-cost option for cautiously optimistic bulls.

#### **Equal Risk Weighted Large Cap ETF (ERW)**

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF employs a proprietary methodology to measure a stock's risk and then weights the exposure to each stock in the Index such that the expected risk contribution of each stock is equal to the index.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds nearly 500 individual holdings, with no one security receiving an allocation more than 3.0%. Technology, financials, health care, consumer discretionary, and energy stocks currently receive the biggest weightings.

**Analyst's Take:** This new fund avoids the pitfalls of market cap weighting while also avoiding the over-simplicity of a "Low Volatility ETF," which takes into account only one measure of risk (historical volatility).

## The Taper Begins

After multiple rounds of quantitative easing, the central bank has finally stated that it will begin scaling back its massive bond-buying program in January of 2014. The Federal Reserve, however, emphasized that it does not have a predetermined course of asset purchases.

### What To Look For In 2014:

While we now know that tapering will occur in the early part of 2014, the exact scale and timing of additional reductions are unknown. The decisions surrounding tapering will be highly dependent on economic data, primarily on labor figures.

The Fed, however, plans to keep interest rates near zero throughout 2014, and perhaps into 2015, again depending on labor market conditions.

As the central bank begins tapering its purchases, markets will likely see a shift towards shorter-term, floating-rate fixed income products, essentially being long the yield curve. Investors should also keep a close eye on the dollar, as continued tapering will likely strengthen the greenback against certain currencies such as the Japanese yen.

ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch
<a href="#">High Yield Bonds</a>
<a href="#">Bank Loans</a>
<a href="#">Floating Rate Bonds</a>

### ETFs To Play: HYLD, BKLN

#### **Senior Loan Portfolio (BKLN, A-)**

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF tracks an index that is designed to track the market-weighted performance of the largest institutional leveraged loans based on market weightings, spreads and interest payments.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">BKLN</a>	Senior Loan Portfolio	\$6.1 B	0.66%
<a href="#">FXY</a>	CurrencyShares Japanese Yen Trust	\$132 M	0.40%

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds over 230 senior bank loans, which are privately-arranged debt instruments issued by a bank that provides capital to a company, usually with a below-investment-grade credit rating. These instruments are also floating rate.

**Analyst's Take:** As the Fed tapers its bond purchases, this fund is an attractive option since its underlying floating rate debt notes are far less sensitive to interest rates than traditional junk bonds, but at the same time still offer attractive yields.

#### **CurrencyShares Japanese Yen Trust (FXY, C+)**

**Investment Thesis:** FXY offers exposure to the Japanese yen relative to the U.S. dollar, increasing in value when the yen strengthens and declining when the dollar appreciates.

**Under The Hood:** This fund essentially allows investors to be long the Japanese yen and short the U.S. dollar.

**Analyst's Take:** Tapering will likely strengthen the dollar against the Japanese yen, meaning investors may want to take a short position in FXY to capture the greenback's gains.

## Obamacare In Focus

In 2013, Obamacare's Health Insurance Marketplace (healthcare.gov) officially rolled out, allowing Americans to purchase the insurance of their choice and apply for subsidies. To the public's dismay, technical difficulties made the marketplace's launch a complete blunder. Government officials, however, have promised that the program will run significantly smoother by the end of the year.

### What To Look For In 2014:

By 2014, Washington hopes Obamacare's implementation will be complete. If all goes well, the new act will seek to increase access and affordability by holding insurance companies more accountable, as well as strengthening and expanding Medicare. The act also seeks to expand free preventative services and lower costs on prescription drugs and monthly premiums.

#### ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch

[Health & Biotech Equities](#)

[Healthcare Services](#)

While Obamacare will likely impose additional fees upon drug companies over the next decade to fund the program, the longer-term effects may actually be far more bullish for the industry than many might expect. Although drug manufacturers may take a hit, the mandate will provide for an inflow of patients who were previously uninsured over the long-haul; as such, the growing base of patients is sure to spawn increased consumption for healthcare services and products of all sorts over the coming years.

### ETFs To Play: XLV, XHS

#### Health Care Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLV, B)

**Investment Thesis:** XLV tracks an index that includes companies from the following industries: pharmaceuticals; health care providers & services; health care equipment & supplies; biotechnology; life sciences tools & services; and health care technology.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF has 55 individual holdings, the majority of which are large and giant cap firms. Top holdings include Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Merck, and Gilead Sciences.

**Analyst's Take:** For investors wanting to cast a wide net over the healthcare space, this ETF is a great low-cost option.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">XLV</a>	Health Care Select Sector SPDR ETF	\$8.4 B	0.18%
<a href="#">XHS</a>	SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF	\$62 M	0.35%

#### SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF (XHS, A)

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF tracks an index that is designed to represent the Health Care Providers and Services sector of the S&P Total Market Index (S&P TMI).

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds over 50 individual securities, including stocks from the healthcare facilities, services, distributors, and managed healthcare sub-sectors.

**Analyst's Take:** For those who want to fine tune exposure to healthcare services, a sub-sector that will likely benefit the most from Obamacare, this fund may be more appropriate.

## The Contrarian Pick: Gold Miners

2013 proved to be one of the worst years to be a gold bug as the precious metal failed to evade bearish pressures amid all of the talks about the Federal Reserve scaling back on stimulus measures. Likewise, gold miners have taken a hit as spot prices for their product have plunged, blanketing the entire producers corner of the market with uncertainty.

### What To Look For In 2014:

Though the metals and mining industry will likely continue to face significant headwinds in 2014, some analysts believe now is the perfect time to buy-in cheap. For those willing to stomach the risk, gold miners and explorers are the ultimate contrarian pick for 2014.

Investors should note, however, that taking a long position in these securities comes with significant risk, as the outlook for the industry remains clouded with uncertainty in the coming year.

#### ETFdb Categories & Types To Watch

[Commodity Producers Equities](#)

[Gold Miners](#)

[Metals & Mining](#)

### ETFs To Play: GDX

#### **Market Vectors TR Gold Miners ETF (GD<sub>X</sub>, B<sub>+</sub>)**

**Investment Thesis:** GD<sub>X</sub> tracks an index that provides exposure to publicly traded companies worldwide involved primarily in the mining for gold, representing a diversified blend of small-, mid- and large-capitalization stocks.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds only 32 individual securities, the majority of which are Canadian companies. Top holdings include Goldcorp, Barrick Gold, and Newmont Mining.

**Analyst's Take:** This ETF is the largest and most popular option for investors wanting to gain exposure to gold mining equities.

Ticker	Name	AUM	Expense Ratio
<a href="#">GD<sub>X</sub></a>	Market Vectors TR Gold Miners ETF	\$4.3 B	0.52%
<a href="#">GD<sub>XJ</sub></a>	Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF	\$1.2 B	0.54%

#### **Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF (GD<sub>XJ</sub>, B<sub>+</sub>)**

**Investment Thesis:** This ETF tracks an index that provides exposure to a global universe of publicly traded small- and medium-capitalization companies that generate at least 50% of their revenues from gold and/or silver mining.

**Under The Hood:** This ETF holds nearly 80 individual securities, all of which are either small, micro, or mid cap firms. Canadian junior mining companies make up more than two-thirds of the portfolio.

**Analyst's Take:** For those willing to stomach the risk, this fund's focus on small caps offers investors attractive growth opportunities.

# 2013 In Review

## The Year's Best & Worst Performing ETFs



Please note that the year-to-date ETF returns featured below are as of December 13, 2013

## Solar ETF ([TAN, B+](#)) – Up 115.9%

This ETF's underlying index is designed to track companies that engage in various business segments of the solar energy industry, including companies that manufacture and sell solar cells.

Top holdings include: First Solar (FSLR), GCL-Poly Energy Holdings (03800), and SunEdison (SUNE).

### TAN Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Guggenheim](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.65%

**ETFdb Category:** [Alternative Energy Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2008-04-15

TAN - Solar ETF Guggenheim - Daily Line Chart



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- [TAN Returns](#): See historical performance, volatility, and dividend information
- [TAN Head-To-Head](#): See how TAN compares to any other ETF in terms holdings, dividends, and more
- [TAN Technical Indicators](#): Analyze TAN's momentum, relative strength, MACD and more
- [TAN Category Report](#): View the Alternative Energy Equities ETFdb Category Report
- [TAN Realtime Rating](#): See how TAN rates against comparable ETFs in terms of expenses, historical returns, volatility, and concentration

## Market Vectors Solar Energy ETF (KWT, C) – Up 91.4%

This ETF provides exposure to publicly traded companies from around the world that derive at least 66% of their revenues from solar power and related products and services.

Top holdings include: First Solar (FSLR), SunEdison (SUNE), and SunPower Corp (SPWR).

### KWT Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Van Eck](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.65%

**ETFdb Category:** [Alternative Energy Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2008-04-21

KWT - Solar Energy ETF Market Vectors - Daily Line Chart



### Explore KWT on ETFdb

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## NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index Fund ([QCLN, A](#)) – Up 80.4%

This ETF provides exposure to U.S. companies engaged in manufacturing, development, distribution and installation of emerging clean-energy technologies.

Top holdings include: Tesla (TSLA), Cree (CREE), and Hexcel Corp (HXL).

### QCLN Snapshot

Issuer: [First Trust](#)

Structure: ETF

Expense Ratio: 0.60%

ETFdb Category: [Alternative Energy Equities](#)

Inception: 2007-02-08

QCLN - Nasdaq Clean Edge Green First Trust - Daily Line Chart



### Explore QCLN on ETFdb

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- [QCLN Realtime Rating](#): See how QCLN rates against comparable ETFs in terms of expenses, historical returns, volatility, and concentration

## Market Vectors Global Alternative ETF ([GEX, B-](#)) – Up 60.9%

This ETF provides exposure to publicly traded companies worldwide that are principally engaged in the alternative energy industry.

Top holdings include: Cree (CREE), Tesla (TSLA), and Eaton Corp (ETN).

### GEX Snapshot

Issuer: [Van Eck](#)

Structure: ETF

Expense Ratio: 0.62%

ETFdb Category: [Alternative Energy Equities](#)

Inception: 2007-05-03

GEX - Global Alternative Energy ETF Market Vectors - Daily Line Chart



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## U.S. Broker-Dealers ETF ([IAI, B+](#)) – Up 59.5%

This ETF tracks an index that is designed to measure the performance of the investment services sector of the U.S. equity market.

Top holdings include: Goldman Sachs (GS), Charles Schwab (SCHW), and CME Group (CME).

### IAI Snapshot

Issuer: [iShares](#)

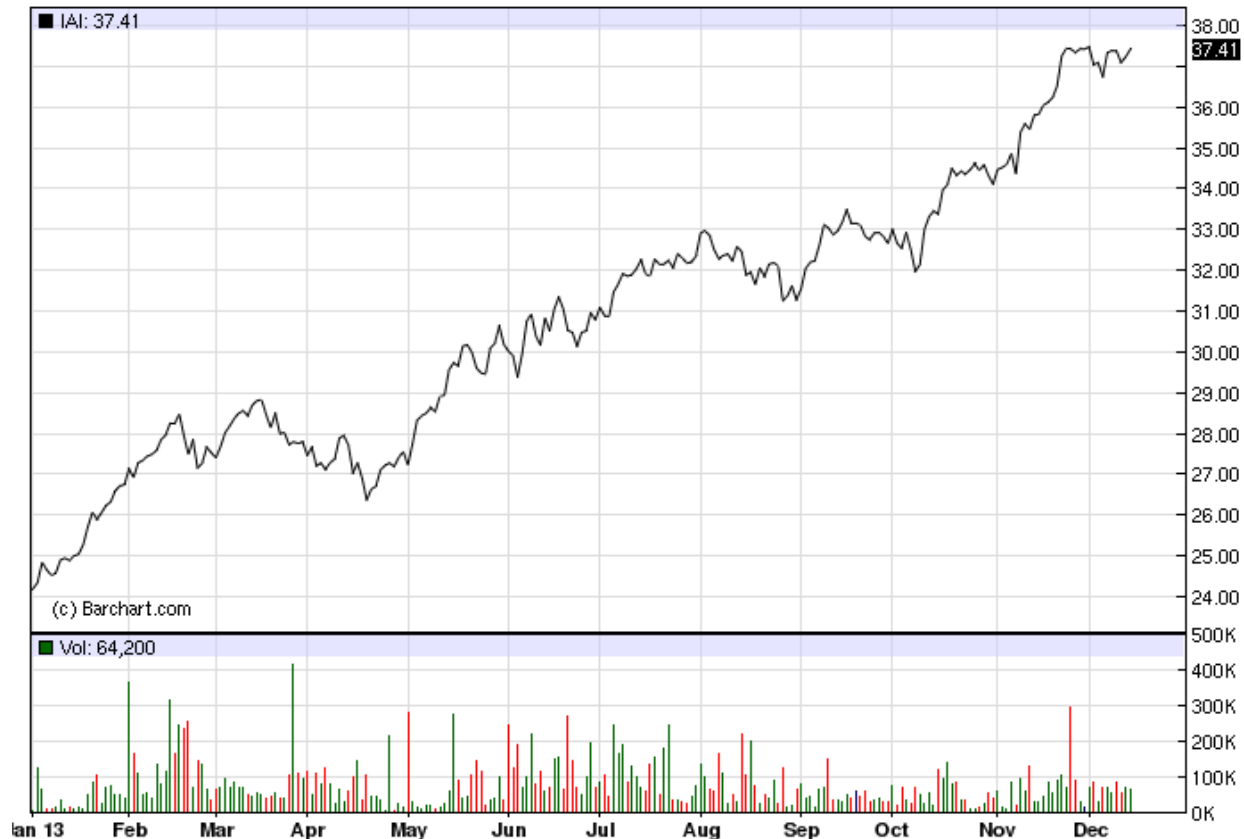
Structure: ETF

Expense Ratio: 0.48%

ETFdb Category: [Financials Equities](#)

Inception: 2006-05-01

IAI - DJ US Broker-Dealers Ishares - Daily Line Chart



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## Market Vectors Biotech ETF ([BBH](#), [C](#)) – Up 58.4%

This ETF tracks a rules-based index intended to track the overall performance of 25 of the largest U.S.-listed, publicly traded biotech companies.

Top holdings include: Gilead Sciences (GILD), Amgen Inc (AMGN), and Biogen Idec Inc (BIIB).

### BBH Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Van Eck](#)

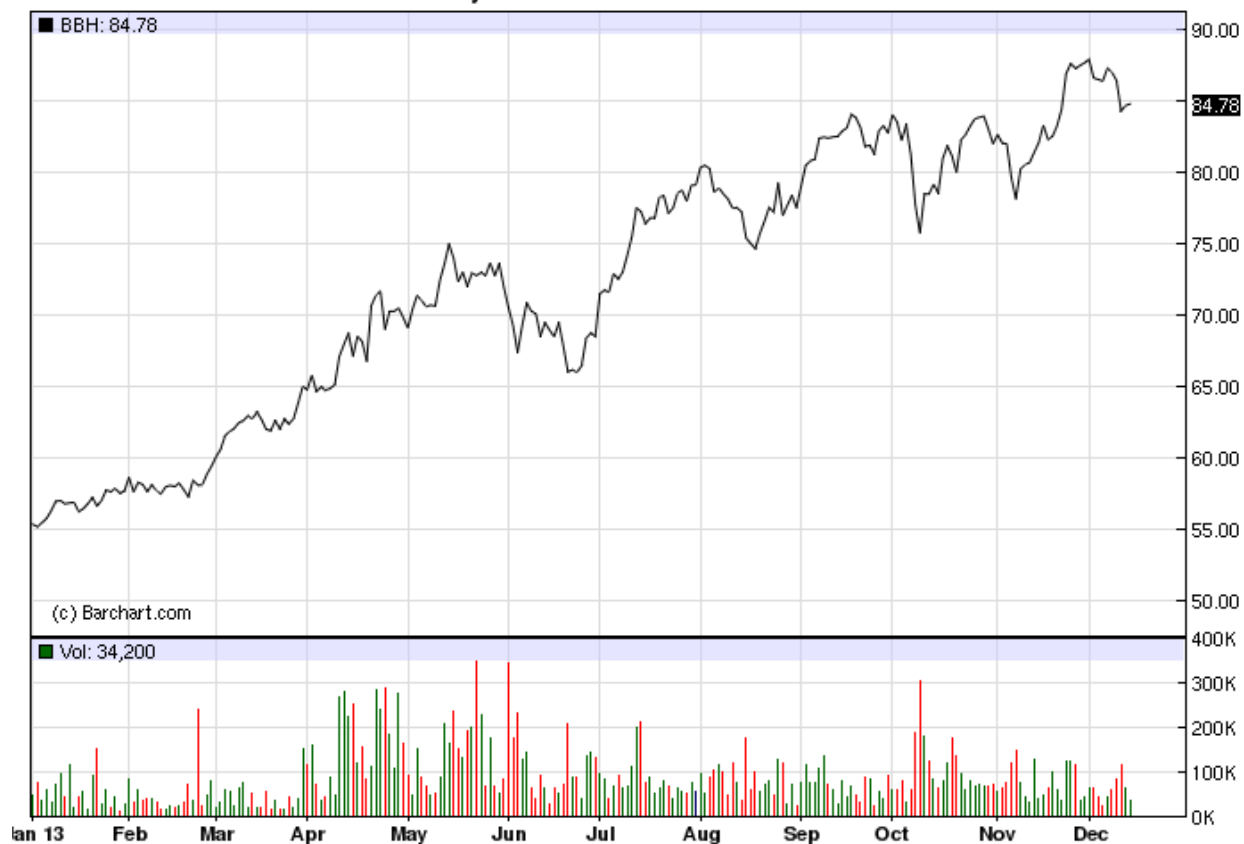
**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.35%

**ETFdb Category:** [Health & Biotech Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2011-12-20

BBH - Biotech ETF Market Vectors - Daily Line Chart



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## Social Media Index ETF ([SOCL, C+](#)) – Up 57.2%

This ETF's underlying index tracks the equity performance of the largest and most liquid companies involved in the social media industry, including companies that provide social networking, file sharing, and other web-based media applications.

### SOCL Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Global X](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.65%

**ETFdb Category:** [Technology Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2011-11-15

Top holdings include: Tencent Holdings (00700), SINA Corp (SINA), LinkedIn Corp (LNKD).

SOCL - G-X Social Media Index ETF - Daily Line Chart



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## NASDAQ Biotechnology ETF ([IBB](#), [A-](#)) – Up 57.1%

This ETF's underlying index contains NASDAQ-listed companies classified as either biotechnology or pharmaceuticals companies.

Top holdings include: Amgen Inc (AMGN), Celgene Corp (CELG), and Gilead Science (GILD).

### IBB Snapshot

**Issuer:** [iShares](#)

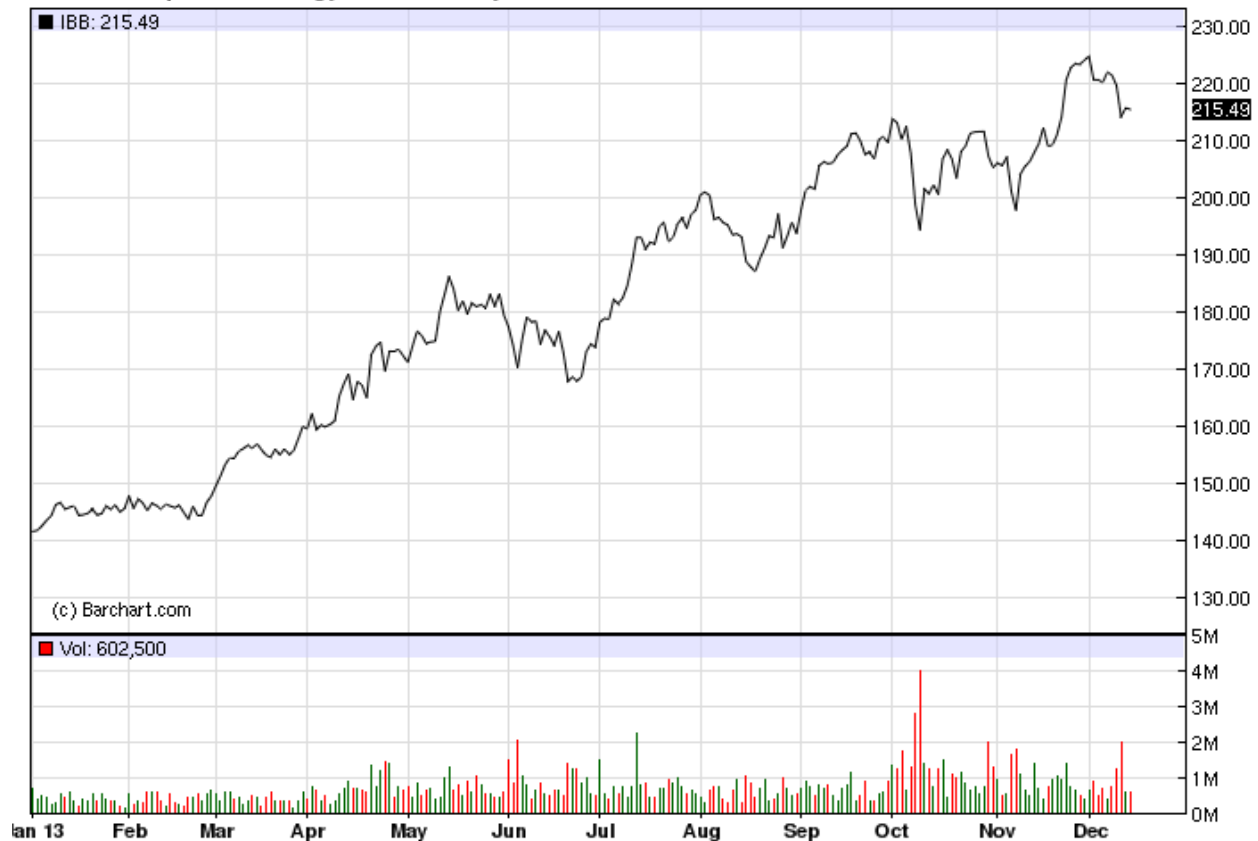
**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.48%

**ETFdb Category:** [Health & Biotech Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2001-02-05

IBB - Nasdaq Biotechnology Ishares - Daily Line Chart



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## NASDAQ Internet Portfolio ([PNQI](#), [B](#)) – Up 56.9%

This ETF's underlying index is designed to track the performance of the largest and most liquid U.S.-listed companies engaged in internet-related businesses and that are listed on one of the major U.S. stock exchanges.

Top holdings include: Amazon.com (AMZN), Priceline.com (PCLN), and Facebook (FB).

### PNQI Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Invesco PowerShares](#)

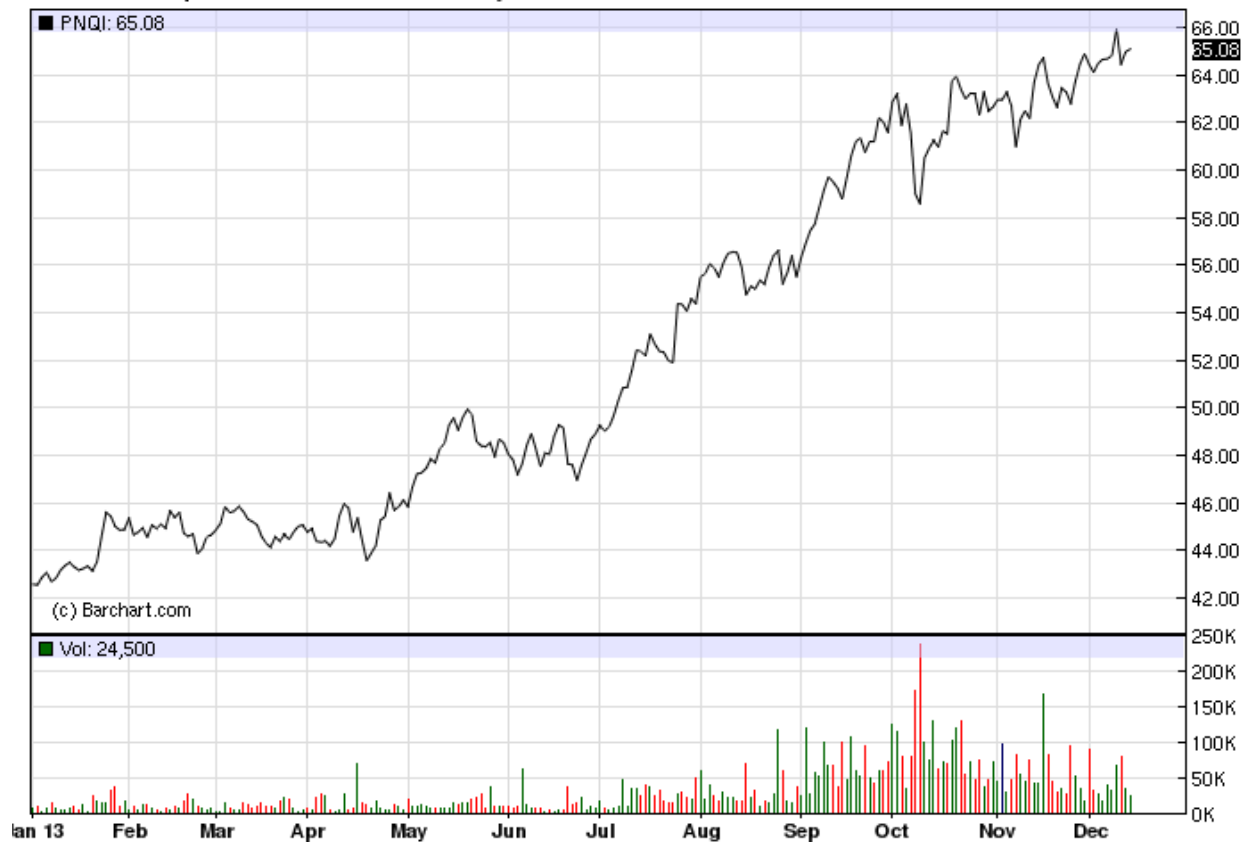
**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.60%

**ETFdb Category:** [Technology Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2008-06-12

PNQI - Nasdaq Internet Powershares - Daily Line Chart



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## ISE Global Wind Energy Index Fund (FAN, A+) – Up 56.8%

This ETF tracks an index that is comprised of companies that provide goods and services exclusively to the wind energy industry.

Top holdings include: Vestas Wind Systems (VWS), Gamesa Corporacion Tecnologica (GAM), and Nordex AG (NDX1).

### FAN Snapshot

**Issuer:** [First Trust](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.60%

**ETFdb Category:** [Alternative Energy Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2008-06-16

FAN - Global Wind Energy First Trust - Daily Line Chart



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## C-Tracks Citi Volatility Index Total Return ETN ([CVOL, C](#)) – **Down 84.9%**

This ETF tracks an index that is designed to measure directional exposure to the implied volatility of large cap U.S. stocks. The index methodology combines a daily rolling long exposure to the third- and fourth-month futures contracts on the CBOE Volatility Index with a short exposure to the S&P 500 Total Return Index.

### CVOL Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Citigroup](#)

**Structure:** ETN

**Expense Ratio:** 1.15%

**ETFdb Category:** [Volatility](#)

**Inception:** 2010-11-12

CVOL - C-Tracks Citi Volatility Index TR ETN - Daily Line Chart



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## S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures ETN ([VXX, A-](#)) – **Down 62.7%**

This ETF offers exposure to a daily rolling long position in the first and second month VIX futures contracts and reflects the implied volatility of the S&P 500 Index at various points along the volatility forward curve.

### VXX Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Barclays iPath](#)

**Structure:** ETN

**Expense Ratio:** 0.89%

**ETFdb Category:** [Volatility](#)

**Inception:** 2009-01-29

VXX - VIX Short-Term Futures ETN Ipath - Daily Line Chart



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## VIX Short-Term ETN ([VIIX, B](#)) – Down 62.7%

This ETF tracks an index that is designed to reflect the returns that are potentially available through an unleveraged investment in short-term futures contracts on the CBOE Volatility Index.

### VIIX Snapshot

Issuer: [VelocityShares](#)

Structure: ETN

Expense Ratio: 0.89%

ETFdb Category: [Volatility](#)

Inception: 2010-11-29

VIIX - VIX Short-Term ETN Velocityshares - Daily Line Chart



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## VIX Short-Term Futures ETF ([VIXY](#), [A](#)) – Down 62.6%

This ETF tracks an index that measures the movements of a combination of VIX futures and is designed to track changes in the expectation for VIX over a specific time window in the future.

### VIXY Snapshot

Issuer: [ProShares](#)

Structure: ETF

Expense Ratio: 0.85%

ETFdb Category: [Volatility](#)

Inception: 2010-01-03

VIXY - VIX Short-Term Futures ETF Proshares - Daily Line Chart



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## Gold Explorers ETF ([GLDX, B-](#)) – Down 62.5%

This ETF's underlying index is designed to track the price movements in shares of companies that are active in the gold mining industry as an explorer.

Top holdings include: Rainy River Resource (RRFFF), Torex Gold Resources (TXG), and Petium Resources (PVG).

### GLDX Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Global X](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.65%

**ETFdb Category:** [Commodity Producers](#)

[Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2010-11-04

GLDX - G-X Gold Explorers ETF - Daily Line Chart



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## Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF ([GDXJ, B+](#)) – Down 61.8%

This ETF provides exposure to a global universe of publicly traded small- and medium-capitalization companies that generate at least 50% of their revenues from gold and/or silver mining, hold real property that has the potential to produce at least 50% of the company's revenue from gold or silver mining when developed, or primarily invest in gold or silver.

### GDXJ Snapshot

Issuer: [Van Eck](#)

Structure: ETF

Expense Ratio: 0.54%

ETFdb Category: [Commodity Producers](#)

[Equities](#)

Inception: 2009-11-10

GDXJ - Junior Gold Miners ETF Market Vectors - Daily Line Chart



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## Market Vectors TR Gold Miners ETF ([GDJ, B+](#)) – **Down 54.4%**

This ETF provides exposure to publicly traded companies worldwide involved primarily in the mining for gold, representing a diversified blend of small-, mid- and large- capitalization stocks.

Top holdings include: Goldcorp (GG), Barrick Gold Corp (ABX), and Newmont Mining Corp. (NEM).

### GDJ Snapshot

Issuer: [Van Eck](#)

Structure: ETF

Expense Ratio: 0.52%

ETFdb Category: [Commodity Producers](#)

[Equities](#)

Inception: 2006-05-16

GDJ - Gold Miners ETF Market Vectors - Daily Line Chart



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## PureFunds ISE Junior Silver ETF ([SILJ, C](#)) – Down 53.9%

This ETF provides exposure to publicly traded small-cap companies that are active in the silver mining exploration and production industry.

Top holdings include: Silver Corp (SVM), Fortuna Silver Mines (FSM), MAG Silver Corp (MVG).

### SILJ Snapshot

**Issuer:** [FactorShares](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.69%

**ETFdb Category:** [Commodity Producers](#)

[Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2012-11-29

SILJ - Purefunds ISE Junior Silver [Sm - Daily Line Chart



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## MSCI Global Gold Miners ETF ([RING, B](#)) – Down 52.7%

This ETF tracks an index that measures the equity performance of companies in both developed and emerging markets that derive the majority of their revenues from gold mining.

Top holdings include: Goldcorp (GG), Barrick Gold Corp (ABX), and Newmont Mining Corp (NEM).

### RING Snapshot

**Issuer:** [iShares](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.39%

**ETFdb Category:** [Commodity Producers](#)

[Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2012-01-31

RING - Global Gold Miners MSCI Ishares - Daily Line Chart



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## Silver Miners ETF ([SIL, B](#)) – Down 52.0%

This ETF offers exposure to the silver mining industry. It is comprised of common stocks, ADRs and GDRs of selected companies globally that are engaged in some aspect of the silver mining industry.

Top holdings include: Silver Wheaton Corp (SLW), Fresnillo PLC (FRES), and Industrias Penoles (PE&OLES.MX).

### SIL Snapshot

**Issuer:** [Global X](#)

**Structure:** ETF

**Expense Ratio:** 0.65%

**ETFdb Category:** [Commodity Producers Equities](#)

**Inception:** 2010-04-19

SIL - G-X Silver Miners ETF - Daily Line Chart



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