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XENIX® ETF study: top-rated European equity ETFs excel price leaders

The rating provider XENIX has selected 35 benchmark ETFs for European equity markets. They are core investments, managed by 13 different ETF providers, and they follow ten different European equity indices (with or without British stocks). These flagship ETFs currently manage around 33 billion in Euro. In 2019, these core building block ETFs returned at average +26,7 % after costs.

XENIX evaluates the quality of ETFs based on more than 260 criteria. These include especially the quality of the underlying indices, the quality of the ETF constructions, the liquidity of the respective ETFs as well as the performance differences of the ETFs relative to its index.

"17 of the examined 35 ETFs are listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (XETRA) for less than three years. These "newcomers" are for the first time rated by an independent ETF rating specialist," says Wieland Thyssen, managing director and spokesman for XENIX. "Our most recent rating study shows how complex a multi-dimensional quality comparison of core benchmark ETFs is. The ETF newcomers are indeed significantly cheaper than most of their established peers. However, our study shows that ETFs with below the average total expense costs (TER) are not automatically quality leaders. To be a quality leader has more requirements, above all stable tracking results as well as comprehensive information about indices and spreads by the ETF providers." The XENIX rating study reveals that four benchmark ETFs for the European equity market are considered as an excellent investment, since they received a four or five XENIX STARS rating.

Asset managers and investors can since 2019 select top-rated ETFs for all asset classes based on the XENIX ratings and their own preferences to improve the quality of their portfolios.

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