2017 ETF Investor Study

ETF Enthusiasm is on the rise.

Schwab's 2017 ETF Investor Study reveals the views of more than 1,200 individual investors.

More and more investors say ETFs are their investment vehicle of choice, especially millennials.

Millennials 56%



GenX **44**%



30%



23%

Investors believe trading ETFs without commissions or fees is important.



45% of investors plan to increase ETF investments in the next year. Up from 31% in 2015.



42% of investors expect ETFs will be their primary investment type in the future. Up from 30% in 2015.



Most investors use ETFs to achieve their long-term financial goals.



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long- and short-term goals

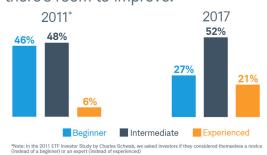
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short-term goals

12%

Understanding of ETFs has increased but there's room to improve.



Younger generations are more likely to increase investments in ETFs in the next year.



fillennials **60**%



GenX 48%



Boomers 29%



Matures 25%

Investment returns will fluctuate and are subject to market volatility, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed or sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Unlike mutual funds, shares of ETFs are not individually redeemable directly with the ETF. Shares are bought and sold at market price, which may be higher or lower than the net asset value (NAV).



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Millennials are bullish on ETFs.

Not all generations are equal when it comes to their views on ETFs.

Millennials, more than any other generation, expect ETFs to be their primary investment vehicle in the future.







Millennials

More than half of all investors use ETFs to reach their long-term financial goals.









59%

Millennials are most likely to consider holding only ETFs instead of individual securities.









Millennials and ETFs



60% expect to increase investments in ETFs in the next year



59% use ETFs to reach long-term goals



63% expect ETFs to be the primary investment vehicle in the future



62% would consider holding only ETFs instead of individual securities



GenX and ETFs



48% expect to increase investments in ETFs in the next year



58% use ETFs to reach long-term goals



45% expect ETFs to be the primary investment vehicle in the future



47% would consider holding only ETFs instead of individual securities



Boomers and ETFs



29% expect to increase investments in ETFs in the next year



59% use ETFs to reach long-term goals



23% expect ETFs to be the primary investment vehicle in the future



24% would consider holding only ETFs instead of individual securities



Matures and ETFs









57% use ETFs to reach long-term goals



17% expect ETFs to be the primary investment vehicle in the future



23% would consider holding only ETFs instead of individual securities

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