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Introduction

At the time of writing there are about 370 ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) available for you to buy/sell on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) share market, offered by a number of ETF providers. However, when you study some of these ETFs you will find that many are not very liquid. This might not be an issue for some investors, but it is an issue for many investors and traders.

So, how do we find out which ones are tradeable / investable? Which ones are safe to play with? What sort of thematics do they follow? Who are the major ETF providers in Australia? Where can we go for more information?

This article in Brainy's series on Share Trading, "About ETFs in Australia" (number ST-6275) provides some useful information about ETFs, and ETF providers, and for the BullCharts software users there is some extra information for use with your BullCharts software to help you find ETFs in which to invest, or trade.

Major ETF providers

Most of the current major ETF providers in Australia are listed here, sorted by the number of ETFs on offer (in February 2024):

- **Beta Shares** (92 ETFs) – See a list of funds here: <https://www.betashares.com.au/fund/>
- **Ishares** (49 ETFs) – by BlackRock (in Australia): <https://www.blackrock.com/au/individual/ishares/how-to-buy-etfs#Online-Trading-Platforms>). See a list of all Blackrock iShares ETFs: <https://www.blackrock.com/au/individual/products/investment-funds?type=ishares>
- **Vaneck** (39 ETFs) – more info: <https://www.vaneck.com.au/>
- **Global X ETFs** (35 ETFs) – more info: <https://www.globalxetfs.com.au/>
- **Vanguard** (23 ETFs) – more info: <https://www.vanguard.com.au/personal/invest-with-us/products?productType=etf>
- **SPDR** (17 ETFs) – (issued by State Street Global Advisers: https://www.ssga.com/au/en_gb/intermediary/etfs). See list of Australian ETFs at SSGA, including: STW, SPY): https://www.ssga.com/au/en_gb/intermediary/etfs/fund-finder

ETF providers with only few ETFs (in February 2024) include the following:

- **Macquarie** (3 ETFs) – more info: <https://etf.macquarie.com/au/en.html>
- **Magellan** (3 ETFs) – explains ETFs info: <https://www.magellangroup.com.au/insights/magellan-explains-exchange-traded-funds/>
- **Platinum International** (3 ETFs) – more info: <https://www.platinum.com.au/all-products>
- **Perennial Partners** (2 ETFs) – more info: <https://perennial.net.au/active-etfs/>
- **Perpetual** (2 ETFs) – more info: https://www.perpetual.com.au/campaigns/thinking-etfs-think-perpetual-active-etfs/?gad_source=1&gclid=ds&PreferredLocation=true

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