

DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

Whether you're researching active or indexed solutions — or solutions that fall somewhere in between, like Strategic Beta ETFs — there are many variables to consider. Use this checklist to ensure you're providing the best options to your clients.

Areas of due diligence	Active management	Broad benchmark exposure	Strategic Beta
People	<input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio managers <input type="checkbox"/> Research team <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> Traders	<input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio managers <input type="checkbox"/> Rules developers <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance
Process/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Idea generation <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio construction <input type="checkbox"/> Risk management <input type="checkbox"/> Consistency		Understanding rules: <input type="checkbox"/> Idea generation <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio construction <input type="checkbox"/> Risk management <input type="checkbox"/> Consistency
Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Risk controls <input type="checkbox"/> Investment competencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Experience with ETFs	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Risk controls <input type="checkbox"/> Investment competencies
Performance	<input type="checkbox"/> Investment objective <input type="checkbox"/> Absolute, risk-adjusted, capture ratios, style purity <input type="checkbox"/> Relative to benchmarks <input type="checkbox"/> Relative to peers	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking error	<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute, risk-adjusted, capture ratios, style purity <input type="checkbox"/> Relative to benchmarks <input type="checkbox"/> Relative to peers <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking error
Price	<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute, relative <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha per cost (ACE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute, relative <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha per cost (ACE)

Best practices for trading ETFs

Avoid trading around the market open and close

- ETF price volatility often increases near the opening and closing bell.

Consider order limits

- Focus on execution price, not speed. Limit orders emphasize execution price, while market orders emphasize speed of execution.

Understand your ETF trading resources

- Trade size can impact the spread, and the listed spread is not necessarily constant for all trade sizes.
- Financial advisors have access to traders who can help execute large trades, so find out if your custodian has an ETF execution desk.
- Reach out to your ETF issuer for trading insights and best practices.

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