

2 BUY EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS.

An Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) is a basket of securities that trade on an exchange, just like stock.

Examples: iShares, Amundi



PROs

COST-EFFECTIVE

ETFs are incredibly cheap these days. Some annual fees start at just 0.05%.

EASY MARKET EXPOSURE

ETFs are great for getting broad-based equity exposure. You get all the stocks on the index, so it does not involve any level of stock selection.

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ADMIN HASSLE

In Ireland, it is your responsibility to file your own tax returns and register your holding with revenue every year. You cannot just buy and forget, unlike in other countries.

TAXATION

For some unknown reason, ETFs are treated as funds and taxed at 41% gains upon selling or every eight years.

