# BTCetc – Bitcoin Exchange Traded Crypto | BTCE

## Introduction

ETC Group has recently launched the first physically backed Bitcoin ETC listed on Deutsche Börse /Xetra, Europe's largest ETF exchange and one of the world's top 10 stock exchanges. BTCE is distributed in cooperation with HANetf and will be passported across several European countries.



**BTCetc – Bitcoin Exchange Traded Crypto (primary ticker: BTCE)** allows investors to track the price of Bitcoin, just like a share of a company on a stock exchange. BTCE is fully backed by physical Bitcoin, held in cold storage with a regulated custodian and security over the collateral account is held by a trustee for additional investor protection.

Listing venue	Deutsche Börse/Xetra
Ticker	BTCE
Issuer	ETC Issuance GmbH
ISIN	DE000A27Z304
Asset Backed	100% backed by Bitcoin, held in cold storage with BitGo Trust Company
Custodian	BitGo Trust Company
Security Trustee	Apex Corporate Trust Services (UK) Limited
	APEX Trustee acts as security trustee for the Bitcoin held in custody as an additional layer of investor protection
Administrator	Apex Corporate & Advisory Services Ltd
	Apex Administrator independently verifies all of the Issuer's transactions on the primary market as an additional layer of investor protection
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.00% per annum
Redemption	Investors have the option to redeem their units of BTCE for actual Bitcoin

#### **BTCE product details**

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# What makes BTCE different?

The following table outlines the key advantages of BTCE and provides a general comparison with other Bitcoin exchange traded products (ETPs) in Europe.

Feature	ВТСЕ	Other Bitcoin ETPs
Listing Venue	<b>BTCE</b> is listed on Deutsche Börse's Xetra, the first time a Crypto ETP has been listed on one of the world's top 10 stock exchanges. Deutsche Börse is also Europe's largest ETF Exchange and has 28% market share in Europe <sup>1</sup> . Through this, investors have access to world leading liquidity and standards of regulation.	Other existing Bitcoin ETPs are listed on a variety of European exchanges, some of which are only regional or not part of the EU, which can make access for investors more difficult. Through BaFin regulation, BTCE can be passported for sale across the EU.
Liquidity	<b>BTCE</b> shares many benefits with traditional ETFs/ETPs. It is listed on a major exchange and supported by a deep pool of world class market makers such as Flow Traders, Jane Street, Bank Frick and ITI Capital, which provides investors with several alternatives to execute their trades.	Existing products have a more limited choice of liquidity providers, sometimes only a single one, which creates an unwanted dependence for investors in times of volatile markets. It also means that arbitrage is not present, a very important feature of an ETP which prevents discounts and premiums.
Physical Redemption	<b>BTCE</b> offers investors the option to redeem their holdings for actual Bitcoin.	Very few Bitcoin ETPs support this mechanism. Investors like this feature in other physically backed ETPs such as Gold. It gives investors a further level of comfort that the product is 100% backed.
Issuer Risk	The issuer of <b>BTCE</b> is a special purpose vehicle set up for the sole purpose of issuing the product. BTCE is 100% backed by physical Bitcoin, which means that for every outstanding security, there is a corresponding amount of Bitcoin held in custody with a reputable custodian. These features minimise the counterparty risk for investors. <b>BTCE</b> cannot be created without the physical Bitcoin in custody.	Some existing Bitcoin ETPs are in the form of certificates which bear counterparty risk towards the entity who issues them. Additionally, some products do not actually own Bitcoin as collateral, but instead use synthetic replication.

<sup>1</sup> <u>https://www.xetra.com/resource/blob/59130/080ca33ee4e455c7dbda9469bd11724b/data/Exchange-Traded-Funds-ETFs-Xetra\_en.pdf</u> as of December 2019.

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Custody	<b>BTCE</b> keeps Bitcoin backing the product at the reputable, safe, regulated and insured custodian called BitGo Trust Company. Deposits are insured by Lloyds of London against hacking and white-collar crime up to the value of \$100 million. BitGo is a regulated trust and all Bitcoin is stored air-gapped in cold storage in their vaults.	Other Bitcoin ETPs use a variety of different custody arrangement with different custodians. Not all of these custodians are regulated or insured and cannot offer equally high standards of protection to investors.
Fork policy	<b>BTCE</b> entitles investors to the proceeds of a fork.	Most other Bitcoin ETPs leave this to the discretion of the issuer, which means investors might not receive the proceeds.
EU passport	<b>BTCE</b> is approved by the German regulator BaFin, it can be passported into any EU country.	Many prevailing products are listed in Switzerland, which is outside the EU and does not allow for passporting into other EU countries.

### **Risks of Investing in BTCE:**

- ETC's are a highly volatile digital asset and performance is unpredictable
- Like equities, an investor's capital is fully at risk and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- Exchange rate fluctuations can also have both a positive and negative effect on returns.
- Past performance of Bitcoin is no guarantee of future performance.
- The product may not be a suitable investment for all investors and each investor should determine the suitability of its investment in light of their own circumstances.
- For a full, list of risks associated with the BTCE product, please consult the prospectus.

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