

CURRENCYSHARES BRITISH POUND STERLING TRUST

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Historically, a well-diversified investment portfolio, with exposure across the traditional asset classes of cash, stocks and bonds, has helped reduce investment risk. However, in today's volatile markets, an investor's portfolio may need additional diversification protection. One increasingly popular option is the addition of foreign currency exposure; and currency exchange traded products (ETPs) have offered a convenient way for investors to gain exposure to foreign currency.

But *caveat emptor*. Not all currency ETPs invest solely in the underlying currency and it's important to understand what you are buying. There are important differences associated with the structure of the currency ETP. Before making the leap, investors should educate themselves in order to see what type of currency ETP they are investing in.

| Legal Structure Registered Under | 40 Act ETF Investment Company Act of 1940 | Exchange Traded Note (ETN) Securities Act of 1933 | Grantor Trust Securities Act of 1933 | Limited Partnership Securities Act of 1933 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Principal Risks | Market and counterparty | Market and credit-worthiness of note issuer | Market and credit-worthiness of depository | Market and counterparty |
| Currency-Related Holdings ¹ | Forward contracts, swaps, repos, money markets, treasuries, option contracts | Senior, unsubordinated debt linked to an index's performance | Physical currency deposits | Futures contracts, swaps, forward contracts, option contracts |
| Holdings Risks ¹ | Currency related holdings may not track the currency's market movement (tracking error) | No direct exposure to the currency and its market movement; may not track the currency's market movement accurately (tracking error) | Market | Currency related holdings may not track the currency's market movement accurately (tracking error) |
| Recourse ² | Portfolio of securities | Note issuer | Pro-rata interest in the trust's assets | Pro-rata interest in the partnership's assets |
| Tax Implications on Sale of Shares | Long-term gains taxed at maximum 15%; short-term gains taxed as ordinary income | All gains taxed as ordinary income no matter how long the shares are held ³ | All gains taxed as ordinary income no matter how long the shares are held | Long-term gains taxed at maximum 15%; short-term gains taxed as ordinary income |

¹ This table doesn't represent a list of each eligible holding and risk. ² In the event of default of the ETF issuer, this would be the resource available to shareholders for recourse. ³ According to IRS Revenue Ruling 2008-1, gains from currency ETNs are generally taxed as ordinary income, regardless of how long the shares are held by the investor. However, according to the prospectuses of some currency ETNs, investors might have an option to classify some gains as long-term capital gains under Section 988. See IndexUniverse, *A Complete Guide to ETF Taxation*, November 2011.

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| Tax Reporting | Form 1099 | Form 1099 | Form 1099 | Form K-1 |
| Maturity Date | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| Considerations (in respect to holdings and legal structure) | Derivatives don't always follow underlying currency spot exchange rates Portfolios may be optimized to garner additional alpha but that may also leave them vulnerable to increased tracking error | Inability to take advantage of preferential tax treatment for long-term gains Underlying debt is typically unsecured Potential for phantom income if income is generated Contango may benefit an ETN via positive tracking error while backwardation may hurt the performance via negative tracking error | Offers approximately 1-for-1 exposure to underlying currency Purest way to gain currency exposure Inability to take advantage of preferential tax treatment for long-term gains May have lower fees due to the structure's relatively hands off management approach Relatively low trading volume adds to tax efficiency | Whether or not distributions are made, shareholders are required to report their share of the LP's income, gains, losses and deductions on their annual tax returns; this may be magnified by mark-to-market rules K-1 may mean greater complexity and return preparation cost at tax time K-1 is not typically sent to investors until April 15 or later, possibly resulting in investors needing to delay the filing of their taxes |

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