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Silver has long held a reputation for outperforming most other asset classes during geopolitical upheavals or financial downturns, and protecting investors against long-term inflation. However, investing in silver in a tax-efficient way has always been a challenge for investors in Germany, as availability of products where the profits and losses are to be assessed as private capital gain (Private Veräußerungsgeschäfte) and not as German capital income (Abgeltungsteuer) has been very limited.

WisdomTree Core Physical Silver (ISIN: JE00BQRFDY49) is a product whose profits and losses should be assessed as private capital gain (Private Veräußerungsgeschäfte).

## 1. What is a physical silver exchange traded commodity (ETC)?

A physically-backed ETC holds the commodity it is tracking. This is only possible if the commodity can be stored for long periods, so physically-backed ETCs are usually used only for precious metals. ETCs are listed on stock exchanges, and can be bought and sold like shares.

In the case of WisdomTree Core Physical Silver, the silver is stored in secure vaults in London, United Kingdom and in all cases inspected regularly by an independent body. German investors can also exchange their holdings in WisdomTree Core Physical Silver for physical silver bullion, owing a partnership with the metal agent, Metalor Technologies SA. For more information on how to exchange holdings for physical silver bullion please go to: <https://www.wisdomtree.eu/en-gb/resource-library/wslv-redemption>.

For more information on ETC structure investors can access [ETPedia](#).

## 2. How can investing in silver be tax-efficient?

For German investors, German capital income (Abgeltungsteuer) is normally applicable on gains when selling an ETC.

However, WisdomTree Core Physical Silver, is structured in a way that the profits or losses of investors with unrestricted tax liability will constitute private capital gain (Private Veräußerungsgeschäfte) and not as German capital income (Abgeltungsteuer), providing it has been held for at least 12 months from the date of purchase.

### 3. What statements has WisdomTree made in respect of the physical silver ETC?

WisdomTree Metal Securities Limited, the Issuer has made the following declaration in respect of the German tax status of WisdomTree Core Physical Silver.

#### **WisdomTree Core Physical Silver (JE00BQRFDY49)**

“We would like to confirm to WM Daten that, according to our assessment, the bond with the (ISIN JE00BN2CJ301/WKN A3GNFN) is not a capital claim within the meaning of Section 20 (1) No. 7 EStG. The profits from the sale or redemption of the bond referred to in the intent do not constitute income from capital assets within the meaning of Section 20 (2) sentence 1 no. 7 EStG in conjunction with Section 20 (1) no. 7 EStG. No capital gains tax is withheld. Profits and losses are generally taxable as private sales transactions according to § 23 Paragraph 1 Clause 1 No. 2 EStG if there is no more than one year between acquisition and sale/redemption.”

Investors and their custodian banks can find the WM Data tax references under field number: **GD504W**

### 4. What does it mean for investors?

The products provide the following features:

- + 100% physically-backed.
- + Silver bullion securely vaulted in the United Kingdom in the case of WisdomTree Core Physical Silver.
- + No withholding tax for German investors after holding for 12 months.
- + Delivery of metal on request starting at 1 kilogram via Metalor Technologies SA.
- + Fully transparent management fees of 0.19% for WisdomTree Core Physical Silver that includes storage and insurance.
- + Managed by one of Europe’s largest and most experienced silver ETC providers.

Find out more about [WisdomTree Core Physical Silver](#).

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