**Question**

Are Gold ETFs Shariah Compliant?

**Answer**

Gold ETFs are conditionally Shariah Compliant because they are backed by physical gold which is one of the important conditions for investment asper Shariah . Other conditions for Shariah compliance of Gold ETFs ar\are investment in money market instruments should not be more than 1.5% of the AUM and interest income should not be more than 3% of total income. When an investor invests in units of gold ETF, gold of that same value is bought in the fund and stored with the custodian and its value or even quantity of gold equivalent to the value of the Gold ETF units at prevailing market price (in case of large investors) are delivered to investors on demand, against redemption of the units. TASIS releases monthly lists of Shariah Compliant Gold ETFs based on the tolerance criteria advised by its Shariah Board.  
  
Allah Knows Best...

**Question**

Is Investment in Sovereign Gold Bonds Shariah Compliant

**Answer**

Sovereign Gold Bonds are not backed by physical gold and on redemption the cash is paid to the investor and not the physical gold. As these are debt instruments, the investors also get a fixed interest per annum on their investment in these bonds. Hence, investment in Sovereign Gold Bonds is Shariah non-compliant.<br?  
  
Allah Knows Best...

**Question**

What are the points to be considered while investing in Gold in a Shariah compliant manner ?

**Answer**

While investing in Gold in a Shariah compliant manner, Muslim investors should be aware of four things:

Avoid platforms let you “invest” in Gold without actually owning any physical metal.

Physical Gold is mandatory : Gold based Shariah compliant products should be backed by physical gold holdings in a vault. So read the documents and ensure that the gold is securely stored in physical format .

Leverage and speculation: Avoid Gold products (like Contracts for Difference and futures) which involve margin trading, which violate Shariah

Avoid Gold investments that involve earning or paying Riba

**Question**

What are The Types of Shariah Based Gold Investments?

**Answer**

Below are 6 types of Shariah based gold investments

**1. Physical Gold (Bars and Coins)**

**Gold Bars**: Investors can purchase physical gold bars of various weights and purity. These bars are stored in secure vaults and are directly owned by the buyer.

**Gold Coins**: Similar to bars, gold coins are bought for long term investment. These coins must also meet specific purity standards and be verified as legitimate. The physical possession of the coin or bar makes it a tangible investment, which aligns with Shariah principles.

**2. Gold-Backed Securities/Certificates**

* These are certificates issued by banks or financial institutions that represent ownership of physical gold. The certificates themselves are Shariah-compliant as they are backed by real gold.
* The gold must be stored in a secure vault, and the certificates can be traded on the market. Investors can buy and sell these certificates without actually holding the physical gold but still maintaining Shariah compliance by ensuring the gold is physically stored and owned.

**3. Gold ETFs (Exchange-Traded Funds)**

* Shariah-Compliant Gold ETFs are funds that allow investors to invest in gold without the hassles of possessing the physical gold. These funds track the price of gold, and the investments are backed by physical gold holdings in a vault.
* The ETF must be structured in a way that avoids any riba (interest) or speculative practices (gharar), meaning it should invest directly in physical gold, and the trading of the ETF should not involve any interest-bearing loans or derivatives.
* Such Gold ETFs must be certified as Shariah compliant for access to Shariah compliant investors

**4. Gold-Linked Islamic Investment Funds**

* These are mutual funds or investment funds that invest in gold or gold-related assets, such as gold mining companies. These funds are managed in a way that complies with Shariah law and are required to be certified as Shariah compliant.
* The investment fund may be structured to avoid interest (riba) and unethical practices, and it typically invests in tangible assets such as gold and ensures that no speculative activities are involved.

**5. Gold Mining Stocks**

* Some investors may choose to invest in **gold mining companies** that are structured in a way that complies with Shariah law. These stocks must be carefully vetted to ensure that the company’s gold trading activities are Shariah compliant and do not involve haram (forbidden) activities.
* Investments in mining companies are typically subject to Shariah screening by a Shariah board, which ensures that they do not engage in activities that conflict with Islamic principles.

**6. Gold Backed Islamic Bonds (Sukuk)**

* Sukuk are Islamic bonds that can be linked to gold or gold backed assets. The returns on these bonds are derived from gold or gold-related investments, ensuring the Shariah compliance of the transaction.
* The gold-backed Sukuk provides an opportunity for investors to participate in gold-related investments while adhering to the principles of Islamic finance.

**Question**

What is Shari’ah Standard on Gold

**Answer**

The AAOIFI Shari’ah Standard on Gold developed in collaboration with the World Gold Council offers definitive guidance on the use of gold in Islamic finance.

[The Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI)](http://aaoifi.com/) is recognised as the world leader in Islamic finance standards, and its rulings are widely accepted across many Islamic markets.

AAOIFI’s Shari’ah Standard on Gold, launched in 2016, has acted as a catalyst for the development of new Shari’ah- compliant gold products including gold investment accounts, physical gold ETFs, spot contracts and regular gold savings plans. Some of the world’s top Shari’ah scholars were involved in its development, including Sheikh Yusuf DeLorenzo and YBhg Tan Sri Dr Mohd. Daud Bakar.

**Question**

What are the key principles of AAOIFI Standard on Gold

**Answer**

**Five Most Important Principles of the Standard are**

1.    Gold must be traded on a spot (hand-to-hand) basis;

2.    Gold can be owned on a physical or constructive basis;

3.    In the case of constructive possession, the gold has to be fully allocated;

4.    Allocation can occur through either a T+0 settlement, or the receipt of a certificate/ confirmation specifying bar ownership;

5.    Joint ownership is permissible, where each partner owns an undivided beneficial interest in a Trust.

**Question**

Which are the Gold ETFs in India ?

**Answer**

List of Gold ETFs in India as per NSE are given below

( <https://www.nseindia.com/products-services/etfs-gold>) as of 28th July 2025

Gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are simple investment products that combine the flexibility of stock investment and the simplicity of gold investments. ETFs trade on the cash market of the National Stock Exchange, like any other company stock, and can be bought and sold continuously at market prices.

Gold ETFs are passive investment instruments that are based on gold prices and invest in gold bullion. Because of its direct gold pricing, there is a complete transparency on the holdings of an ETF. Further due to its unique structure and creation mechanism, the ETFs have much lower expenses as compared to physical gold investments.

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| List of Gold ETFs listed on NSE | | | | |
| Issuer | Name | Symbol | Underlying | Launch Date |
| Axis Mutual Fund | [Axis Gold ETF](https://www.axismf.com/solutiondetails/Axis-Gold-ETF-AG) | [AXISGOLD](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=AXISGOLD) | Gold | Nov 2010 |
| Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund | Birla Sun Life Gold ETF | [BSLGOLDETF](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=BSLGOLDETF) | Gold | May 2011 |
| Canara Robeco MF | Canara Robeco Gold ETF | [CANGOLD](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=CANGOLD) | Gold | Mar 2012 |
| HDFC Mutual Fund | [HDFC Gold Exchange Traded Fund](http://www.hdfcfund.com/Products/SchemeDetails.aspx?SchemeID=bf0ffb8d-df4f-43d6-ab54-90c19785eabd) | [HDFCMFGETF](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=HDFCMFGETF) | Gold | Aug 2010 |
| ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund | [ICICI Prudential Gold Exchange Traded Fund](http://www.icicipruamc.com/exchange-traded-funds/ICICI-Prudential-Gold-Exchange-Traded-Fund.aspx) | [IPGETF](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=IPGETF) | Gold | Aug 2010 |
| IDBI AMC | IDBI Gold ETF | [IDBIGOLD](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=IDBIGOLD) | Gold | Nov 2011 |
| Kotak Mutal Fund | Kotak Gold Exchange Traded Fund | [KOTAKGOLD](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=KOTAKGOLD) | Gold | Jul 2007 |
| Quantum Mutual Fund | Quantum Gold Fund (an ETF) | [QGOLDHALF](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=QGOLDHALF) | Gold | Feb 2008 |
| Reliance Mutual Fund | Reliance Gold Exchange Traded Fund | [RELGOLD](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=RELGOLD) | Gold | Nov 2007 |
| Religare Mutual Fund | [Religare Gold Exchange Traded Fund](http://www.religareinvesco.com/planPage?Title=Religare%20Invesco%20Gold%20Exchange%20Traded%20Fund&classification=exchange-traded-fund) | [RELIGAREGO](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=RELIGAREGO) | Gold | Mar 2010 |
| SBI Mutual Fund | SBI Gold Exchange Traded Scheme | [SBIGETS](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=SBIGETS) | Gold | Apr 2009 |
| UTI Mutual Fund | UTI GOLD Exchange Traded Fund | [GOLDSHARE](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=GOLDSHARE) | Gold | Mar 2007 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Nifty BeES | [NIFTYBEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=NIFTYBEES) | NIFTY 50 Index | Dec 01 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Nifty 100 | [RELCNX100](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=RELCNX100) | NIFTY 100 | Mar 13 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Bank BeES | [BANKBEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=BANKBEES) | NIFTY Bank | May 04 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | CPSE ETF | [CPSEETF](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=CPSEETF) | NIFTY CPSE Index | Mar 14 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Dividend Opportunities | [RELDIVOPP](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=RELDIVOPP) | NIFTY Dividend Opportunities 50 | Apr 14 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Consumption | [RELCONS](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=RELCONS) | NIFTY India Consumption | Apr 14 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Infra BeES | [INFRABEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=INFRABEES) | NIFTY Infrastructure | Sep 10 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Junior BeES | [JUNIORBEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=JUNIORBEES) | NIFTY Next 50 | Feb 03 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF PSU Bank BeES | [PSUBNKBEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=PSUBNKBEES) | NIFTY PSU BANK | Oct 07 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Shariah BeES | [SHARIABEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=SHARIABEES) | NIFTY50 Shariah Index | Mar 09 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF NV20 | [RELNV20](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=RELNV20) | NIFTY50 Value 20 Index | Jun 15 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Hang Seng BeES | [HNGSNGBEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=HNGSNGBEES) | HangSeng | Mar 10 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Liquid BeES | [LIQUIDBEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=LIQUIDBEES) | NIFTY 1 D rate Index | Jul 03 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Long Term Gilt | [RRSLGETF](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=RRSLGETF) | NIFTY 4-8 yr G-Sec Index | Jul 16 |
| Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited | Reliance ETF Gold BeES | [GOLDBEES](https://www.nseindia.com/get-quotes/equity?symbol=GOLDBEES) | Gold | Mar 07 |

**Question**

Please provide a list of Shariah compliant Gold Funds in India

**Answer**

List of Shariah compliant Gold Funds as per TASIS as of 31- August-2024 is given below

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| **GOLD ETFs SHARIAH LIST AUGUST - 2024** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Sr.No** | **Name of Gold ETFs** | **ISIN code** | **NSE symbol** | **BSE scrip code** | **Year** | **Average AUM (in lakhs)** | **Interest Income over Total Income (%)** | **Investment in Money Market Instru-ments (%)** | **Status** |
| 1 | Aditya Birla Sun life Gold ETF | INF209KB18D3 | BSLGOLDETF | 533408 | 31/03/2024 | 79,391 | 0.17% | 0.11% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 2 | Axis Gold ETF | INF846K01W80 | AXISGOLD | 533570 | 31/03/2024 | 92,839 | 0.10% | 0.11% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 3 | HDFC Gold ETF | INF179KC1981 | HDFCMFGETF | 533230 | 31/03/2024 | 509,150 | 0.01% | 0.07% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 4 | ICICI Prudential Gold ETF | INF109KC1NT3 | ICICIGOLD | 533244 | 31/03/2024 | 482,097 | 0.11% | 0.24% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 5 | LIC MF Gold ETF | INF397L01554 | LICMFGOLD | 533719 | 31/03/2024 | 13,050 | 0.17% | 0.24% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 6 | Invesco India Gold ETF | INF205K01361 | IVZINGOLD | 533172 | 31/03/2024 | 11,549 | 0.41% | 0.13% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 7 | Quantum Gold ETF | INF082J01408 | QGOLDHALF | 590099 | 31/03/2024 | 20,587 | 0.02% | 0.01% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 8 | SBI Gold ETF | INF200KA16D8 | SETFGOLD | 590098 | 31/03/2024 | 473,834 | 0.03% | 0.00% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 9 | Nippon India ETF Gold BeES | INF204KB17I5 | GOLDBEES | 590095 | 31/03/2024 | 1,139,162 | 0.03% | 0.45% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 10 | U T I Gold ETF | INF789F1AUX7 | GOLDSHARE | 590101 | 31/03/2024 | 111,914 | 0.11% | 0.00% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 11 | TATA Gold ETF | INF277KA1976 | TATAGOLD | 92739 | 31/03/2024 | 17,090 | 0.08% | 0.01% | **Shariah Compliant** |
| 12 | DSP Gold ETF | INF740KA1SW3 | GOLDETFADD | 543903 | 31/03/2024 | 53,648 | 0.35% | 0.10% | **Shariah Compliant** |

**Question**

What is the Shariah compliant gold investment product from Islamicly

**Answer**

Islamicly Shariah Compliant 24K Real Gold refers to gold investments or transactions that adhere to Islamic principles, bought at spot price and stored in secured vaults on your behalf by your agent.

Most Gold savings schemes offered by local jewellers are:

1. Not compliant with Shariah principles
2. Not an efficient method to accumulate gold.

Key points of a Shariah compliant Gold Savings Scheme:

1. SPOT Price

Gold purchase and sales must happen at the prevailing SPOT price and the sale should be executed immediately

Fixing the price before the sale and possession of GOLD is not permissible in Shariah law.

Traditional Jewellers Gold Savings Scheme:

Gold grammage corresponding to the installment date and amount is recorded.

No sale is conducted. There is no tax invoice issued for such a sale in your name.

This essentially means that the Gold price is fixed before the sale transaction making it non compliant.

Islamicly 24K Real Gold is quoted at the spot prices prevailing in the market. You get a tax collected invoice in your name that the sale of the gold to you is instantly completed. Your tax invoice is evidence of the sale being completed.

2. Ownership and Possession

Gold must be physically delivered to the buyer. Transactions involving gold must ensure that the buyer takes immediate possession (i.e., no speculative buying, and no deferred payment arrangements) to avoid any form of riba (interest).

Traditional Jewellers Gold Savings Scheme:

Since the sale of gold has not taken place, the question of possession does not arise. A Gold transaction where physical possession is not taken by the buyer or his agent is considered non permissible under Shariah law

Islamicly 24K REAL Gold is instantly delivered and possession of the same is taken by the buyers and stored in secured vaults by Brinks. ​​The gold purchased is securely stored in high-security vaults managed by Brink’s, a globally renowned custodian for precious metals.

You can read about BRINKS here: <https://in.brinks.com/precious-metals>

3. Purity and Authenticity

The gold must be pure and genuine, meaning it meets the proper quality standards and does not contain other substances or be mixed with other materials that are not permissible under Islamic law.

Traditional Jewellers Gold Savings Scheme:

There is always a possibility that the purity of gold does not meet the stated standards, and no benchmarking is available. Islamicly 24K REAL Gold is certified as 24 carat with 99.99% purity.

4. Fractional Buying

With the rising prices of Gold, buyers usually have to accumulate funds to buy GOLD. With Islamicly 24K REAL Gold, you can buy Gold starting at just INR 100!

When buying or investing in Shariah-compliant gold, investors often look for products such as gold bars, coins, or certificates that can be verified to meet these principles. Some financial institutions and gold dealers also offer products like gold-backed Islamic certificates or gold savings accounts that adhere to Shariah laws.

How To Start Investing in Shariah Gold?

Here at Islamicly, you can own actual physical gold which is stored securely, complying with Shariah principles. Unlike conventional Digital Gold investment schemes, Islamicly 24K Real gold purchases do not involve interest payments and are physically held, aligning with Shariah guidelines.

* Unlike local Gold Jewellery vendors, with Islamicly 24K Real Gold, you directly buy from the manufacturer and save on Gold Prices, making Charges etc.
* Sell anytime, without going anywhere and receive money directly in your account.
* Accumulate savings in REAL Gold without paying making Charges! Just 99.99% pure 24K Gold and increase your Gold holdings.
* Unlike physical gold, you don’t have to worry about theft or expensive locker fees. Your gold is stored in bank-grade lockers free of cost.
* You can convert your digital gold to physical gold anytime in the form of coins or jewellery through our partners.
* Islamilcy 24K REAL GOLD does not require to invest a large sum of money. You can invest based on your budget, from as low as ₹100

**Question**

Which are the Shariah-Compliant Gold ETFs available internationally

**Answer**

Below is a list of Shariah-Compliant Gold ETFs available internationally

| ETF Name | Ticker | Exchange | Shariah Status |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| iShares Physical Gold ETC | SGLN | London Stock Exchange (LSE) | ✅ Certified by Amanie Advisors |
| TradePlus Shariah Gold Tracker | 0828EA | Bursa Malaysia | ✅ Certified by Amanie Advisors |
| Albilad Gold ETF | 9405 | Tadawul (Saudi) | ✅ Certified Shariah-compliant |