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VanEck lists new UCITS ETF for global metal and mining companies on the London Stock Exchange

- First UCITS ETF to enable global exposure for investors in metal and mining companies from developed and emerging markets.
- Global synchronous growth, ongoing industry-wide restructuring theme and strong fundamentals beneficial for commodities investments.
- Electric vehicles have the potential to be a disruptive force underpinning demand for commodities.

VanEck Europe announced today the listing of the new VanEck Vectors Global Mining UCITS ETF (ISIN: IE00BDFBTQ78 / Ticker: GDIG) on the London Stock Exchange, which will give European investors access to metal and mining industries around the world. The new ETF expands VanEck's offering in Europe and complements in particular the existing product portfolio for commodity ETFs.

The VanEck Vectors Global Mining UCITS ETF tracks performance of the EMIX Global Mining Constrained Weights Index (former Euromoney Global Mining Constrained Weights Index), a rule-based and weighted by market capitalisation index. The widely recognized index was launched in February 1989, giving it a track record of almost 30 years. The history has shown that many actively managed funds (more than \$6.4 billion AUM) have failed to consistently beat this index and tend to be more expensive than index based funds.

The VanEck Vectors Global Mining UCITS ETF is the first ETF to enable global exposure for investors in metal and mining companies from developed and emerging markets. The index comprises countries such as the UK, Canada, Australia, the USA, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Russia and China. The ETF also offers a broadly diversified portfolio of mining companies that extract Gold, Silver, Copper, Nickel, Zinc, Lead, Aluminum, Iron Ore, Thermal Coal, Metallurgical Coal, Cobalt, Lithium etc. The index comprises 160 equities in 24 markets (as of 31 March 2018).

“In a diversified portfolio, commodity companies are a valuable component primarily due to their strong fundamentals and inflation-protecting qualities,” said Dominik Poiger, CFA, Trader/ETF Portfolio Management at VanEck, adding, “The current market environment is beneficial for the metal and mining industry. The global synchronous growth will continue to support demand. Electric vehicles have the potential to be a disruptive force underpinning demand for commodities.” He further explains that the “ongoing industry-wide restructuring theme and strong fundamental data are precisely what commodities investments need.”

Mining shares in particular have broken their downtrend by means of industry-wide restructuring measures. According to Poiger, the sector is now focussing increasingly on returns on capital, returning free cash flow to shareholders and improved profitability.



Product information overview:

Product	VanEck Vectors Global Mining UCITS ETF
Ticker (LSE – USD currency)	GDIG
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ISIN	IE00BDFBTQ78
Management Company	VanEck Investments Limited
Custodian	BNY Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Limited
Domicile	Ireland
Base currency	USD
Index Name	EMIX Global Mining Constrained Weights Index
Index Ticker	JCGMMUN
Index Provider	IHS Markit (former Euromoney Indices)
Rebalancing frequency	Quarterly
Product Structure	Physical Replication
Launch Date	18 April 2018
Total Expense Ratio	0.50%
Securities Lending	No
Income Treatment	Reinvestment
Index performance 1 year (as of 31/03/2018)	16.4%
Index performance 3 years annualized (as of 31/03/2018)	9.9%

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