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Rising Demand for Raw Materials: VanEck Global Mining ETF Crosses \$1 Billion in AUM

- The VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF is the only ETF in Europe tracking mining companies from both developed and emerging markets
- Metals and minerals are important raw materials that are powering the transition to clean energy

London, Germany 18 June 2024 – Today VanEck, the global asset manager, is happy to announce that its [VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF](#) has now doubled its fund volume to USD \$1 billion in less than a year, after reaching USD \$500 million in July 2023. The ETF is the first and currently the only European fund to offer diversified exposure to metal and mining companies from industrialised and emerging countries that serve the growing global demand for resources and supply the raw materials for sustainable technologies.

Commenting on the achievement, Martijn Rozemuller, CEO of VanEck Europe said, “This achievement is rooted in the investor conviction that mining companies play a fundamental role in the energy transition. Investors are seeking exposure to leaders ushering in the green economy—not only the suppliers of the raw materials necessary to achieve global sustainability goals, but also those powering sustainable technologies such as wind turbines, solar cells and electric vehicles.”

As the demand for sustainable technologies increases, the demand for raw materials such as copper, aluminium, nickel, lithium and steel follow suit. Mining shares offer valuable risk diversification in a broader portfolio of shares, due to their correlation with underlying metals prices.

With rising commodity prices, mining companies have the potential to profit even if inflation persists. Historically, mining companies have performed particularly well in an inflationary environment of between 2 and 6 per cent.

“Many mining companies are currently trading at attractive valuations and usually have excellent fundamentals thanks to stable dividends and low debt levels,” Rozemuller added. “With equity markets pricing in what economists term ‘immaculate disinflation’, meaning gently falling inflation, it may be wise to diversify against the risk that inflation does not gently subside.”

Note: Past performance is not an indicator of future results.

With the [Van Eck Global Mining UCITS ETF](#), investors can make broadly diversified investments in over 120 of the world's largest mining companies. To this end, the physically replicating ETF follows the *S&P Global Mining Reduced Coal Index*, which tracks companies from industrialised and emerging markets that are primarily involved in the mining and extraction of metals and minerals.

The ETF is rebalanced on a quarterly basis and has a total expense ratio (TER) of 0.50 per cent per year.

Note: The ETF does not fulfil any environmental or social criteria within the meaning of the SFDR and does not have sustainable investments as an investment objective.

Risk of investing in companies in the commodities sector: Investments in natural resources and commodity companies, which include companies active in agriculture, alternatives (e.g. water and alternative energy), base and industrial metals, energy, forestry products and precious metals, are highly dependent on the demand for, supply and price of natural resources. They can also be significantly affected by events related to these sectors, including international political and economic developments, embargoes, tariffs, inflation, weather and natural disasters, animal diseases, exploration restrictions, frequent changes in the supply and demand for natural resources and other factors.

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ETF	<u>VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF</u>
Index name	S&P Global Mining Reduced Coal Index
ISIN Code	IE00BDFBTQ78
Ticker LSE GBP	GIGB
Ticker LSE USD	GDIG
Ticker Xetra	WMIN
Securities number	A2JDEJ
Investment manager	VanEck Asset Management B.V.
Fund domicile	Ireland
Base currency	US dollar
Index provider	S&P Dow Jones Indices
Rebalancing	Quarterly
Product structure	Physically replicating (complete)
Launch date	18 April 2018
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.50% p. a.
Income treatment	Accumulation



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