

# **Press Release**

# VanEck's Dividend ETF Reaches a Volume of 1 Billion Euros

- **Doubling in nine months:** The VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF volume has grown significantly since January 2024
- Strict stock selection: Focus on dividend stability, expected dividend growth, global diversification and ESG criteria
- **ETF-Distributions:** The fund offers access to companies with potentially high dividend yields

**London, UK, 10 October 2024** – Quality dividend stocks are in demand, as the performance of the *VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF* from asset manager VanEck shows. Since the beginning of the year, the ETF has doubled its fund volume and has now reached the one billion euro mark.

"Central banks are expected to lower interest rates in the coming period, which will have an impact on yields on fixed-income investments," said Martijn Rozemuller, CEO of VanEck Europe. "In a falling interest rate environment, investors are looking for alternative ways to generate regular income. Our dividend ETF offers the opportunity to invest in companies with potentially high dividends that stand out due to their global diversification and comprehensive selection criteria."

In addition to these short-term benefits, the VanEck dividend ETF has historically offered investors the potential for both a strong and stable dividend flow and an opportunity to participate in the price appreciation of 100 large global stocks.

"The ETF's methodology, developed by Morningstar, goes beyond simple dividend yield concepts by selecting stocks through several factors, focusing on dividend growth and stability over time, thereby delivering robust, long-term value to investors," explained Rozemuller. The total return combining dividend and price appreciation has been 10.25% on average per year (as of 31 August 2024).

The ETF selects the 100 global stocks with the highest dividend yield, weighted by the total dividend paid. Additional criteria include ensuring that the dividend per share is not lower than it was five years ago, dividends have been paid in the last 12 months, no single stock exceeds a weight of 5%, and no sector exceeds a weight of 40% at the time of review.

## **Strict Selection Ensures Quality Shares**

In January 2024, the ETF reached the 500 euro million mark– and has now doubled its fund volume to over 1 billion euros in around nine months. "The strong growth and demand shows that our strategy and careful stock selection for the ETF have met investor's unique interests," said Rozemuller.

The ETF tracks the Morningstar Developed Markets Large Cap Dividend Leaders Screened Select Index. The research company Morningstar identifies 100 stocks from the broad universe of developed market equities for the index. In addition to strict criteria relating to the companies' dividend policy, forecasts for future distributions, and the liquidity of the stocks, ESG filters are also applied in order



to exclude, for example, violations of the UN Global Compact and controversial product investments. However, the ETF does not have sustainable investments as an investment objective.

| ETF                        | VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend<br>Leaders UCITS ETF                |
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| Index name                 | Morningstar Developed Markets Large Cap Dividend Leaders<br>Screened Select Index |
| ISIN                       | NL0011683594                                                                      |
| WKN                        | A2JAHJ                                                                            |
| Ticker LSE USD / GBP       | TDIV / TDGB                                                                       |
| Ticker Xetra               | VDIV                                                                              |
| Ticker SIX                 | TDIV                                                                              |
| Ticker Borsa Italiana      | TDIV                                                                              |
| Capital management company | VanEck Asset Management B.V.                                                      |
| Company domicile           | Netherlands                                                                       |
| Base currency              | EUR                                                                               |
| Index provider             | Morningstar                                                                       |
| Rebalancing                | Half-yearly                                                                       |
| Product structure          | Physically replicating                                                            |
| Launch date                | 23 May 2016                                                                       |
| Total expense ratio (TER)  | 0.38% p.a.                                                                        |
| Income treatment           | Distributing (quarterly)                                                          |
| Fund Page                  | https://www.vaneck.com/uk/en/investments/dividend-<br>etf/overview/               |

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