#### **KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION**

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.



# VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF (the "Fund")

a sub-fund of VanEck UCITS ETFs plc (the "Company") Share Class: USD A ISIN: IE0002PG6CA6

This Fund is managed by VanEck Asset Management B.V., a subsidiary of Van Eck Associates Corporation.

## **Objectives and Investment Policy**

The Fund's investment objective is to replicate, before fees and expenses, the MVIS Global Rare Earth/Strategic Metals Index (the "Index").

In order to seek to achieve its investment objective, the Manager will use a replication strategy by investing directly in the underlying equity securities of the Index being the stock, American depository receipts (ADRs), and global depository receipts (GDRs). Such equity securities must be issued by companies listed or traded on the Markets referred to in Appendix II of the Prospectus who generate at least 50% of their revenues from rare earth / strategic metals or with mining projects that have the potential to generate at least 50% of their revenues from rare earth / strategic metals when developed. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Index already holds such equity securities, the Index will seek to remove the security when the percentage of revenue generated from the rare earth / strategic metals companies drops below 25% of the relevant company's revenues.

The Fund may invest up to 60% of its Net Asset Value directly in shares issued by companies listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. The Fund may invest more than 20% of its Net Asset Value in emerging markets and may also (or alternatively) invest in financial derivative instruments (FDIs) which relate to the Index or constituents of the Index. The FDIs which the Fund may use are futures, options (puts and calls) swaps (equity swaps and swaps on the Index), currency forwards and non-deliverable forwards (a forward contract that does not require settlement on maturity) (NDFs). The Fund may also invest in ancillary liquid assets and money market instruments which may include bank deposits, depositary receipts, certificates of deposit, fixed or floating rate instruments (treasury bills), commercial paper, floating rate notes and freely transferable promissory notes. The ancillary liquid

assets, money market instruments and FDI (other than permitted unlisted investments) will be listed or traded on the Markets referred to in Appendix II of the Prospectus. Investment in ancillary liquid assets and money market instruments may be utilised in a variety of circumstances, including but not limited to, situations such as managing total exposure to cash and borrowing on a short term basis and in anticipation of participation in a rights offering. The Fund may not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in open-ended collective investment schemes.

Furthermore, the Fund may not invest less than 51% of its Net Asset Value in equity securities which constitute "equity participation" within the meaning of section 2, Article 8 of the German Investment Tax Act.

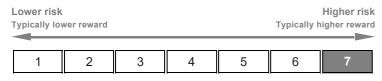
The Fund, using a "passive" or indexing investment approach, attempts to approximate the investment performance of the Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Index. The Investment Manager will regularly monitor the Fund's tracking accuracy.

Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

- Fund's base currency: U.S. Dollar
- Distribution policy: Income accumulated

The shares are admitted for trading on various stock exchanges and can be traded on the secondary market. The price of the shares offered on the secondary market may deviate from the net asset value of the shares. The return of the Fund is directly related to the return of the underlying assets minus the costs associated with the Fund. If the performance of the underlying assets decreases, the performance of the Fund will also decrease. There is no capital protection against Market Risk.

### **Risk and Reward Profile**



The risk and reward indicator is calculated using historical and simulated historical data. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future. Therefore, the risk classification may change over time.

Even if the Fund is in the lowest risk category, it does not mean it is risk free or that capital is guaranteed or protected.

This Fund is ranked at 7 because funds of this type have experienced very high rises and falls in value in the past.

The following risks can be materially relevant but are not necessarily adequately captured by the synthetic risk indicator and may cause additional loss:

 Risk of Investing in Natural Resources Companies: Investments in natural resources and natural resources companies, which include companies engaged in agriculture, alternatives (e.g., water and alternative energy), base and industrial metals, energy, forest products and precious metals, are very dependent on the demand for, and supply and price of, natural resources and can be significantly affected by events relating to these industries, including international political and economic developments, embargoes, tariffs, inflation, weather and natural disasters, livestock diseases, limits on exploration, often changes in the supply and demand for natural resources and other factors.

- Emerging Markets Risk: Investments in emerging market countries are subject to specific risks and securities are generally less liquid and less efficient and securities markets may be less well regulated. Specific risks may be heightened by currency fluctuations and exchange control; imposition of restrictions on the repatriation of funds or other assets; governmental interference; higher inflation; social, economic and political uncertainties
- Risk of investing in smaller companies: The securities of smaller companies may be more volatile and less liquid than the securities of large companies. Smaller companies, when compared with larger companies, may have a shorter history of operations, fewer financial resources, less competitive strength, may have a less diversified product line, may be more susceptible to market pressure and may have a smaller market for their securities.

For more information on risks, please see the "Risk Factors" section of the Fund's prospectus, available on  $\underline{www.vaneck.com}.$ 

#### Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry charge	None*
Exit charge	None*

These are the maximum charges that could be taken from your money before it is invested or before we pay out the sale proceeds of your investment.

Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.59%

Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions

Performance fee No

\*Not applicable to investors on the secondary market. Investors who buy or sell shares via a market pay the costs charged by their financial intermediaries. Information on these charges can be obtained from the markets where the shares are listed and traded or from the financial intermediaries.

You can find more information on the charges in the cost section of the Fund's prospectus and/or supplement. This is available at <a href="https://www.vaneck.com">www.vaneck.com</a>.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

#### **Past Performance**



Any indication of past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

The chart shows the Fund's annual performance in USD for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched on 24 September 2021.

Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges.

# **Practical Information**

The Depositary of the Fund is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Further information about the Company and the Fund including the prospectus and most recent annual reports and semi-annual reports is available free of charge online at <a href="www.vaneck.com">www.vaneck.com</a> or on request at the registered office of the company. These documents are available in English and certain other languages. The Fund is a sub-fund of the Company, an umbrella fund structure comprising different sub-funds. This document is specific to the Fund stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports are prepared for the Company rather than separately for the Fund.

The net asset value and other information is available online at <a href="www.vaneck.com">www.vaneck.com</a>. Investors can buy or sell shares daily on stock exchange(s) on which the shares are traded. The Fund shares are traded on one or more stock exchanges. The details of the remuneration policy of the management company, VanEck Asset Management B.V., including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration benefits are calculated, the identities of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits including the composition of the

remuneration committee, where applicable, may be obtained from the website <a href="https://www.vaneck.com">www.vaneck.com</a> and a paper copy is available, free of charge and upon request, at the registered office of the management company. The Company is subject to the tax laws and regulations of Ireland. Depending on your own country of residence, this may have an impact on your investment. Please consult your investment or tax adviser for advice on your own tax liabilities.

Further details regarding the Index are available on the Index Provider's website: <a href="https://www.marketvector.com">www.marketvector.com</a>

VanEck Asset Management B.V. may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus of the Fund. Under Irish law, the Company has segregated liability between its sub-funds. The Fund's assets will not be used to discharge the liabilities of other sub-funds of the Company. In addition, the Fund's assets and liabilities are segregated and held separately from the assets of other sub-funds.

The Fund is authorized in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI). VanEck Asset Management B.V. is authorized in the Netherlands and regulated by the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM). The key investor information is accurate as at 16 February 2024.