

# **Press Release**

# VanEck Renames ETF for Crypto and Blockchain Sector

**Frankfurt, June 24, 2022** – Asset manager VanEck is changing the name of the *VanEck Digital Assets Equity UCITS ETF*. As of today, it bears the new name *VanEck Crypto and Blockchain Innovators UCITS ETF*.

However, the renaming does not result in any further changes for investors. Product features, such as fees, underlying indices, investment objectives, and product websites as well as ISINs and security identification numbers (WKN), remain unchanged under the new names.

The VanEck Crypto and Blockchain Innovators UCITS ETF gives investors diversified access to companies operating in the crypto and blockchain sector. These include, for example, digital asset trading platform providers, hardware manufacturers, crypto-mining companies and payment providers. Similarly, the ETF takes into consideration companies that enable the trading and custody of crypto assets, companies that provide services on blockchain patents, banks and asset managers that connect the traditional financial world and the digital asset economy.

Risk of Investing in Digital Asset Companies: The technology relating to digital assets, including blockchain, is new and developing and the risks associated with digital assets may not fully emerge until the technology is widely used. The cryptographic keys necessary to transact a digital asset on a blockchain may be subject to theft, loss, or destruction, which could adversely affect a company's business or operations if it were dependent on the blockchain. Currently, there are relatively few companies for which digital assets represents an attributable and significant revenue stream. Therefore, the values of the companies included in the Index may not be a reflection of their connection to digital assets but may be based on other business operations. These companies also may not be able to develop blockchain technology applications or may not be able to capitalize on those technologies. Blockchain technology also may never be implemented to a scale that provides identifiable economic benefit to the companies included in the Index, which could adversely affect an investment in the Fund. Companies that use blockchain technology may be subject to cybersecurity risk. In addition, certain features of blockchain technology, such as decentralization, open-source protocol, and reliance on peer-to-peer connectivity, may increase the risk of fraud or cyber-attack by potentially reducing the likelihood of a coordinated response. There may be risks posed by the lack of regulation for digital assets and any future regulatory developments could affect the viability and expansion of the use of digital assets. Blockchain systems built using third party products may be subject to technical defects or vulnerabilities beyond a company's control. Because many digital assets do not have a standardized exchange, like a stock market, there is less liquidity for such assets and greater possibility of volatility, fraud or manipulation. Loss and volatility risk: The trading prices of many digital assets have recently been subject to extreme fluctuations, which are likely to continue. Digital assets have only been introduced in the last decade, and many countries still do not have clear regulations in place.



ETF	VanEck Crypto and Blockchain Innovators UCITS ETF
Index name	MVIS® Global Digital Assets Equity Index
ISIN	IE00BMDKNW35
Ticker LSE USD / GBP	DAPP LN / DAGB LN
Investment manager	VanEck Asset Management B.V.
Fund domicile	Ireland
Base currency	USD
Index provider	MarketVector Indexes GmbH
Rebalancing	Quarterly
Product structure	Physical (full replication)
Launch date	30 April 2021
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.65% p.a.

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