

Press Release

VanEck launches ETF on strategic and rare earth metals

- Strategic and rare earth metals play a key role in modern technologies and products.
- Growing efforts to decarbonise the economy are leading to high demand and strong competition for these raw materials.
- The [VanEck Vectors Rare Earths and Strategic Metals UCITS](#) ETF invests selectively in companies worldwide that generate at least 50 per cent of their revenue from these metals.

London, 29 September 2021 – Asset manager VanEck today lists Europe's first ETF (Exchange Traded Fund) that gives investors access to companies that mine and process rare earths or so-called strategic metals, the [VanEck Vectors Rare Earths and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF](#) on London Stock Exchange.

Whether electric cars, wind turbines, satellite components, microchips or LCD televisions: modern technologies are inconceivable without strategic metals, which include rare earths. “Especially for technologies like these, which are crucial for combating climate change, these raw materials play a major role,” explains Martijn Rozemuller, CEO at VanEck Europe. “Strong magnets, such as those installed in wind turbines or electric motors, require, among other things, neodymium, which belongs to the rare earths. Lithium is a fundamental raw material for modern batteries used in electric cars. As the decarbonisation of the economy continues, there is now fierce competition for these raw materials. The demand is already high and will certainly increase in the future.”

Investment opportunities arise for investors from the companies that mine and process rare earths and strategic metals. The [VanEck Vectors Rare Earths and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF](#) now gives investors in Europe simplified and diversified access to these companies whose products play a key role in the technological and environmental future.

The ETF offers an investment to specialised companies

Currently, about 44 elements in the periodic table are considered rare earths or strategic metals, including cobalt, manganese, tungsten or titanium, which is used in smartphones as well as in airplanes and rockets. “While rare earths are found all over the world, their “rarity” stems from the fact that they are difficult to mine – they never occur in high concentrations and are usually mixed with other elements,” Rozemuller says. “That's why this industry is also about companies that are very specialised and might be rather unknown and inaccessible to most investors. With our ETF, they can bring these companies into the portfolio in a diversified way and benefit from the continued growing importance of these key commodities.”

The ETF's assets may be concentrated in one or more particular sectors or industries. The ETF may be subject to the risk that economic, political or other conditions adversely affecting the



relevant sectors or industries may adversely affect the performance of the Fund to a greater extent than if the Fund's assets were invested in a wider variety of sectors or industries.

The physically replicating ETF includes a global selection of companies that derive at least 50 per cent of their revenue from rare earths and strategic metals. The selection is adjusted quarterly. The [VanEck Vectors Rare Earths and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF](#) is accumulating and has a total expense ratio (TER) of 0.59 percent.

ETF	VanEck Vectors Rare Earths and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF
ISIN	ISIN: IE0002PG6CA6
Ticker LSE GBP/ LSE USD	REGB/ REMX
Capital management company	VanEck Asset Management B.V.
Domicile of the capital management company	Ireland
Base currency	USD
Reweighting	Quarterly
Product structure	Physically replicating
Launch date	29 September 2021
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.59% p.a.
Appropriation of earnings	Retention

For more information about the ETF, please go to www.vaneck.com/uk/en/rare-earth-etf.

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For more information about VanEck and the fund, go to www.vaneck.com or the blog www.vaneck.com/etf-europe/blog.

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