

VanEck Announces Year-End Distributions for VanEck Equity ETFs

New York, NY (December 15, 2023) – <u>VanEck</u> announced today the following 2023 annual distributions per share for its VanEck® equity exchange-traded funds.

Distributions Per Share for the VanEck ETFs Listed Below

Ex-Date: December 18, 2023 | Record Date: December 19, 2023 |

Payable Date: December 22, 2023

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Fund	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Africa Index ETF	AFK	\$0.3136	60%	None	None
VanEck Biotech ETF	BBH	\$0.7127	None	None	None
VanEck Gaming ETF	BJK	\$0.7111	6%	None	None
VanEck Brazil Small-Cap ETF	BRF	\$0.8824	17%	None	None
VanEck Social Sentiment ETF	BUZZ	\$0.0970	6%	None	None
VanEck CMCI Commodity Strategy ETF	CMCI	\$0.3950	None	None	None
VanEck ChiNext ETF	CNXT	None	None	None	None
VanEck Oil Refiners ETF	CRAK	\$1.2500	None	None	None
VanEck Digital Transformation ETF	DAPP	None	None	None	None
VanEck Digital India ETF	DGIN	\$0.0883	76%	None	None
VanEck Egypt Index ETF	EGPT	\$1.4595	77%	None	None
VanEck Video Gaming and eSports ETF	ESPO	\$0.5422	None	None	None
VanEck Environmental Services ETF	EVX	\$1.4500	None	None	None
VanEck Gold Miners ETF	GDX	\$0.5001	None	None	None
VanEck Junior Gold Miners ETF	GDXJ	\$0.2736	18%	None	None
VanEck India Growth Leaders ETF	GLIN	\$0.4235	84%	None	None
VanEck Green Metals ETF	GMET	\$0.4909	2%	None	None
VanEck Natural Resources ETF	HAP	\$1.5982	None	None	None
VanEck Robotics ETF	IBOT	\$0.1467	31%	\$0.6716	None
VanEck Indonesia Index ETF	IDX	\$0.6176	None	None	None

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VanEck Israel ETF	ISRA	\$0.6627	37%	None	None
VanEck Morningstar Wide Moat ETF	MOAT	\$0.7285	None	None	None
VanEck Agribusiness ETF	МОО	\$2.2358	4%	None	None
VanEck Morningstar ESG Moat ETF	MOTE	\$0.2889	None	None	None
VanEck Morningstar Global Wide Moat ETF	MOTG	\$0.6500	None	None	None
VanEck Morningstar International Moat ETF	MOTI	\$0.7288	None	None	None
VanEck Uranium+Nuclear Energy ETF	NLR	\$3.2580	78%	None	None
VanEck Oil Services ETF	OIH	\$4.2235	None	None	None
VanEck Commodity Strategy ETF	PIT	\$2.9583	None	None	None
VanEck Rare Earth/Strategic Metals ETF	REMX	None	None	None	None
VanEck Green Infrastructure ETF	RNEW	\$0.2133	None	None	None
VanEck Russia ETF	RSX	\$0.0203	None	None	None
VanEck Russia Small-Cap ETF	RSXJ	\$0.0228	None	None	None
VanEck Retail ETF	RTH	\$2.0075	None	None	None
VanEck Steel ETF	SLX	\$2.0667	None	None	None
VanEck Semiconductor ETF	SMH	\$1.0427	None	None	None
VanEck Low Carbon Energy ETF	SMOG	\$1.7529	None	None	None
VanEck Morningstar SMID Moat ETF	SMOT	\$0.2055	None	None	None
VanEck Vietnam ETF	VNM	\$0.6552	89%	None	None
VanEck Future of Food ETF	YUMY	\$0.3600	None	None	None

The majority, and possibly all, of the dividend distributions will be paid out of net investment income earned by the Funds. A portion of these distributions may come from net short-term or long-term realized capital gains or return of capital.

The final tax treatment of these dividends will be reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV form, which is mailed after the close of each calendar year. The amount of dividends paid by each ETF may vary from time to time. Past dividend amounts are no guarantee of future dividend payment amounts.

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Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC) Income: Several VanEck ETFs may make investments in non-U.S. corporations classified as "passive foreign investment companies". Generally speaking, PFICs are non-U.S. corporations having 50% or more of their assets invested in cash or securities, or having 75% or more of their gross income originating from passive sources, including but not limited to interest, dividends and rents. In other words, these foreign companies primarily derive their revenue streams from investments (rather than operations). Please refer to your VanEck ETF's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) for further information on PFICs.

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If you have any questions concerning this information or the VanEck ETFs in general, please call 800.826.2333 between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm ET, Monday through Friday.

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Today, VanEck offers active and passive strategies with compelling exposures supported by well-designed investment processes. As of November 30, 2023, VanEck managed approximately \$84.8 billion in assets, including mutual funds, ETFs and institutional accounts. The firm's capabilities range from core investment opportunities to more specialized exposures to enhance portfolio diversification. Our actively managed strategies are fueled by in-depth, bottom-up research and security selection from portfolio managers with direct experience in the sectors and regions in which they invest. Investability, liquidity, diversity, and transparency are key to the experienced decision-making around market and index selection underlying VanEck's passive strategies.

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To receive a distribution, you must have been a registered shareholder of the relevant VanEck ETFs on the record date. Distributions are paid to shareholders on the payment date. Past distributions are not indicative of future distributions.

Fund shares are not individually redeemable and will be issued and redeemed at their NAV only through certain authorized broker-dealers in large, specified blocks of shares called "creation units" and otherwise can be bought and sold only through exchange trading. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market. You will incur brokerage expenses when trading Fund shares in the secondary market.

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