

# Access the Building Blocks of Growth

# **Global Resources Fund**

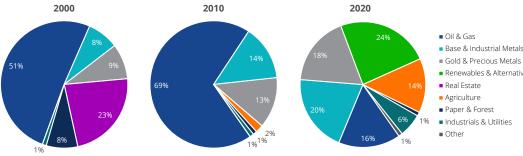
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Global resources represent the foundation of economic activity. They include traditional commodities, which tend to respond to inflation and global growth trends, as well as technologies and materials supporting the long-term resources transition.

### Aligned With Evolution of Resource Investing

Since its launch in 1994, the Global Resources Fund has evolved and now is reflective of the more forward-looking and transformative application that many commodities and raw materials may likely have as vital inputs into the future growth of the global economy. In addition to its exposure to traditional segments that are poised to respond strongly to the global recovery and inflationary pressures, today's portfolio composition is inclusive of the developments taking place at the forefront of burgeoning sustainability initiatives.

#### Portfolio Exposures Reflect the Progressive Developments in Global Resources

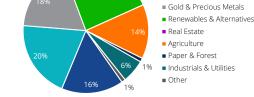


#### Why the Global Resources Fund?

Actively-managed strategy focused on opportunities across a broad range of global resource equity sectors, with increasing relevance in areas like renewable and alternative energy

Exposure to companies with unique competitive advantages associated with traditional resources and the development of emerging applications and technologies

Over 25-year track record supported by an investment team with former geologists and engineers as well as sector analysts with deep sector experience



Source: VanEck, FactSet. Data as of December 31, 2020. Figures exclude cash. Exposures in the portfolio may change at any time and from time to time.

#### What Resource Equities Offer Investors Over Commodities?

- Leverage: Resource equities historically outperform commodities in environments with positive global growth and modest (i.e., >2% year-over-year) inflation
- · Idiosyncrasy: Return drivers such as operational improvements or new technologies may benefit resource equities independent of commodity price directionality
- Total Return: Companies are financially healthy with stable balance sheets and have demonstrated a committed effort to return capital to shareholders

## Flexibility to Adapt to Changing Nature of Resources

The investment process is driven by fundamental stock selection and focused on both traditional resources and "new" economy materials. Companies focusing on unique competitive advantages via technology, asset base, and management quality can capitalize on new demand vectors, as well as benefit from and defend against traditional commodity price volatility.

<b>Step 1</b> Define Investment Universe	<b>Step 2</b> Assess Opportunities	<b>Step 3</b> Determine Portfolio Candidates	<b>Step 4</b> Risk-Aware Portfolio Construction
<ul> <li>Traditional Energy</li> <li>Alternative Energy &amp; Resources</li> <li>Gold &amp; Precious Metals</li> <li>Base, Industrial &amp; "Green" Metals</li> <li>Agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Corporate Strategies</li> <li>Industry Themes</li> <li>Evolving Demand Trends</li> <li>New Supply Priorities</li> <li>Macro Factors</li> <li>Commodity Ranges</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Competitive Positioning</li> <li>Management/Board Quality</li> <li>Scenario Modeling</li> <li>Transparency/Accountability</li> <li>Valuation Implications</li> <li>Catalyst Potency</li> <li>Conviction Magnitude</li> </ul>	Quantitative tools guide optimized portfolio seeking to maximize diversification and reduce volatility

#### **Expertise and Experience Drives Active Approach**

Along with one of the longest track records, our investment professionals are one of the largest teams solely devoted to the space. Comprised of industry experts including geologists, engineers and experienced analysts, the Investment Team combines extensive hands-on technical experience with deep financial insight to drive stock selection in the rapidly changing world of diversified resource equities.

Team Member	Role	Focus	Years at VanEck	Years in Industry
Shawn Reynolds*	Portfolio Manager	Company Research and Portfolio Construction	18	36
Charles Cameron	Deputy Portfolio Manager	Macroeconomic Strategy and Trading Oversight	28	41
Roland Morris	Commodity Strategist	Strategy and Client Service	11	43
Joe Foster*	Senior Analyst	Gold and Precious Metals	27	42
Charl Malan	Senior Analyst	Base and Industrial Metals	20	28
Imaru Casanova*	Senior Analyst	Gold and Precious Metals	12	25
Antonio de Pinho*	Senior Analyst	Oil and Gas	4	31
Adam Graf*	Senior Analyst	Gold and Precious Metals	1	23
Alan Shih	Analyst	Oil and Gas	11	16
Veronica Zhang	Analyst	Renewable and Alternative Energy, Industrials	10	12
Ammar James	Analyst	Agriculture, Paper and Forest Products	4	12
Greg Krenzer, CFA	Senior Trader	Risk Management and Trading	29	29
Chris Mailloux, CFA	Trader	Trading and Execution	16	16
Jon Rizzo	Trader	Trading and Execution	2	11

\*Geology degrees held by Shawn Reynolds, Joe Foster and Adam Graf; engineering degrees held by Shawn Reynolds, Imaru Casanova and Antonio de Pinho.

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