

VanEck's Emerging Markets Bond Strategy Wins Awards in U.S. and Overseas

Firm's UCITS Fund on Emerging Markets Bonds recognized for most recent 3- and 5-year performance records in the UK, Nordics, and several European countries in Refinitiv Lipper Awards

U.S. Fund also named one of the "Best International Bond Funds" in the Investor's Business Daily Best Mutual Funds Awards

New York, (June 5, 2023) – [VanEck](#) is today proudly marking several key awards that its Emerging Markets Bond Strategy has received in recent weeks, including nine 2023 Refinitiv Lipper Awards for its UCITS Fund, as well as the U.S. Fund being named one of the Best International Bond Funds in Investor's Business Daily's 2023 Best Mutual Fund Awards.

Refinitiv's Lipper Fund Awards honor funds annually that have excelled in providing consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to similar funds, based on Lipper's proprietary performance-based methodology. The Investor Business Daily Awards winners are evaluated based on the funds' outperformance of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index over the last one-, three-, five- and 10-year periods.

"We're honored to receive these awards from both Lipper and Investor's Business Daily for our Emerging Markets Bond Strategy," said Eric Fine, Portfolio Manager. "Not only does this achievement demonstrate the strong long-term performance of this Strategy relative to its peers globally, but also the wide range of investors, including the U.S. and beyond, that can benefit from the portfolio diversification and income potential of emerging markets bonds."

The list of 2023 Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards won by the Fund includes:

- Best Fund over 3 Years, Switzerland
- Best Fund over 5 Years, Switzerland
- Best Fund over 3 Years, United Kingdom
- Best Fund over 5 Years, United Kingdom
- Best Fund over 5 Years, Germany
- Best Fund over 5 Years, Nordics
- Best Fund over 5 Years, Austria
- Best Fund over 3 Years, Netherlands
- Best Fund over 5 Years, Netherlands

The VanEck Emerging Markets Bond Strategy was one of the first truly blend emerging markets bond strategies in the market and is actively managed with the flexibility to invest in sovereign and corporate debt in hard- and local-currency. The Strategy is led by [Portfolio Manager Eric Fine](#), who has over 30 years of experience living, working and investing in Emerging Markets. Eric is supported by Deputy Portfolio Manager David Austerweil, Chief Economist Natalia Gurushina and Senior Corporate Analyst Robert Schmieder.

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Since our founding in 1955, putting our clients' interests first, in all market environments, has been at the heart of the firm's mission.

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There are inherent risks with fixed income investing. These risks may include interest rate, call, credit, market, inflation, government policy, liquidity, or junk bond. When interest rates rise, bond prices fall. This risk is heightened with investments in longer duration fixed-income securities and during periods when prevailing interest rates are low or negative.

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