

Jan van Eck Receives 2024 ETF.com Lifetime Achievement Award

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Lifetime Achievement Award reflects Jan van Eck and the firm's leadership and contributions to the ETF industry, from dedication to product innovation to commitment to delivering value to investors

NEW YORK, NY (April 18, 2024) – [VanEck](#) is today celebrating that CEO Jan van Eck was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2024 ETF.com Awards.

In 2006, van Eck boldly led the firm's entry into the ETF space with the launch of the now \$14 billion [VanEck Gold Miners ETF \(GDX\)](#), and the firm recently surpassed \$100 billion in AUM. He has fostered a commitment to product innovation centered around the firm's core investment philosophy that financial markets are a reflection of a broader world that encompasses economic, political, technological and social dynamics. This is evident in the firm's ETFs, which include the [VanEck Morningstar Wide Moat ETF \(MOAT\)](#) and "moat"-focused fund suite, the [VanEck Fallen Angel High Yield Bond ETF \(ANGL\)](#), and more.

"I am honored by this recognition. It is a reflection of the strong team here at VanEck as well as our partnerships across the industry, from index firms and liquidity providers to stock exchanges," said van Eck. "One of the biggest lessons from my career is simply: don't give up. I had tried different things over my career and was in my 40s when the firm started in ETFs, so from my own experience, I know that success sometimes takes time."

This tenacity, dedication to product development and van Eck's long-standing belief in the transformative potential of bitcoin is evident in the firm's digital assets efforts, where it was the first established ETF issuer to file for a bitcoin-linked ETF in 2017.

The ETF.com Awards serve to recognize and honor exceptional achievements within the ETF space, particularly those remarkable individuals, companies and products that have left an indelible mark on the ETF ecosystem. Held each year in New York City, the award ceremony is attended by hundreds of professionals in the space and is closely followed by investors, advisors and financial industry professionals around the world. For more information on the awards and to view all of the 2024 honorees, [please click here](#).

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About VanEck

VanEck has a history of looking beyond the financial markets to identify trends likely to create impactful investment opportunities. We were one of the first U.S. asset managers to offer investors access to international markets. This set the tone for the firm's drive to identify asset classes and trends – including gold investing in 1968, emerging markets in 1993, and exchange-traded funds in 2006 – that subsequently shaped the investment management industry.

Today, VanEck offers active and passive strategies with compelling exposures supported by well-designed investment processes. As of March 31, 2024, VanEck managed approximately \$101.9 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.

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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