



**Announcement Index methodologies update on 20 March 2026 (EOB) for:  
VanEck Crypto and Blockchain Innovators UCITS ETF, ISIN: IE00BMDKNW35 (DAPP)**

The Directors of VanEck UCITS ETFs plc (hereinafter the “Company”) wish to announce the update of the index methodology for the VanEck Digital Assets UCITS ETF (DAPP). The updates, implemented by MarketVector, reflect the continued evolution and maturation of the digital assets equity market and are intended to enhance index diversification, thematic focus, and methodological transparency, in line with global index design standards.

Key updates include:

- **Introduction of a Definition for “Digital Assets Treasury” Companies:**

While companies with significant digital asset holdings have historically been included in the index, their classification was not previously supported by a formal definition. The updated methodology introduces an explicit definition for Digital Assets Treasury companies (DATs) to clearly distinguish them from operational Digital Assets companies.

DATs are defined as those with at least 50% (25% for current components) of their revenues or assets derived from digital asset-related activities, including operating digital asset exchanges or payment gateways, engaging in digital asset mining, providing software, equipment, technology, or services to the digital assets industry, delivering digital asset infrastructure, and/or facilitating commerce through the use of digital assets.

Rationale:

- To formalize the inclusion criteria for treasury-focused digital asset companies already present in the index.
- To clearly differentiate balance sheet-driven digital asset exposure from operational business models.
- To improve methodological transparency, consistency, and investor understanding.

- **Weighting Adjustment for Digital Asset Treasury Companies:**

A maximum individual weight of 4.5% and a maximum cap of 20% have been introduced for companies classified as Digital Asset Treasury components (DATs).

Rationale:

- To limit concentration risk and volatility from companies with significant digital asset holdings, ensuring a balanced representation between operational participants and asset-holding entities. This adjustment supports index diversification, risk control, and alignment with investor expectations.

Please also note that the index changes include an update to Section 1.2.2 of the index guide (“Initial Public Offerings, Spin-Offs, and Special Purpose Acquisition Companies”). Under the revised methodology, a defined blackout period applies during each quarterly review cycle. Specifically, eligibility for inclusion is determined based on a review snapshot taken on the last trading day of the review month, while index changes are implemented after the close of the third Friday of the following month. As a result, newly listed IPOs, spin-offs, or post-merger SPACs that occur after the review cut-off date cannot be added to the index until the subsequent review cycle. This

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clarification formalizes the blackout period between the review snapshot and implementation date, preventing last-minute additions during the review window and reinforcing stability, transparency, and predictability in index composition.

The changes will be effective as of 20 March 2026, EOB.

The Prospectus of the Company and the KIIDs/KIDs have been updated accordingly and are available at: [www.vaneck.com](http://www.vaneck.com).

For more details, please refer to the updated index guidelines, available at [MVIS® Global Digital Assets Equity Index | MVDAPP](#) and to VanEck Crypto and Blockchain Innovators documentation, or contact VanEck at [EMEASales@vaneck.com](mailto:EMEASales@vaneck.com).

With kind regards,  
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