

**Press Release**

**VanEck: New ESG Index for eSports ETF**

- **With the new index, the VanEck Video Gaming and eSports UCITS ETF integrates ESG characteristics into its investment process**
- **The ETF offers investors the opportunity to invest in a diversified manner in companies from the video games and eSports sectors**

**London, 16 December 2022** – Asset manager VanEck is replacing the VanEck Video Gaming and eSports UCITS ETF index to incorporate ESG criteria into its investment process. The ETF offers investors the opportunity to track the overall performance of companies that are predominantly active in the video games and/or eSports sector. With the new *MarketVector™ Global Video Gaming & eSports ESG Index*, the ETF is classified as a product that promotes environmental and social characteristics in accordance with Article 8 of the EU Disclosure Regulation SFDR.

A key reason for the index change is that VanEck is experiencing growing demand for ESG products. “These aspects are becoming more and more the norm for investors, leaving less room for non-ESG products,” explains Martijn Rozemuller, CEO Europe at VanEck Europe. “We expect significantly increased demand for funds that incorporate ESG criteria in the future, while demand for funds that do not incorporate ESG considerations into the portfolio construction will continue to decline.”

With the index change, the ETF’s selection process became more rigorous: companies with very serious violations of social norms according to ISS Research, companies that generate sales based on controversial weapons, and companies that make more than 5 per cent of their sales in sectors such as tobacco, fossil fuel extraction or military equipment are now excluded.

For more information on the ETF: <https://www.vaneck.com/uk/en/esports-etf>

Securities risk: The prices of securities in the fund are subject to the risks inherent in investing in the securities market, including general economic conditions and sudden and unpredictable price drops. An investment in the fund may result in losses.

ETF	VanEck Video Gaming and eSports UCITS ETF
Index name	MarketVector™ Global Video Gaming & eSports ESG Index
ISIN	IE00BYWQWR46
Ticker LSE GBP/USD	ESPO / ESGB
Capital management company	VanEck Asset Management B.V.



Fund domicile	Ireland
Base currency	USD
Index provider	MarketVector Indexes
Rebalancing	Quarterly
Product structure	Physical replication (Full)
Launch date	24 June 2019
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.55% p.a.
Income treatment	Accumulation

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