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**VANECK'S INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS GOLD FUND
WINS LIPPER FUND AWARD FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

*VanEck International Investors Gold Fund recognized as “Best Fund Over 10 Years”
in the Precious Metals Equity Funds category*

NEW YORK (March 8, 2019) – VanEck announced today that the [VanEck International Investors Gold Fund](#), Class I (ticker: INIIX) has received a 2019 Lipper Fund Award from Refinitiv (the former Financial and Risk business of Thomson Reuters) for Best Fund over the 10-year period ending December 31, 2018 in the Precious Metals Equity Funds category.¹

Lipper Fund Awards honor funds that have excelled in providing consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to similar funds, based on Lipper's proprietary performance-based methodology.

“We are honored to receive this Lipper Award for our International Investors Gold Fund,” said Jan van Eck, Chief Executive Officer of VanEck. “Being recognized for the sixth consecutive year is not only a testament to the performance of the fund but also to the skill and expertise of the portfolio management team.”

This marks the sixth consecutive year, and the seventh time in eight years, that VanEck International Investors Gold Fund has received a Lipper Award for Best Fund in its category. The Fund, with over a 50 year track record and led by Portfolio Manager Joe Foster, seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in common stocks of gold-mining companies.

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About VanEck

VanEck has a history of looking beyond the financial markets to identify trends that are 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 January 31, 2019, VanEck managed approximately \$47.8 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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Important Disclosures

¹VanEck International Investors Gold Fund: Class I Shares Best Fund out of 16 eligible investment companies for the 10-year period ending 12/31/2018 based on consistent annualized total returns.

The Lipper Fund Awards from Refinitiv, granted annually, highlight funds and fund companies that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. The Lipper Fund Awards are based on the Lipper Leader for Consistent Return rating, which is a risk-adjusted performance measure calculated over 36, 60 and 120 months. The fund with the highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value in each eligible classification wins the Lipper Fund Award. The awards are based on the specified share class. Other share classes may have different performance characteristics and fees. The Lipper Fund Awards takes place in 23 regions in Asia, Europe, Middle East and North Africa (MENA), and the Americas. For more information, see www.lipperfundawards.com. Although Lipper makes reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data contained herein, the accuracy is not guaranteed by Lipper.

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment in the Fund should be part of an overall investment program, not a complete program. The Fund is subject to the risks associated with concentrating its assets in the gold industry, which can be significantly affected by international economic, monetary and political developments. The Fund's overall portfolio may decline in value due to developments specific to the gold industry. The Fund's investments in foreign securities involve risks related to adverse political and economic developments unique to a country or a region, currency fluctuations or controls, and the possibility of arbitrary action by foreign governments, or political, economic or social instability. The Fund is subject to risks associated with investments in Canadian issuers, commodities and commodity-linked derivatives, commodities and commodity-linked derivatives tax, gold-mining industry,

derivatives, emerging market securities, foreign currency transactions, foreign securities, other investment companies, management, market, non-diversification, operational, regulatory, small- and medium-capitalization companies and subsidiary risks.

Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss.

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