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VANECK'S RAAX AND ESPO WIN AT ANNUAL ETF.COM AWARDS DINNER

A distinguished panel of ETF industry experts selected $\underbrace{VanEck\ Vectors^{@}\ Real\ Asset\ Allocation}_{ETF\ (RAAX^{@})}$ for Best New Alternatives ETF and $\underbrace{VanEck\ Vectors^{@}\ Video\ Gaming\ and\ eSports}_{ETF\ (ESPO^{TM})}$ for Thematic ETF of the Year and People's Choice Award.

New York, **New York** (March 29, 2019) At last night's ETF.com Awards Dinner in New York City, RAAX was awarded the Best New Alternatives ETF while ESPO took home the People's Choice Award and was co-winner of the Thematic ETF of the Year.

RAAX is an active ETF that provides comprehensive exposure across commodities, natural resource equities, REITs, MLPs, and infrastructure. ESPO seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the MVIS® Global Video Gaming and eSports Index (MVESPOTR), which is intended to track the overall performance of companies involved in video game development, esports, and related hardware and software. "We're very pleased to be once again celebrating a victory at the ETF.com Awards," said Ed Lopez, Head of ETF Product at VanEck. "Both RAAX and ESPO are strong representations of the forward-looking, intelligently designed ETFs that VanEck strives to bring to market."

<u>The ETF.com Awards</u> – jointly developed by ETF.com and Inside ETFs – recognize the people, products, and companies that are pushing the ETF industry forward and working to generate better results for investors. Winners are selected from a carefully screened list of nominations by a panel of independent experts, including leading financial advisors, ETF strategists, and ETF due diligence experts.

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An investment in RAAX may be subject to risks which include, among others, in fund of funds risk which may subject RAAX to investing in commodities, gold, natural resources companies, MLPs, real estate sector, infrastructure, equities securities, small- and medium-capitalization companies, foreign securities, emerging market issuers, foreign currency, credit, high yield securities, interest rate, call and concentration risks, all of which may adversely affect RAAX. RAAX may also be subject to affiliated fund, U.S. Treasury Bills, subsidiary investment, commodity regulatory (with respect to investments in the Subsidiary), tax (with respect to investments in the Subsidiary), liquidity, gap, cash transactions, high portfolio turnover, model and data, management, operational, authorized participant concentration, no guarantee of active trading market, trading issues, market, fund shares trading, premium/discount and liquidity of fund shares, non-diversified and ETPs risks. Foreign investments are subject to risks, which include changes in economic and political conditions, foreign currency fluctuations, changes in foreign regulations, and changes in currency exchange rates which may negatively impact RAAX's returns. Small- and medium-capitalization companies may be subject to elevated risks.

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