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**VANECK ANNOUNCES YEAREND DISTRIBUTIONS
 FOR VANECK EQUITY ETFS**

NEW YORK, (December 17, 2021) – VanEck announced today the following 2021 annual distributions per share for its VanEck® equity exchange-traded funds.

Ex-Date: December 20, 2021 | Record Date: December 21, 2021 | Payable Date: December 27, 2021

Natural Resources ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Agribusiness ETF	MOO	\$1.0968	None	None	None
VanEck Future of Food ETF	YUMY	None	None	None	None
VanEck Gold Miners ETF	GDX	\$0.5348	None	None	None
VanEck Green Metals ETF	GMET	None	None	None	None
VanEck Junior Gold Miners ETF	GDXJ	\$0.7454	48%	None	None
VanEck Low Carbon Energy ETF	SMOG	\$0.7116	None	None	None
VanEck Natural Resources ETF	HAP	\$1.0191	<1%	None	None
VanEck Oil Refiners ETF	CRAK	\$0.6483	None	None	None
VanEck Oil Services ETF	OIH	\$1.8075	None	None	None
VanEck Rare Earth/Strategic Metals ETF	REMX	\$5.8917	96%	None	None
VanEck Steel ETF	SLX	\$3.7609	None	None	None
VanEck Uranium+Nuclear Energy ETF	NLR	\$1.0910	63%	None	None

Thematic ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Biotech ETF	BBH	\$0.3972	None	None	None
VanEck Digital Transformation ETF	DAPP	\$1.8776	83%	None	None
VanEck Environmental Services ETF	EVX	\$0.3704	None	None	None
VanEck Gaming ETF	BJK	\$0.3494	37%	None	None
VanEck Retail ETF	RTH	\$1.5145	None	None	None
VanEck Semiconductor ETF	SMH	\$1.5733	None	None	None
VanEck Video Gaming and eSports ETF	ESPO	\$0.0452	None	\$1.9628	\$0.2207

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Country/Regional ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Africa Index ETF	AFK	\$0.8390	41%	None	None
VanEck Brazil Small-Cap ETF	BRF	\$0.4877	<1%	None	None
VanEck China Growth Leaders ETF	GLCN	\$0.3572	4%	\$0.7160	\$0.9331
VanEck ChiNext ETF	CNXT	None	None	None	\$4.4706
VanEck Egypt Index ETF	EGPT	\$0.6648	3%	None	None
VanEck India Growth Leaders ETF	GLIN	None	None	None	None
VanEck Indonesia Index ETF	IDX	\$0.2151	None	None	None
VanEck Israel ETF	ISRA	\$0.6213	57%	None	None
VanEck Russia ETF	RSX	\$1.5232	None	None	None
VanEck Russia Small-Cap ETF	RSXJ	\$2.0796	33%	None	None
VanEck Vietnam ETF	VNM	\$0.1031	17%	None	None

Strategic Equity ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Morningstar ESG Moat ETF	MOTE	\$0.0507	None	None	None
VanEck Morningstar Global Wide Moat ETF	MOTG	\$0.5500	None	\$1.1923	\$0.4668
VanEck Morningstar International Moat ETF	MOTI	\$1.5000	<1%	None	None
VanEck Morningstar Wide Moat ETF	MOAT	\$0.8227	None	None	None
VanEck Social Sentiment ETF	BUZZ	None	None	None	None

The majority, and possibly all, of the dividend distributions will be paid out of net investment income earned by the Funds. A portion of these distributions may come from net short-term or long-term realized capital gains or return of capital.

The final tax treatment of these dividends will be reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV form, which is mailed after the close of each calendar year. The amount of dividends paid by each ETF may vary from time to time. Past dividend amounts are no guarantee of future dividend payment amounts.

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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 November 30, 2021, VanEck managed approximately \$81.9 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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The principal risks of investing in VanEck ETFs include sector, market, economic, political, foreign currency, world event, index tracking and non-diversification risks, as well as fluctuations in net asset value and the risks associated with investing in less developed capital markets. The assets of some Funds may be concentrated in a particular sector and may be subject to more risk than investments in a diverse group of sectors. The Funds may loan their securities, which may subject them to additional credit and counterparty risk. Fixed income investments are subject to interest rate risk, credit risk, the risk that the issuer of a bond will fail to pay interest and principal in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline. High-yield bonds are subject to greater risk of loss of income and principal than higher-rated securities. Bonds and bond funds will decrease in value as interest rates rise. In addition when interest rates fall income may decline. **Please see the prospectus of each Fund for more complete information regarding each Fund's specific risks.**

To receive a distribution, you must have been a registered shareholder of the relevant VanEck ETFs on the record date. Distributions are paid to shareholders on the payment date. Past distributions are not indicative of future distributions.

Fund shares are not individually redeemable and will be issued and redeemed at their NAV only through certain authorized broker-dealers in large, specified blocks of shares called "creation units" and otherwise can be bought and sold only through exchange trading. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market. You will incur brokerage expenses when trading Fund shares in the secondary market.

Investing involves substantial risk and high volatility, including possible loss of principal. Bonds and bond funds will decrease in value as interest rates rise. An investor should consider the investment objective, risks, charges and expenses of a Fund carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus and summary prospectus, which contains this and other information, call 800.826.2333 or visit vaneck.com. Please read the prospectus and summary prospectus carefully before investing.

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