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VANECK'S GLOBAL HARD ASSETS STRATEGY RENAMED GLOBAL RESOURCES

Shift reflects an evolving investment universe that has fundamentally changed over the past decade+ with increasing relevance of areas like alternative energy

New York, (May 3, 2021) – [VanEck](#) today announced a new name for its VanEck Global Hard Assets Fund, which going forward will be known as the [VanEck Global Resources Fund](#).

The fund's ticker symbols, which include GHAAX for Class A shares and GHAIX for Class I shares, will remain the same. The version of this strategy made available in an insurance fund, the VanEck VIP Global Hard Assets Fund, will also see its name change accordingly.

"In the truest sense of the term, 'hard assets' accurately described the investment landscape at the time of the Strategy's launch in 1994 and the environment that remained in place for roughly two decades thereafter. This often featured expensive, large scale projects with production-based business objectives," said Shawn Reynolds, Portfolio Manager, VanEck. "However, we feel the term 'resources' reflects the key forward-looking themes that have developed more recently, including the acceleration of technological development that emphasizes process over production and the transformative application that many resource sectors will have as vital inputs to future growth in the global economy."

The Funds' management team, investment objective and stock selection process remain unchanged. However, the investable universe, and the opportunities within, continue to evolve in conjunction with the developing uses of natural resources more broadly. As an example, traditional energy companies (i.e., oil and gas producers), which made up approximately 70% of the portfolio a decade ago, represented less than a quarter of the portfolio's exposure at the end of 2020. Renewable and alternative energy and other associated industries, which had been minimal exposures 10 years ago, accounted for around a quarter of the portfolio's exposure at yearend.

"Traditionally, commodities still underpin global GDP growth, but we find some of the more compelling opportunities to arise from the emerging technologies and the new, innovative applications of 'resources', including those at the forefront of today's sustainability imperatives" said Mr. Reynolds.

More information on VanEck's Global Resources strategy [can be found here](#).

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