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## VANECK ANNOUNCES YEAREND DISTRIBUTIONS FOR VANECK VECTORS EQUITY ETFS

NEW YORK, (December 19, 2018) – VanEck announced today the following 2018 annual distributions per share for its VanEck Vectors® equity exchange-traded funds.

**Ex-Date: December 20, 2018****Record Date: December 21, 2018****Payable Date: December 27, 2018**

Hard Assets ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Vectors Agribusiness ETF	MOO	0.964	6%	None	None
VanEck Vectors Coal ETF	KOL	0.824	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Global Alternative Energy ETF	GEX	0.337	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF	GDX	0.105	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF	GDXJ	0.136	16%	None	None
VanEck Vectors Natural Resources ETF	HAP	0.919	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Oil Refiners ETF	CRAK	0.517	None	0.133	None
VanEck Vectors Oil Services ETF	OIH	0.299	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Rare Earth/Strategic Metals ETF	REMX	1.685	88%	None	None
VanEck Vectors Steel ETF	SLX	2.182	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Unconventional Oil & Gas ETF	FRAK	0.088	†	None	None
VanEck Vectors Uranium + Nuclear Energy ETF	NLR	1.936	None	None	None

† The income distributions for these funds were reduced due to Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC) losses. See explanatory paragraph on Page 3.

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Country/Regional ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Vectors Africa Index ETF	AFK	0.336	†	None	None
VanEck Vectors Brazil Small-Cap ETF	BRF	0.511	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors ChinaAMC CSI 300 ETF	PEK	0.309	None	None	\$2.539
VanEck Vectors ChinaAMC SME-ChiNext ETF	CNXT	None	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Egypt Index ETF	EGPT	0.477	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors India Small-Cap Index ETF	SCIF	0.049	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Indonesia Index ETF	IDX	0.476	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Israel ETF	ISRA	0.212	†	None	None
VanEck Vectors Poland ETF	PLND	0.244	†	None	None
VanEck Vectors Russia ETF	RSX	0.967	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Russia Small-Cap ETF	RSXJ	1.217	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Vietnam ETF	VNM	0.122	None	None	None

Strategic Equity/Guided Allocation ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Vectors Morningstar Global Wide Moat ETF	GOAT	0.110	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Morningstar International Moat ETF	MOTI	1.057	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Morningstar Wide Moat ETF	MOAT	0.738	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Real Asset Allocation ETF	RAAX	0.139	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors NDR CMG Long/Flat Allocation ETF	LFEQ	0.262	None	None	None

Industry ETFs	Ticker	Income	Approximate % of Income from PFICs	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
VanEck Vectors Biotech ETF	BBH	0.551	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Environmental Services ETF	EVX	0.317	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Gaming ETF	BJK	1.133	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Generic Drugs ETF	GNRX	0.006	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Retail ETF	RTH	0.984	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Semiconductor ETF	SMH	1.638	None	None	None
VanEck Vectors Video Gaming and eSports ETF	ESPO	0.010	30%	None	None

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