

Press Release

VanEck launches new ETF for the defense sector

- **Against the backdrop of the current global crises, the view of the security and defense sector is also changing in Europe**
- **The VanEck Defense UCITS ETF is currently the only ETF available in Europe that invests globally in companies in the defense industry.**

London, 5 April 2023 – Asset manager VanEck today lists the *VanEck Defense UCITS ETF* on the London Stock Exchange and Deutsche Börse Xetra. This new [ETF \(Exchange Traded Fund\)](#) allows investors to invest globally in companies operating in the defense industry.

“The defense sector has traditionally been a sensitive topic in Europe. However, since the start of the war in Ukraine, the views on security and defense policy has started shifting, as the need for security policy has become more obvious,” explains Martijn Rozemuller, CEO at VanEck Europe. “Due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, tensions in Asia, and global uncertainty, security and defense are back on investors' minds after being shunned for several years.”

Many governments of Western European countries that have consistently missed NATO's two per cent target for defense spending in the past have now announced that they will make significant investments in defense infrastructure and stockpiles and will strive to meet the two per cent target in the future. “Companies in the security and arms industries could benefit from this development in the coming years,” Rozemuller said.

The [VanEck Defense UCITS ETF](#) is currently the only ETF available in Europe that offers investors access to this sector. Using a pure-play approach, the fund aims to invest in companies in the future that generate the majority of their revenue from the following defense-related products or services: defense equipment, aerospace technology, communications systems and services, satellite technology, unmanned aerial vehicles, security software, IT hardware and services, cybersecurity software, training and simulation solutions, digital forensics, tracking devices, and e-authentication or biometric identification applications.

To this end, the ETF follows the MarketVector™ Global Defense Industry Index and explicitly excludes companies that generate sales with controversial weapons or have demonstrably failed to comply with established standards. The ETF is classified as Article 6 within the meaning of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

Industry or sector concentration risk: The assets of the fund may be concentrated in one or more sectors or industries. The fund may be subject to the risk that political, economic or other conditions adversely affecting the relevant sectors or industries may adversely affect the performance of the fund to a greater extent than if the fund's assets were invested in a wider variety of sectors and industries. Companies in the defense industry may seek to generate revenue from working with different parties and governments. There can be no assurance that the products or services of companies in which the Fund invests will be consistent with an investor's environmental, social or governance views or that customers of such products or services will not be conflicted.



Equity market risk: The prices of securities in the fund are subject to the risks inherent in investing in the securities market, including general economic conditions and sudden and unpredictable price drops. An investment in the fund may result in losses.

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ETF	VanEck Defense UCITS ETF
ISIN	IE000YYE6WK5
Ticker LSE	DFNS
Ticker Xetra	DFEN
Investment manager	VanEck Asset Management B.V.
Fund domicile	Ireland
Index provider	MarketVector Indexes
Base currency	US Dollar
Rebalancing	Quarterly
Product structure	Physical (full replication)
Income treatment	Accumulation
Launch date	31 March 2023
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.55% p.a.

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