

## **Press release**

# Milestone: VanEck's crypto products reach the USD 1 billion mark

- Assets under management for VanEck's crypto and blockchain products have doubled in just a few months
- ETNs (Exchange Traded Notes) and ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) allow investors to participate in developments in the blockchain industry in a relatively straightforward manner
- Bitcoin ETN VanEck (VBTC) reaches \$500 million in AUM, consolidating \$1 billion in total digital assets under management

**Frankfurt, 17.10.2024** – It was only in December 2023 that the digital assets exposure products of asset manager VanEck reached the half a billion US dollar mark – now the assets under management of these products have doubled to one billion US dollars.

"The widespread attention surrounding the authorisation of Bitcoin ETFs in the US has shown how important the blockchain and crypto sector has become in the financial industry," says Martijn Rozemuller, CEO of VanEck Europe. "This has given the entire sector a further boost, which is reflected in a further increase in investor interest."

"A key factor in reaching the USD 1 billion mark was our VanEck Bitcoin ETN (VBTC), whose assets under management amount to nearly 500 million USD," says Martijn Rozemuller. "In addition, thanks to our competitive spread (3rd place on Xetra) and average daily trading volume (2nd place on Xetra), we were able to further establish ourselves as a leading provider in this market." However, investors should be aware that investing in Bitcoin ETNs involves significant risks, including volatility, regulation changes, and potential loss of principal.

In addition to cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin or Ethereum, blockchain-based applications also involve broader areas such as Web3 and decentralised programs: "Digital assets are more than just cryptocurrencies, we are facing a long-term, structural development. Blockchain applications are finding more and more areas of use that now go far beyond purely digital payment alternatives," explains Rozemuller. "Digital assets have gone through a maturing process and many investors continue to see the long-term potential uses and opportunities offered by cryptocurrencies and blockchain-based applications."



## Uncomplicated access to the crypto and blockchain sector

With the listed ETNs and ETFs from VanEck, investors have the opportunity to participate in developments on the crypto market in a relatively straightforward manner, depending on their interest – either with individual cryptocurrencies, with a more diversified crypto-portfolio or indirectly via investments in the companies operating in this sector.

Since the launch of the <u>VanEck Bitcoin ETN</u> in 2020, VanEck has continually expanded its range of investment products within the digital assets and crypto and sector: In addition to the current nine ETNs on individual cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, Ethereum or Solana, investors can use two ETNs to invest in a selection of cryptocurrencies that are characterised by higher liquidity and interest rates, but also take exposure to the best-known and most liquid 'smart contracts' development platforms. The <u>VanEck Crypto and Blockchain Innovators UCITS ETF</u> also gives investors diversified access to companies active in the crypto and blockchain industry.

Risk factors: Liquidity risk, risk due to limited diversification, risk in connection with investments in smaller companies, technology risk.

You can find out more about VanEck's digital assets strategies and products at: <a href="https://www.vaneck.com/ucits/crypto-etn">https://www.vaneck.com/ucits/crypto-etn</a>

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