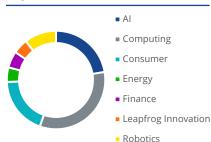
# **VanEck Thematic Disruption Strategy**



# Top Allocations (%)



VGT	13.21
FDIS	12.90
AIQ	12.28
SMH	10.53
QTUM	10.11
XLK	9.88
IYW	9.86
ESPO	6.12
HODL	5.41
NLR	4.79
	95.09
	FDIS AIQ SMH QTUM XLK IYW ESPO HODL

# Data as of 12/31/2024 Characteristics

	Strategy	Benchmark
Inception Date	12/24/2021	12/11/2014

# **Fees and Expenses**

Fund Fees Per Year (%)*	0.34
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Data as of 12/31/2024

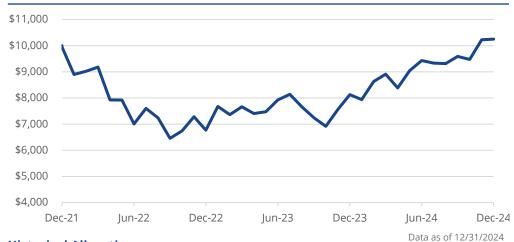
\*Based on the weighted total expense ratio of the underlying ETFs.

Source of all data: VanEck, Morningstar.

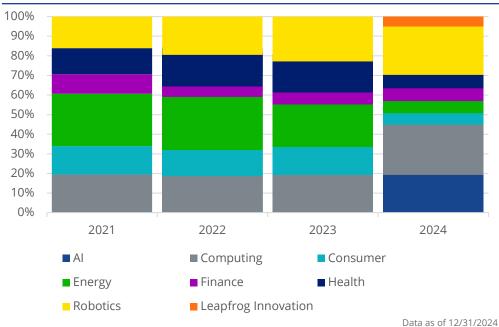
#### Overview

An investment strategy focused on disruptive, innovative and forward looking themes across a wide array of industries, including technology, finance, healthcare, energy and retail. The VanEck Thematic Disruption Strategy is designed to be adaptive and take advantage of economic opportunities as a result of novel discoveries. The portfolio construction process simultaneously allows overweighting the most financially lucrative innovations and risk mitigation.

# **Growth of \$10,000 Investment**



#### **Historical Allocations**



### **Composite Risk Statistics (%)**

Risk Statistics 12/24/2021 - 12/31/2024 Return StdDev Sharpe Ratio Max Drawdown R-Squared VanEck Thematic Disruption Strategy 0.83 22.78 -0.03 84.47 -35.44 Benchmark: MSCI ACWI IMI Growth 1.20 16.48 0.22 100.00 -25.43

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# **Composite Standardized Performance History (%)**

<b>Total Return</b> as of 12/31/2024		1M	зМ	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR	INCEPTION 12/24/21
Van Fall. The anatic Discounties Streets and	Net	0.23	6.88	26.14	26.14	1.00			0.83
VanEck Thematic Disruption Strategy	Gross	0.24	6.91	26.27	26.27	1.37			1.20
Benchmark: MSCI ACWI IMI Growth		-0.21	2.07	22.42	22.42	4.92			5.05

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Returns greater than 1 year are annualized.

Calendar Period	Total Return Gross of Fees (%)	Total Return Net of Fees (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	# of Portfolios	Composite Internal Dispersion (Avg. Monthly)*	Standard Deviation Comp**	Standard Deviation BM**	Total Composite Assets End of Period (millions)	Total Firm Assets End of Period (millions)	% of Firm Assets
2021***	-0.49	-0.50	0.47	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	81,864	0.00
2022	-31.63	-31.98	-28.24	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	69,018	0.00
2023	20.69	20.08	31.49	<5	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	89,301	0.00
2024	26.27	26.14	22.42	<5	N/A	22.78	19.20	0	113,928	0.00

Total Firm Assets for current period is preliminary and subject to change. Final AUM is available after the 20th calendar day of each month.

Reporting currency is in USD. Performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

The model is not a mutual fund or other type of security and will not be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and no units or shares of the model will be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, nor will they be registered with any state securities regulator. Accordingly, the model is not subject to compliance with the requirements of such acts.

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The Thematic Disruption Strategy (Proprietary) composite is focused on disruptive, innovative and forward thinking themes across a wide array of industries, including technology, finance, healthcare, energy and retail. This strategy is adaptive and take advantage of economic opportunities as a result of novel and transformative discoveries. The portfolio construction process will simultaneously allow for overweighting the most financially lucrative innovations and managing risk vis a vis the correlations and volatilities of the ETFs in the investible universe. Effective November 29, 2024 the benchmark was changed from the Russell 1000 Growth Total Return Index to the MSCI ACWI IMI Growth Net Total Return USD Index as a performance benchmark. 100% of composite assets are proprietary.

The MSCI AC World Index IMI Growth ("M1WD0008") (the "Index") is designed to capture large, mid, and small-cap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics across both Developed Markets (DM) and Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The growth investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using five variables: long-term forward earnings per share (EPS) growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate, long-term historical EPS growth trend, and long-term historical sales per share growth trend.

<sup>\*</sup> Internal Dispersion N/A due to insignificant number of portfolios in the composite.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Three year standard deviation is a required GIPS element starting in 2011. If "N/A" appears on or after that, it is because 36 monthly returns are not available in the composite.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Statistics are representative of the time period since inception.

The composite returns represent the total returns of all fully discretionary, fee-paying portfolios within the Thematic Disruption Strategy (Proprietary) mandate. The returns of the portfolio are time-weighted, based on trade date accounting. VanEck's policy is to accrue interest income and recognize dividend income and short dividend expense as reported on ex-dividend date. Interest income is recognized when received. Interest, dividends, and capital gains accrued on foreign securities are reported net of non-reclaimable foreign withholding taxes. Portfolio valuations are based on market values and expressed in US Dollars.

Composite returns are shown gross and net of management fees while including the reinvestment of all income. Brokerage and transaction expenses such as exchange, duty, and commission fees are deducted from trade amounts to determine net transaction costs/proceeds which are reflected in both gross and net returns. Net of fee performance is calculated by deducting actual management fees and in some instances, performance based fees charged to each account. The composite returns represent past performance and are not reliable indicators of future results which may vary.

Commencing January 1, 2011, portfolios are valued daily and adjusted for all external cash flows on the day that they occur. Prior to January 1, 2011, VanEck's separately managed accounts were valued on a monthly basis, which adjusted for cash flows on a day-weighted basis. If cash flows exceed 5% of the beginning market value, the portfolios are revalued on the date of the cash flow and the resulting sub-periods are geometrically linked (or compounded) to produce a return for the full month. All other VanEck accounts were valued on a daily basis. During periods in which the cash flow is significant enough to impact the implementation of the investment strategy, VanEck's policy is to remove the impacted account from the composite for that period. VanEck has set the level of significance at 25% or more of the portfolio's total assets. If a portfolio falls below the minimum account size at the beginning of a full month, the portfolio will be removed from the composite and not included again until it meets the minimum criteria. VanEck excludes terminated portfolios after the last full performance measurement period in which the portfolios are under management. VanEck will continue to include the terminated portfolios in its composite for all periods prior to termination.

VanEck's Thematic Disruption portfolios are generally charged an asset-based fee. Management fees and other operating/administrative expenses incurred can vary but generally range from 0.05% up to 0.15% of AUM. Actual fees are used in the construction of composite net of fee performance. A complete list of composite and limited distribution pooled fund descriptions and list of broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request.

Total Firm AUM include all discretionary and non-discretionary assets under management of VanEck, including all fee-paying accounts and accounts managed outside the Firm (e.g. by sub-advisers) where VanEck has allocation and selection authority. Firm proprietary accounts are included in the definition of firm assets. Composite internal dispersion, gross of fees, is calculated as the asset-weighted standard deviation of portfolio results. The three-year annualized standard deviation, gross of fees, found on the following page, measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36 month period.

The significant cash flow policy has been suspended for this composite since its inception.

**Standard Deviation (StdDev)** measures a portfolio's volatility of returns, or level of absolute risk. **Sharpe Ratio** measures return above or below the risk-free rate (T-Bills), per unit of risk taken (portfolio's standard deviation). **R-Squared** represents a portfolio's correlation with its benchmark. **Max Drawdown** is the maximum loss from a peak to a trough of a portfolio, before a new peak is attained. Maximum drawdown is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period.

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