

VanEck Announces Portfolio Management Transition for Six Municipal Bond ETFs

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New York, NY (May 9, 2024) – VanEck has announced plans to transition the portfolio management of six of its long-standing municipal bond exchange traded funds (ETFs): <u>VanEck Short Muni ETF (SMB)</u>, <u>VanEck Intermediate Muni ETF (ITM)</u>, <u>VanEck Long Muni ETF (MLN)</u>, <u>VanEck Short High Yield Muni ETF (SHYD)</u>, <u>VanEck High Yield Muni ETF (HYD)</u> and <u>VanEck Sustainable Muni ETF (SMI)</u>.

Effective July 1, 2024, current Portfolio Manager ("PM") James Colby, who has served as PM since 2007, will be stepping back from this role, and Stephanie Wang, current Deputy Portfolio Manager and a member of the Investment Team since 2016, will assume Portfolio Manager responsibilities. Mr. Colby will remain at VanEck as Senior Municipal Strategist to the ETFs.

Ms. Wang was named Deputy Portfolio Manager in 2021. Prior to this role, she served as Quantitative Analyst with a specialized focus on both tax-exempt and taxable fixed income. Ms. Wang is a CFA charter holder and member of the CFA Society of New York. She received an MS in Financial Engineering and BBA in Finance from Baruch College.

Ms. Wang will continue reporting to Fran Rodilosso, who serves as Head of Fixed Income ETF Portfolio Management.

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