

VanEck Launches ETHV: Ethereum ETF Providing Spot Ether Exposure

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VanEck was the first to file for a US-listed spot ether exchange traded fund in 2021. VanEck Ethereum ETF (ETHV) joins VanEck's growing suite of digital assets solutions providing direct and indirect exposure to key digital assets, including HODL and DAPP.

ETHV will launch with zero fees through 7/22/2025 or the first \$1.5B in AUM, and 0.20% after that. Brokerage fees and commissions may apply. Please check with your broker.

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NEW YORK, NY (July 23, 2024) – <u>VanEck</u> is today launching the <u>VanEck Ethereum ETF (ETHV)</u>, which provides spot ether exposure through an exchange-traded product. ETHV trades on the Cboe BZX Exchange. Sponsor fees will be waived through 7/22/2025 or the first \$1.5B in AUM. After that, the sponsor fee will be 0.20%.

"Investing in Ethereum presents an opportunity for pure play exposure to the economics of blockchain software, and we're pleased to be able to deliver in the U.S.," said Jan van Eck, CEO of VanEck. "We look forward to engaging with clients about the role ether can play in a diversified portfolio, particularly as an aggressive growth investment."

VanEck has long been an advocate and vocal leader bringing direct digital assets exposure to the exchange-traded product space. VanEck took the lead in filing for an exchange-traded spot ether product in 2021, and previously was the first established ETF issuer to file for a futures-based bitcoin ETF in 2017, followed by a filing for a spot bitcoin exchange traded fund in 2018. At the start of this year, the firm launched the <u>VanEck Bitcoin Trust (HODL)</u>, which provides spot bitcoin exposure.

VanEck's efforts around digital assets, like in many of the categories where the firm has been an established leader, have been global in focus. The firm's European arm currently manages 12 crypto exchange-traded products, while its MarketVector index subsidiary was the first regulated index provider to launch a suite of digital asset indexes featuring its flagship Bitcoin & Ethereum Benchmark Rates. A timeline of VanEck's industry-leading efforts in digital asset thought leadership and product development <u>can be found here</u>.

"This is an exciting day not just for our team, but for investors more broadly," added Kyle DaCruz, Director, Digital Assets Product at VanEck. "ETHV opens the door for investors who may have been curious about the role ether can play in their portfolio, but who might have been precluded from accessing it for a variety of reasons. It's important to note

that ether and bitcoin are very different assets, providing very different types of exposure. While we're excited to be introducing ETHV, we're just as excited to be at the forefront of educating all types of investors as to just what ether is and what makes it unique."

ETHV joins growing suite of VanEck digital assets offerings

ETHV joins HODL in a VanEck digital assets fund family that also includes the <u>VanEck Digital Transformation ETF</u> (<u>DAPP</u>), which focuses on those companies driving the growth of the digital assets economy. The firm also oversees several digital assets focused private vehicles for institutions and accredited investors, and was the first established global asset manager to market in Europe with a range of digital assets ETPs, bringing the firm's total assets in crypto-linked products to approximately \$2B globally.

VanEck's X feed, <u>@vaneck_us</u>, is a go-to source for updates on the firm's digital asset efforts and much more. The firm's digital assets research team, led by <u>Matthew Sigel</u>, regularly publishes deeply researched commentary, insights and predictions for the space, which <u>can be accessed here</u>.

About VanEck

VanEck has a history of looking beyond the financial markets to identify trends that are likely to create impactful investment opportunities. We were one of the first U.S. asset managers to offer investors access to international markets. This set the tone for the firm's drive to identify asset classes and trends – including gold investing in 1968, emerging markets in 1993, and exchange traded funds in 2006 – that subsequently shaped the investment management industry.

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Since our founding in 1955, putting our clients' interests first, in all market environments, has been at the heart of the firm's mission.

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The Trusts' investment objectives are to reflect the performance of the price of ether (in the case of ETHV) or bitcoin (in the case of HODL) less the expenses of each Trust's operations. The Trusts are passive investment vehicles that do not seek to generate returns beyond tracking the price of ether or bitcoin.

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