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VANECK'S GREEN BOND ETF (GRNB) WINS BEST NEW ETF AND BEST NEW ESG ETF AT ANNUAL ETF.COM AWARDS DINNER

GRNB is an ESG solution for a core bond portfolio; the first U.S.-listed ETF to provide targeted exposure to the fast growing universe of "green" bonds

NEW YORK, (March 23, 2018) – The <u>VanEck Vectors[®] Green Bond ETF (GRNB[®])</u> won the Best New ETF and Best New ESG ETF awards at last night's ETF.com Awards Dinner in New York City.

GRNB, which marked its one-year anniversary on March 3rd, is the first U.S.-listed ETF to provide investors with targeted exposure to the fast-growing "green" bond market. Green bonds are bonds that finance projects that have a positive impact on the environment. GRNB seeks to track the performance and yield characteristics of the S&P Green Bond Select Index (SPGRNSLT). The index is global in scope and includes only bonds that have been flagged as "green" by the Climate Bond Initiative.

"ESG (environmental, social, and governance) investing has moved to the forefront in recent years as investors are paying close attention not only to the performance of their investments but also to their environmental impact and long-term sustainability," said William Sokol, Director, ETF Product Management with VanEck. "GRNB allows global bond investors to make an allocation to green bonds in their core bond portfolio without significantly altering their risk and return profile, and we're thrilled that the fund has been recognized with this these awards."

GRNB is part of VanEck's growing lineup of innovative fixed income ETFs, which also includes the \$5 billion+ <u>VanEck Vectors® J.P. Morgan EM Local Currency Bond ETF (EMLC®)</u>, <u>VanEck Vectors Emerging Markets High Yield Bond ETF (HYEM®)</u>, <u>VanEck Vectors High-Yield Municipal Index ETF (HYD®)</u> and ETF.com's 2017 ETF of the Year, <u>VanEck Vectors Fallen Angel High Yield Bond ETF (ANGL®)</u>.

"Over our 50+ year history, VanEck has built a substantial track record as a leader in commodity and emerging markets equity investing. More recently, we have sought to help investors

access important opportunities in the global fixed income markets as well, and winning prestigious awards like this from ETF.com two years in a row is a great testament to our efforts and to the reception we've received from the marketplace," added Ed Lopez, Head of ETF Product with VanEck.

The ETF.com Awards – jointly developed by ETF.com and Inside ETFs – recognize the people, products, and companies that are pushing the ETF industry forward and working to generate better results for investors. Winners are selected from a carefully screened list of nominations by a panel of eleven independent experts, including leading financial advisors, ETF strategists and ETF due diligence experts.

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