# VanEck ETFs N.V.

**Domiciled in the Netherlands** 

**Adjusted Annual Report 2023** 



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This report is based on the audited Annual Report 2023 of VanEck ETFs N.V. and has been prepared for use in Switzerland only. It will be provided to investors in Switzerland only. In order to comply with the Swiss regulatory regime, the names of all sub-funds of VanEck ETFs N.V. that are not registered for offering in Switzerland have been replaced in this adjusted annual report by [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]. Therefore, in this document reference is made to an adjusted annual report and/or adjusted financial statements.

VanEck ETFs N.V. is a UCITS umbrella-fund company, domiciled in the Netherlands.

Please be aware that each time performance data are published the following applies:

- Past performance is no indication of current or future performance; and
- The performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units.

The adjusted annual report contains information relating to a period prior to the authorisation for distribution in Switzerland.

Since the approval for offering in Switzerland on 1 October 2019, the representative in Switzerland is FIRST INDEPENDENT FUND SERVICES LTD., Feldeggstrasse 12, CH-8008 Zurich. The prospectus, the articles of association, the Key Information Documents, the adjusted annual report and semi-annual report as well as a list containing all purchases and sales which have been made during the reporting period can be obtained free of charge at the Swiss Representative.

Since the approval for distribution in Switzerland on 1 October 2019, the paying agent in Switzerland is Helvetische Bank AG, Seefeldstrasse 215, CH-8008 Zurich.

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# 1. General information

# **Board of Directors and Manager**

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the company's director according to the articles of association ('the Board of Directors') and acts as manager of the Company as referred to in section 2:65 of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (Wft) ('the Manager'). The Board of Directors of VanEck ETFs N.V. are also responsible for the audit committee tasks. The Manager has its registered office in Amsterdam and holds offices at Barbara Strozzilaan 310, 1083 HN Amsterdam.

The composition of the Board of Directors is as follows:

- Mr M. Rozemuller;
- Mr G. Koning.

### **Supervisory Board**

The supervisory board of the Manager exercises supervision on the Manager's management and on the general course of affairs at the Manager. The supervisory board is made up of:

- Mr A.E. Philips;
- Mr T. Hunke;
- Mr J.R. Simon;
- Mr. L.R. Rappaport.

With regards to Supervisory Board of VanEck Asset Management B.V. the following changes took place:

- the resignation of Bruce J. Smith from the Supervisory Board of the Company with effect from 30 June 2023;
- the appointment of Lee R. Rappaport to the Supervisory Board of the Company with effect from 5 September 2023.

These changes in the Supervisory Board have been notified to and approved by the AFM.

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The prospectus, the articles of association, the Key Information Document, the adjusted annual report and semi-annual report as well as a list containing all purchases and sales which have been made during the reporting period can be obtained free of charge at the Swiss Representative, the website or on the premises of the office.

# 2. Profile

VanEck ETFs N.V. (hereafter: 'VanEck' or the 'Company') was incorporated on 2 October 2009. The Company is an open-ended investment company with variable capital under Dutch law in the sense of article 2:76a of the Dutch Civil Code. This means that the Company will in principle issue, reissue, or purchase shares on request on any trading day. The Manager was granted a licence as referred to in section 2:65 Wet of het financieel toezicht (Wft) on 12 October 2009.

#### Structure

The Company has what is referred to as an umbrella structure. This entails that the ordinary shares are divided into several series of shares, each designated with a letter. Every series of shares is designated as a fund to which a portion of the Company's assets is allocated (hereafter: 'Sub-fund'). Separate records are kept for every Sub-fund so that all the income and costs attributable to a Sub-fund are reported per Sub-fund. If the Prospectus makes reference to the assets of a Sub-fund, this is defined as the Company's assets allocated to the relevant Sub-fund.

The amount to be paid up on every share in a Sub-fund and the assets attributable thereto is invested for the benefit of the relevant Sub-fund. Every Sub-fund has an individual investment policy, which means every Sub-fund has its own risk profile and pricing. Increases and decreases in the value of the portfolio of a particular Sub-fund are exclusively for the benefit of or at the expense of the holders of the shares in that Sub-fund. The specific characteristics are described in more detail in a Supplement to every Sub-fund.

Since its incorporation, the Company has the following twelve Sub-funds listed:

### In 2009

- Sub-fund A: [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- Sub-fund B: [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- Sub-fund C: [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- Sub-fund D: [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- Sub-fund E: [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

# As of 14 April 2011

- Sub-fund G: VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF, NL0009690239
- Sub-fund H: VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF, NL0009690247
- Sub-fund I: VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF, NL0009690254

# As of 26 November 2012

- Sub-fund J: VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF, NL0010273801

# As of 13 May 2013

- Sub-fund K: VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF, NL0010408704

## As of 1 October 2014

- Sub-fund L: VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF, NL0010731816

# As of 23 May 2016

- Sub-fund N: VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF, NL0011683594

### Issue and purchase of ordinary shares

The Company is an open-ended investment company. This means that the Board of Directors will, on request, issue shares and/or sell purchased shares at the transaction price of a share as determined at the moment of issue or sale. The transaction price corresponds to the Net Intrinsic Value of the relevant share in a specific Sub-fund. The Board of Directors reserves the right to temporarily suspend the issue or purchase of shares. Suspension can take place, for instance, in cases in which the determination of the Net Intrinsic Value can also be suspended, as further explained in section VII (determination of Net Intrinsic Value) of the Prospectus. Shares in the Company can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam or other exchanges where the Sub-funds are listed, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded.

### **UCITS**

The Company is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS). The Manager has a licence as referred to in section 2:65 Wft since 4 March 2011. To obtain a licence, restrictions aimed at investor protection are imposed for the investment policy of a UCITS. The most important restrictions entail, summarised here, that the aim of a UCITS is exclusively to invest in financial instruments or other liquid financial assets with application of the principle of risk diversification. On grounds of the so-called UCITS directive, the shares of a UCITS can be relatively easily offered for sale in another member state of the European Union or a state which is not a member of the European Union but which is party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

### **Investment policy**

Unlike traditional investment institutions which have an active investment policy and whereby the investment institution actively seeks out investments within its investment policy, the Company in principle has a passive investment policy whereby the assets to be allocated to a Sub-fund are invested for the benefit of the Sub-fund with the aim of following the Index or Indices which serve as the benchmark for the Sub-fund as closely as possible. This keeps management costs low and ensures that the composition of the assets of every Sub-fund is transparent.

The assets of a Sub-fund can be invested in underlying securities from various indices or combinations of indices in different asset classes, always taking into account the index or indices specified in the relevant supplement of the Prospectus and the ratios in which the Sub-fund invests in these indices. The Company will buy financial instruments via regulated markets anywhere in the world. The Company is not authorised to contract loans as a debtor and/or lend out Underlying Securities.

### **Fiscal status**

The Company is a public company with registered office in Amsterdam, incorporated under Dutch law. The Company opts for the status of Fiscal Investment Institution (FII) as referred to in section 28 of the Corporation Tax Act 1969. An FII is subject to a 0% rate for the levy of corporation tax if certain conditions are satisfied.

# Dividend tax

The Company will in principle have to withhold 15% dividend tax on dividends it pays out. This dividend tax is not at the Company's expense, but at the expense of the Company's shareholders. When paying the withheld dividend tax to the tax and customs administration, the Sub-fund may deduct an amount in connection with the Dutch and foreign source taxation withheld on dividends and interest income received by it ('deduction').

# 3. Report from the Board of Directors

# Report 2023

2023 marked the 14th year of VanEck ETFs N.V. (the ETFs or Sub-funds) existence since the listing of the first ETFs on 14 December 2009.

The total fund assets under management increased in 2023 from EUR 1,439 million on 31 December 2022 to EUR 1,922 million on 31 December 2023, an increase of approximately 33.6%. The assets under management totalled EUR 2,206 million at the beginning of April 2024.

The ETFs have been registered for distribution in several countries and listed at certain stock exchanges. Apart from our full ETF range that is currently listed at Euronext Amsterdam (primary listing) and Euronext Brussels, seven (7) out of twelve (12) ETFs are also listed at the Deutsche Börse and London Stock Exchange, four (4) out of twelve (12) are also listed at the Swiss Stock Exchange and ten (10) out of twelve (12) ETFs are also listed at the Borsa Italiana.

#### Climate risk

The Board of Directors acknowledges that climate change is an emerging risk impacting the global economy and will continue to be of interest to all stakeholders with a focus on how climate change is expected to impact industry including societal response and the regulatory environment in the future. However, having considered such factors relating to climate change, the Board of Directors have determined that it is not possible at this point in time to determine direct or immediate impacts of climate change on the business operations of the Company. Furthermore, the Board of Directors concludes that at present there is no material impact that can be determined in details in relation to the fair value of financial instruments, assets and liabilities of the Company. At the same time, the Board of Directors recognises that industries represented in the ETFs' portfolios could have more or less exposure (directly or indirectly) to climate-related risks. Industries such as agriculture, energy, or transportation are typically more directly affected by climate change compared to sectors like healthcare or technology. Also, the investments are diversified across different geographic regions, therefore some are less vulnerable to extreme climate-related events (e.g., hurricanes, floods, wildfires), or to regulatory changes related to carbon emissions, and some are more likely to face significant exposure to physical risks associated with climate change. Governmental and societal responses to climate change risks are still developing as well as the regulatory landscape, so that the future impact cannot be predicted. Therefore, the future fair value of assets and liabilities may fluctuate as the market responds to climate change policies, physical events and changes in societal behaviours.

# **Global developments**

Russia's invasion of Ukraine and corresponding events in late February 2022, have caused volatility on regional and global economic markets for securities and commodities but had no direct material impact on the Company taking into consideration the relevant sanction rulings. VanEck's Compliance department includes the relevant adopted sanctions in their sanction-related monitoring with regards to the acceptance of clients and the investment guideline monitoring for the VanEck funds managed. The Board of Directors is closely monitoring global financial markets and following Russia's actions, various governments have issued broad-ranging economic sanctions against Russia. The Russian invasion has sparked a chain of events that have increased uncertainty and presents challenges to the outlook for inflation and in particular energy related inflation.

### **Financial information**

The Sub-funds have the objective of following their benchmark, in other words the selected index, as closely as possible. The degree to which they succeed at this is shown by the Tracking Difference and Tracking Error, which is why the emphasis is on these. The financial development of the Sub-funds represents the price developments in the indices followed; the manager has no influence on these price developments. For the financial details of the various Sub-funds, see the financial statements of the different Sub-funds.

The Tracking Difference (T.D.) is the difference in yield between the product and a particular benchmark. The benchmark is often an index. It could be a well-known stock market index, or a customised index. It is important in this context whether the benchmark is a price index or a gross total return index.

Tracking Difference = yield VanEck UCITS ETF (including dividend) — yield gross total return benchmark (including dividend)

The key reasons behind the differences between the product yield and benchmark yield are, successively, the management fee, the cash drag, the dividend tax drag and pricing differences (for bond ETFs).

The term cash drag stands for the fact that the dividends and coupon payments received are held in the fund as cash and are not reinvested, therefore. Dividend tax drag is defined as the tracking difference resulting from different taxation between the fund and the index. I.e. gross tax in the index and net tax in the fund.

In addition to the Tracking Difference, the Tracking Error is relevant as well. This is the standard deviation from the difference between the price development of the VanEck UCITS ETF and the relevant benchmark.

Tracking Error = Annual volatility of the monthly tracking differences.

$$T.E. = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i^n(p_i-b_i)^2}{n-1}}$$
 whereby p is the fund yield and b the index yield.

The Tracking Differences and Tracking Errors of the VanEck UCITS ETFs over the whole year are set out below.

| Series   | Benchmark                                       | 2023<br>Tracking<br>Difference | 2023<br>Tracking<br>Error |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Serie A – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in          | n Switzerland]                                  | (0.37%)                        | 0.19%                     |
| Serie B – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in          | n Switzerland]                                  | (0.39%)                        | 0.34%                     |
| Serie C – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in          |   | (0.15%)                        | 0.62%                     |
| Serie D – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in          | n Switzerland]                                  | (1.15%)                        | 0.56%                     |
| Serie E – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in          | n Switzerland]                                  | (1.45%)                        | 0.69%                     |
| Serie G – VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF                      | GPR Index Total Return (gross)                  | (0.43%)                        | 0.20%                     |
| Serie H – VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF                    | Markit iBoxx SD-KPI EUR Liquid Corporates Index | (0.07%)                        | 0.12%                     |
| Serie I – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified<br>1-10 UCITS ETF | iBoxx Sov. Index Total Return (gross)           | (0.14%)                        | 0.06%                     |
| Serie J – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped                        | Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereign               |                                |                           |
| AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF   | Capped AAA-AA 1-5 Index (gross)                 | (0.16%)                        | 0.05%                     |
| Serie K – VanEck Sustainable World Equal<br>Weight UCITS ETF       | Solactive Sustainable World Equity Index        | (0.41%)                        | 0.15%                     |
| Serie L – VanEck Sustainable European Equal<br>Weight UCITS ETF    | Solactive European Equity Index                 | (0.63%)                        | 0.26%                     |
| Serie N – VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets                     | Morningstar Developed Markets                   |                                |                           |
| Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF   | Large Cap Dividend Leaders                      | (0.79%)                        | 0.32%                     |
|  | Screened Select Index (gross)                   |                                |                           |

The Tracking Differences and Tracking Errors of the VanEck UCITS ETFs over the previous year are set out below.

| Series  | Benchmark                             | 2022<br>Tracking<br>Difference | 2022<br>Tracking<br>Error |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Serie A – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in       | switzerland]                          | (0.21%)                        | 0.22%                     |
| Serie B – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in       | Switzerland]                          | (0.22%)                        | 0.33%                     |
| Serie C – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in       | Switzerland]                          | 0.49%                          | 0.63%                     |
| Serie D – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in       | Switzerland]                          | 0.30%                          | 0.49%                     |
| Serie E – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in       | Switzerland]                          | 0.03%                          | 0.52%                     |
| Serie G – VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF                   | GPR Index Total Return (gross)        | (0.09%)                        | 0.25%                     |
| Serie H – VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF                 | iBoxx Corp Index Total Return (gross) | 0.08%                          | 0.13%                     |
| Serie I – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF | iBoxx Sov. Index Total Return (gross) | (0.06%)                        | 0.06%                     |
| Serie J – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped                     | Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereign     |                                |                           |
| AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF  | Capped AAA-AA 1-5 Index (gross)       | (0.08%)                        | 0.05%                     |
| Serie K – VanEck Sustainable World Equal                        | Solactive Sustainable World           | (0.19%)                        | 0.18%                     |
| Weight UCITS ETF  | Equity Index                          |                                |                           |
| Serie L – VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF    | Solactive European Equity Index       | (0.39%)                        | 0.28%                     |
| Serie N – VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets                  | Morningstar Developed Markets Large   |                                |                           |
| Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF                                      | Cap Dividend Leaders Index (gross)    | (0.80%)                        | 0.35%                     |

### Creation/redemption

This concerns the issuing of new shares and/or the taking back of shares issued earlier. The underlying instruments are delivered on the basis of DVP, delivery versus payment, with the counterparty being an Authorised Participant (AP) or a broker. In the creation process, the ETFs are delivered and the basket of shares, or bonds, reflecting the percentages in the index or indices is received. The opposite takes place for a redemption. To make sure the creation/redemption is executed correctly there is a four eye check at the operational level, additional check takes place in a compliance monitoring system before the transactions can be executed. Both VanEck and the AP check that the composition is correct - it is in the interest of both parties that the composition be correct, after all.

# Reweighting

Whenever an index is reweighted, VanEck takes the necessary action to reweight the ETFs as well. Either by reweighting the fund itself by means of an execution-only agreement with a broker. To make sure the reweighting is executed correctly there is a four eye check at the operational level, additional check takes place in a compliance monitoring system before the transactions can be executed.

### Distribution by VanEck ETFs

Distribution takes place on cash basis and is only made from the freely distributable reserves. It is also monitored whether adequate cash and cash equivalents remain to cover the costs that will be charged to the fund in the next period. This prevents a situation from arising in which the fund must sell assets to pay the costs.

### Distributions during the period

Dividend was paid out on ETFs in March, June, September, and December, as long as there was sufficient dividend or interest income in the specific fund in order to pay it out. Pay outs were postponed to the next quarter if it was insufficient. The Board of Directors intends to pay out dividend quarterly if dividend or interest was received in the particular fund. This is related to the obligation to distribute profits. On grounds of the tax status as Fiscal Investment Institution, VanEck is required to pass on direct profits to the shareholders.

# **Corporate actions**

In the event of corporate actions in underlying securities, VanEck follows the index followed by the particular ETF, taking the interest of the shareholders into account.

### Remuneration

Remuneration Policy – VanEck Asset Management B.V.

The Remuneration Policy is designed in line with relevant laws and regulations, such as the Dutch law on remuneration policy for financial institutions and UCITS directive. The policy includes principles and guidelines for a careful, controlled and sustainable remuneration policy, that adheres to the strategic goals and core values of VanEck Asset Management B.V.. This also contributes to an effective and efficient risk management and not encouraging taking more risks than allowed by the investment policy and fund terms and conditions.

The policy is tested against laws and regulations, amended where necessary and presented to the CEO and Head of Human Resources for approval. They also monitor the remuneration of all employees that have been designated as Material Risk Takers (noted below as "Identified Staff").

### Approach to determining Identified Staff

Identified Staff comprise the following categories of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Management Company or the Funds which they manage, including: senior management, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and control functions.

### Fixed remuneration

Fixed remuneration consists of the monthly salary, pension allowance and other secondary employment terms that are customary in the Dutch market.

### Variable remuneration

This variable remuneration is an integral part of the total remuneration package. All Staff, including Identified Staff, may be eligible to receive variable remuneration in the form of a discretionary bonus (the "Discretionary Bonus"), under the terms of their employment contract. The Discretionary Bonus is awarded on the basis of the performance of all staff in respect of performance targets and goals established during the annual performance evaluation process. Each individual will be evaluated on the performance realized and objectives achieved during the end of year review by their direct Manager.

The following provisions will apply to staff who are Identified Staff.

### Deferral

At least 50% of the variable remuneration awarded to an individual on the Identified Staff list will be deferred over a period of time which takes into account the life cycle and redemption policy of the Funds in respect of which that individual provides services. Generally, it is expected that such deferral will be for a period of at least three years, and shall vest no faster than on a pro-rata basis annually.

## Instruments

At least 50% of the variable remuneration awarded to an individual on the Identified Staff list will consist of appropriate instruments. Instruments shall generally consist of units or shares of the Funds in respect of which that individual provides services.

In 2023 the Board of Directors and other staff received a variable remuneration. The variable remuneration includes a share component and a deferred component. The variable remuneration of the Board of Directors is paid out as follows:

- 40% directly
- 20% after 1 year
- 20% after 2 years
- Remaining 20% after 3 years

The remuneration for the current and previous financial year's are as follows:

| (amounts x € 1)            | Number | Fixed     | Variable  | 2023      |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Board of Directors         | 2      | 988,517   | 1,201,383 | 2,189,900 |
| Non-identified staff (FRE) | 20     | 2,634,078 | 923,500   | 3,557,578 |
| Total                      | 22     | 3,622,595 | 2,124,883 | 5,747,478 |

| (amounts x € 1)            | Number | Fixed     | Variable  | 2022      |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Board of Directors         | 2      | 983,050   | 1,013,192 | 1,996,242 |
| Non-identified staff (FRE) | 20     | 2,205,452 | 613,000   | 2,818,452 |
| Total                      | 22     | 3,188,502 | 1,626,192 | 4,814,694 |

The amounts above are gross amounts. Two directors received an annual compensation of more than EUR 1 million in 2023.

# Risk management

VanEck monitors its ETFs continuously to make sure they comply with all relevant rules and regulation. VanEck's objective is to have its ETFs follow the relevant index as closely as possible, both as the index goes up and as it goes down. The risk that markets can go down is not hedged. This brings the investment risks of the ETFs entirely in line with the investment risks of the particular reference indices. The ETFs are subject to operational risks, something VanEck recognizes and therefor the board is hands-on involved in risk management. The way in which VanEck mitigates the relevant operational risks as much as possible, is discussed in more detail below.

To understand the relevant risks, it's good to note that VanEck owns all the underlying securities for the benefit of the ETFs. No use is made of synthetic replication. The underlying securities are held in custody by State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. VanEck consciously opts not to lend out these underlying securities; this prevents counterparty risk from arising. Under the Securities (Bank Giro Transactions) Act (Wge), the assets of the funds are legally separate from State Street Bank. Any bankruptcy on the part of State Street Bank would not affect the assets of the VanEck.

Most processes and procedures are outsourced. VanEck closely monitors these processes and procedures via a SOC1 report.

# Settlement risk

All settlement risks have been offset with the use of DVP. One of the risks that cannot be offset is the market (delta) risk of non-settlement of the underlying securities in the event a counterparty defaults.

### Compliance risk

VanEck runs the risk of losses as the result of deficient or faulty internal processes, internal control, human error, system error or errors caused by external events. Operational risk encompasses business risk, legal, tax and compliance risk, the system of fraud, supervisory risk, administrative risk, system risk, personnel risk and risk of use of IT systems including improper access to data by third parties.

# Statement concerning business operations

We have a description of the business operations that satisfies the requirements of the Financial Supervision Act (Wft) and the Decree on Conduct of Business Supervision of Financial Undertakings under the Wft (BGfo).

We assessed various aspects of the business operations during the past financial year. In our activities we did not discover anything on grounds of which we must conclude that the description of the set-up of the business operations as referred to in section 121 of the BGfo does not satisfy the requirements contained in the Financial Supervision Act and related regulations. On these grounds, we declare as manager for VanEck that we have a description as referred to in section 121 BGfo which satisfies the requirements of the BGfo.

We ascertained nothing that indicated that it was not functioning effectively and in accordance with the description. We therefore declare with a reasonable degree of assurance that the business operations functioned effectively and in accordance with the description throughout the year under review.

# Risks of financial instruments

Based on the Sub-funds' activities, the Sub-funds are exposed to several financial risks: market risk (consisting of market risk, currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. Quantitative risk disclosures are included in the financial statements of the Sub-funds.

### Price risk

VanEck's objective is to have its ETFs follow an index as closely as possible, both as it goes up and as it goes down. Consequently, every Sub-fund's risk profile is identical to the risk profile of the selected index. No hedging of risks takes place in principle, therefore. As a result, the ETFs are exposed to significant price risk if markets go down.

# **Currency risk**

The Sub-funds mentioned below are only invested in euro.

- 1. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 2. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 3. VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF
- 4. VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF
- 5. VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF

The Sub-funds mentioned below are invested in multiple currencies, which are exposed to currency risk.

- 1. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 2. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 3. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 4. VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF
- 5. VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF
- 6. VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF
- 7. VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF

The currency risk is not hedged.

### Interest rate risk

VanEck's objective is to have its ETFs follow an index as closely as possible, both as it goes up and as it goes down. Consequently, every Sub-fund's risk profile is identical to the risk profile of the selected index. No hedging of risks takes place in principle, therefore. The Sub-funds with monetary financial instruments with a fixed interest rate in the portfolio are consequently exposed to significant interest rate risk if interest rates go up.

## **Credit risk**

VanEck's objective is to have its ETFs follow an index as closely as possible, both as it goes up and as it goes down. Consequently, every Sub-fund's risk profile is identical to the risk profile of the selected index. No hedging of risks takes place in principle, therefore. The Sub-funds with monetary financial instruments in the portfolio are consequently exposed to significant credit risk if the solvency of the underlying companies the ETF has invested in deteriorates.

### Bankruptcy risk

VanEck's objective is to have its ETFs follow an index as closely as possible, both as it goes up and as it goes down. Consequently, every Sub-fund's risk profile is identical to the risk profile of the selected index. No hedging of risks takes place in principle, therefore. The Sub-funds with monetary financial instruments in the portfolio are consequently exposed to significant bankruptcy risk if one of the companies the ETF has invested in goes bankrupt.

## Liquidity risk

VanEck is an open-ended investment company. This means that the Board of Directors will, on request, issue shares and/or sell purchased shares at the transaction price of a share as determined at the moment of issue or sale. The transaction price corresponds to the Net Asset Value of the relevant share in a specific Sub-fund. Shares in VanEck can be bought and sold via an intermediary on Euronext Amsterdam and/or other regulated stock exchanges where the Sub-funds are listed whereby the Liquidity Providers ensure that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded.

VanEck provides daily liquidity. Under normal circumstances, all positions can be sold within a day without realising significant losses. However, unforeseen circumstances can give rise to abnormal conditions which could cause VanEck to face liquidity risk. It could be unable to sell its positions as a result. The degree to which the securities in which the relevant Sub-fund invests can be traded affects the height of the actual buy and sell prices. This could mean that securities cannot be sold or can only be sold at a substantially lower price than the valuation assigned and the relevant Sub-fund may be unable to free up adequate funds to satisfy its purchase obligations. The bid/ask prices can deviate from the asset value of the share in the relevant Sub-fund, as a result of which the performance may deviate from that of the underlying Index or Indices, certainly in the event of limited liquidity on the market. To limit this risk, only listed securities are normally invested in. In exceptional

circumstances, if the purchase of shares in VanEck is suspended for instance, there could be a risk that the investor may be unable to sell his investment at the desired moment or for a reasonable price. Given the open-ended character of VanEck, it could be confronted with a high number of exits which would mean investments would have to be liquidated under potentially unfavourable conditions, which would negatively impact the value of the share.

### **SFDR and Taxonomy Regulation Disclosures**

The European Union's ("EU") Regulation on the Establishment of a Framework to Facilitate Sustainable Investment (Regulation EU/2020/852) (the "Taxonomy Regulation") requires VanEck ETFs N.V. to provide additional disclosure with respect to each of the Sub-funds in order to enhance transparency and to provide for objective comparison of financial products regarding the proportion of such financial products' investments that contribute to environmentally sustainable economic activities, noting that the scope of environmentally sustainable economic activities, as prescribed in the Taxonomy Regulation, is narrower than the scope of sustainable investments under the Regulation (EU) 219/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

### SFDR Art. 6 Sub-funds

With respect to the following Sub-funds, the investments underlying each of these Sub-funds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities for VanEck ETFs N.V. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023:

- 1. VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF
- 2. VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF
- 3. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 4. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

### SFDR Art. 8 Sub-funds

Pursuant to Art. 50 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 ("RTS"), the information on the environmental and/or social characteristics of the following Sub-funds, classified as Art. 8, is available respectively in the Annex 1-8 to this Annual Report.

- 1. VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF
- 2. VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF
- VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF
- 4. VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF
- 5. VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF
- 6. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 7. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 8. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

### **Fund Governance**

VanEck endorses the importance of Fund Governance and uses independent external parties for the administration, calculation of the intrinsic value, and the custody of securities; it uses multiple Liquidity Providers in support of the stock market listing of its ETFs.

The members of the Board of Directors hold positions in VanEck's ETFs. See chapter 5 for a detailed overview of these interests as of year-end 2023. The transactions by the members of the Board of Directors in VanEck's ETFs are reported to the Compliance Officer in accordance with the rules for Private Investing Transactions.

# **Voting policy**

The Company has entered into a service agreement with Glass Lewis Europe Limited and can use their voting advice for exercising the voting rights on shares held by all Sub-funds. For all Sub-funds voting rights are exercised based on this service agreement if this is cost efficient. This is determined based on, among other things, the AUM.

# **Efficient Portfolio Management**

Efficient Portfolio Management is defined as the use of techniques and instruments in relation to securities and money market management, including securities borrowing and lending, the contracting of repurchase agreements (repos) and reverse repurchase agreements. The Sub-funds did not make any use of Efficient Portfolio Management during the year under review.

### Outlook

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is aware of the latest sanctions against Russia that were announced and described in the relevant directives of Executive Orders, and intends to comply with such, including any future modifications or changes to the orders. VanEck's Compliance department include this in their sanction-related monitoring with regards to the acceptance of clients and the investment guideline monitoring for the VanEck funds managed.

With respect to blocked Russian financial institutions, VanEck have taken and will take appropriate actions to exclude from these entities, if needed, and as permitted by general licenses. VanEck is closely monitoring the ongoing situation with Russia and Ukraine.

It has always been difficult to provide a good outlook on the growth of our business because of the unpredictable nature of the markets and the way that can impact our business. This is why we won't make a specific prediction for 2024. But we would like to state, that our scope has always been beyond the next 12 months. As part of VanEck's global business we take a long-term view on our business and despite the continued uncertainty, we remain confident that our strategy to grow both our geographical footprint, our brand awareness and our presence in the different distribution channels for the coming 5 years will prove sound.

17 April 2024,



The Board of Directors,

M. Rozemuller G. Koning

# 4. Adjusted Financial Statements

# 4.1 Statement of financial position before profit appropriation as of 31 December

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023          | 2022          |
|---|-----|---------------|---------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |               |               |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 12,534,404    | 31,048,227    |
| Investments                             |     |               |               |
| Equity instruments                      |     | 1,763,369,824 | 1,286,361,017 |
| Bonds                                   |     | 152,208,807   | 147,127,329   |
| Investments                             | {2} | 1,915,578,631 | 1,433,488,346 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 3,973,935     | 3,885,348     |
| Total assets                            |     | 1,932,086,970 | 1,468,421,921 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |               |               |
| Bank overdraft                          | {1} | 2,808         | 191           |
| Other payables                          | {7} | 10,401,210    | 29,690,691    |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 1,921,682,952 | 1,438,731,039 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 1,932,086,970 | 1,468,421,921 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income. The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# 4.2 Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |             | 2023         | 2022          |
|--|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Investment results   |             |              |               |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |             | 156,099,532  | (249,632,123) |
| Interest income  |             | 1,930,152    | 1,802,311     |
| Interest expenses  |             | (7,902)      | (62,019)      |
| Dividend income  |             | 55,125,340   | 43,637,878    |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |             | (223,394)    | (67,320)      |
| Other income   |             | 71,394       | 27,814        |
| Total investment result  | <b>{5</b> } | 212,995,122  | (204,293,459) |
| Management costs   | {8}         | (4,528,896)  | (3,896,144)   |
| Total expenses   |             | (4,528,896)  | (3,896,144)   |
| Distribution   | {10}        | (51,882,588) | (41,685,636   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {5}         | 156,583,638  | (249,875,239) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income. The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The dividend income is a gross amount and is including dividend withholding tax.

# 4.3 Statement of Cash flow

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023          | 2022            |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |               |                 |
| Purchases of investments                             | (907,372,589) | (1,185,329,392) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 590,640,888   | 1,153,459,689   |
| Interest received                                    | 1,658,821     | 1,755,545       |
| Interest paid  | (7,902)       | (62,017)        |
| Dividends received                                   | 49,588,302    | 38,861,707      |
| Dividend tax received                                | 772,475       | 131,429         |
| Management costs paid                                | (4,428,777)   | (3,891,537)     |
| Other income received                                | 71,394        | 27,813          |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (269,077,388) | 4,953,237       |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |               |                 |
| Issue of shares                                      | 470,734,850   | 790,076,740     |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (173,195,072) | (730,201,192)   |
| Distribution   | (46,783,356)  | (37,314,614)    |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 250,756,422   | 22,560,934      |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | (195,474)     | (62,328)        |
| Net cash flow  | (18,516,440)  | 27,451,843      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 31,048,036    | 3,596,193       |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 12,531,596    | 31,048,036      |

# 4.4 Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023          | 2022          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |               |               |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 1,438,731,039 | 1,657,559,225 |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 470,734,850   | 790,076,741   |
| Redemption of shares   | (144,366,575) | (759,029,688) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 156,583,638   | (249,875,239) |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |               |               |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 1,921,682,952 | 1,438,731,039 |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |               |               |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 44,946,341    | 43,926,596    |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 14,288,000    | 23,065,000    |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (4,309,000)   | (22,045,255)  |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 54,925,341    | 44,946,341    |

### 4.5 Notes

# **Material Accounting Policy Information**

### General

VanEck was incorporated on 2 October 2009 (KVK: 34359726). The Company is an open-ended investment company with variable capital under Dutch law in the sense of article 2:76a of the Dutch Civil Code. This means that the Company will in principle issue, reissue, or purchase shares on request on any trading day. The Manager was granted a licence as referred to in section 2:65 Wft on 12 October 2009. The most recent prospectus from VanEck dates from 16 June 2023.

### **Compliance statement**

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards), issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB') and accepted by the European Union and the requirements arising from the Financial Supervision Act and Book 2, Title 9 of the Dutch Civil Code, respectively. The Company's Financial statements have been prepared based on the Going Concern Assumption.

# New standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards which are relevant to the Fund and have been implemented during the reporting period

Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 Definition of material – The amendments are intended to make the definition of material in IAS 1 easier to understand and are not intended to alter the underlying concept of materiality in IFRS Standards. The concept of 'obscuring' material information with immaterial information has been included as part of the new definition. The threshold for materiality influencing users has been changed from 'could influence' to 'could reasonably be expected to influence'. The definition of material in IAS 8 has been replaced by a reference to the definition of material in IAS 1. In addition, the IASB amended other Standards and the Conceptual Framework that contain a definition of material or refer to the term 'material' to ensure consistency. The amendments are applied prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020, with earlier application permitted.

The adoption of the amendments listed above do not have a material impact on the financial statements of the Fund.

Furthermore, we have not identified any new and other standards, amendments and or interpretations to existing standards which are relevant to the Fund.

# New standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards which are relevant to the Fund and not yet effective

There are no new standards, amendments to standards or interpretations which are relevant to the Fund and not yet effective.

### Use of assumptions and estimates

In preparing the financial statements, the Company must make assumptions and estimates that affect the items reported on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and profit and loss account and the conditional receivables and liabilities as of the date of the annual report. The estimates and assumptions concerning current facts, events and, to a certain extent, future events and transactions have been made to the best knowledge of the management. Actual results may differ from these estimates. If estimates and underlying assumptions are required, they are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

# **Economic position**

The material accounting policy information are aimed at setting out the Company's economic position. What is decisive for inclusion on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation is whether the Fund runs a (positive or negative) risk on its own assets or the assets made available. If a transaction results in all future economic benefits and all risks relating to an asset or liability being transferred to a third party, the asset or the liability is no longer reported in the statement of financial position before profit appropriation.

### Measurement

At the moment of acquisition, assets and liabilities are valued at acquisition price, i.e. the fair value of the asset or liability. The investments are subsequently measured at fair value. The fair value is based on market value unless stated otherwise. The valuation at market value is based on the value for which the particular investments are listed on a stock market.

The other items are valued based on amortised cost, unless stated otherwise.

### Netting

A financial asset and financial liability are netted and included on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation as a net amount if there is a statutory or contractual authority to settle the asset and liability netted and simultaneously, at any point and unconditionally, and furthermore there is an intention to settle the items in this manner.

### **Functional and presentation currency**

The presentation currency is the same as the functional currency, i.e. the euro. The base currency of the Company and Subfunds is the Euro.

### Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted to euros at the spot exchange rate on the transaction date. This valuation is part of the valuation at current cost. Spot exchange rate differences of bank accounts are recognised under the indirect investment income in the profit and loss account.

### Material accounting policy information for the statement of financial position before profit appropriation

### Investments

The financial investments are measured at fair value, unless stated otherwise. For the shares, bonds, structured products, and other fixed income securities included under financial investments, the fair value is determined based on the current market prices or other market listings. The fair value of the bonds are bases on the clean value (without accrued interest). The accrued interest is included in the receivables.

The investments are designated as 'At fair value with changes in value through profit and loss'. All investments are held for trading purposes.

Upon first recognition, investments are valued at acquisition price, i.e. fair value, whereby the transaction costs are charged directly to the profit and loss account.

The fair value of investments is based on listed prices or derived from cash flow models. For the investments in investment institutions included under financial investments, the fair value is determined based on the current market prices. If these are not available, the fair value is determined based on the most recent net intrinsic value available. Unrealised and realised changes in value are recognised directly in the profit and loss account under investment result.

The fair values of financial instruments are determined on three levels. The financial instruments are all measured at level 1:

- Level 1: The fair values are based on listed prices on active markets. A financial instrument is considered listed on an active market if the listed price is available regularly and if these prices reflect the current and regularly occurring arm's-length market transactions;
- Level 2: The fair values are based on inputs other than listed prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3: These fair values are based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

# Cash and cash equivalents

These are demand deposits in current account at banks. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

### Receivables

The receivables are withholding tax receivables, current interest, receivables from entries not yet settled and other receivables. Receivables are valued at amortised cost. VanEck recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that VanEck expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables, VanEck applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, VanEck does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. VanEck has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

### Net assets attributable to shareholders

Shares in the Company, the Sub-funds, can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam or other exchanges where the Sub-funds are listed, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. This is a market party that publishes prices throughout the trading day at which it is willing to buy or sell the shares in the Sub-funds. Other investors and market parties can also create additional liquidity. The role of the Liquidity Provider is to ensure there is enough liquidity on the market for both buyers and sellers of the shares in the Sub-funds. In connection with this, the Liquidity Provider has concluded an agreement with Euronext N.V. which includes the obligation for the Liquidity Provider to provide a two-way market consisting of bid and ask prices, to guarantee minimum turnover in the trade in a particular Sub-fund (expressed as a certain number of shares or amount in cash), and furthermore to set the market within a maximum bandwidth or spread (usually expressed as a percentage). The issued 'puttable instruments' are presented as liability in accordance with IAS 32.

### Other payables

The other payables are management fees still payable. Other payables are initially recognised on fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

### Material accounting policy information for the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

### **Dividend income**

Dividends are recognized on the ex-dividend date. The Gross Dividend is taken into account. Dutch withholding tax is not recognized as a receivable and being settled against the distribution at dividend date. The same applies for the foreign withholding tax which can be used to compensate against the distribution at the treaty level. Foreign withholding tax above the treaty level are taken as costs. If possible VanEck will apply for relief at source to keep the impact of those costs as low as possible. If relief at source is not possible VanEck will start the reclaim procedure in countries where this is possible.

## Interest income and expense

The accrual of the bonds is taken into account in the valuation of the funds on a daily basis. VanEck is applying the nominal interest rate instead of effective interest method.

# Changes in the value of investments

This is the indirect investment income from realised and unrealised changes in fair value and exchange rate differences. This income is recognised in the period to which it pertains.

# Costs

Costs are recognised in the period in which they incur. The management costs for the investors in Sub-funds can vary per Sub-fund and are expressed as a percentage of the Net Intrinsic Value of every individual Sub-fund. For the height of the management costs of the particular Sub-fund, see the relevant Supplement. The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a Sub-fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs; these are not charged separately by the Sub-fund, therefore. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund.

# Material accounting policy information for the statement of cash flows

# Statement of cash flows

The statement of cash flows is prepared in accordance with the direct method whereby the operating receipts and expenditure is presented as such. Receipts and expenditure in relation to subscriptions and redemptions by participants are recognised as cash flow from financing activities. Purchases and sales have been presented as operating cash flow as this is the core business of the Fund. The cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows include the demand deposits and bank overdrafts.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

As of 31 December 2023, there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. The cash is held at State Street Bank. Bank overdraft are negative amounts on current accounts and are considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions. At the end of the year there was an overdraft of EUR 2.808 in Serie N - VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF. The credit rating of State Street Bank is AA- according to S&P as of 31 December 2023.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023      | Average of 2023 | 2022      | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                  |           |                 |           |                 |
| AUD              | 1.6189    | 1.6316          | 1.5738    | 1.5189          |
| BRL              | 5.3659    | 5.4014          | 5.6348    | 5.4032          |
| CAD              | 1.4566    | 1.4590          | 1.4461    | 1.3710          |
| CHF              | 0.9297    | 0.9701          | 0.9874    | 1.0020          |
| DKK              | 7.4546    | 7.4512          | 7.4364    | 7.4391          |
| GBP              | 0.8665    | 0.8678          | 0.8872    | 0.8549          |
| HKD              | 8.6257    | 8.4789          | 8.3298    | 8.2357          |
| ILS              | 3.9777    | 4.0078          | 3.7658    | 3.5475          |
| JPY              | 155.7336  | 153.0848        | 140.8182  | 138.2474        |
| KRW              | 1422.6789 | 1417.6773       | 1349.5370 | 1353.7287       |
| NOK              | 11.2185   | 11.4435         | 10.5135   | 10.1164         |
| PLN              | 4.3438    | 4.5249          | 4.6812    | 4.6870          |
| SEK              | 11.1325   | 11.4796         | 11.1202   | 10.6617         |
| SGD              | 1.4571    | 1.4525          | 1.4314    | 1.4488          |
| USD              | 1.1047    | 1.0828          | 1.0672    | 1.0515          |
| ZAR              | 20.2013   | 20.0325         | 18.1593   | 17.2517         |

The table below shows the concentrations of currencies held in cash.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
|                 |            |            |
| USD             | 6,871,100  | 530,103    |
| EUR             | 2,706,417  | 30,359,918 |
| JPY             | 1,044,257  | 6,672      |
| AUD             | 435,082    | 27,476     |
| GBP             | 360,479    | 6,962      |
| HKD             | 338,796    | 11,540     |
| SGD             | 250,908    | 15,105     |
| CAD             | 158,646    | 36,147     |
| SEK             | 151,532    | 10,859     |
| CHF             | 137,108    | 8,570      |
| ZAR             | 43,311     | 3,865      |
| BRL             | 15,671     | 5,524      |
| NOK             | 5,020      | 14,651     |
| PLN             | 4,940      | 4,879      |
| DKK             | 4,504      | 4,732      |
| ILS             | 3,747      | 951        |
| KRW             | 78         | 82-        |
| Total           | 12,531,596 | 31,048,036 |

The large amount on Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year was due to securities transactions still to be settled in Serie G – VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF for an amount of 9.3 million, these transactions were all paid between the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  of January, 2024. At the end of 2022 it was due to redemptions of shares at the end of that year by investors in Serie J VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF. The investors were paid on the  $3^{rd}$  of January 2023.

### 2. Investments

### Sub-funds of the N.V.

| (amounts x € 1)  | 31 December 2023   | 31 December 2022   |
|--|--|--|
| Serie A – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] Serie B – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] Serie C – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] Serie D – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] Serie E – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] Serie G – VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF Serie H – VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF Serie I – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF Serie J – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF Serie K – VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF Serie L – VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF Serie N – VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF | 278,470,460<br>23,196,393<br>20,921,318<br>27,722,871<br>24,527,773<br>256,199,908<br>35,122,140<br>25,592,486<br>55,821,561<br>635,948,301<br>49,518,704<br>482,536,716 | 233,350,452<br>23,073,831<br>20,846,867<br>27,916,015<br>23,002,084<br>214,206,735<br>30,457,946<br>22,558,938<br>58,633,957<br>465,036,383<br>40,705,368<br>273,699,770 |
| Total  | 1,915,578,631  | 1,433,488,346  |

All investments are classified as financial instruments measured at fair value with changes in value through profit and loss. All investments of the Sub-funds are 'financial instruments admitted to listing on a regulated market' and are therefore classified as Level 1 investments.

The increase in investments for Serie A is mainly a result of 10 million higher purchases than that of redemption in the fund, as well as a 34 million increase due to market movement. For Serie G the increase is mainly a result of 30 million higher purchases than that of redemptions in the fund, as well as a 12 million increase due to market movement. As for Serie K it is mainly a result of 101 million higher purchases than that of redemption in the fund, as well as a 71 million increase due to market movement. For Serie N the increase is mainly a result of 187 million higher purchases than that of redemptions in the fund, as well as a 20 million increase due to market movement. All details can be found in the corresponding paragraph of the sub-funds.

# Summary of changes in investments

| (amounts x € 1)                   | 2023          | 2022            |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total investments                 |               |                 |
| Opening balance                   | 1,433,488,346 | 1,652,859,113   |
| Purchases                         | 916,631,641   | 1,183,721,045   |
| Sales                             | (590,640,888) | (1,153,459,689) |
| Changes in value                  | 156,099,532   | (249,632,123)   |
| Closing balance total investments | 1,915,578,631 | 1,433,488,346   |

### 3. Receivables

| 2023      | 2022                                   |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| 1,931,926 | 2,187,380                              |  |
| , ,<br>-  | 4,138                                  |  |
| 887,297   | 814,587                                |  |
| 1,154,712 | 879,243                                |  |
| 3,973,935 | 3,885,348                              |  |
|           | 1,931,926<br>-<br>887,297<br>1,154,712 |  |

### 4. Net assets attributable to shareholders

The company's authorised capital amounts to three million euros (EUR 3,000,000) divided into ten (10) priority shares and two hundred ninety-nine million nine hundred ninety-nine thousand nine hundred ninety (299,999,990) ordinary shares, divided into twenty-six (26) series of ordinary shares designated with the letters A to Z, each with nominal value of one cent (EUR 0.01). The issued capital and share premium are fully paid up. EUR 45,000 was issued and paid up on the Z shares (the company's foundation capital) and repaid in 2018. The Fund is not subject to other externally imposed capital requirements. The issued and paid-up capital per Sub-fund is disclosed in the summaries of the individual Sub-funds A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, K, L and N.

### Capitalisation

The authorised capital of the Company amounts to  $\le$  3,000,000 divided into 299,999,990 ordinary shares and 10 priority shares, all with nominal value of  $\le$  0.01. The ordinary shares are divided into 26 series of shares. A series of shares is designated as a Sub-fund. The Board of Directors reserves the right to, if desired, open a new share series (not yet issued) in supplement to a Sub-fund already opened.

## Issue and purchase of ordinary shares

The Company is an open-ended investment company. This means that the Board of Directors will, on request, issue shares and/or sell purchased shares at the transaction price of a share as determined at the moment of issue or sale. The transaction price corresponds to the Net Intrinsic Value of the particular share in a specific Sub-fund increased or decreased by transaction costs. The Board of Directors reserves the right to temporarily suspend the issue or purchase of shares. Suspension can take place, for instance, in cases in which the determination of the Net Intrinsic Value can also be suspended. Shares in the Company can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam or other exchanges where the Sub-funds are listed, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that under normal circumstances, there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded for the majority of the trading day.

# **Priority shares**

The Company has issued 1 priority share to the Manager. The Priority has, among other things, rights in relation to the appointment, suspension, dismissal and determination of the remuneration and other employment conditions of directors of the Company. The Priority determines the number of members of the Board of Directors. For the appointment of a new director, within one month after having been invited to do so by the Board of Directors, it nominates at least 2 candidates from which the meeting of shareholders can appoint one. This nomination is binding for the meeting of shareholders unless this meeting deprives the nomination of its binding character in a resolution adopted by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast, which represent more than half of the issued capital. A resolution to amend the Articles of Association, to merge, split or dissolve the Company can, other than at the proposal of the Priority, only be taken by the general meeting with a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast representing more than half of the issued capital.

# **Dividend policy**

Pursuant to its status as Fiscal Investment Institution, the Company will, within eight months of the conclusion of the financial year, pay out to the shareholders as dividend the taxable profit available for distribution, less the distribution deficits from previous years to be set off. The dividend is determined individually per Sub-fund.

The height of the dividend varies per Sub-fund and is based on a combination of the dividend and the coupons paid out on the shares or bonds, respectively, which form the Underlying Securities of the particular Sub-fund. The dividend is paid out in cash. The Company in principle intends to pay out (interim) dividend four times per calendar year.

# 5. Summary of changes in the net asset value

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023          | 2022          |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Opening balance                     | 1,438,731,039 | 1,657,559,225 |  |
| Issue of shares                     | 470,734,850   | 790,076,741   |  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (144,366,575) | (759,029,688) |  |
| Distribution                        | (51,882,588)  | (41,685,636)  |  |
| Interest income                     | 1,930,152     | 1,802,311     |  |
| Interest expense                    | (7,902)       | (62,019)      |  |
| Dividend income                     | 55,125,340    | 43,637,878    |  |
| Changes in the value of investments | 156,099,532   | (249,632,123) |  |
| Management fee                      | (4,528,896)   | (3,896,144)   |  |
| Exchange rate differences           | (223,394)     | (67,320)      |  |
| Other income                        | 71,394        | 27,814        |  |
| Closing balance                     | 1,921,682,952 | 1,438,731,039 |  |

# 6. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

# Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

# **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset.

The Investment Manager may attempt to mitigate this risk by using financial derivative instruments. In accordance with each Sub-Fund's policy, the Investment Manager monitors each Sub-Fund's currency exposures on a daily basis and reports monthly to the designated person and to the Board of Directors, which reviews the information provided by the Investment Manager on any significant exposures at its periodic meetings.

The Sub-funds mentioned below are only invested in euro.

- 1. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 2. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 3. VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF
- 4. VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF
- 5. VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF

The Sub-funds mentioned below are invested in multiple currencies, which are exposed to currency risk.

- z1. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 2. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 3. [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]
- 4. VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF
- 5. VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF
- 6. VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF
- 7. VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF

The funds are invested in multiple currencies, which are indeed exposed to currency risk. the currency risk is not hedged. VanEck aims to neutralize exposure to foreign currency once it has been received as soon as possible taking into consideration whether the exposure is material.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 202:          | 3               | 2022          |                 |  |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Currency           | Amount        | % of<br>the NAV | Amount        | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| Euro               | 786,666,147   | 40.9            | 619,478,131   | 43.1            |  |
| US dollar          | 551,457,892   | 28.7            | 392,356,100   | 27.3            |  |
| Japanese Yen       | 136,835,884   | 7.1             | 135,158,537   | 9.4             |  |
| Pound sterling     | 113,739,339   | 5.9             | 72,439,778    | 5.0             |  |
| Australian dollar  | 70,429,446    | 3.7             | 38,154,436    | 2.7             |  |
| Swiss Franc        | 70,008,893    | 3.6             | 45,981,780    | 3.2             |  |
| Canadian dollar    | 58,135,508    | 3.0             | 30,052,832    | 2.1             |  |
| Swedish Krona      | 38,762,955    | 2.0             | 19,363,867    | 1.3             |  |
| Singapore Dollar   | 29,753,550    | 1.5             | 23,333,939    | 1.6             |  |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 24,423,415    | 1.3             | 26,116,009    | 1.8             |  |
| Danish Krone       | 14,455,151    | 0.8             | 17,266,307    | 1.2             |  |
| Norwegian Krone    | 11,733,083    | 0.6             | 7,726,927     | 0.5             |  |
| Korean Won         | 8,467,594     | 0.4             | 7,938,615     | 0.6             |  |
| Israeli Shekel     | 2,889,325     | 0.2             | 1,194,463     | 0.1             |  |
| Polish Zloty       | 2,493,269     | 0.2             | 653,804       | 0.0             |  |
| South-African Rand | 1,136,064     | 0.1             | 1,106,787     | 0.1             |  |
| Brazilian real     | 295,437       | 0.0             | 408,727       | 0.0             |  |
| Total              | 1,921,682,952 | 100.0           | 1,438,731,039 | 100.0           |  |

A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 202                  | 3   | 2022       | 2022 |  |  |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----|------------|------|--|--|
| Currency           | rency Amount the NAV |     |            |      |  |  |
| US dollar          | 27,572,895           | 1.4 | 19,617,805 | 1.4  |  |  |
| Japanese Yen       | 6,841,794            | 0.4 | 6,757,927  | 0.5  |  |  |
| Pound sterling     | 5,686,967            | 0.3 | 3,621,989  | 0.3  |  |  |
| Australian dollar  | 3,521,472            | 0.2 | 1,907,722  | 0.1  |  |  |
| Swiss Franc        | 3,500,445            | 0.2 | 2,299,089  | 0.2  |  |  |
| Canadian dollar    | 2,906,775            | 0.2 | 1,502,642  | 0.1  |  |  |
| Swedish Krona      | 1,938,148            | 0.1 | 968,193    | 0.1  |  |  |
| Singapore Dollar   | 1,487,678            | 0.1 | 1,166,697  | 0.1  |  |  |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 1,221,171            | 0.1 | 1,305,800  | 0.1  |  |  |
| Danish Krone       | 722,758              | 0.0 | 863,315    | 0.1  |  |  |
| Norwegian Krone    | 586,654              | 0.0 | 386,346    | 0.0  |  |  |
| Korean Won         | 423,380              | 0.0 | 396,931    | 0.0  |  |  |
| Israeli Shekel     | 144,466              | 0.0 | 59,723     | 0.0  |  |  |
| Polish Zloty       | 124,663              | 0.0 | 32,690     | 0.0  |  |  |
| South-African Rand | 56,803               | 0.0 | 55,339     | 0.0  |  |  |
| Brazilian real     | 14,772               | 0.0 | 20,436     | 0.0  |  |  |

# Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by sector and region.

# Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023          | 2022            |               |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount        | % of<br>the NAV | Amount        | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 695,048,345   | 36.2            | 496,816,226   | 34.5            |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 339,892,257   | 17.7            | 279,846,573   | 19.5            |
| Technology                  | 177,650,605   | 9.2             | 115,378,237   | 8.0             |
| Communications              | 132,614,128   | 6.9             | 102,182,458   | 7.1             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 131,895,365   | 6.9             | 89,140,003    | 6.2             |
| Energy                      | 116,553,106   | 6.1             | 76,623,698    | 5.3             |
| Industrial                  | 109,353,910   | 5.7             | 97,029,421    | 6.7             |
| Government                  | 100,193,136   | 5.2             | 100,399,770   | 7.0             |
| Basic Materials             | 78,655,709    | 4.1             | 36,052,132    | 2.5             |
| Utilities                   | 32,252,216    | 1.6             | 39,180,436    | 2.7             |
| Diversified                 | 1,469,854     | 0.1             | 839,392       | 0.1             |
| Total                       | 1,915,578,631 | 99.7            | 1,433,488,346 | 99.6            |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |  |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| Sector                      | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| Financial                   | 34,752,417 | 1.8             | 24,840,811 | 1.7             |  |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 16,994,613 | 0.9             | 13,992,329 | 1.0             |  |
| Technology                  | 8,882,530  | 0.5             | 5,768,912  | 0.4             |  |
| Communications              | 6,630,706  | 0.3             | 5,109,123  | 0.4             |  |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 6,594,768  | 0.3             | 4,457,000  | 0.3             |  |
| Energy                      | 5,827,655  | 0.3             | 3,831,185  | 0.3             |  |
| Industrial                  | 5,467,696  | 0.3             | 4,851,471  | 0.3             |  |
| Government                  | 5,009,657  | 0.3             | 5,019,989  | 0.4             |  |
| Basic Materials             | 3,932,785  | 0.2             | 1,802,607  | 0.1             |  |
| Utilities                   | 1,612,611  | 0.1             | 1,959,022  | 0.1             |  |
| Diversified                 | 73,493     | 0.0             | 41,970     | 0.0             |  |

# Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023          | 2023            |               |                 |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount        | % of<br>the NAV | Amount        | % of<br>the NAV |
| United states of America | 616,958,359   | 32.1            | 428,699,647   | 29.8            |
| Netherlands              | 248,741,138   | 12.9            | 203,464,902   | 14.1            |
| United Kingdom           | 148,242,275   | 7.7             | 118,008,237   | 8.2             |
| Japan                    | 137,003,561   | 7.1             | 135,239,788   | 9.4             |
| Germany                  | 125,678,359   | 6.5             | 95,941,072    | 6.7             |
| France                   | 120,056,746   | 6.3             | 101,314,657   | 7.0             |
| Australia                | 81,171,533    | 4.2             | 35,833,483    | 2.5             |
| Canada                   | 66,778,852    | 3.5             | 34,165,401    | 2.4             |
| Switzerland              | 65,577,537    | 3.4             | 37,940,094    | 2.6             |
| Italy                    | 49,586,673    | 2.6             | 20,676,723    | 1.4             |
| Spain                    | 38,158,775    | 2.0             | 30,080,502    | 2.1             |
| Singapore                | 31,883,060    | 1.7             | 25,677,405    | 1.7             |
| Sweden                   | 29,640,989    | 1.5             | 13,263,876    | 0.9             |
| Belgium                  | 28,606,904    | 1.5             | 26,437,182    | 1.8             |
| Hong Kong                | 23,339,948    | 1.2             | 23,045,526    | 1.6             |
| China                    | 22,289,793    | 1.2             | 30,094,249    | 2.1             |
| Finland                  | 19,330,938    | 1.0             | 15,114,621    | 1.1             |
| Denmark                  | 14,283,388    | 0.7             | 17,140,460    | 1.2             |
| Norway                   | 11,724,964    | 0.6             | 6,930,377     | 0.5             |
| Austria                  | 10,580,732    | 0.6             | 9,524,652     | 0.7             |
| Korea                    | 8,451,281     | 0.4             | 7,915,074     | 0.6             |
| Luxembourg               | 4,785,829     | 0.3             | 4,265,094     | 0.3             |
| South Africa             | 4,637,511     | 0.2             | 5,325,236     | 0.4             |
| Poland                   | 3,510,518     | 0.2             | 1,330,482     | 0.1             |
| Israel                   | 2,885,493     | 0.2             | 1,193,511     | 0.1             |
| Romania                  | 692,881       | 0.0             | 568,543       | 0.0             |
| Ireland                  | 395,109       | 0.0             | 2,831,199     | 0.2             |
| Portugal                 | 303,189       | 0.0             | 291,475       | 0.0             |
| Brazil                   | 282,296       | 0.0             | 1,174,878     | 0.1             |
| Total                    | 1,915,578,631 | 99.7            | 1,433,488,346 | 99.6            |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023       | 2023            |            |                |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Country                  | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % o<br>the NA\ |
| United states of America | 30,847,918 | 1.6             | 21,434,982 | 1.5            |
| Netherlands              | 12,437,057 | 0.6             | 10,173,245 | 0.7            |
| United Kingdom           | 7,412,114  | 0.4             | 5,900,412  | 0.4            |
| Japan                    | 6,850,178  | 0.4             | 6,761,989  | 0.5            |
| Germany                  | 6,283,918  | 0.3             | 4,797,054  | 0.3            |
| France                   | 6,002,837  | 0.3             | 5,065,733  | 0.4            |
| Australia                | 4,058,577  | 0.2             | 1,791,674  | 0.1            |
| Canada                   | 3,338,943  | 0.2             | 1,708,270  | 0.1            |
| Switzerland              | 3,278,877  | 0.2             | 1,897,005  | 0.1            |
| Italy                    | 2,479,334  | 0.1             | 1,033,836  | 0.1            |
| Spain                    | 1,907,939  | 0.1             | 1,504,025  | 0.1            |
| Singapore                | 1,594,153  | 0.1             | 1,283,870  | 0.1            |
| Sweden                   | 1,482,049  | 0.1             | 663,194    | 0.0            |
| Belgium                  | 1,430,345  | 0.1             | 1,321,859  | 0.1            |
| Hong Kong                | 1,166,997  | 0.1             | 1,152,276  | 0.1            |
| China                    | 1,114,490  | 0.1             | 1,504,712  | 0.1            |
| Finland                  | 966,547    | 0.1             | 755,731    | 0.1            |
| Denmark                  | 714,169    | 0.0             | 857,023    | 0.1            |
| Norway                   | 586,248    | 0.0             | 346,519    | 0.0            |
| Austria                  | 529,037    | 0.0             | 476,233    | 0.0            |
| Korea                    | 422,564    | 0.0             | 395,754    | 0.0            |
| Luxembourg               | 239,291    | 0.0             | 213,255    | 0.0            |
| South Africa             | 231,876    | 0.0             | 266,262    | 0.0            |
| Poland                   | 175,526    | 0.0             | 66,524     | 0.0            |
| Israel                   | 144,275    | 0.0             | 59,676     | 0.0            |
| Romania                  | 34,644     | 0.0             | 28,427     | 0.0            |
| Ireland                  | 19,755     | 0.0             | 141,560    | 0.0            |
| Portugal                 | 15,159     | 0.0             | 14,574     | 0.0            |
| Brazil                   | 14,115     | 0.0             | 58,744     | 0.0            |

# Interest rate risk

The Company invests in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its debt securities and cash including margin cash held with brokers and may have an indirect exposure to interest rate risk through investments into financial derivative instruments whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates, the effect being greater the longer the maturity of the security.

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year  | <= 5 years | > 5 years  | Not interest bearing | Total 2023    |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| ASSETS                       |            |            |            |                      |               |
| Investments                  | 133,636    | 84,555,281 | 67,519,890 | 1,763,369,824        | 1,915,578,631 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 12,534,404 | -          | -          | -                    | 12,534,404    |
| Receivables                  | -          | -          | -          | 3,973,935            | 3,973,935     |
| Total assets                 | 12,668,040 | 84,555,281 | 67,519,890 | 1,767,343,759        | 1,932,086,970 |
| LIABILITIES                  |            |            |            |                      |               |
| Bank overdraft               | 2,808      | -          | -          | -                    | 2,808         |
| Other payables               | -          | -          | -          | 10,401,210           | 10,401,210    |
| Equity                       |            |            |            |                      |               |
| Shares                       | -          | -          | -          | 1,921,682,952        | 1,921,682,952 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 2,808      | -          | -          | 1,932,084,162        | 1,932,086,970 |
| Total                        | 12,665,232 | 84,555,281 | 67,519,890 | (164,740,403)        | _             |

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year  | <= 5 years | > 5 year   | Not<br>s interest<br>bearing | Total 2022    |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| ASSETS                       |            |            |            |                              |               |
| Investments                  | 603,755    | 75,908,628 | 70,614,946 | 1,286,361,017                | 1,433,488,346 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 31,048,227 | -          | -          | -                            | 31,048,227    |
| Receivables                  | -          | -          | -          | 3,885,348                    | 3,885,348     |
| Total assets                 | 31,651,982 | 75,908,628 | 70,614,946 | 1,290,246,365                | 1,468,421,921 |
| LIABILITIES                  |            |            |            |                              |               |
| Bank overdraft               | 191        | -          | -          | -                            | 191           |
| Other payables               | -          | -          | -          | 29,690,691                   | 29,690,691    |
| Equity                       |            |            |            |                              |               |
| Shares                       | -          | -          | -          | 1,438,731,039                | 1,438,731,039 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 191        | -          | -          | 1,468,421,730                | 1,468,421,921 |
| Total                        | 31,651,791 | 75,908,628 | 70,614,946 | (178,175,365)                | -             |

### Portfolio distribution by coupon rate

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%       | 3-5%       | >5%       | Total 2023  |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 97,207,374 | 33,315,239 | 16,697,791 | 4,988,403 | 152,208,807 |

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%       | 3-5%      | >5%       | Total 2022  |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 98,648,726 | 38,041,311 | 5,382,576 | 5,054,716 | 147,127,329 |

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 168,714,338 (2022: € 182,175,713).

# Portfolio distribution by credit rating

The Company invests in monetary financial instruments and is consequently exposed to significant credit risk.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023        |                 | 2022        |                 |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Credit rating   | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |
| AAA             | 37,374,682  | 1.9             | 38,386,762  | 2.7             |
| AA              | 66,602,294  | 3.5             | 87,550,269  | 6.1             |
| A               | 32,758,109  | 1.7             | 23,616,865  | 1.6             |
| BBB             | 25,574,948  | 1.3             | 26,872,868  | 1.9             |
| ВВ              | -           | -               | 24,563      | -               |
| No rating       | 6,404,305   | 0.3             | 5,609,386   | 0.4             |
| Total           | 168,714,338 | 8.7             | 182,060,713 | 12.7            |

# Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term. Shares in the Sub-funds can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam or other exchanges where the Sub-funds are listed, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The Fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently, the company is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

### 7. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)                             | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|------------|------------|
| Management costs payable                    | 435,814    | 335,695    |
| Dividend tax payable                        | 665,364    | 526,499    |
| Securities transactions still to be settled | 9,300,032  | -          |
| Payable for shares redeemed                 | -          | 28,828,497 |
| Total                                       | 10,401,210 | 29,690,691 |

The other short-term debts relate to redemptions. All other payables will be settled in less than 1 year.

# 8. Related parties

A party is a related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company. The Company has no employees.

The management costs for the investors in Sub-funds can vary per Sub-fund and are expressed as a percentage of the net intrinsic value of every individual Sub-fund. The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 4,528,896 (2022: € 3,896,144).

| Management costs per fund   | Prospectus | Realisation |
|---|------------|-------------|
|   | 2.224      |             |
| Serie A – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 0.30%      | 0.30%       |
| Serie B – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 0.35%      | 0.35%       |
| Serie C – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 0.28%      | 0.28%       |
| Serie D – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 0.30%      | 0.30%       |
| Serie E – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 0.32%      | 0.32%       |
| Serie G – VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF                             | 0.25%      | 0.25%       |
| Serie H – VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF                           | 0.15%      | 0.15%       |
| Serie I – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF           | 0.15%      | 0.15%       |
| Serie J – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF          | 0.15%      | 0.15%       |
| Serie K – VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF                 | 0.20%      | 0.20%       |
| Serie L – VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF              | 0.40%      | 0.40%       |
| Serie N – VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF | 0.38%      | 0.38%       |

# Ongoing charges figure (OCF)

The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, except for the spread applied for entering and exiting participants, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts.

The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period. The OCF per Sub-fund is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements for each Sub-fund.

### Portfolio turnover ratio (PTR)

The PTR for the assets per Sub-fund is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements for each Sub-fund.

### Auditor's fee

The manager charges an overall cost allowance. The manager pays the auditor's fee from the cost allowance. The auditor's fee charged to the manager for 2023 as a whole amounts to € 98,686 excluding VAT (2022 as a whole: € 100,276) for the audit of the financial statements and € 16,112 (2022 as a whole € 10,494) excluding VAT for the assurance procedures for the supervisory authority ensuring that the UCITS provisions from the Market Conduct Supervision (Financial Institutions) Decree are satisfied. The auditor's fee cannot be further quantified on the level of each Sub-fund and is therefore not disclosed in further detail in the financial statements for the Sub-funds.

### 9. Other notes

# Distributions in the period

The Board of Directors intends to pay out dividend quarterly.

The following distributions took place during the reporting period.

|  | Payment   | Dividend  |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| (amounts x € 1)  | Dates     | per share |
|  |           |           |
| Serie A – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] | 08-Mar-23 | 0.10      |
|  | 14-Jun-23 | 0.68      |
|  | 13-Sep-23 | 0.75      |
|  | 13-Dec-23 | 0.23      |
| Could B. [Colle found in weak and the self-to-order to College days 1] | 00 May 22 | 0.00      |
| Serie B – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] | 08-Mar-23 | 0.09      |
|  | 14-Jun-23 | 1.27      |
|  | 13-Sep-23 | 0.60      |
|  | 13-Dec-23 | 0.14      |
| Serie C – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] | 08-Mar-23 | 0.10      |
|  | 14-Jun-23 | 0.29      |
|  | 13-Sep-23 | 0.22      |
|  | 13-Dec-23 | 0.13      |
|  |           |           |
| Serie D – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] | 08-Mar-23 | 0.15      |
|  | 14-Jun-23 | 0.34      |
|  | 13-Sep-23 | 0.34      |
|  | 13-Dec-23 | 0.19      |
|  |           |           |
| Serie E – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland] | 08-Mar-23 | 0.18      |
|  | 14-Jun-23 | 0.48      |
|  | 13-Sep-23 | 0.42      |
|  | 13-Dec-23 | 0.28      |

|  | Payment    | Dividend  |
|--|------------|-----------|
| (amounts x € 1)  | Dates      | per share |
|  |            |           |
| Serie G – VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF  | 08-Mar-23  | 0.31      |
|  | 14-Jun-23  | 0.40      |
|  | 13-Sep-23  | 0.33      |
|  | 13-Dec-23  | 0.32      |
|  |            |           |
| Serie H – VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF  | 08-Mar-23  | 0.00      |
|  | 14-Jun-23  | 0.14      |
|  | 13-Sep-23  | 0.05      |
|  | 13-Dec-23  | 0.00      |
|  |            |           |
| Serie I – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF  | 08-Mar-23  | 0.00      |
|  | 14-Jun-23  | 0.00      |
|  | 13-Sep-23  | 0.00      |
|  | 13-Dec-23  | 0.07      |
|  |            |           |
| Serie J – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF   | 08-Mar-23  | 0.00      |
|  | 14-Jun-23  | 0.06      |
|  | 13-Sep-23  | 0.05      |
|  | 13-Dec-23  | 0.07      |
| Serie K – VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF  | 08-Mar-23  | 0.07      |
| Serie K – Valieck Sustainable World Equal Weight OCHS ETF  | 14-Jun-23  | 0.07      |
|  | 13-Sep-23  | 0.28      |
|  | 13-3ep-23  | 0.17      |
|  | 13-Dec-23  | 0.13      |
| Serie L – VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF   | 08-Mar-23  | 0.15      |
| Terror Te | 14-Jun-23  | 1.12      |
|  | 13-Sep-23  | 0.44      |
|  | 13-Dec-23  | 0.14      |
|  | _3 _ 5 5 5 | V.2.1     |
| Serie N – VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF  | 08-Mar-23  | 0.17      |
|  | 14-Jun-23  | 0.95      |
|  | 13-Sep-23  | 0.40      |
|  | 13-Dec-23  | 0.28      |

# Distribution after the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date

The distributions for the 2023 financial year took place in 2023; as such, the distribution requirement was satisfied. No final dividend will be paid out.

# Personnel

The company did not employ any personnel during the reporting period.

# Fiscal status

The Company is a public company with registered office in Amsterdam, incorporated under Dutch law. The Company opts for the status of Fiscal Investment Institution (FII) as referred to in section 28 of the Corporation Tax Act 1969. An FII is subject to a 0% rate for the levy of corporation tax if certain conditions are satisfied.

# Securities borrowing and lending

The Sub-funds do not lend out any securities.

# **Return commissions and soft commissions**

There were no return commissions or soft commissions during the reporting period.

# **Outsourcing of tasks**

VanEck outsources many of its tasks to third parties. This allows the organisation to remain small. VanEck is still always responsible for the performance of these tasks. The outsourced tasks and responsibilities are set out below:

| Process                                       | Outsourced to   |
|---|---|
| Investment accounting                         | State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch |
| Financial administration umbrella structure   | State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch |
| Calculation of NAV                            | State Street Bank international GmbH Amsterdam Branch |
| Submission of iNAV                            | S&P Global  |
| Preparation and sending of compo file         | State Street Bank international GmbH Amsterdam Branch |
| Preparation and sending of DRA reports to DNB | Solutional  |

Markit has merged to become S&P Global

# **Subsequent events**

There are no subsequent events.

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## **General information**

## **Investment policy**

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Key figures Series A: [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

| (amounts x € 1)                | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup> |            |            |            |            |            |
| Changes in the value of        | 9.70       | (10.14)    | 17.45      | 4.96       | 12.58      |
| investments                    |            |            | _          |            |            |
| Direct returns                 | 2.09       | 1.95       | 1.65       | 1.22       | 2.13       |
| Total operating income         | 11.79      | (8.19)     | 19.10      | 6.18       | 14.71      |
| Management costs and           |            |            |            |            |            |
| interest charges               | (0.23)     | (0.21)     | (0.22)     | (0.17)     | (0.17)     |
| Other expenses                 | _          | _          | _          | _          | _          |
| Total operating                |            |            |            |            |            |
| expenses                       | (0.23)     | (0.21)     | (0.22)     | (0.17)     | (0.17)     |
| Distribution                   | 1.76       | 1.60       | 1.35       | 1.09       | 1.96       |
| Distribution                   | 1.76       | 1.00       | 1.33       | 1.09       | 1.90       |
| Fund assets                    | 278,848,24 | 233,627,04 | 246,555,01 | 186,580,63 | 168,880,20 |
| rund assets                    | 4          | 7          | 5          | 0          | 2          |
| Number of outstanding shares   | 3,540,000  | 3,390,000  | 3,090,000  | 2,990,000  | 2,795,000  |
| Intrinsic value per share      | 78.77      | 68.92      | 79.79      | 62.40      | 60.42      |
| Fund performance               | 16.98%     | -11.63%    | 30.17%     | 5.36%      | 28.03%     |
| Benchmark                      |            |            |            |            |            |
| performance                    | 17.34%     | -11.42%    | 30.56%     | 5.71%      | 28.52%     |

# 4.6 Adjusted Financial statements [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

## Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023        | 2022        |
|---|-----|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 523,739     | 454,599     |
| Investments Equity instruments          |     | 278,470,460 | 233,350,452 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 278,470,460 | 233,350,452 |
| Total assets                            |     | 278,994,199 | 233,805,051 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |             |             |
| Other payables                          | {4} | 145,955     | 178,004     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {3} | 278,848,244 | 233,627,047 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 278,994,199 | 233,805,051 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |             | 2023        | 2022         |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Investment results   |             |             |              |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |             | 34,432,368  | (34,217,137) |
| Interest income  |             | 4,431       | 142          |
| Interest expenses  |             | (2,223)     | (4,666)      |
| Dividend income  |             | 7,419,840   | 6,567,546    |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |             | 19,759      | (527)        |
| Other income   |             | 1,203       | 614          |
| Total investment result  | {3}         | 41,875,378  | (27,654,028) |
| Management costs   | <b>{5</b> } | (803,948)   | (712,802)    |
| Total expenses   |             | (803,948)   | (712,802)    |
| Distribution   | {3}         | (6,413,900) | (5,653,500)  |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {3}         | 34,657,530  | (34,020,330) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023         | 2022         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |              |              |
| Purchases of investments                             | (51,936,007) | (87,470,880) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 41,248,367   | 66,451,915   |
| Interest received                                    | 4,431        | 142          |
| Interest paid  | (2,223)      | (4,666)      |
| Dividends received                                   | 6,885,317    | 5,920,216    |
| Management costs paid                                | (795,607)    | (711,075)    |
| Other income received                                | 1,203        | 614          |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (4,594,519)  | (15,813,734) |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |              |              |
| Issue of shares                                      | 33,716,235   | 69,439,785   |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (23,152,568) | (48,347,423) |
| Distribution   | (5,919,767)  | (4,891,077)  |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 4,643,900    | 16,201,285   |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | 19,759       | (527)        |
| Net cash flow  | 69,140       | 387,024      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 454,599      | 67,575       |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 523,739      | 454,599      |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023         | 2022         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |              |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 233,627,047  | 246,555,015  |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 33,716,235   | 69,439,785   |
| Redemption of shares   | (23,152,568) | (48,347,423) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 34,657,530   | (34,020,330) |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |              |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 278,848,244  | 233,627,047  |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |              |              |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 3,390,000    | 3,090,000    |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 450,000      | 1,000,000    |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (300,000)    | (700,000)    |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 3,540,000    | 3,390,000    |

#### **Notes**

### Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023         | 202        |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Equity instruments                 |              |            |
| Opening balance                    | 233,350,452  | 246,548,62 |
| Purchases of investments           | 51,936,007   | 87,470,88  |
| Sales of investments               | (41,248,367) | (66,451,91 |
| Changes in value                   | 34,432,368   | (34,217,13 |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 278,470,460  | 233,350,45 |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023        | 2022        |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Level 1         | 278,470,460 | 233,350,452 |
| Total           | 278,470,460 | 233,350,452 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

**Composition of investments** 

| (amounts x € 1)                |     | 2023         |          |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                                |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments             |     |              |          |
| ASML Holding NV                | EUR | 45,345,320   | 16.3     |
| Shell plc                      | EUR | 43,572,338   | 15.6     |
| Unilever plc                   | EUR | 35,895,537   | 12.9     |
| RELX plc                       | EUR | 23,629,487   | 8.5      |
| ING Groep NV                   | EUR | 16,772,970   | 6.0      |
| Prosus NV                      | EUR | 14,329,035   | 5.1      |
| Adyen NV                       | EUR | 11,428,014   | 4.1      |
| Wolters Kluwer NV              | EUR | 11,028,560   | 4.0      |
| Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV  | EUR | 8,602,510    | 3.1      |
| Heineken NV                    | EUR | 7,930,101    | 2.8      |
| DSM Firmenich AG               | EUR | 7,726,804    | 2.8      |
| ASM International NV           | EUR | 7,331,220    | 2.6      |
| Universal Music Group NV       | EUR | 6,230,224    | 2.2      |
| Koninklijke Philips NV         | EUR | 5,538,334    | 2.0      |
| Akzo Nobel NV                  | EUR | 4,341,505    | 1.6      |
| ArcelorMittal SA               | EUR | 4,124,843    | 1.5      |
| BE Semiconductor Industries NV | EUR | 3,684,559    | 1.3      |
| Koninklijke KPN NV             | EUR | 3,351,152    | 1.2      |
| NN Group NV                    | EUR | 3,158,477    | 1.1      |
| IMCD NV                        | EUR | 2,987,621    | 1.1      |
| EXOR NV                        | EUR | 2,818,713    | 1.0      |
| Aegon Ltd                      | EUR | 2,481,212    | 0.9      |
| ASR Nederland NV               | EUR | 2,101,908    | 0.8      |
| Randstad NV                    | EUR | 2,083,269    | 0.7      |
| ABN AMRO Bank NV               | EUR | 1,976,747    | 0.7      |
| Total Equity instruments       |     | 278,470,460  | 99.9     |

#### 3. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023         | 2022         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Opening balance                     | 233,627,047  | 246,555,015  |
| Issue of shares                     | 33,716,235   | 69,439,785   |
| Purchase of shares                  | (23,152,568) | (48,347,423) |
| Distribution                        | (6,413,900)  | (5,653,500)  |
| Interest income                     | 4,431        | 142          |
| Interest expense                    | (2,223)      | (4,666)      |
| Dividend income                     | 7,419,840    | 6,567,546    |
| Changes in the value of investments | 34,432,368   | (34,217,137) |
| Management fee                      | (803,948)    | (712,802)    |
| Exchange rate differences           | 19,759       | (527)        |
| Other income                        | 1,203        | 614          |
| Closing balance                     | 278,848,244  | 233,627,047  |

#### 4. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023    | 2022    |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Management costs payable | 71,252  | 62,911  |
| Dividend tax payable     | 74,703  | 115,093 |
| Total                    | 145,955 | 178,004 |

## Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 803,948 (same period in 2022: € 712,802).

### 6. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates:
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset.

The Sub-fund only has euro investments and is consequently not exposed to significant currency risk.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by sector and region.

#### Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023        |                | 2022        |                |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount      | %of<br>the NAV | Amount      | %of<br>the NAV |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 95,107,251  | 34.1           | 84,898,104  | 36.3           |
| Technology                  | 56,361,100  | 20.2           | 39,860,434  | 17.1           |
| Energy                      | 43,572,338  | 15.6           | 33,777,226  | 14.5           |
| Financial                   | 29,310,027  | 10.5           | 23,530,332  | 10.0           |
| Communications              | 28,708,747  | 10.3           | 29,359,285  | 12.6           |
| Basic Materials             | 16,193,152  | 5.9            | 13,306,923  | 5.7            |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 9,217,845   | 3.3            | 7,376,002   | 3.2            |
| Industrial                  | -           | 0.0            | 1,242,146   | 0.5            |
| Total                       | 278,470,460 | 99.9           | 233,350,452 | 99.9           |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023      |                | 2022      |                |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount    | %of<br>the NAV | Amount    | %of<br>the NAV |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 4,755,363 | 1.7            | 4,244,905 | 1.8            |
| Technology                  | 2,818,055 | 1.0            | 1,993,022 | 0.9            |
| Energy                      | 2,178,617 | 0.8            | 1,688,861 | 0.7            |
| Financial                   | 1,465,501 | 0.5            | 1,176,517 | 0.5            |
| Communications              | 1,435,437 | 0.5            | 1,467,964 | 0.6            |
| Basic Materials             | 809,658   | 0.3            | 665,346   | 0.3            |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 460,892   | 0.2            | 368,800   | 0.2            |
| Industrial                  | -         | 0.0            | 62,107    | 0.0            |

#### Interest rate risk

The Sub-fund does not invest in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 523,739 (2022: € 454,599).

The Sub-fund does not invest in monetary financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant credit risk.

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term. Shares in the Sub-funds can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam or other exchanges where the Sub-funds are listed, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The Fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently, the company is not exposed to significant liquidity risk. The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

#### 7. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| 2023        | 2022                          |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 268,106,012 | 237,553,873                   |
| 803,948     | 712,802                       |
| 0.30%       | 0.30%                         |
|             | <b>268,106,012</b><br>803,948 |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount  | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 803,948 | 0.30% | 0.30%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 - Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 13.5% is calculated using this formula (2022: 15.2%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.1 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

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| (amounts x € 1)                       | 2023           | 2022      | 2021           | 2020           | <b>201</b> 9   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup>        |                |           |                |                |                |
| Changes in the value of investments   | 0.67           | (15.42)   | 15.16          | (10.16)        | 29.24          |
| Direct returns                        | 2.44           | 4.21      | 2.53           | 1.59           | 2.13           |
| Total operating income                | 3.11           | (11.21)   | 17.69          | (8.57)         | 31.37          |
| Management costs and interest charges | (0.32)         | (0.34)    | (0.36)         | (0.28)         | (0.28)         |
| Other expenses                        | -              | -         | -              | (0.01)         | -              |
| Total operating expenses              | (0.32)         | (0.34)    | (0.36)         | (0.29)         | (0.28)         |
| Distribution                          | 2.10           | 3.63      | 2.29           | 1.34           | 2.18           |
| Fund assets                           | 23,272,31<br>3 | 23,116,71 | 25,278,61<br>4 | 26,498,71<br>6 | 23,561,76<br>9 |
| Number of outstanding shares          | 252,000        | 251,000   | 236,000        | 286,000        | 261,000        |
| Intrinsic value per share             | 92.35          | 92.10     | 107.11         | 92.65          | 90.27          |
| Fund performance                      | 2.62%          | -10.70%   | 18.15%         | 4.42%          | 42.07%         |
| Benchmark performance                 | 3.01%          | -10.47%   | 18.67%         | 5.05%          | 42.61%         |

# 4.7 Adjusted Financial statements [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

## Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 34,622     | 14,117     |
| Investments                             |     |            |            |
| Equity instruments                      |     | 23,196,393 | 23,073,831 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 23,196,393 | 23,073,831 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 48,012     | 35,742     |
| Total assets                            |     | 23,279,027 | 23,123,690 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 6,714      | 6,977      |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 23,272,313 | 23,116,713 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 23,279,027 | 23,123,690 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023      | 2022        |
|--|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |           |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 166,520   | (3,836,600) |
| Interest income  |     | 375       | 29          |
| Interest expenses  |     | -         | (600)       |
| Dividend income  |     | 603,371   | 1,047,692   |
| Other income   |     | 165       | 41          |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 770,431   | (2,789,438) |
| Management costs   | {6} | (78,797)  | (84,187)    |
| Total expenses   |     | (78,797)  | (84,187)    |
| Distribution   | {4} | (520,570) | (938,130)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 171,064   | (3,811,755) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The dividend income is a gross amount and is including dividend withholding tax.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023        | 2022        |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |             |             |
| Purchases of investments                             | (8,505,250) | (9,445,766) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 8,549,208   | 7,793,530   |
| Interest received                                    | 375         | 29          |
| Interest paid  | -           | (600)       |
| Dividends received                                   | 513,015     | 898,329     |
| Dividend tax received                                | -           | 467         |
| Management costs paid                                | (79,060)    | (84,437)    |
| Other income received                                | 165         | 41          |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | 478,453     | (838,407)   |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |             |             |
| Issue of shares                                      | 3,205,203   | 2,554,431   |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (3,220,667) | (904,577)   |
| Distribution   | (442,484)   | (797,411)   |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | (457,948)   | 852,443     |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | -           | -           |
| Net cash flow  | 20,505      | 14,036      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 14,117      | 81          |
|  |             |             |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023        | 2022        |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 23,116,713  | 25,278,614  |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 3,205,203   | 2,554,431   |
| Redemption of shares   | (3,220,667) | (904,577)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 171,064     | (3,811,755) |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 23,272,313  | 23,116,713  |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |             |             |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 251,000     | 236,000     |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 35,000      | 25,000      |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (34,000)    | (10,000)    |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 252,000     | 251,000     |

#### **Notes**

## Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023        | 2022       |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Equity instruments                 |             |            |
| Opening balance                    | 23,073,831  | 25,258,195 |
| Purchases of investments           | 8,505,250   | 9,445,766  |
| Sales of investments               | (8,549,208) | (7,793,530 |
| Changes in value                   | 166,520     | (3,836,600 |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 23,196,393  | 23,073,831 |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

#### Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 23,196,393 | 23,073,831 |
| Total           | 23,196,393 | 23,073,831 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

## **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)              |     | 2023         |          |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                              |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments           |     |              |          |
| Warehouses De Pauw CVA       | EUR | 2,178,340    | 9.4      |
| Aalberts NV                  | EUR | 1,830,105    | 7.9      |
| Signify NV                   | EUR | 1,822,687    | 7.8      |
| Arcadis NV                   | EUR | 1,655,188    | 7.2      |
| JDE Peet's BV                | EUR | 1,434,073    | 6.2      |
| Allfunds Group plc           | EUR | 1,231,223    | 5.3      |
| Just Eat Takeaway            | EUR | 1,185,004    | 5.2      |
| OCI NV                       | EUR | 1,165,397    | 5.0      |
| Inpost SA                    | EUR | 1,025,830    | 4.4      |
| Air France Klm               | EUR | 900,062      | 3.9      |
| Koninklijke Vopak NV         | EUR | 896,397      | 3.9      |
| Galapagos NV                 | EUR | 798,466      | 3.4      |
| CTP NV                       | EUR | 794,606      | 3.4      |
| Fugro NV                     | EUR | 737,522      | 3.2      |
| SBM Offshore NV              | EUR | 737,501      | 3.2      |
| Apersam SA                   | EUR | 660,987      | 2.7      |
| Alfen Beheer B.V.            | EUR | 611,480      | 2.6      |
| TKH Group NV                 | EUR | 585,548      | 2.5      |
| Fagron                       | EUR | 508,881      | 2.2      |
| Corbion NV                   | EUR | 508,686      | 2.1      |
| Eurocommercial Properties NV | EUR | 441,869      | 1.9      |
| Van Lanschot Kempen NV       | EUR | 434,383      | 1.9      |
| Basic-Fit NV                 | EUR | 433,382      | 1.9      |
| AMG Advanced Metallurgical   | EUR | 345,928      | 1.5      |
| Flow Traders Ltd             | EUR | 272,848      | 1.2      |
| Total Equity instruments     |     | 23,196,393   | 99.7     |

## 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023   | 2022   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Dividend withholding tax receivable | 48,012 | 35,742 |
| Total                               | 48,012 | 35,742 |

### 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023        | 2022        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Opening balance                     | 23,116,713  | 25,278,614  |
| Issue of shares                     | 3,205,203   | 2,554,431   |
| Purchase of shares                  | (3,220,667) | (904,577)   |
| Distribution                        | (520,570)   | (938,130)   |
| Interest income                     | 375         | 29          |
| Interest expense                    | -           | (600)       |
| Dividend income                     | 603,371     | 1,047,692   |
| Changes in the value of investments | 166,520     | (3,836,600) |
| Management fee                      | (78,797)    | (84,187)    |
| Other income                        | 165         | 41          |
| Closing balance                     | 23,272,313  | 23,116,713  |

#### 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023  | 2022  |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Management costs payable | 6,714 | 6,977 |
| Total                    | 6,714 | 6,977 |

### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 78,797 (same period in 2022: € 84,187).

### 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- <u>market price risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset.

The Sub-fund only has euro investments and is consequently not exposed to significant currency risk.

### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

#### Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Industrial                  | 7,876,766  | 33.8            | 5,349,041  | 23.1            |
| Financial                   | 5,353,268  | 23.0            | 7,703,214  | 33.3            |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 3,250,106  | 14.0            | 3,171,579  | 13.7            |
| Energy                      | 2,371,420  | 10.2            | 2,114,789  | 9.1             |
| Basic Materials             | 1,826,384  | 7.8             | 1,983,893  | 8.7             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 1,333,445  | 5.8             | 1,274,647  | 5.5             |
| Communications              | 1,185,004  | 5.1             | 1,476,668  | 6.4             |
| Total                       | 23,196,393 | 99.7            | 23,073,831 | 99.8            |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023    |                | 2022    |                |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV |
| Industrial                  | 393,838 | 1.7            | 267,452 | 1.2            |
| Financial                   | 267,663 | 1.2            | 385,161 | 1.7            |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 162,505 | 0.7            | 158,579 | 0.7            |
| Energy                      | 118,571 | 0.5            | 105,739 | 0.5            |
| Basic Materials             | 91,319  | 0.4            | 99,195  | 0.4            |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 66,672  | 0.3            | 63,732  | 0.3            |
| Communications              | 59,250  | 0.3            | 73,833  | 0.3            |

#### Interest rate risk

The Sub-fund does not invest in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company.

Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 82,634 (2022: € 49,859)

The Sub-fund does not invest in monetary financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant credit risk.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 22,513,555 | 24,046,671 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 78,797     | 84,187     |
| OCF                             | 0.35%      | 0.35%      |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 78,797 | 0.35% | 0.35%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 – Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 47.2% is calculated using this formula (2022: 57.3%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.5 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

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## **General Information**

## **Investment policy**

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| (amounts x € 1)                       | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup>        |            |            |            |            |            |
| Changes in the value of investments   | 4.61       | (9.60)     | 4.39       | (0.39)     | 4.79       |
| Direct returns                        | 0.93       | 0.90       | 1.15       | 0.93       | 1.08       |
| Total operating income                | 5.54       | (8.70)     | 5.54       | 0.54       | 5.87       |
| Management costs and interest charges | (0.16)     | (0.16)     | (0.21)     | (0.16)     | (0.16)     |
| Other expenses                        | -          | -          | -          | -          | (0.02)     |
| Total operating expenses              | (0.16)     | (0.16)     | (0.21)     | (0.16)     | (0.18)     |
| Distribution                          | 0.74       | 0.68       | 0.80       | 0.69       | 0.84       |
| Fund assets                           | 21,043,135 | 20,957,004 | 22,743,924 | 14,840,122 | 13,186,573 |
| Number of outstanding shares          | 358,000    | 388,000    | 358,000    | 248,000    | 223,000    |
| Intrinsic value per share             | 58.78      | 54.01      | 63.53      | 59.84      | 59.13      |
| Fund performance                      | 10.28%     | -13.97%    | 7.53%      | 2.42%      | 11.48%     |
| Benchmark performance                 | 10.43%     | -14.46%    | 7.66%      | 2.11%      | 12.19%     |

# 4.8 Adjusted Financial statements [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

## Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 27,096     | 21,341     |
| <u>Investments</u>                      |     |            |            |
| Equity instruments                      |     | 6,310,676  | 6,255,726  |
| Bonds                                   |     | 14,610,642 | 14,591,140 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 20,921,318 | 20,846,866 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 104,645    | 100,239    |
| Total assets                            |     | 21,053,059 | 20,968,446 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 9,924      | 11,442     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 21,043,135 | 20,957,004 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 21,053,059 | 20,968,446 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023      | 2022        |
|--|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |           |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 1,716,165 | (3,638,184) |
| Interest income  |     | 160,905   | 153,194     |
| Interest expenses  |     | -         | (710)       |
| Dividend income  |     | 183,813   | 187,546     |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |     | (851)     | 1,655       |
| Other income   |     | 48        | 178         |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 2,060,080 | (3,296,321) |
| Management costs   | {6} | (58,042)  | (61,839)    |
| Total expenses   |     | (58,042)  | (61,839)    |
| Distribution   | {4} | (273,020) | (258,440)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 1,729,018 | (3,616,600) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023        | 2022        |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|--|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |             |             |  |
| Purchases of investments                             | (5,094,350) | (8,094,857) |  |
| Sales of investments                                 | 6,736,063   | 6,121,098   |  |
| Interest received                                    | 157,587     | 134,097     |  |
| Interest paid  | -           | (710)       |  |
| Dividends received                                   | 165,164     | 168,928     |  |
| Dividend tax received                                | 1,123       | 233         |  |
| Management costs paid                                | (58,206)    | (62,115)    |  |
| Other income received                                | 48          | 178         |  |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | 1,907,429   | (1,733,148) |  |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |             |             |  |
| Issue of shares                                      | -           | 1,829,680   |  |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (1,642,887) | -           |  |
| Distribution   | (257,932)   | (249,129)   |  |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | (1,900,819) | 1,580,551   |  |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | (855)       | 1,633       |  |
| Net cash flow  | 5,755       | (150,964)   |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 21,341      | 172,305     |  |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 27,096      | 21,341      |  |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023        | 2022        |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|--|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |  |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 20,957,004  | 22,743,924  |  |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | -           | 1,829,680   |  |
| Redemption of shares   | (1,642,887) | -           |  |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 1,729,018   | (3,616,600) |  |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |  |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 21,043,135  | 20,957,004  |  |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |             |             |  |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 388,000     | 358,000     |  |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | -           | 30,000      |  |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (30,000)    | -           |  |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 358,000     | 388,000     |  |

### Notes

## Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023      | Average of 2023 | 2022      | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                  |           |                 |           |                 |
| AUD              | 1.6189    | 1.6316          | 1.5738    | 1.5189          |
| CAD              | 1.4566    | 1.4590          | 1.4461    | 1.3710          |
| CHF              | 0.9297    | 0.9701          | 0.9874    | 1.0020          |
| DKK              | 7.4546    | 7.4512          | 7.4364    | 7.4391          |
| GBP              | 0.8665    | 0.8678          | 0.8872    | 0.8549          |
| HKD              | 8.6257    | 8.4789          | 8.3298    | 8.2357          |
| JPY              | 155.7336  | 153.0848        | 140.8182  | 138.2474        |
| KRW              | 1422.6789 | 1417.6773       | 1349.5370 | 1353.7287       |
| NOK              | 11.2185   | 11.4435         | 10.5135   | 10.1164         |
| SEK              | 11.1325   | 11.4796         | 11.1202   | 10.6617         |
| SGD              | 1.4571    | 1.4525          | 1.4314    | 1.4488          |
| USD              | 1.1047    | 1.0828          | 1.0672    | 1.0515          |
| ZAR              | 20.2013   | 20.0325         | 18.1593   | 17.2517         |

### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023        | 2022        |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    |             |             |
| Equity instruments                 |             |             |
| Opening balance                    | 6,255,726   | 7,211,305   |
| Purchases of investments           | 2,955,402   | 4,042,452   |
| Sales of investments               | (3,649,176) | (3,997,729) |
| Changes in value                   | 748,724     | (1,000,302) |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 6,310,676   | 6,255,726   |
| Bonds                              |             |             |
| Opening balance                    | 14,591,140  | 15,299,986  |
| Purchases                          | 2,138,948   | 4,052,405   |
| Sales                              | (3,086,887) | (2,123,369) |
| Changes in value                   | 967,441     | (2,637,882) |
| Closing balance bonds              | 14,610,642  | 14,591,140  |
| Total investments                  |             |             |
| Opening balance                    | 20,846,866  | 22,511,291  |
| Purchases                          | 5,094,350   | 8,094,857   |
| Sales                              | (6,736,063) | (6,121,098) |
| Changes in value                   | 1,716,165   | (3,638,184) |
| Closing balance total investments  | 20,921,318  | 20,846,866  |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

## Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 20,921,318 | 20,846,866 |
| Total           | 20,921,318 | 20,846,866 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments

## **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                           |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                        |     |              |          |
| Prologis Inc                              | USD | 141,789      | 0.7      |
| Vonovia SE                                | EUR | 86,162       | 0.4      |
| Public Storage                            | USD | 58,258       | 0.3      |
| Link REIT                                 | HKD | 57,953       | 0.3      |
| Realty Income Corp                        | USD | 53,852       | 0.3      |
| Partners Group Holding AG                 | CHF | 53,492       | 0.3      |
| National Australia Bank Ltd               | AUD | 53,155       | 0.3      |
| Givaudan SA                               | CHF | 52,463       | 0.2      |
| Welltower Inc                             | USD | 52,242       | 0.2      |
| Bank of Montreal                          | CAD | 51,937       | 0.2      |
| Simon Property Group Inc                  | USD | 51,651       | 0.2      |
| Schneider Electric SE                     | EUR | 51,626       | 0.2      |
| Legal & General Group plc                 | GBP | 50,691       | 0.2      |
| Colgate-Palmolive Co                      | USD | 48,491       | 0.2      |
| Atlas Copco AB A Shs                      | SEK | 48,468       | 0.2      |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Bank A             | SEK | 47,989       | 0.2      |
| Goodman Group                             | AUD | 47,947       | 0.2      |
| CVS Health Corp                           | USD | 47,391       | 0.2      |
| Extra Space Storage Inc                   | USD | 46,590       | 0.2      |
| Legrand SA                                | EUR | 46,297       | 0.2      |
| Dassault Systemes                         | EUR | 45,915       | 0.2      |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd | AUD | 45,742       | 0.2      |
| Terumo Corp                               | JPY | 45,734       | 0.2      |
| Wolters Kluwer NV                         | EUR | 45,044       | 0.2      |
| AvalonBay Communities Inc                 | USD | 44,743       | 0.2      |
| Transurban Group                          | AUD | 44,723       | 0.2      |
| Cigna Corp                                | USD | 43,915       | 0.2      |
| Intel Corp                                | USD | 43,670       | 0.2      |
| The PNC Financial Services Group Inc      | USD | 43,456       | 0.2      |
| Digital Realty Trust Inc                  | USD | 43,006       | 0.2      |
| AT&T Inc                                  | USD | 42,928       | 0.2      |
| Abbott Laboratories                       | USD | 42,348       | 0.2      |
| Equity Residential                        | USD | 41,635       | 0.2      |
| Fast Retailing Co Ltd                     | JPY | 41,116       | 0.2      |
| Fujitsu Ltd                               | JPY | 40,983       | 0.2      |
| Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc       | USD | 40,969       | 0.2      |
| Eli Lilly & Co                            | USD | 40,633       | 0.2      |
| US Bancorp                                | USD | 40,590       | 0.2      |
| Geberit AG Reg                            | CHF | 40,582       | 0.2      |
| ABB Ltd                                   | CHF | 40,520       | 0.2      |
| Chubb Ltd                                 | USD | 40,509       | 0.2      |
| VICI Properties Inc                       | USD | 40,375       | 0.2      |
| Truist Financial Corp                     | USD | 40,107       | 0.2      |
| EssilorLuxottica SA                       | EUR | 39,770       | 0.2      |
| SAP SE                                    | EUR | 39,194       | 0.2      |
| Invitation Homes Inc                      | USD | 39,123       | 0.2      |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA        | EUR | 39,049       | 0.2      |
| Intuit Inc                                | USD | 39,041       | 0.2      |
| Sampo Oyj A Shs                           | EUR | 39,016       | 0.2      |

| (amounts x € 1)                   |     | 2023         |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                                   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                |     |              |          |
| ServiceNow Inc                    | USD | 39,013       | 0.2      |
| ASML Holding NV                   | EUR | 38,857       | 0.2      |
| Nestle SA                         | CHF | 38,806       | 0.2      |
| Industria de Diseno Textil SA     | EUR | 38,799       | 0.2      |
| Zurich Insurance Group AG         | CHF | 38,772       | 0.2      |
| American Tower Corp               | USD | 38,695       | 0.2      |
| Recruit Holdings Co Ltd           | JPY | 38,673       | 0.2      |
| Amgen Inc                         | USD | 38,589       | 0.2      |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd  | SGD | 38,559       | 0.2      |
| Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         | JPY | 38,523       | 0.2      |
| The Coca-Cola Co                  | USD | 38,357       | 0.2      |
| Compass Group plc                 | GBP | 38,089       | 0.2      |
| FUJIFILM Holdings Corp            | JPY | 38,085       | 0.2      |
| Roche Holding AG                  | CHF | 37,869       | 0.2      |
| Ferrari NV                        | EUR | 37,845       | 0.2      |
| Nordea Bank Abp                   | SEK | 37,441       | 0.2      |
| Publicis Groupe                   | EUR | 37,296       | 0.2      |
| Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd             | JPY | 37,237       | 0.2      |
| Shopify Inc                       | USD | 37,094       | 0.2      |
| DNB Bank ASA                      | NOK | 36,813       | 0.2      |
| Experian plc                      | GBP | 36,730       | 0.2      |
| GSK plc                           | GBP | 36,702       | 0.2      |
| SK Hynix Inc                      | KRW | 36,701       | 0.2      |
| Accenture plc                     | USD | 36,532       | 0.2      |
| S&P Global Inc                    | USD | 36,290       | 0.2      |
| ASM International NV              | EUR | 36,186       | 0.2      |
| Novo Nordisk A/S B                | DKK | 35,961       | 0.2      |
| Tokyo Electron Ltd                | JPY | 35,353       | 0.2      |
| Banco Santander SA                | EUR | 35,259       | 0.2      |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co Ltd          | JPY | 35,159       | 0.2      |
| Union Pacific Corp                | USD | 35,131       | 0.2      |
| Macquarie Group Ltd               | AUD | 35,050       | 0.2      |
| Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd       | JPY | 34,997       | 0.2      |
| Telefonica SA                     | EUR | 34,990       | 0.2      |
| Universal Music Group NV          | EUR | 34,973       | 0.2      |
| Mondelez Int                      | USD | 34,948       | 0.2      |
| The Home Depot Inc                | USD | 34,823       | 0.2      |
| Intercontinental Exchange Inc     | USD | 34,763       | 0.2      |
| Canon Inc                         | JPY | 34,309       | 0.2      |
| Micron Technology Inc             | USD | 34,301       | 0.2      |
| Infineon Technologies AG          | EUR | 34,285       | 0.2      |
| Stryker Corp                      | USD | 34,157       | 0.2      |
| Fiserv Inc                        | USD | 34,032       | 0.2      |
| Danaher Corp                      | USD | 33,927       | 0.2      |
| Norfolk Southern Corp             | USD | 33,810       | 0.2      |
| Adidas AG                         | EUR | 33,701       | 0.2      |
| Essity Aktiebolag B               | SEK | 33,528       | 0.2      |
| Adobe Inc                         | USD | 33,485       | 0.2      |
| Advanced Micro Devices Inc        | USD | 33,361       | 0.2      |
| LAM Research Corp                 | USD | 33,326       | 0.2      |
| Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp | JPY | 33,312       | 0        |

| (amounts x € 1)                               |            | 2023             |            |
|---|------------|------------------|------------|
|   |            | Market Value     | % of NA\   |
| Equity instruments                            |            |                  |            |
| ConocoPhillips                                | USD        | 33,203           | 0.2        |
| Tesco plc                                     | GBP        | 33,183           | 0.2        |
| Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc                    | USD        | 33,151           | 0.2        |
| Emerson Electric Co                           | USD        | 33,129           | 0.2        |
| Becton Dickinson and Co                       | USD        | 33,110           | 0.2        |
| AIA Group Ltd                                 | HKD        | 33,095           | 0.2        |
| Nintendo Co Ltd                               | JPY        | 33,078           | 0.2        |
| Zoetis Inc                                    | USD        | 33,054           | 0.2        |
| Cellnex Telecom SA                            | EUR        | 32,950           | 0.2        |
| Ferguson plc                                  | GBP        | 32,728           | 0.2        |
| Automatic Data Processing Inc                 | USD        | 32,689           | 0.2        |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group plc                   | GBP        | 32,338           | 0.2        |
| Comcast Corp                                  | USD        | 32,233           | 0.2        |
| Canadian Pacific Kansas City                  | USD        | 32,063           | 0.2        |
| Swiss Life Holding AG                         | CHF        | 32,035           | 0.2        |
| CME Group Inc                                 | USD        | 31,838           | 0.2        |
| Xiaomi Corp                                   | HKD        | 31,830           | 0.:        |
| Intuitive Surgical Inc                        | USD        | 31,762           | 0.3        |
| Netflix Inc                                   | USD        | 31,734           | 0.3        |
| Dai-ichi Life Holdings Inc                    | JPY        | 31,508           | 0.3        |
| The TJX Cos Inc                               | USD        | 31,506           | 0.3        |
| Equinix Inc                                   | USD        | 31,351           | 0.3        |
| United Overseas Bank Ltd                      | SGD        | 31,298           | 0.3        |
| SMC Corp/Japan                                | JPY        | 31,134           | 0.3        |
| Swiss Re AG                                   | CHF        | 31,021           | 0.3        |
| Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG | EUR        | 30,758           | 0.3        |
| Analog Devices Inc                            | USD        | 30,737           | 0.3        |
| Mapletree Logistics Trust                     | SGD        | 30,689           | 0.3        |
| Ventas Inc                                    | USD        | 30,635           | 0.3        |
| Equinor ASA                                   | NOK        | 30,554           | 0.3        |
| Societe Generale SA                           | EUR        | 30,440           | 0.:        |
| Lowe's Cos Inc                                | USD        | 30,421           | 0.:        |
| The Charles Schwab Corp                       | USD        | 30,394           | 0.3        |
| Oriental Land Co Ltd/Japan                    | JPY        | 30,346           | 0.:        |
| Palo Alto Networks Inc                        | USD        | 29,898           | 0.:        |
| Applied Materials Inc                         | USD        | 29,637           | 0.:        |
| Mcdonald S Corp                               | USD        | 29,526           | 0.:        |
| Alphabet Inc                                  | USD        | 29,464           | 0.:        |
| Vodafone Group plc                            | GBP        | 28,932           | 0.:        |
| Booking Holdings Inc                          | USD        | 28,901           | 0.:        |
| Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc                 | USD        | 28,623           | 0.:        |
| Cisco Systems Inc                             | USD        | 28,538           | 0.:        |
| NAVER Corp                                    | KRW        | 28,498           | 0.3        |
| Natwest Group plc                             | GBP        | 28,454           | 0.3        |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp                     | USD        | 28,439           | 0.3        |
| Honda Motor Co Ltd                            | JPY        | 28,241           | 0.3        |
| Denso Corp                                    | JPY        | 28,081           | 0.3        |
| Apple Inc                                     | USD        | 27,886           | 0.3        |
| Orsted A/S                                    | DKK        | 27,867           | 0.1        |
| Haleon plc<br>Bridgestone Corp                | GBP<br>JPY | 27,795<br>27,450 | 0.:<br>0.: |

| (amounts x € 1)                             |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NA\ |
| Equity instruments                          |     |              |          |
| Standard Chartered plc                      | GBP | 27,425       | 0.3      |
| Sony Corp                                   | JPY | 27,383       | 0.3      |
| Michelin (CGDE)                             | EUR | 27,266       | 0.3      |
| Ashtead Group plc                           | GBP | 27,230       | 0.3      |
| Tesla Inc                                   | USD | 26,993       | 0.3      |
| Schlumberger Ltd                            | USD | 26,806       | 0.3      |
| Oracle Corp                                 | USD | 26,724       | 0.3      |
| DSV PANALPINA A/S                           | DKK | 26,558       | 0.3      |
| Orange SA                                   | EUR | 26,492       | 0.:      |
| Woodside Energy Group Ltd                   | AUD | 25,844       | 0.:      |
| Panasonic Corp                              | JPY | 25,108       | 0.:      |
| NVIDIA Corp                                 | USD | 24,208       | 0.:      |
| Japan Post Holdings Co Ltd                  | JPY | 24,068       | 0.:      |
| Genmab A/S                                  | DKK | 23,994       | 0.3      |
| Microsoft Corp                              | USD | 23,829       | 0.:      |
| Astellas Pharma Inc                         | JPY | 22,475       | 0.:      |
| Broadcom Inc                                | USD | 22,231       | 0.:      |
| United Parcel Service Inc                   | USD | 21,066       | 0.:      |
| RELX plc                                    | EUR | 20,740       | 0.:      |
| ING Groep NV                                | EUR | 20,438       | 0.:      |
| Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc                   | HKD | 15,192       | 0.:      |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd                  | KRW | 9,546        | 0.0      |
| CRH plc                                     | GBP | 6,431        | 0.0      |
| Veralto Corp                                | USD | 4,021        | 0.0      |
| Mandatum Oyj                                | EUR | 4,009        | 0.0      |
| Total Equity instruments                    |     | 6,310,676    | 30.0     |
| Bonds                                       |     |              |          |
| Bonos Y Oblig Del Estado                    | EUR | 1,428,159    | 6.8      |
| Belgium Kingdom                             | EUR | 1,318,687    | 6.3      |
| Bundesrepublik Deutschland                  | EUR | 1,289,287    | 6.3      |
| Government of France                        | EUR | 1,267,537    | 6.0      |
| Netherlands Government                      | EUR | 1,055,531    | 5.0      |
| Buoni Poliennali Del Tes                    | EUR | 986,339      | 4.       |
| Deutsche Bahn Fin GmbH 1.125% 29 May 2051   | EUR | 350,149      | 1.       |
| Novartis Finance SA 0% 23/9/2028            | EUR | 309,178      | 1.       |
| Thermo Fisher Sc Fnce I 0.8% 18 Oct 2030    | EUR | 285,148      | 1.4      |
| Comcast Corp                                | EUR | 278,196      | 1.3      |
| Anheuser Busch Inbev SA/NV 3.7% 02 Apr 2040 | EUR | 268,545      | 1.3      |
| Morgan Stanley 1.875% 27/4/2027             | EUR | 264,438      | 1.3      |
| Bayer AG                                    | EUR | 261,353      | 1.2      |
| Citigroup Inc 1.5% 24/7/2026                | EUR | 252,170      | 1.7      |
| DH Europe Finance 0.75% 18/9/2031           | EUR | 250,927      | 1.3      |
| IBM Corp 0.65% 11 Feb 2032                  | EUR | 247,915      | 1        |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1% 23 Mar 2030          | EUR | 238,523      | 1.:      |
| Bank of America Corp 1% 27 Apr 2033         | EUR | 208,963      | 1.0      |
| Fresenius Se & Co KGaA 0.75% 15/1/2028      | EUR | 207,512      | 1.0      |
| RCI Banque SA 1.625% 26/5/2026              | EUR | 197,262      | 0.9      |
| Credit Suisse Group AG 3.25% 2/4/2026       | EUR | 190,342      | 0.9      |
| E.ON SE                                     | EUR | 187,452      | 0.9      |

| (amounts x € 1)                                 |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Bonds   |     |              |          |
| Obrigacoes Do Tesouro                           | EUR | 181,214      | 0.9      |
| Barclays plc                                    | EUR | 181,008      | 0.9      |
| Deutsche Post AG 1.625% 5/12/2028               | EUR | 176,461      | 0.8      |
| AT&T Inc 1.6% 19/5/2028                         | EUR | 156,077      | 0.7      |
| Wuerth Finance INTL BV 0.75% 22/11/2027         | EUR | 154,516      | 0.7      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1.09% 11/3/2027             | EUR | 136,895      | 0.7      |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Finl Grp 1.546% 15/6/2026       | EUR | 135,302      | 0.6      |
| Fresenius Medical Care A 1.5% 29/5/2030         | EUR | 123,177      | 0.6      |
| Heidelberg Materials AG                         | EUR | 121,435      | 0.6      |
| Deutsche Post AG                                | EUR | 116,058      | 0.6      |
| Heidelbergcement Fin Lux 1.75% 24/4/2028        | EUR | 109,812      | 0.5      |
| Volkswagen Leasing GmbH 0.01% 19 Jul 2024       | EUR | 108,707      | 0.5      |
| Stellantis NV                                   | EUR | 103,973      | 0.5      |
| Natwest Markets plc 0.125% 18 Jun 2026          | EUR | 103,864      | 0.5      |
| Bank of America Corp 0.58% 8/8/2029             | EUR | 99,319       | 0.5      |
| Wells Fargo & Company 1% 04 May 2030            | EUR | 99,245       | 0.5      |
| Continental AG 2.5% 27/8/2026                   | EUR | 97,914       | 0.5      |
| KNORR-Bremse AG 1.125% 13/6/2025                | EUR | 97,137       | 0.5      |
| Goldman Sachs Group Inc 3.375% 27/3/2025        | EUR | 96,828       | 0.4      |
| Siemens Financieringsmat 1.375% 6/9/2030        | EUR | 91,937       | 0.4      |
| Morgan Stanley 1% 29 Oct 2027                   | EUR | 91,870       | 0.4      |
| Deutsche Telekom AG 0.5% 5/7/2027               | EUR | 91,512       | 0.4      |
| OMV AG 0.75% 16 Jun 2030                        | EUR | 87,085       | 0.3      |
| Credit Suisse Group AG 1.25% 17/7/2025          | EUR | 82,607       | 0.3      |
| E.ON SE 0.35% 28/2/2030                         | EUR | 50,191       | 0.2      |
| Nestle Finance INTL LTD 1.75% 2/11/2037         | EUR | 46,855       | 0.2      |
| Credit Agricole SA 2.625% 17/3/2027             | EUR | 43,706       | 0.2      |
| Verizon Communications 2.875% 15/1/2038         | EUR | 40,739       | 0.2      |
| ENEL Finance Intl NV 1.966% 27/1/2025           | EUR | 40,298       | 0.2      |
| Apple Inc 1.625% 10/11/2026                     | EUR | 38,879       | 0.2      |
| Shell International Finance BV 0.375% 15/2/2025 | EUR | 36,830       | 0.2      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1.5% 29/10/2026             | EUR | 35,483       | 0.2      |
| Wells Fargo & Company 2% 27/4/2026              | EUR | 32,881       | 0.2      |
| Anheuser-Busch Inbev SA/NV 1.5% 18/4/2030       | EUR | 32,285       | 0.2      |
| Ford Motor Credit Co LLC 3.021% 6/3/2024        | EUR | 24,929       | 0.1      |
| Total bonds                                     |     | 14,610,642   | 69.4     |
| Total investments                               |     | 20,921,318   | 99.4     |

# 3. Receivables

| 2023    | 2022                     |
|---------|--------------------------|
| 9,254   | 9,070                    |
| 2,468   | 1,564                    |
| 92,923  | 89,605                   |
| 104,645 | 100,239                  |
|         | 9,254<br>2,468<br>92,923 |

# 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023        | 2022        |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Opening balance                     | 20,957,004  | 22,743,924  |  |
| Issue of shares                     | -           | 1,829,680   |  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (1,642,887) | -           |  |
| Distribution                        | (273,020)   | (258,440)   |  |
| Interest income                     | 160,905     | 153,194     |  |
| Interest expense                    | -           | (710)       |  |
| Dividend income                     | 183,813     | 187,546     |  |
| Changes in the value of investments | 1,716,165   | (3,638,184) |  |
| Management fee                      | (58,042)    | (61,839)    |  |
| Exchange rate differences           | (851)       | 1,655       |  |
| Other income                        | 48          | 178         |  |
| Closing balance                     | 21,043,135  | 20,957,004  |  |

## 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023  | 202   |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Management costs payable | 4,949 | 5,113 |
| Dividend tax payable     | 4,975 | 6,329 |
| Total                    | 9,924 | 11,44 |

#### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 58,042 (same period in 2022: € 61,839).

#### 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset.

The Investment Manager may attempt to mitigate this risk by using financial derivative instruments. In accordance with each Sub-Fund's policy, the Investment Manager monitors each Sub-Fund's currency exposures on a daily basis and reports monthly to the designated person and to the Board of Directors, which reviews the information provided by the Investment Manager on any significant exposures at its periodic meetings.

The fund has investments denominated in foreign currency and is therefore exposed to significant currency risk.

| (amounts x € 1)  Currency | 202        | 3               | 2          | 022             |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
|                           | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Euro                      | 15,688,633 | 74.6            | 15,791,044 | 75.3            |
| US dollar                 | 2,835,892  | 13.5            | 2,629,283  | 12.4            |
| Japanese Yen              | 763,982    | 3.6             | 936,896    | 4.5             |
| Pound sterling            | 408,736    | 1.9             | 328,251    | 1.6             |
| Swiss Franc               | 366,634    | 1.7             | 289,174    | 1.4             |
| Australian dollar         | 257,139    | 1.2             | 280,255    | 1.3             |
| Swedish Krona             | 168,070    | 0.8             | 44,746     | 0.2             |
| Hong Kong dollar          | 140,235    | 0.7             | 160,019    | 0.8             |
| Danish Krone              | 114,969    | 0.5             | 137,145    | 0.7             |
| Singapore Dollar          | 101,170    | 0.5             | 138,502    | 0.7             |
| Korean Won                | 74,894     | 0.4             | 94,979     | 0.5             |
| Norwegian Krone           | 69,307     | 0.3             | 29,877     | 0.1             |
| Canadian dollar           | 52,807     | 0.3             | 96,091     | 0.5             |
| South-African Rand        | 667        | 0.0             | 742        | 0.0             |
| Total                     | 21,043,135 | 100.0           | 20,957,004 | 100.0           |

A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)  Currency |         | 2023           | 2022    |                |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|
|                           | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV |
| US dollar                 | 141,795 | 0.7            | 131,464 | 0.6            |
| Japanese Yen              | 38,199  | 0.2            | 46,845  | 0.2            |
| Pound sterling            | 20,437  | 0.1            | 16,413  | 0.1            |
| Swiss Franc               | 18,332  | 0.1            | 14,459  | 0.1            |
| Australian dollar         | 12,857  | 0.1            | 14,013  | 0.1            |
| Swedish Krona             | 8,404   | 0.0            | 2,237   | 0.0            |
| Hong Kong dollar          | 7,012   | 0.0            | 8,001   | 0.0            |
| Danish Krone              | 5,748   | 0.0            | 6,857   | 0.0            |
| Singapore Dollar          | 5,059   | 0.0            | 6,925   | 0.0            |
| Korean Won                | 3,745   | 0.0            | 4,749   | 0.0            |
| Norwegian Krone           | 3,465   | 0.0            | 1,494   | 0.0            |
| Canadian dollar           | 2,640   | 0.0            | 4,805   | 0.0            |
| South-African Rand        | 33      | 0.0            | 37      | 0.0            |

### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

## Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023       |         | 2022       |         |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                             |            | % of    |            | % of    |
| Sector                      | Amount     | the NAV | Amount     | the NAV |
| Government                  | 7,526,753  | 35.7    | 7,543,008  | 36.0    |
| Financial                   | 4,571,198  | 21.7    | 4,733,063  | 22.6    |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 3,074,382  | 14.6    | 3,468,617  | 16.6    |
| Industrial                  | 1,736,288  | 8.3     | 1,674,366  | 8.0     |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 1,170,258  | 5.6     | 926,240    | 4.4     |
| Technology                  | 1,150,138  | 5.5     | 930,146    | 4.4     |
| Communications              | 1,093,708  | 5.2     | 988,524    | 4.7     |
| Utilities                   | 305,809    | 1.5     | 307,030    | 1.5     |
| Energy                      | 240,321    | 1.1     | 214,347    | 1.0     |
| Basic Materials             | 52,463     | 0.2     | 61,525     | 0.3     |
| Total                       | 20,921,318 | 99.4    | 20,846,866 | 99.5    |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |
| Government                  | 376,338 | 1.8             | 377,150 | 1.8             |
| Financial                   | 228,560 | 1.1             | 236,653 | 1.1             |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 153,719 | 0.7             | 173,431 | 0.8             |
| Industrial                  | 86,814  | 0.4             | 83,718  | 0.4             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 58,513  | 0.3             | 46,312  | 0.2             |
| Technology                  | 57,507  | 0.3             | 46,507  | 0.2             |
| Communications              | 54,685  | 0.3             | 49,426  | 0.2             |
| Utilities                   | 15,290  | 0.1             | 15,352  | 0.1             |
| Energy                      | 12,016  | 0.1             | 10,717  | 0.1             |
| Basic Materials             | 2,623   | 0.0             | 3,076   | 0.0             |

# Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023       | 2022            |            |                 |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| United states of America | 6,082,549  | 28.9            | 5,527,897  | 26.4            |
| Germany                  | 3,858,711  | 18.3            | 3,750,233  | 17.9            |
| France                   | 1,761,982  | 8.4             | 1,683,229  | 8.0             |
| Belgium                  | 1,619,517  | 7.7             | 1,719,820  | 8.2             |
| Spain                    | 1,609,205  | 7.7             | 1,383,180  | 6.6             |
| Netherlands              | 1,267,858  | 6.0             | 997,563    | 4.8             |
| Italy                    | 1,064,482  | 5.1             | 1,564,135  | 7.5             |
| Japan                    | 897,656    | 4.3             | 1,063,991  | 5.1             |
| Switzerland              | 839,991    | 4.0             | 803,957    | 3.8             |
| United Kingdom           | 571,952    | 2.7             | 849,111    | 4.1             |
| Australia                | 252,462    | 1.2             | 362,433    | 1.7             |
| Portugal                 | 181,214    | 0.9             | 173,362    | 0.8             |
| Sweden                   | 129,985    | 0.6             | 43,782     | 0.2             |
| Canada                   | 121,094    | 0.6             | 95,231     | 0.5             |
| Denmark                  | 114,380    | 0.5             | 135,782    | 0.7             |
| Singapore                | 100,546    | 0.5             | 166,038    | 0.8             |
| Hong Kong                | 91,049     | 0.4             | 88,779     | 0.4             |
| Austria                  | 87,085     | 0.4             | 122,285    | 0.6             |
| Finland                  | 80,466     | 0.4             | 79,765     | 0.4             |
| Korea                    | 74,745     | 0.4             | 94,786     | 0.5             |
| Norway                   | 67,367     | 0.3             | 28,342     | 0.1             |
| China                    | 47,022     | 0.2             | 113,165    | 0.5             |
| Total                    | 20,921,318 | 99.4            | 20,846,866 | 99.5            |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                 |  |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Country                  | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| United states of America | 304,127 | 1.4             | 276,395 | 1.3             |  |
| Germany                  | 192,936 | 0.9             | 187,512 | 0.9             |  |
| France                   | 88,099  | 0.4             | 84,161  | 0.4             |  |
| Belgium                  | 80,976  | 0.4             | 85,991  | 0.4             |  |
| Spain                    | 80,460  | 0.4             | 69,159  | 0.3             |  |
| Netherlands              | 63,393  | 0.3             | 49,878  | 0.2             |  |
| Italy                    | 53,224  | 0.3             | 78,207  | 0.4             |  |
| Japan                    | 44,883  | 0.2             | 53,200  | 0.3             |  |
| Switzerland              | 42,000  | 0.2             | 40,198  | 0.2             |  |
| United Kingdom           | 28,598  | 0.1             | 42,456  | 0.2             |  |
| Australia                | 12,623  | 0.1             | 18,122  | 0.1             |  |
| Portugal                 | 9,061   | 0.0             | 8,668   | 0.0             |  |
| Sweden                   | 6,499   | 0.0             | 2,189   | 0.0             |  |
| Canada                   | 6,055   | 0.0             | 4,762   | 0.0             |  |
| Denmark                  | 5,719   | 0.0             | 6,789   | 0.0             |  |
| Singapore                | 5,027   | 0.0             | 8,302   | 0.0             |  |
| Hong Kong                | 4,552   | 0.0             | 4,439   | 0.0             |  |
| Austria                  | 4,354   | 0.0             | 6,114   | 0.0             |  |
| Finland                  | 4,023   | 0.0             | 3,988   | 0.0             |  |
| Korea                    | 3,737   | 0.0             | 4,739   | 0.0             |  |
| Norway                   | 3,368   | 0.0             | 1,417   | 0.0             |  |
| China                    | 2,351   | 0.0             | 5,658   | 0.0             |  |

#### Interest rate risk

The company invests in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its debt securities and cash including margin cash held with brokers and may have an indirect exposure to interest rate risk through investments into financial derivative instruments whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates, the effect being greater the longer the maturity of the security.

| (amounts x € 1)              | <=1 year | <=5 years | >5 years  | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2023 |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |          |           |           |                            |            |
| Investments                  | 133,636  | 4,763,186 | 9,713,820 | 6,310,676                  | 20,921,318 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 27,096   | -         | -         | -                          | 27,096     |
| Receivables                  | -        | -         | -         | 104,645                    | 104,645    |
| Total assets                 | 160,732  | 4,763,186 | 9,713,820 | 6,415,321                  | 21,053,059 |
| LIABILITIES                  |          |           |           |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -        | -         | -         | 9,924                      | 9,924      |
| Equity                       |          |           |           |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -        | -         | -         | 21,043,135                 | 21,043,135 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -        | -         | -         | 21,053,059                 | 21,053,059 |
| Total                        | 160,732  | 4,763,186 | 9,713,820 | (14,637,738)               |            |

| (amounts x € 1)              | <=1 year | <=5 years | >5 years   | Not<br>Interest bearing | Total 2022 |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
|                              |          |           |            |                         |            |
| ASSETS                       |          |           |            |                         |            |
| Investments                  | 233,610  | 4,191,317 | 10,166,213 | 6,255,726               | 20,846,866 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 21,341   | -         | -          | -                       | 21,341     |
| Receivables                  | -        | -         | -          | 100,239                 | 100,239    |
| Total assets                 | 254,951  | 4,191,317 | 10,166,213 | 6,355,965               | 20,968,446 |
| LIABILITIES                  |          |           |            |                         |            |
| Other payables               | -        | -         | -          | 11,442                  | 11,442     |
| Shares                       | -        | -         | -          | 20,957,004              | 20,957,004 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -        | -         | -          | 20,968,446              | 20,968,446 |
| Total                        | 254,951  | 4,191,317 | 10,166,213 | (14,612,481)            | -          |

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023              |         | 2022              |         |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|                 | Modified Duration | Amount  | Modified Duration | Amount  |
| Bonds           | 5.88              | 859,233 | 6.17              | 900,826 |

The modified duration expresses the bonds value's sensitivity to a 100 basis point change in interest rates. The effect on the amount is the opposite to the change in interest rate. If the interest rate increases (decreases) the amount of the bonds will decrease (increase). The higher the modified duration, the higher the (opposite) effect on the amount of the bonds.

#### Portfolio distribution by coupon rate

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%      | 1-3%      | 3-5%      | >5% | Total 2023   |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|--------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 8,629,107 | 4,726,678 | 1,254,857 |     | - 14,610,642 |

| (amounts x €1)  | 0-1%      | 1-3%      | 3-5%    | >5% | Total 2022 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 8,351,949 | 5,468,743 | 770,448 | -   | 14,591,140 |

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 14,742,383 (2022: € 14,712,720).

#### Portfolio distribution by credit rating

The fund invests in monetary financial instruments and is consequently exposed to significant credit risk. The table below shows the concentrations of credit risk of the investments in bonds.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       |                | 20         | 22             |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Credit rating   | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV |
| AAA             | 2,344,817  | 11.1           | 2,374,790  | 11.3           |
| AA              | 3,331,286  | 15.8           | 3,725,471  | 17.8           |
| A               | 4,759,202  | 22.6           | 3,614,198  | 17.2           |
| BBB             | 3,795,734  | 18.1           | 4,589,842  | 21.9           |
| ВВ              | -          | -              | 24,563     | 0.1            |
| No rating       | 379,603    | 1.8            | 262,276    | 1.3            |
| Total           | 14,610,642 | 69.4           | 14,591,140 | 69.6           |

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

### 8. Cost section

### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is
  determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 20,728,958 | 22,080,222 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 58,042     | 61,839     |
| OCF                             | 0.28%      | 0.28%      |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 58,042 | 0.28% | 0.28%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF. Portfolio Turnover ratio

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 – Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 49.1% is calculated using this formula (2022: 56.3%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.5 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

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# **General Information**

## **Investment policy**

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| (amounts x € 1)                | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup> |            |            |            |            |            |
| Changes in the value of        |            |            |            |            |            |
| investments                    | 5.23       | (10.59)    | 7.44       | (0.86)     | 7.29       |
| Direct returns                 | 1.27       | 1.31       | 1.26       | 1.19       | 1.36       |
| Total operating income         | 6.50       | (9.28)     | 8.70       | 0.33       | 8.65       |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Management costs and interest  |            |            |            |            |            |
| charges                        | (0.19)     | (0.20)     | (0.20)     | (0.18)     | (0.19)     |
| Other expenses                 | -          | -          | -          | (0.01)     | (0.01)     |
| Total operating expenses       | (0.19)     | (0.20)     | (0.20)     | (0.19)     | (0.20)     |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Distribution                   | 1.02       | 1.13       | 1.29       | 1.00       | 1.18       |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Fund assets                    | 27,890,324 | 28,036,118 | 30,782,803 | 23,783,053 | 23,249,132 |
| Number of outstanding shares   | 423,000    | 463,000    | 433,000    | 373,000    | 361,000    |
| Intrinsic value per share      | 65.93      | 60.55      | 71.09      | 63.76      | 64.40      |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Fund performance               | 10.67%     | -13.34%    | 13.59%     | 0.66%      | 15.54%     |
| Benchmark performance          | 11.82%     | -13.64%    | 14.27%     | 1.25%      | 16.29%     |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |

# 4.9 Adjusted Financial statements [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 51,396     | 33,940     |
| Investments                             |     |            |            |
| Equity instruments                      |     | 13,949,892 | 13,921,375 |
| Bonds                                   |     | 13,772,980 | 13,994,640 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 27,722,872 | 27,916,015 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 131,717    | 104,195    |
| Total assets                            |     | 27,905,985 | 28,054,150 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 15,661     | 18,032     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 27,890,324 | 28,036,118 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 27,905,985 | 28,054,150 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income. The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023      | 2022        |
|--|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |           |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 2,352,345 | (4,706,024) |
| Interest income  |     | 160,055   | 144,454     |
| Interest expenses  |     | -         | (617)       |
| Dividend income  |     | 412,007   | 438,428     |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |     | (1,739)   | 1,353       |
| Other income   |     | 43        | 276         |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 2,922,711 | (4,122,130) |
| Management costs   | {6} | (84,319)  | (86,970)    |
| Total expenses   |     | (84,319)  | (86,970)    |
| Distribution   | {4} | (456,360) | (502,990)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 2,382,032 | (4,712,090) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023        | 2022         |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |             |              |
| Purchases of investments                             | (8,797,484) | (13,724,368) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 11,342,972  | 11,642,077   |
| Interest received                                    | 141,841     | 134,032      |
| Interest paid  | -           | (617)        |
| Dividends received                                   | 361,155     | 396,423      |
| Dividend tax received                                | 4,386       | 998          |
| Management costs paid                                | (84,542)    | (87,462)     |
| Other income received                                | 42          | 276          |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | 2,968,370   | (1,638,641)  |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |             |              |
| Issue of shares                                      | -           | 3,331,933    |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (2,527,826) | (1,366,528)  |
| Distribution   | (421,226)   | (483,480)    |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | (2,949,052) | 1,481,925    |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | (1,862)     | 1,386        |
| Net cash flow  | 17,456      | (155,330)    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 33,940      | 189,270      |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 51,396      | 33,940       |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023        | 2022        |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 28,036,118  | 30,782,803  |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | -           | 3,331,933   |
| Redemption of shares   | (2,527,826) | (1,366,528) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 2,382,032   | (4,712,090) |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 27,890,324  | 28,036,118  |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |             |             |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 463,000     | 433,000     |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | -           | 50,000      |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (40,000)    | (20,000)    |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 423,000     | 463,000     |

## **Notes**

### Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023      | Average of 2023 | 2022      | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                  |           |                 |           |                 |
| AUD              | 1.6189    | 1.6316          | 1.5738    | 1.5189          |
| CAD              | 1.4566    | 1.4590          | 1.4461    | 1.3710          |
| CHF              | 0.9297    | 0.9701          | 0.9874    | 1.0020          |
| DKK              | 7.4546    | 7.4512          | 7.4364    | 7.4391          |
| GBP              | 0.8665    | 0.8678          | 0.8872    | 0.8549          |
| HKD              | 8.6257    | 8.4789          | 8.3298    | 8.2357          |
| JPY              | 155.7336  | 153.0848        | 140.8182  | 138.2474        |
| KRW              | 1422.6789 | 1417.6773       | 1349.5370 | 1353.7287       |
| NOK              | 11.2185   | 11.4435         | 10.5135   | 10.1164         |
| SEK              | 11.1325   | 11.4796         | 11.1202   | 10.6617         |
| SGD              | 1.4571    | 1.4525          | 1.4314    | 1.4488          |
| USD              | 1.1047    | 1.0828          | 1.0672    | 1.0515          |
| ZAR              | 20.2013   | 20.0325         | 18.1593   | 17.2517         |

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023         | 2022         |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Equity instruments                 |              |              |
| Opening balance                    | 13,921,375   | 15,966,662   |
| Purchases of investments           | 6,393,088    | 9,412,983    |
| Sales of investments               | (7,802,561)  | (9,204,316)  |
| Changes in value                   | 1,437,990    | (2,253,954)  |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 13,949,892   | 13,921,375   |
| Bonds                              |              |              |
| Opening balance                    | 13,994,640   | 14,573,086   |
| Purchases                          | 2,404,396    | 4,311,385    |
| Sales                              | (3,540,411)  | (2,437,761)  |
| Changes in value                   | 914,355      | (2,452,070)  |
| Closing balance bonds              | 13,772,980   | 13,994,640   |
| Total investments                  |              |              |
| Opening balance                    | 27,916,015   | 30,539,748   |
| Purchases                          | 8,797,484    | 13,724,368   |
| Sales                              | (11,342,972) | (11,642,077) |
| Changes in value                   | 2,352,345    | (4,706,024)  |
| Closing balance total investments  | 27,722,872   | 27,916,015   |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

## Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 27,722,872 | 27,916,015 |
| Total           | 27,722,872 | 27,916,015 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

# **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                            |     | 2023         |          |
|--|-----|--------------|----------|
|  |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                         |     |              |          |
| Prologis Inc                               | USD | 361,774      | 1.3      |
| Vonovia SE                                 | EUR | 195,442      | 0.7      |
| Public Storage                             | USD | 154,895      | 0.6      |
| Simon Property Group Inc                   | USD | 136,616      | 0.5      |
| Realty Income Corp                         | USD | 127,508      | 0.5      |
| Link REIT                                  | HKD | 126,511      | 0.5      |
| Welltower Inc                              | USD | 123,992      | 0.4      |
| Extra Space Storage Inc                    | USD | 120,177      | 0.4      |
| AvalonBay Communities Inc                  | USD | 111,351      | 0.4      |
| Truist Financial Corp                      | USD | 109,726      | 0.4      |
| National Australia Bank Ltd                | AUD | 109,230      | 0.4      |
| Legrand SA                                 | EUR | 107,180      | 0.4      |
| Digital Realty Trust Inc                   | USD | 107,089      | 0.4      |
| US Bancorp                                 | USD | 107,000      | 0.4      |
| VICI Properties Inc                        | USD | 104,877      | 0.4      |
| Michelin (CGDE)                            | EUR | 103,190      | 0.4      |
| Verizon Communications Inc                 | USD | 103,102      | 0.4      |
| Colgate-Palmolive Co                       | USD | 101,888      | 0.4      |
| Zurich Insurance Group AG                  | CHF | 101,658      | 0.4      |
| Atlas Copco AB A Shs                       | SEK | 101,036      | 0.4      |
| Goodman Group                              | AUD | 100,660      | 0.4      |
| Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd                      | JPY | 100,409      | 0.4      |
| Hexagon AB B Shs                           | SEK | 98,216       | 0.4      |
| Partners Group Holding AG                  | CHF | 96,546       | 0.3      |
| National Grid plc                          | GBP | 96,505       | 0.3      |
| Intel Corp                                 | USD | 96,256       | 0.3      |
| Equity Residential                         | USD | 95,672       | 0.3      |
| Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft |     |              |          |
| AG   | EUR | 95,651       | 0.3      |
| AXA SA                                     | EUR | 95,164       | 0.3      |
| Legal & General Group plc                  | GBP | 94,140       | 0.3      |
| Amgen Inc                                  | USD | 94,125       | 0.3      |
| Givaudan SA                                | CHF | 93,683       | 0.3      |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd  | AUD | 93,600       | 0.3      |
| Tokio Marine Holdings Inc                  | JPY | 92,999       | 0.3      |
| Recruit Holdings Co Ltd                    | JPY | 92,661       | 0.3      |
| Deutsche Boerse AG                         | EUR | 92,131       | 0.3      |
| Roche Holding AG                           | CHF | 92,043       | 0.3      |
| Geberit AG Reg                             | CHF | 91,599       | 0.3      |
| Norfolk Southern Corp                      | USD | 91,586       | 0.3      |
| SAP SE                                     | EUR | 91,220       | 0.3      |
| PepsiCo Inc                                | USD | 91,174       | 0.3      |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd           | SGD | 90,822       | 0.3      |
| Sandvik AB                                 | SEK | 90,806       | 0.3      |
| Invitation Homes Inc                       | USD | 90,567       | 0.3      |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co Ltd                   | JPY | 89,231       | 0.3      |
| Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd                | JPY | 87,983       | 0.3      |
| ASML Holding NV                            | EUR | 87,939       | 0.3      |
| Terumo Corp                                | JPY | 87,790       | 0.3      |

| (amounts x € 1)               |     | 2023         |          |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                               |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments            |     |              |          |
| S&P Global Inc                | USD | 87,733       | 0.3      |
| Sun Communities Inc           | USD | 87,233       | 0.3      |
| Bank of Montreal              | CAD | 86,321       | 0.3      |
| Costco Wholesale Corp         | USD | 85,449       | 0.3      |
| Abbott Laboratories           | USD | 85,095       | 0.3      |
| Accenture plc                 | USD | 84,817       | 0.3      |
| EssilorLuxottica SA           | EUR | 84,626       | 0.3      |
| Hoya Corp                     | JPY | 83,522       | 0.3      |
| Camden Property Trust         | USD | 82,693       | 0.3      |
| Adidas AG                     | EUR | 82,320       | 0.3      |
| FUJIFILM Holdings Corp        | JPY | 82,046       | 0.3      |
| Shopify Inc                   | USD | 81,874       | 0.3      |
| Intercontinental Exchange Inc | USD | 81,733       | 0.3      |
| LAM Research Corp             | USD | 81,542       | 0.3      |
| Analog Devices Inc            | USD | 80,707       | 0.3      |
| Amadeus IT Group SA           | EUR | 80,516       | 0.3      |
| Emerson Electric Co           | USD | 80,444       | 0.3      |
| Automatic Data Processing Inc | USD | 80,142       | 0.3      |
| Ferguson plc                  | GBP | 79,035       | 0.3      |
| Essex Property Trust Inc      | USD | 78,558       | 0.3      |
| Sika AG Reg                   | CHF | 78,307       | 0.3      |
| UDR Inc                       | USD | 77,713       | 0.3      |
| Dai-ichi Life Holdings Inc    | JPY | 77,695       | 0.3      |
| Medtronic plc                 | USD | 77,335       | 0.3      |
| Nintendo Co Ltd               | JPY | 77,307       | 0.3      |
| Industria de Diseno Textil SA | EUR | 77,283       | 0.3      |
| Applied Materials Inc         | USD | 77,026       | 0.3      |
| Intuit Inc                    | USD | 76,951       | 0.3      |
| T-Mobile US Inc               | USD | 76,925       | 0.3      |
| Broadcom Inc                  | USD | 76,798       | 0.3      |
| Warehouses De Pauw CVA        | EUR | 76,722       | 0.3      |
| Publicis Groupe               | EUR | 76,524       | 0.3      |
| Lowe's Cos Inc                | USD | 76,356       | 0.3      |
| Comcast Corp                  | USD | 76,057       | 0.3      |
| The TJX Cos Inc               | USD | 76,006       | 0.3      |
| Transurban Group              | AUD | 74,906       | 0.3      |
| Telstra Corp Ltd              | AUD | 74,817       | 0.3      |
| SK Hynix Inc                  | KRW | 74,595       | 0.3      |
| Adobe Inc                     | USD | 74,531       | 0.3      |
| Universal Music Group NV      | EUR | 74,410       | 0.3      |
| Eli Lilly & Co                | USD | 74,405       | 0.3      |
| Canon Inc                     | JPY | 74,383       | 0.3      |
| The Toronto-Dominion Bank     | CAD | 74,182       | 0.3      |
| Fujitsu Ltd                   | JPY | 74,180       | 0.3      |
| The Procter & Gamble Co       | USD | 74,155       | 0.3      |
| NVIDIA Corp                   | USD | 73,970       | 0.3      |
| Danaher Corp                  | USD | 73,717       | 0.3      |
| Danone SA                     | EUR | 73,643       | 0.3      |
| The Charles Schwab Corp       | USD | 73,555       | 0.3      |
| Tesco plc                     | GBP | 73,191       | 0.3      |
| ServiceNow Inc                | USD | 72,910       | 0.3      |

| (amounts x € 1)                    |     | 2023         |          |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                                    |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                 |     |              |          |
| STMicroelectronics NV              | EUR | 72,065       | 0.3      |
| Netflix Inc                        | USD | 71,843       | 0.3      |
| Xiaomi Corp                        | HKD | 71,550       | 0.3      |
| Boston Scientific Corp             | USD | 71,540       | 0.3      |
| Canadian Pacific Kansas City       | USD | 71,355       | 0.3      |
| Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp  | JPY | 71,109       | 0.3      |
| RELX plc                           | EUR | 71,031       | 0.3      |
| DBS Group Holdings Ltd             | SGD | 71,009       | 0.3      |
| Denso Corp                         | JPY | 70,912       | 0.3      |
| Alcon Inc                          | CHF | 70,742       | 0.3      |
| Ventas Inc                         | USD | 70,655       | 0.3      |
| ConocoPhillips                     | USD | 70,610       | 0.3      |
| Veolia Environnement               | EUR | 70,486       | 0.3      |
| Cigna Corp                         | USD | 69,668       | 0.3      |
| Fiserv Inc                         | USD | 69,628       | 0.2      |
| ASM International NV               | EUR | 69,553       | 0.2      |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Bank A      | SEK | 69,210       | 0.2      |
| Sony Corp                          | JPY | 68,542       | 0.2      |
| Becton Dickinson and Co            | USD | 67,764       | 0.2      |
| Intuitive Surgical Inc             | USD | 67,493       | 0.2      |
| HSBC Holdings plc                  | GBP | 66,929       | 0.2      |
| Vodafone Group plc                 | GBP | 66,744       | 0.2      |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         | KRW | 66,655       | 0.2      |
| Nippon Prologis REIT Inc           | JPY | 66,223       | 0.2      |
| Telefonica SA                      | EUR | 65,870       | 0.2      |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd | HKD | 65,868       | 0.2      |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp          | USD | 65,023       | 0.2      |
| GSK plc                            | GBP | 65,002       | 0.2      |
| Natwest Group plc                  | GBP | 64,906       | 0.2      |
| Micron Technology Inc              | USD | 64,740       | 0.2      |
| AIA Group Ltd                      | HKD | 64,660       | 0.2      |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA | EUR | 64,368       | 0.2      |
| Ashtead Group plc                  | GBP | 64,105       | 0.2      |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc             | USD | 63,864       | 0.2      |
| Ford Motor Co                      | USD | 63,706       | 0.2      |
| Advanced Micro Devices Inc         | USD | 63,253       | 0.2      |
| Dexus                              | AUD | 63,237       | 0.2      |
| Cisco Systems Inc                  | USD | 63,204       | 0.2      |
| DSV PANALPINA A/S                  | DKK | 63,135       | 0.2      |
| Alphabet Inc                       | USD | 62,975       | 0.2      |
| Compass Group plc                  | GBP | 62,781       | 0.2      |
| Panasonic Corp                     | JPY | 62,520       | 0.2      |
| DNB Bank ASA                       | NOK | 62,479       | 0.2      |
| Nordea Bank Abp                    | SEK | 62,346       | 0.2      |
| CME Group Inc                      | USD | 62,342       | 0.2      |
| Microsoft Corp                     | USD | 61,615       | 0.2      |
| Astellas Pharma Inc                | JPY | 61,471       | 0.2      |
| American Express Co                | USD | 61,223       | 0.2      |
| SoftBank Group Corp                | JPY | 61,017       | 0.2      |
| London Stock Exchange Group plc    | GBP | 60,897       | 0.2      |

| (amounts x € 1)                             |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NA\ |
| Equity instruments                          |     |              |          |
| Orange SA                                   | EUR | 60,577       | 0.2      |
| Societe Generale SA                         | EUR | 60,495       | 0.2      |
| Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc               | USD | 60,426       | 0.2      |
| United Parcel Service Inc                   | USD | 60,208       | 0.2      |
| NAVER Corp                                  | KRW | 60,146       | 0.2      |
| Sanofi                                      | EUR | 60,049       | 0.2      |
| BNP Paribas SA                              | EUR | 59,773       | 0.2      |
| Schlumberger Ltd                            | USD | 59,170       | 0.2      |
| UniCredit SpA                               | EUR | 59,054       | 0.2      |
| Synopsys Inc                                | USD | 58,732       | 0.2      |
| Woodside Energy Group Ltd                   | AUD | 58,728       | 0.2      |
| CaixaBank SA                                | EUR | 58,722       | 0.2      |
| Novartis AG                                 | CHF | 57,692       | 0.2      |
| AstraZeneca plc                             | GBP | 57,371       | 0.2      |
| Oracle Corp                                 | USD | 56,597       | 0.2      |
| Equinor ASA                                 | NOK | 54,618       | 0.2      |
| ING Groep NV                                | EUR | 53,901       | 0.2      |
| Merck & Co Inc                              | USD | 52,899       | 0.2      |
| Tesla Inc                                   | USD | 50,387       | 0.2      |
| KBC Group NV                                | EUR | 48,503       | 0.2      |
| Shiseido Co Ltd                             | JPY | 47,098       | 0.2      |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical Co Ltd                | JPY | 47,013       | 0.2      |
| Honda Motor Co Ltd                          | JPY | 46,587       | 0.2      |
| Novo Nordisk A/S B                          | DKK | 41,205       | 0.:      |
| Prosus NV                                   | EUR | 38,831       | 0.:      |
| CRH plc                                     | GBP | 25,785       | 0.1      |
| Veralto Corp                                | USD | 8,713        | 0.0      |
| Sandoz Group AG                             | CHF | 4,308        | 0.0      |
| Total Equity instruments                    |     | 13,949,892   | 50.0     |
| Bonds                                       |     |              |          |
| Government of France                        | EUR | 1,900,408    | 6.8      |
| Buoni Poliennali Del Tes                    | EUR | 1,343,306    | 4.8      |
| Belgium Kingdom                             | EUR | 1,141,656    | 4.3      |
| Bundesrepublik Deutschland                  | EUR | 1,134,997    | 4.3      |
| Bonos Y Oblig Del Estado                    | EUR | 1,101,119    | 3.9      |
| Netherlands Government                      | EUR | 798,558      | 2.9      |
| Anheuser Busch Inbev SA/NV 3.7% 02 Apr 2040 | EUR | 385,393      | 1.4      |
| Nestle Finance INTL LTD 0.375% 12/5/2032    | EUR | 337,215      | 1.2      |
| Credit Suisse Group AG 3.25% 2/4/2026       | EUR | 319,219      | 1.3      |
| IBM Corp 0.65% 11 Feb 2032                  | EUR | 315,077      | 1.3      |
| Bank of America Corp 1% 27 Apr 2033         | EUR | 275,794      | 1.0      |
| Thermo Fisher Sc Fnce I 0.8% 18 Oct 2030    | EUR | 249,504      | 0.9      |
| DH Europe Finance 0.75% 18/9/2031           | EUR | 247,548      | 0.9      |
| Rabobank Nederland 1.375% 3/2/2027          | EUR | 243,703      | 0.9      |
| Bayer AG                                    | EUR | 234,172      | 0.8      |
| Deutsche Bahn Fin GmbH 1.125% 29 May 2051   | EUR | 232,164      | 0.8      |
| Barclays plc                                | EUR | 218,071      | 0.8      |
| Toronto Dominion Bank                       | EUR | 207,905      | 0.8      |

| (amounts x € 1)                                 |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Bonds   |     |              |          |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1% 23 Mar 2030              | EUR | 202,186      | 0.7      |
| OMV AG 1% 14/12/2026                            | EUR | 195,124      | 0.7      |
| E.ON SE 0.35% 28/2/2030                         | EUR | 173,541      | 0.6      |
| Morgan Stanley 1.875% 27/4/2027                 | EUR | 152,744      | 0.5      |
| Wells Fargo & Company 1% 04 May 2030            | EUR | 150,233      | 0.5      |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical 3% 21/11/2030             | EUR | 149,193      | 0.5      |
| Heidelberg Materials AG                         | EUR | 142,686      | 0.5      |
| Morgan Stanley 1% 29 Oct 2027                   | EUR | 137,805      | 0.5      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1.09% 11/3/2027             | EUR | 136,895      | 0.5      |
| EnBW Intl Finance BV 4% 24 Jan 2035             | EUR | 130,324      | 0.5      |
| Stellantis NV                                   | EUR | 129,966      | 0.5      |
| Heidelbergcement Fin Lux 1.75% 24/4/2028        | EUR | 128,910      | 0.5      |
| Deutsche Post AG 1.625% 5/12/2028               | EUR | 126,861      | 0.5      |
| AT&T Inc 1.6% 19/5/2028                         | EUR | 125,990      | 0.5      |
| RCI Banque SA 1.625% 26/5/2026                  | EUR | 123,528      | 0.4      |
| Nestle Finance INTL LTD 1.75% 2/11/2037         | EUR | 113,667      | 0.4      |
| Fresenius Medical Care A 1.5% 29/5/2030         | EUR | 112,768      | 0.4      |
| Fresenius Se & Co KGaA 1.875% 24 May 2025       | EUR | 107,706      | 0.4      |
| Intesa Sanpaolo SpA                             | EUR | 105,404      | 0.4      |
| Credit Agricole SA 2.625% 17/3/2027             | EUR | 83,527       | 0.3      |
| ENEL Finance Intl NV 1.966% 27/1/2025           | EUR | 78,631       | 0.3      |
| Apple Inc 1.625% 10/11/2026                     | EUR | 74,842       | 0.3      |
| Shell International Finance BV 0.375% 15/2/2025 | EUR | 71,722       | 0.3      |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Finl Grp 1.546% 15/6/2026       | EUR | 69,090       | 0.2      |
| Wells Fargo & Company 2% 27/4/2026              | EUR | 63,828       | 0.2      |
| Total bonds                                     |     | 13,772,980   | 49.4     |
| Total investments                               |     | 27,722,872   | 99.4     |

## 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023    | 2022    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Dividend receivable                 | 28,082  | 19,158  |
| Dividend withholding tax receivable | 5,759   | 5,375   |
| Accrued interest on bonds           | 97,876  | 79,662  |
| Total                               | 131,717 | 104,195 |

#### 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023        | 2022        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Opening balance                     | 28,036,118  | 30,782,803  |
| Issue of shares                     | -           | 3,331,933   |
| Purchase of shares                  | (2,527,826) | (1,366,528) |
| Distribution                        | (456,360)   | (502,990)   |
| Interest income                     | 160,055     | 144,454     |
| Interest expense                    | -           | (617)       |
| Dividend income                     | 412,007     | 438,428     |
| Changes in the value of investments | 2,352,345   | (4,706,024) |
| Management fee                      | (84,319)    | (86,970)    |
| Exchange rate differences           | (1,739)     | 1,353       |
| Other income                        | 43          | 276         |
| Closing balance                     | 27,890,324  | 28,036,118  |

#### 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023   | 2022   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Management costs payable | 7,108  | 7,330  |
| Dividend tax payable     | 8,553  | 10,702 |
| Total                    | 15,661 | 18,032 |

#### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 84,319 (same period in 2022: € 86,970).

#### 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Other price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset.

The fund has investments denominated in foreign currency and is therefore exposed to significant currency risk.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 202        | 3               | 2022       | :               |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Currency           | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Euro               | 16,298,552 | 58.4            | 16,563,708 | 59.0            |
| US dollar          | 6,307,411  | 22.6            | 6,041,894  | 21.6            |
| Japanese Yen       | 1,626,681  | 5.8             | 2,005,100  | 7.2             |
| Pound sterling     | 881,966    | 3.2             | 845,623    | 3.0             |
| Swiss Franc        | 687,511    | 2.5             | 630,875    | 2.3             |
| Australian dollar  | 582,347    | 2.1             | 654,263    | 2.3             |
| Swedish Krona      | 421,709    | 1.5             | 106,682    | 0.4             |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 332,880    | 1.2             | 387,987    | 1.4             |
| Korean Won         | 201,886    | 0.7             | 181,351    | 0.6             |
| Singapore Dollar   | 162,945    | 0.6             | 196,913    | 0.7             |
| Canadian dollar    | 162,181    | 0.6             | 195,502    | 0.7             |
| Norwegian Krone    | 117,573    | 0.4             | 74,750     | 0.3             |
| Danish Krone       | 106,095    | 0.4             | 150,817    | 0.5             |
| South-African Rand | 587        | 0.0             | 653        | 0.0             |
| Total              | 27,890,324 | 100.0           | 28,036,118 | 100.0           |

A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 202     | 3               | 2022    |                 |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Currency           | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |
| US dollar          | 315,371 | 1.1             | 302,095 | 1.1             |
| Japanese Yen       | 81,334  | 0.3             | 100,255 | 0.4             |
| Pound sterling     | 44,098  | 0.2             | 42,281  | 0.2             |
| Swiss Franc        | 34,376  | 0.1             | 31,544  | 0.1             |
| Australian dollar  | 29,117  | 0.1             | 32,713  | 0.1             |
| Swedish Krona      | 21,085  | 0.1             | 5,334   | 0.0             |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 16,644  | 0.1             | 19,399  | 0.1             |
| Korean Won         | 10,094  | 0.0             | 9,068   | 0.0             |
| Singapore Dollar   | 8,147   | 0.0             | 9,846   | 0.0             |
| Canadian dollar    | 8,109   | 0.0             | 9,775   | 0.0             |
| Norwegian Krone    | 5,879   | 0.0             | 3,738   | 0.0             |
| Danish Krone       | 5,305   | 0.0             | 7,541   | 0.0             |
| South-African Rand | 29      | 0.0             | 33      | 0.0             |

#### Market risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

### Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 7,805,047  | 28.0            | 6,977,078  | 24.9            |
| Government                  | 7,420,043  | 26.6            | 7,949,708  | 28.4            |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 4,684,123  | 16.8            | 5,151,259  | 18.4            |
| Technology                  | 2,170,581  | 7.8             | 1,799,628  | 6.4             |
| Industrial                  | 1,770,495  | 6.3             | 1,957,615  | 7.0             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 1,410,285  | 5.1             | 1,572,162  | 5.6             |
| Communications              | 1,309,156  | 4.7             | 1,233,988  | 4.4             |
| Utilities                   | 549,487    | 2.0             | 675,827    | 2.4             |
| Energy                      | 509,972    | 1.8             | 400,517    | 1.4             |
| Basic Materials             | 93,683     | 0.3             | 198,233    | 0.7             |
| Total                       | 27,722,872 | 99.4            | 27,916,015 | 99.6            |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 390,252 | 1.4             | 348,854 | 1.2             |
| Government                  | 371,002 | 1.3             | 397,485 | 1.4             |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 234,206 | 0.8             | 257,563 | 0.9             |
| Technology                  | 108,529 | 0.4             | 89,981  | 0.3             |
| Industrial                  | 88,525  | 0.3             | 97,881  | 0.4             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 70,514  | 0.3             | 78,608  | 0.3             |
| Communications              | 65,458  | 0.2             | 61,699  | 0.2             |
| Utilities                   | 27,474  | 0.1             | 33,791  | 0.1             |
| Energy                      | 25,499  | 0.1             | 20,026  | 0.1             |
| Basic Materials             | 4,684   | 0.0             | 9,912   | 0.0             |

# Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023       |                 | 2022       |      |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------|
| Country                  | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % o  |
| United states of America | 9,167,415  | 32.9            | 8,582,022  | 30.6 |
| Germany                  | 3,080,893  | 11.1            | 3,532,098  | 12.6 |
| France                   | 2,899,122  | 10.4            | 2,497,138  | 8.9  |
| Japan                    | 1,840,984  | 6.6             | 2,207,599  | 7.9  |
| Belgium                  | 1,652,274  | 5.9             | 1,672,157  | 6.0  |
| Italy                    | 1,586,395  | 5.7             | 1,801,439  | 6.4  |
| Spain                    | 1,447,878  | 5.2             | 1,550,649  | 5.5  |
| Netherlands              | 1,399,785  | 5.0             | 1,494,580  | 5.3  |
| United Kingdom           | 996,671    | 3.6             | 828,395    | 3.0  |
| Switzerland              | 913,754    | 3.3             | 1,012,943  | 3.6  |
| Australia                | 575,179    | 2.1             | 619,858    | 2.2  |
| Canada                   | 521,637    | 1.9             | 342,937    | 1.2  |
| Sweden                   | 359,267    | 1.3             | 106,302    | 0.4  |
| Hong Kong                | 257,039    | 0.9             | 230,961    | 0.8  |
| Singapore                | 233,896    | 0.8             | 268,735    | 1.0  |
| Korea                    | 201,395    | 0.7             | 180,860    | 0.7  |
| Austria                  | 195,124    | 0.7             | 188,676    | 0.7  |
| Norway                   | 117,097    | 0.4             | 72,646     | 0.3  |
| China                    | 110,381    | 0.4             | 325,885    | 1.2  |
| Denmark                  | 104,340    | 0.4             | 150,194    | 0.5  |
| Finland                  | 62,346     | 0.2             | 180,148    | 0.6  |
| Ireland                  | -          | 0.0             | 69,793     | 0.3  |
| Total                    | 27,722,872 | 99.4            | 27,916,015 | 99.6 |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Country                  | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % o<br>the NA\ |
| United states of America | 458,371 | 1.6             | 429,101 | 1.5            |
| Germany                  | 154,045 | 0.6             | 176,605 | 0.6            |
| France                   | 144,956 | 0.5             | 124,857 | 0.4            |
| Japan                    | 92,049  | 0.3             | 110,380 | 0.4            |
| Belgium                  | 82,614  | 0.3             | 83,608  | 0.3            |
| Italy                    | 79,320  | 0.3             | 90,072  | 0.3            |
| Spain                    | 72,394  | 0.3             | 77,532  | 0.3            |
| Netherlands              | 69,989  | 0.3             | 74,729  | 0.3            |
| United Kingdom           | 49,834  | 0.2             | 41,420  | 0.1            |
| Switzerland              | 45,688  | 0.2             | 50,647  | 0.2            |
| Australia                | 28,759  | 0.1             | 30,993  | 0.1            |
| Canada                   | 26,082  | 0.1             | 17,147  | 0.1            |
| Sweden                   | 17,963  | 0.1             | 5,315   | 0.0            |
| Hong Kong                | 12,852  | 0.0             | 11,548  | 0.0            |
| Singapore                | 11,695  | 0.0             | 13,437  | 0.0            |
| Korea                    | 10,070  | 0.0             | 9,043   | 0.0            |
| Austria                  | 9,756   | 0.0             | 9,434   | 0.0            |
| Norway                   | 5,855   | 0.0             | 3,632   | 0.0            |
| China                    | 5,519   | 0.0             | 16,294  | 0.1            |
| Denmark                  | 5,217   | 0.0             | 7,510   | 0.0            |
| Finland                  | 3,117   | 0.0             | 9,007   | 0.0            |
| Ireland                  | -       | 0.0             | 3,490   | 0.0            |

#### Interest rate risk

The company invests in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its debt securities and cash including margin cash held with brokers and may have an indirect exposure to interest rate risk through investments into financial derivative instruments whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates, the effect being greater the longer the maturity of the security.

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2023 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Investments                  | _         | 3,939,721  | 9,833,259 | 13,949,892                 | 27,722,872 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 51,396    | -          | -         | -                          | 51,396     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -         | 131,717                    | 131,717    |
| Total assets                 | 51,396    | 3,939,721  | 9,833,259 | 14,081,609                 | 27,905,985 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -         | 15,661                     | 15,661     |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -         | 27,890,324                 | 27,890,324 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -         | 27,905,985                 | 27,905,985 |
| Total                        | 51,396    | 3,939,721  | 9,833,259 | (13,824,376)               | · · ·      |

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2022 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Investments                  | 289,125   | 4,198,373  | 9,507,142 | 13,921,375                 | 27,916,015 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 33,940    | , ,<br>-   | -         | -                          | 33,940     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -         | 104,195                    | 104,195    |
| Total assets                 | 323,065   | 4,198,373  | 9,507,142 | 14,025,570                 | 28,054,150 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -         | 18,032                     | 18,032     |
| Equity                       |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -         | 28,036,118                 | 28,036,118 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -         | 28,054,150                 | 28,054,150 |
| Total                        | 323,065   | 4,198,373  | 9,507,142 | (14,028,580)               |            |

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023              |         | 2022              |         |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|                 | Modified Duration | Amount  | Modified Duration | Amount  |
| Bonds           | 5.95              | 819,977 | 6.16              | 861,500 |

The modified duration expresses the bonds value's sensitivity to a 100 basis point change in interest rates. The effect on the amount is the opposite to the change in interest rate. If the interest rate increases (decreases) the amount of the bonds will decrease (increase). The higher the modified duration, the higher the (opposite) effect on the amount of the bonds.

#### Portfolio distribution by coupon rate

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%      | 1-3%      | 3-5%      | >5% | Total 2023 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 7,422,615 | 4,903,200 | 1,447,165 | -   | 13,772,980 |

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%      | 1-3%      | 3-5%    | >5% | Total 2022 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 8,758,710 | 4,765,230 | 470,700 | -   | 13,994,640 |

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 13,956,093 (2022: € 14,132,775).

#### Portfolio distribution by credit rating

The fund invests in monetary financial instruments and is consequently exposed to significant credit risk. The table below shows the concentrations of credit risk of the investments in bonds.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Credit rating   | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| AAA             | 1,933,554  | 6.9             | 2,614,636  | 9.3             |
| AA              | 3,799,953  | 13.6            | 4,108,048  | 14.7            |
| A               | 4,246,028  | 15.2            | 3,402,281  | 12.1            |
| BBB             | 3,471,460  | 12.4            | 3,559,235  | 12.7            |
| No rating       | 321,985    | 1.2             | 310,440    | 1.1             |
| Total           | 13,772,980 | 49.3            | 13,994,640 | 49.9            |

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 28,105,526 | 28,982,075 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 84,319     | 86,970     |
| OCF                             | 0.30%      | 0.30%      |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 84,319 | 0.30% | 0.30%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 - Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 62.7% is calculated using this formula (2022: 71.3%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.6 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

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# **General Information**

## **Investment policy**

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| (amounts x € 1)                | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup> |            |            |            |            |            |
| Changes in the value of        |            |            |            |            |            |
| investments                    | 6.83       | (11.09)    | 11.27      | (0.50)     | 10.03      |
| Direct returns                 | 1.62       | 1.71       | 1.58       | 1.36       | 1.66       |
| Total operating income         | 8.45       | (9.38)     | 12.85      | 0.86       | 11.69      |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Management costs and interest  | (0.00)     | (0.00)     | (0.04)     | (0.00)     | (0.04)     |
| charges                        | (0.23)     | (0.23)     | (0.24)     | (0.20)     | (0.21)     |
| Other expenses                 | - (2.22)   | - (2.22)   | - ()       | - (2.22)   | (0.02)     |
| Total operating expenses       | (0.23)     | (0.23)     | (0.24)     | (0.20)     | (0.23)     |
| Distribution                   | 1.36       | 1.43       | 1.49       | 1.28       | 1.42       |
| Fund assets                    | 24,632,876 | 23,081,840 | 22,079,829 | 15,461,440 | 14,309,772 |
| Number of outstanding shares   | 330,000    | 340,000    | 280,000    | 230,000    | 210,000    |
| Intrinsic value per share      | 74.65      | 67.89      | 78.86      | 67.22      | 68.14      |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Fund performance               | 12.08%     | -12.20%    | 19.64%     | 0.70%      | 20.08%     |
| Benchmark performance          | 13.53%     | -12.22%    | 20.33%     | 1.21%      | 20.77%     |
|                                |            |            |            |            |            |

# 4.10 Adjusted Financial statements [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 38,160     | 27,711     |
| <u>Investments</u>                      |     |            |            |
| Equity instruments                      |     | 17,238,776 | 16,111,377 |
| Bonds                                   |     | 7,288,997  | 6,890,708  |
| Investments                             | {2} | 24,527,773 | 23,002,085 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 80,487     | 64,371     |
| Total assets                            |     | 24,646,420 | 23,094,167 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Bank overdraft                          | {1} | -          | 191        |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 13,544     | 12,136     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 24,632,876 | 23,081,840 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 24,646,420 | 23,094,167 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |             | 2023      | 2022        |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Investment results   |             |           |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |             | 2,286,145 | (3,365,431) |
| Interest income  |             | 79,980    | 62,716      |
| Interest expenses  |             | (66)      | (379)       |
| Dividend income  |             | 460,800   | 457,333     |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |             | (3,320)   | 2,441       |
| Other income   |             | 93        | 196         |
| Total investment result  | {4}         | 2,823,632 | (2,843,124) |
| Management costs   | <b>{6</b> } | (75,413)  | (70,381)    |
| Total expenses   |             | (75,413)  | (70,381)    |
| Distribution   | {4}         | (453,400) | (438,300)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4}         | 2,294,819 | (3,351,805) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023        | 2022         |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |             |              |
| Purchases of investments                             | (8,977,876) | (14,065,655) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 9,738,333   | 9,713,282    |
| Interest received                                    | 63,183      | 53,590       |
| Interest paid  | (66)        | (379)        |
| Dividends received                                   | 413,892     | 410,037      |
| Dividend tax received                                | 3,863       | 1,048        |
| Management costs paid                                | (75,059)    | (69,984)     |
| Other income received                                | 93          | 196          |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | 1,166,363   | (3,957,865)  |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |             |              |
| Issue of shares                                      | 1,402,064   | 4,353,816    |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (2,145,847) | -            |
| Distribution   | (408,604)   | (408,523)    |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | (1,152,387) | 3,945,293    |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | (3,336)     | 2,426        |
| Net cash flow  | 10,640      | (10,146)     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 27,520      | 37,666       |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 38,160      | 27,520       |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023        | 2022        |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 23,081,840  | 22,079,829  |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 1,402,064   | 4,353,816   |
| Redemption of shares   | (2,145,847) | -           |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 2,294,819   | (3,351,805) |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |             |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 24,632,876  | 23,081,840  |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |             |             |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 340,000     | 280,000     |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 20,000      | 60,000      |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (30,000)    | -           |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 330,000     | 340,000     |

#### **Notes**

## Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023      | Average of 2023 | 2022      | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                  |           |                 |           |                 |
| AUD              | 1.6189    | 1.6316          | 1.5738    | 1.5189          |
| CAD              | 1.4566    | 1.4590          | 1.4461    | 1.3710          |
| CHF              | 0.9297    | 0.9701          | 0.9874    | 1.0020          |
| DKK              | 7.4546    | 7.4512          | 7.4364    | 7.4391          |
| GBP              | 0.8665    | 0.8678          | 0.8872    | 0.8549          |
| HKD              | 8.6257    | 8.4789          | 8.3298    | 8.2357          |
| JPY              | 155.7336  | 153.0848        | 140.8182  | 138.2474        |
| KRW              | 1422.6789 | 1417.6773       | 1349.5370 | 1353.7287       |
| NOK              | 11.2185   | 11.4435         | 10.5135   | 10.1164         |
| SEK              | 11.1325   | 11.4796         | 11.1202   | 10.6617         |
| SGD              | 1.4571    | 1.4525          | 1.4314    | 1.4488          |
| USD              | 1.1047    | 1.0828          | 1.0672    | 1.0515          |
| ZAR              | 20.2013   | 20.0325         | 18.1593   | 17.2517         |

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023        | 2022        |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Equity instruments                 |             |             |
| Opening balance                    | 16,111,377  | 15,857,284  |
| Purchases of investments           | 7,454,641   | 11,372,206  |
| Sales of investments               | (8,140,510) | (8,890,732  |
| Changes in value                   | 1,813,268   | (2,227,381) |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 17,238,776  | 16,111,377  |
| Bonds                              |             |             |
| Opening balance                    | 6,890,708   | 6,157,859   |
| Purchases                          | 1,523,235   | 2,693,449   |
| Sales                              | (1,597,823) | (822,550)   |
| Changes in value                   | 472,877     | (1,138,050) |
| Closing balance bonds              | 7,288,997   | 6,890,708   |
| Total investments                  |             |             |
| Opening balance                    | 23,002,085  | 22,015,143  |
| Purchases                          | 8,977,876   | 14,065,655  |
| Sales                              | (9,738,333) | (9,713,282) |
| Changes in value                   | 2,286,145   | (3,365,431) |
| Closing balance total investments  | 24,527,773  | 23,002,085  |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

## Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 24,527,773 | 23,002,085 |
| Total           | 24,527,773 | 23,002,085 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

# **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                        |     | 2023         |          |
|--|-----|--------------|----------|
|  |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                     |     |              |          |
| Prologis Inc                           | USD | 368,049      | 1.5      |
| Vonovia SE                             | EUR | 228,263      | 0.9      |
| Bank of Montreal                       | CAD | 196,855      | 3.0      |
| LAM Research Corp                      | USD | 185,773      | 0.8      |
| Atlas Copco AB A Shs                   | SEK | 177,143      | 0.7      |
| Schneider Electric SE                  | EUR | 176,145      | 0.7      |
| The PNC Financial Services Group Inc   | USD | 164,712      | 0.7      |
| Partners Group Holding AG              | CHF | 164,390      | 0.7      |
| Truist Financial Corp                  | USD | 164,171      | 0.7      |
| Analog Devices Inc                     | USD | 163,033      | 0.7      |
| Michelin (CGDE)                        | EUR | 159,411      | 0.6      |
| Intercontinental Exchange Inc          | USD | 155,327      | 0.6      |
| Colgate-Palmolive Co                   | USD | 154,708      | 0.6      |
| Applied Materials Inc                  | USD | 151,558      | 0.6      |
| The Procter & Gamble Co                | USD | 151,495      | 0.6      |
| ASML Holding NV                        | EUR | 151,337      | 0.6      |
| Eli Lilly & Co                         | USD | 150,921      | 0.6      |
| ABB Ltd                                | CHF | 150,688      | 0.6      |
| Intuit Inc                             | USD | 150,507      | 0.6      |
| Adobe Inc                              | USD | 149,602      | 0.6      |
| Microsoft Corp                         | USD | 148,081      | 0.6      |
| Abbott Laboratories                    | USD | 145,578      | 0.6      |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd       | SGD | 140,970      | 0.6      |
| Nestle SA                              | CHF | 139,805      | 0.6      |
| BNP Paribas SA                         | EUR | 139,638      | 0.6      |
| The TJX Cos Inc                        | USD | 139,189      | 0.6      |
| Intel Corp                             | USD | 137,742      | 0.6      |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Bank A          | SEK | 137,123      | 0.6      |
| Zurich Insurance Group AG              | CHF | 134,755      | 0.5      |
| Dassault Systemes                      | EUR | 133,899      | 0.5      |
| CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust | SGD | 132,916      | 0.5      |
| Fiserv Inc                             | USD | 132,642      | 0.5      |
| Legal & General Group plc              | GBP | 132,532      | 0.5      |
| Swiss Life Holding AG                  | CHF | 131,909      | 0.5      |
| Welltower Inc                          | USD | 131,747      | 0.5      |
| Amgen Inc                              | USD | 129,063      | 0.5      |
| Emerson Electric Co                    | USD | 128,640      | 0.5      |
| Booking Holdings Inc                   | USD | 128,447      | 0.5      |
| Recruit Holdings Co Ltd                | JPY | 127,467      | 0.5      |
| Simon Property Group Inc               | USD | 126,803      | 0.5      |
| Public Storage                         | USD | 125,904      | 0.5      |
| Deutsche Telekom AG                    | EUR | 125,846      | 0.5      |
| Progressive Corp                       | USD | 125,302      | 0.5      |
| Wolters Kluwer NV                      | EUR | 125,096      | 0.5      |
| SAP SE                                 | EUR | 123,579      | 0.5      |
| Realty Income Corp                     | USD | 122,777      | 0.5      |
| Industria de Diseno Textil SA          | EUR | 122,312      | 0.5      |
| Link REIT                              | HKD | 120,904      | 0.5      |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA     | EUR | 120,453      | 0.5      |

| S&P Global Inc   | 2023            | 2023         |     | amounts x € 1)     |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-----|--------------------|
| Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc         USD         118, Alcon Inc         CHF         118, Deutsche Post AG         EUR         118, Terumo Corp         JPY         116, Bullet Post AG         EUR         118, Terumo Corp         JPY         116, Bullet Post AG         EUR         118, Terumo Corp         JPY         116, Bullet Post AG         JPY         116, Bullet Post AG         110, Bullet Post AG         110, Bullet Post AG         116, Bullet Post AG         116, Bullet Post AG         116, Bullet Post AG         117, Bullet Post AG         118, Bullet Post AG         118, Bullet Post AG         118, Bullet Post AG         118, Bullet Post AG         119, Bullet Post AG         110, Bullet Post AG         113, Bullet Post AG         110, Bullet Post AG   | : Value % of NA | Market Value |     |                    |
| Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc         USD         118, Alcon Inc         CHF         118, Deutsche Post AG         EUR         118, Terumo Corp         JPY         116, Seperian plc         GBP         111, Terumo Corp         JPY         116, Seperian plc         GBP         115, Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         JPY         114, Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         JUSD         113, Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         USD         113, MID  |                 |              |     | Equity instruments |
| Alcon Inc  Deutsche Post AG  EUR  118, Terumo Corp  JPY  116, Goodman Group  AUD  116, Experian plc  Tokio Marine Holdings Inc  Transurban Group  AUD  113, DNB Bank ASA  NOK  113, Alphabet Inc  Edwards Lifesciences Corp  USD  113, Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc  Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp  JPY  112, Societe Generale SA  EUR  112, Hoya Corp  JPY  111, Universal Music Group NV  EUR  111, Verizon Communities Inc  USD  113, WalonBay Communities Inc  USD  110, AvalonBay Communities Inc  USD  110, Cellnex Telectonics Co Ltd  USD  110, Cellnex Telecton SA  EUR  110, Shopify Inc  USD  109, Shopify Inc  USD  109, Shopify Inc  USD  109, Shopify Inc  USD  109, Shopify Inc  USD  108, Nordea Bank Abp  Cellnex Telecom SA  EUR  108, Micron Technology Inc  USD  108, Nordea Bank Abp  Cellnex Telecom SA  EUR  108, Micron Technology Inc  USD  108, Nordea Bank Abp  Cellnex Telecom SA  EUR  108, Micron Technology Inc  USD  109, Shopify Inc  USD  100, SMC Corp/Japan  JPY  106, Medtronic plc  USD  106, T-Mobile US Inc  USD  107, Medtronic plc  USD  108, Nordea Bank Abp  Cisco Systems Inc  USD  109, Medtronic plc  USD  100, The Charles Schwab Corp  USD  101, The Home Depot Inc  USD  102, UnitedHealth Group Inc  USD  103, The Home Depot Inc  USD  104, USD  105, SK Hynix Inc  The Obarles Schwab Corp  USD  106, T-Mobile US Inc  USD  107, SK Hynix Inc  The Obarles Schwab Corp  USD  101, Oracle Corp  USD  102, Amadeus IT Group SA  EUR  101, USD  102, Amadeus IT Group SA  EUR  101, USD  104, Digital Realty Trust Inc  USD  107, Digital Realty Trust Inc  USD  108, Nore Oyj B  EUR  101, USD  102, Amadeus IT Group SA  EUR  103, Authoral Australia Bank Ltd  EUR  104, EUR  107, EUR  10 | •               | 119,636      | USD | S&P Global Inc     |
| Deutsche Post AG         EUR         118,           Terumo Corp         JPY         116,           Goodman Group         AUD         116,           Experian plc         GBP         115,           Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         JPY         114,           Transurban Group         AUD         113,           DNB Bank ASA         NOK         113,           Alphabet Inc         USD         113,           Edwards Lifesciences Corp         USD         113,           Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc         USD         113,           Milpon Telegraph & Telephone Corp         JPY         112,           Societe Generale SA         EUR         112,           Hoya Corp         JPY         112,           National Grid plc         GBP         112,           Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd         JPY         112,           Universal Music Group NV         EUR         111,           Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         RRW         111,           Extra Space Storage Inc         USD         111,           Verizon Communications Inc         USD         110,           Avalonabay Communities Inc         USD         109,           Advanced Micro  | 3,606 0.        | 118,606      | USD |                    |
| Terumo Corp         JPY         116, Goodman Group         AUD         116, Experian plc         GBP         115, GBP         114, Transurban Group         AUD         113, DBB Bank ASA         NOK         113, DBB Bank ASA         NOK         113, MISD BBB ABK SEC, GCP         USD         113, MISD BBB ABK SEC, GCP         USD         113, MISD BBB ABK SEC, GCP         USD         113, MISD BBB ABK SEC, GCP, GCR, GCR, GCR, GCR, GCR, GCR, GCR, GCR  |                 | 118,257      |     |                    |
| Goodman Group         AUD         116, Experian plc         GBP         115, Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         JPY         114, Transurban Group         AUD         113, Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         JPY         114, Transurban Group         AUD         113, DNB Bank ASA         NOK         113, DNB Bank ASA         NOK         113, MIS AIR   |                 | 118,014      |     |                    |
| Experian plc         GBP         115,           Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         JPY         114,           Transurban Group         AUD         113,           DNB Bank ASA         NOK         113,           Alphabet Inc         USD         113,           Edwards Lifesciences Corp         USD         113,           Mild-America Apartment Communities Inc         USD         113,           Milpon Telegraph & Telephone Corp         JPY         112,           Societe Generale SA         EUR         112,           Hoya Corp         JPY         112,           Nurata Manufacturing Co Ltd         JPY         111,           Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd         JPY         111,           Universal Music Group NV         EUR         111,           Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         KRW         111,           Extra Space Storage Inc         USD         111,           Publicis Groupe         EUR         110,           Verizon Communications Inc         USD         110,           Advanced Micro Devices Inc         USD         109,           Advanced Micro Devices Inc         USD         109,           Shopify Inc         USD         108,  |                 | 116,549      |     |                    |
| Tokio Marine Holdings Inc         JPY         114, Transurban Group         AUD         113, DNB Bank ASA         NOK         113, AUD         113, DNB Bank ASA         NOK         113, DNB Bank ASA         112, DNB Bank ASA         112, DNB Bank ASA         113, DNB Bank ASA         114, DNB Bank ASA         114, DNB Bank ASA         112, DNB Bank ASA         111, DNB Bank Bank Bank Bank Bank Bank Bank Ban   |                 | 116,085      |     | •                  |
| Transurban Group  AUD  113, DNB Bank ASA  NOK  113, Alphabet Inc  USD  113, Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc  Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp  Societe Generale SA  EUR  112, National Grid plc  Nurata Manufacturing Co Ltd  Universal Music Group NV  EUR  111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd  KRW  111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd  Werizon Communities Inc  VSD  111, Publicis Groupe  EUR  111, Publicis Groupe  EUR  111, Publicis Groupe  EUR  110, AvalonBay Communities Inc  USD  110, AvalonBay Communities Inc  USD  110, AvalonBay Communities Inc  USD  109, Advanced Micro Devices Inc  Nordea Bank Abp  Cellnex Telecom SA  EUR  106, SKE  106, SKE  106, SKE  106, SKE  106, SKE  106, SKE  107, Japan  JPY  106, Medtronic plc  T-Mobile US Inc  SK Hynix Inc  KRW  107, The Charles Schwab Corp  USD  109, Inc  Coracle Corp  USD  100, Oracle Corp  USD  101, Oracle Corp  USD  102, USD  103, The Home Depot Inc  USD  104, Oracle Corp  USD  106, Corply B  EUR  107, Oracle Corp  USD  108, Nordea Bank Ltd  USD  109, Oracle Corp  USD  100, Oracle Corp  USD  101, Oracle Corp  USD  102, USD  103, The Home Depot Inc  USD  104, Oracle Corp  USD  106, Oracle Corp  USD  107, Oracle Corp  USD  108, Nordea Bank Ltd  USD  109, Oracle Corp  USD  101, Oracle Corp  USD  101, Oracle Corp  USD  102, USD  103, The Home Depot Inc  USD  104, Oracle Corp  USD  105, SME  SER  106, Oracle Corp  USD  107, Oracle Corp  USD  108, Nordea USD  109, Oracle Corp  USD  101, Oracle Corp  USD  101, Oracle Corp  USD  102, USD  103, Oracle Corp  USD  104, Oracle Corp  USD  106, Oracle Corp  USD  107, Oracle Corp  USD  109, Oracle Corp  USD  100, Amadeus IT Group SA  EUR  100, PS, Wattarialia Bank Ltd  AUD  98, National Australia Bank Ltd  AUD  98, Roche Holding AG  CHF  97, Roche Holding AG  CHF   |                 | 115,327      |     |                    |
| DNB Bank ASA         NOK         113,           Alphabet Inc         USD         113,           Edwards Lifesciences Corp         USD         113,           Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc         USD         113,           Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp         JPY         112,           Societe Generale SA         EUR         112,           Hoya Corp         JPY         112,           National Grid plc         GBP         112,           Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd         JPY         111,           Universal Music Group NV         EUR         111,           Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         KRW         111,           Extra Space Storage Inc         USD         111,           Publicis Groupe         EUR         110,           Verizon Communications Inc         USD         110,           AvalonBay Communities Inc         USD         109,           Advanced Micro Devices Inc         USD         109,           Shopify Inc         USD         109,           Cellnex Telecom SA         EUR         108,           Micron Technology Inc         USD         108,           Nordea Bank Abp         SEK         106,           Ci  |                 | 114,413      |     | _                  |
| Alphabet Inc Edwards Lifesciences Corp Edwards Lifesciences Corp USD 113, Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc USD 113, Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp JPY 112, Societe Generale SA EUR 112, Hoya Corp JPY 112, National Grid plc GBP 112, Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd JPY 111, Universal Music Group NV EUR 111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd KRW 111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Extra Space Storage Inc Verizon Communities Inc Verizon Communiti |                 | 113,710      |     |                    |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp  Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc  Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp  JPY  112, Societe Generale SA  EUR  112, Hoya Corp  JPY  National Grid plc  Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd  JPY  111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd  KRW  111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd  KRW  111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd  KRW  111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd  Worlzon Communications Inc  Verizon Communications Inc  Verizon Communications Inc  Advanced Micro Devices Inc  Shopify Inc  Cellnex Telecom SA  EUR  108, Micron Technology Inc  Nordea Bank Abp  SEK  106, Cisco Systems Inc  SMC Corp/Japan  Medtronic plc  T-Mobile US Inc  SK Hynix Inc  The Charles Schwab Corp  Digital Realty Trust Inc  USD  103, Kne Oyj B  VICI Properties Inc  Manufach AUD  98, Notional Australia Bank Ltd  AUD  98, Notional Australia Bank Ltd  AUD  98, Notice Holding AG  CHF  97, Roche Holding AG  CHF  112, DSD  112, DSD  113, DSD  114, DSD  115, DSD  116, DSD  117, DSD  118, DSD  119, DSD  110, D |                 | 113,617      |     |                    |
| Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp JPY 112, Societe Generale SA Hoya Corp JPY 112, Hoya Corp JPY 112, Hoya Corp JPY 112, Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd JPY 111, Universal Music Group NV EUR 111, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd KRW 111, Extra Space Storage Inc Verizon Communications Inc AvalonBay Communities Inc USD 110, Advanced Micro Devices Inc Shopify Inc Cellnex Telecom SA EUR Micron Technology Inc Nordea Bank Abp Sek Sicso Systems Inc SMC Corp/Japan JPY 106, SMC Corp/Japan JPY 106, SK Hynix Inc USD 107, The Charles Schwab Corp USD 108, Digital Realty Trust Inc USD 109, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 102, Coracle Corp USD 103, Coracle Corp USD 104, Coracle Corp USD 106, Coracle Corp USD 107, Coracle Corp USD 108, Corpolital Realty Trust Inc USD 109, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 102, Coracle Corp USD 104, Coracle Corp USD 106, Coracle Corp USD 107, Coracle Corp USD 108, Corpolital Realty Trust Inc USD 109, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 102, Coracle Corp USD 103, Coracle Corp USD 104, Coracle Corp USD 106, Coracle Corp USD 107, Coracle Corp USD 109, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 102, Coracle Corp USD 103, Coracle Corp USD 104, Coracle Corp USD 106, Coracle Corp USD 107, Coracle Corp USD 109, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 102, Coracle Corp USD 103, Coracle Corp USD 104, Coracle Corp USD 106, Coracle Corp USD 107, Coracle Corp USD 109, Coracle Corp USD 100, Coracle Corp USD 101, Coracle Corp USD 102, Coracle Corp USD 103, Coracle Corp USD 104, Coracle Corp USD 107, Coracle Corp USD 107 |                 | 113,558      |     |                    |
| Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp         JPY         112, Societe Generale SA         EUR         112, Hoya Corp         JPY         112, Mode Corp         JPY         112, Mode Corp         JPY         112, Mode Corp         JPY         112, Mode Corp         112, Mode Corp         JPY         111, Mode Corp         112, Mode Corp         111, Mode Corp         112, Mode Corp   |                 | 113,272      |     |                    |
| Societe Generale SA  |                 | 113,201      |     |                    |
| Hoya Corp  |                 | 112,684      |     |                    |
| National Grid plc         GBP         112,           Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd         JPY         111,           Universal Music Group NV         EUR         111,           Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         KRW         111,           Extra Space Storage Inc         USD         111,           Publicis Groupe         EUR         110,           Verizon Communications Inc         USD         110,           AvalonBay Communities Inc         USD         109,           Advanced Micro Devices Inc         USD         109,           Shopify Inc         USD         109,           Cellnex Telecom SA         EUR         108,           Micron Technology Inc         USD         108,           Nordea Bank Abp         SEK         106,           Cisco Systems Inc         USD         106,           SMC Corp/Japan         JPY         106,           Medtronic plc         USD         106,           T-Mobile US Inc         USD         105,           SK Hynix Inc         KRW         105,           The Charles Schwab Corp         USD         104,           Digital Realty Trust Inc         USD         103,           The Home Depot Inc   |                 | 112,557      |     |                    |
| Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd       JPY       111,         Universal Music Group NV       EUR       111,         Samsung Electronics Co Ltd       KRW       111,         Extra Space Storage Inc       USD       111,         Publicis Groupe       EUR       110,         Verizon Communications Inc       USD       110,         AvalonBay Communities Inc       USD       109,         Advanced Micro Devices Inc       USD       109,         Shopify Inc       USD       109,         Cellnex Telecom SA       EUR       108,         Micron Technology Inc       USD       108,         Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       101,         United Health Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD <td< td=""><td></td><td>112,495</td><td></td><td>•</td></td<>  |                 | 112,495      |     | •                  |
| Universal Music Group NV         EUR         111,           Samsung Electronics Co Ltd         KRW         111,           Extra Space Storage Inc         USD         111,           Publicis Groupe         EUR         110,           Verizon Communications Inc         USD         110,           AvalonBay Communities Inc         USD         109,           Advanced Micro Devices Inc         USD         109,           Shopify Inc         USD         109,           Cellnex Telecom SA         EUR         108,           Micron Technology Inc         USD         108,           Nordea Bank Abp         SEK         106,           Cisco Systems Inc         USD         106,           SMC Corp/Japan         JPY         106,           Medtronic plc         USD         106,           T-Mobile US Inc         USD         105,           SK Hynix Inc         KRW         105,           The Charles Schwab Corp         USD         104,           Digital Realty Trust Inc         USD         103,           The Home Depot Inc         USD         101,           United Health Group Inc         USD         101,           Oracle Corp         USD </td <td></td> <td>112,036</td> <td></td> <td></td>   |                 | 112,036      |     |                    |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd       KRW       111,         Extra Space Storage Inc       USD       111,         Publicis Groupe       EUR       110,         Verizon Communications Inc       USD       110,         AvalonBay Communities Inc       USD       109,         Advanced Micro Devices Inc       USD       109,         Shopify Inc       USD       109,         Cellnex Telecom SA       EUR       108,         Micron Technology Inc       USD       108,         Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,  |                 | 111,872      |     |                    |
| Extra Space Storage Inc       USD       111,         Publicis Groupe       EUR       110,         Verizon Communications Inc       USD       110,         AvalonBay Communities Inc       USD       109,         Advanced Micro Devices Inc       USD       109,         Shopify Inc       USD       109,         Cellnex Telecom SA       EUR       108,         Micron Technology Inc       USD       108,         Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       103,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,   |                 | 111,189      |     |                    |
| Publicis Groupe         EUR         110,           Verizon Communications Inc         USD         110,           AvalonBay Communities Inc         USD         109,           Advanced Micro Devices Inc         USD         109,           Shopify Inc         USD         109,           Cellnex Telecom SA         EUR         108,           Micron Technology Inc         USD         108,           Nordea Bank Abp         SEK         106,           Cisco Systems Inc         USD         106,           SMC Corp/Japan         JPY         106,           Medtronic plc         USD         106,           T-Mobile US Inc         USD         105,           SK Hynix Inc         KRW         105,           The Charles Schwab Corp         USD         104,           Digital Realty Trust Inc         USD         104,           Digital Realty Trust Inc         USD         103,           The Home Depot Inc         USD         102,           UnitedHealth Group Inc         USD         101,           Oracle Corp         USD         101,           Kone Oyj B         EUR         101,           VICI Properties Inc         USD         100,<  |                 |              |     | _                  |
| Verizon Communications Inc         USD         110,           AvalonBay Communities Inc         USD         109,           Advanced Micro Devices Inc         USD         109,           Shopify Inc         USD         109,           Cellnex Telecom SA         EUR         108,           Micron Technology Inc         USD         108,           Nordea Bank Abp         SEK         106,           Cisco Systems Inc         USD         106,           SMC Corp/Japan         JPY         106,           Medtronic plc         USD         106,           T-Mobile US Inc         USD         106,           SK Hynix Inc         KRW         105,           The Charles Schwab Corp         USD         104,           Digital Realty Trust Inc         USD         104,           The Home Depot Inc         USD         103,           UnitedHealth Group Inc         USD         101,           Oracle Corp         USD         101,           Kone Oyj B         EUR         101,           VICI Properties Inc         USD         100,           Amadeus IT Group SA         EUR         100,           Essilor-Luxottica SA         EUR         99, </td <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>   |                 |              |     |                    |
| AvalonBay Communities Inc Advanced Micro Devices Inc Shopify Inc Cellnex Telecom SA Micron Technology Inc Nordea Bank Abp Cisco Systems Inc SMC Corp/Japan Medtronic plc T-Mobile US Inc SK Hynix Inc The Charles Schwab Corp Digital Realty Trust Inc USD   |                 | 110,952      |     | •                  |
| Advanced Micro Devices Inc       USD       109,         Shopify Inc       USD       109,         Cellnex Telecom SA       EUR       108,         Micron Technology Inc       USD       108,         Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       100,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97, <td></td> <td>109,995</td> <td></td> <td></td>  |                 | 109,995      |     |                    |
| Shopify Inc       USD       109,         Cellnex Telecom SA       EUR       108,         Micron Technology Inc       USD       108,         Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,  |                 | 109,959      |     | •                  |
| Cellnex Telecom SA       EUR       108,         Micron Technology Inc       USD       108,         Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         Essilor-Luxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,  |                 | 109,447      |     |                    |
| Micron Technology Inc       USD       108,         Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,   |                 | 108,977      |     | • •                |
| Nordea Bank Abp       SEK       106,         Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       100,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,   |                 | 108,621      |     |                    |
| Cisco Systems Inc       USD       106,         SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       100,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,  |                 | 106,812      |     |                    |
| SMC Corp/Japan       JPY       106,         Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,  |                 | 106,331      |     | ·                  |
| Medtronic plc       USD       106,         T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,  |                 | 106,051      |     |                    |
| T-Mobile US Inc       USD       105,         SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,   |                 | 106,047      |     |                    |
| SK Hynix Inc       KRW       105,         The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,  |                 | 105,517      |     |                    |
| The Charles Schwab Corp       USD       104,         Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,  |                 | 105,328      |     |                    |
| Digital Realty Trust Inc       USD       103,         The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,   |                 | 104,385      |     |                    |
| The Home Depot Inc       USD       102,         UnitedHealth Group Inc       USD       101,         Oracle Corp       USD       101,         Kone Oyj B       EUR       101,         VICI Properties Inc       USD       100,         Amadeus IT Group SA       EUR       100,         EssilorLuxottica SA       EUR       99,         National Australia Bank Ltd       AUD       98,         FUJIFILM Holdings Corp       JPY       98,         Roche Holding AG       CHF       97,   |                 | 103,921      |     |                    |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc         USD         101,           Oracle Corp         USD         101,           Kone Oyj B         EUR         101,           VICI Properties Inc         USD         100,           Amadeus IT Group SA         EUR         100,           EssilorLuxottica SA         EUR         99,           National Australia Bank Ltd         AUD         98,           FUJIFILM Holdings Corp         JPY         98,           Roche Holding AG         CHF         97,   |                 | 102,900      |     |                    |
| Oracle Corp         USD         101,           Kone Oyj B         EUR         101,           VICI Properties Inc         USD         100,           Amadeus IT Group SA         EUR         100,           EssilorLuxottica SA         EUR         99,           National Australia Bank Ltd         AUD         98,           FUJIFILM Holdings Corp         JPY         98,           Roche Holding AG         CHF         97,   |                 | 101,991      |     |                    |
| Kone Oyj B EUR 101, VICI Properties Inc USD 100, Amadeus IT Group SA EUR 100, EssilorLuxottica SA EUR 99, National Australia Bank Ltd AUD 98, FUJIFILM Holdings Corp JPY 98, Roche Holding AG CHF 97,  |                 | 101,837      |     | ·                  |
| VICI Properties Inc USD 100, Amadeus IT Group SA EUR 100, EssilorLuxottica SA EUR 99, National Australia Bank Ltd AUD 98, FUJIFILM Holdings Corp JPY 98, Roche Holding AG CHF 97,  |                 | 101,836      |     |                    |
| Amadeus IT Group SA EUR 100, EssilorLuxottica SA EUR 99, National Australia Bank Ltd AUD 98, FUJIFILM Holdings Corp JPY 98, Roche Holding AG CHF 97,   |                 | 100,605      |     |                    |
| EssilorLuxottica SA EUR 99, National Australia Bank Ltd AUD 98, FUJIFILM Holdings Corp JPY 98, Roche Holding AG CHF 97,  |                 | 100,304      |     |                    |
| National Australia Bank LtdAUD98,FUJIFILM Holdings CorpJPY98,Roche Holding AGCHF97,  |                 | 99,335       | EUR |                    |
| Roche Holding AG CHF 97,   |                 | 98,630       | AUD |                    |
| Roche Holding AG CHF 97,   |                 | 98,259       | JPY |                    |
|  | 7,829 0.        | 97,829       | CHF |                    |
| conicust corp USD 97,  | 7,771 0.        | 97,771       | USD | Comcast Corp       |
| Telstra Corp Ltd AUD 96,   | 5,837 0.        | 96,837       | AUD | Гelstra Corp Ltd   |
| Nintendo Co Ltd JPY 96,  | 5,492 0.        | 96,492       | JPY | Nintendo Co Ltd    |

| (amounts x € 1)                           |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
| Equity instruments                        |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity Residential                        | USD | 94,787       | 0.4      |
| Fujitsu Ltd                               | JPY | 93,579       | 0.4      |
| Canon Inc                                 | JPY | 93,258       | 0.4      |
| London Stock Exchange Group plc           | GBP | 93,112       | 0.4      |
| Honda Motor Co Ltd                        | JPY | 91,819       | 0.4      |
| Fortescue Metals Group Ltd                | AUD | 91,798       | 0.4      |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia            | AUD | 91,435       | 0.4      |
| CRH plc                                   | GBP | 90,903       | 0.4      |
| Standard Chartered plc                    | GBP | 90,898       | 0.4      |
| Tesco plc                                 | GBP | 90,882       | 0.4      |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co                   | USD | 90,343       | 0.4      |
| Siemens AG                                | EUR | 90,058       | 0.4      |
| Marsh & McLennan Cos Inc                  | USD | 89,877       | 0.4      |
| Ford Motor Co                             | USD | 89,087       | 0.4      |
| Natwest Group plc                         | GBP | 88,577       | 0.4      |
| Denso Corp                                | JPY | 87,848       | 0.4      |
| American Tower Corp                       | USD | 87,161       | 0.4      |
| Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV             | EUR | 86,240       | 0.4      |
| Equinix Inc                               | USD | 86,033       | 0.3      |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd        | HKD | 84,976       | 0.3      |
| Ashtead Group plc                         | GBP | 84,717       | 0.3      |
| Fast Retailing Co Ltd                     | JPY | 83,805       | 0.3      |
| Equinor ASA                               | NOK | 83,764       | 0.3      |
| Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd               | HKD | 83,405       | 0.3      |
| Invitation Homes Inc                      | USD | 83,403       | 0.3      |
| Sun Communities Inc                       | USD | 82,877       | 0.3      |
| Dai-ichi Life Holdings Inc                | JPY | 82,536       | 0.3      |
| Japan Post Holdings Co Ltd                | JPY | 82,121       | 0.3      |
| Compass Group plc                         | GBP | 81,553       | 0.3      |
| Xiaomi Corp                               | HKD | 80,292       | 0.3      |
| Haleon plc                                | GBP | 80,159       | 0.3      |
| Kimco Realty Corp                         | USD | 79,769       | 0.3      |
| SSE plc                                   | GBP | 79,271       | 0.3      |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group plc               | GBP | 78,623       | 0.3      |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical Co Ltd              | JPY | 78,616       | 0.3      |
| SoftBank Group Corp                       | JPY | 78,272       | 0.3      |
| Danaher Corp                              | USD | 77,487       | 0.3      |
| Schlumberger Ltd                          | USD | 76,507       | 0.3      |
| Macquarie Group Ltd                       | AUD | 75,884       | 0.3      |
| Tesla Inc                                 | USD | 74,230       | 0.3      |
| The Walt Disney Co                        | USD | 73,644       | 0.3      |
| Astellas Pharma Inc                       | JPY | 72,839       | 0.3      |
| ConocoPhillips                            | USD | 71,345       | 0.3      |
| Panasonic Corp                            | JPY | 70,563       | 0.3      |
| Deutsche Boerse AG                        | EUR | 69,378       | 0.3      |
| Genmab A/S                                | DKK | 65,044       | 0.3      |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd | AUD | 62,171       | 0.2      |
| Nokia Oyj                                 | EUR | 58,073       | 0.2      |
| Prosus NV                                 | EUR | 57,883       | 0.2      |
| EOG Resources Inc                         | USD | 56,717       | 0.2      |

| (amounts x € 1)                             |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NA\ |
| Equity instruments                          |     |              |          |
| Shiseido Co Ltd                             | JPY | 55,425       | 0.2      |
| Woodside Energy Group Ltd                   | AUD | 52,071       | 0.2      |
| Netflix Inc                                 | USD | 31,734       | 0.2      |
| NVIDIA Corp                                 | USD | 26,002       | 0.2      |
| salesforce.com Inc                          | USD | 25,965       | 0.1      |
| Novo Nordisk A/S B                          | DKK | 20,602       | 0.1      |
| Adidas AG                                   | EUR | 16,759       | 0.1      |
| Broadcom Inc                                | USD | 16,168       | 0.1      |
| Nippon Building Fund Inc                    | JPY | 15,693       | 0.3      |
| Japan Real Estate Investment Corp           | JPY | 15,000       | 0.3      |
| ASM International NV                        | EUR | 14,099       | 0.3      |
| Norfolk Southern Corp                       | USD | 13,909       | 0.3      |
| Costco Wholesale Corp                       | USD | 13,744       | 0.3      |
| Zoetis Inc                                  | USD | 13,579       | 0.3      |
| Union Pacific Corp                          | USD | 13,119       | 0.3      |
| Accenture plc                               | USD | 13,024       | 0.3      |
| Lowe's Cos Inc                              | USD | 12,894       | 0.3      |
| Stryker Corp                                | USD | 12,470       | 0.0      |
| Anthem Inc                                  | USD | 11,953       | 0.0      |
| Ferrari NV                                  | EUR | 11,903       | 0.0      |
| Automatic Data Processing Inc               | USD | 11,810       | 0.0      |
| CME Group Inc                               | USD | 11,439       | 0.0      |
| Veralto Corp                                | USD | 9,159        | 0.0      |
| Geberit AG Reg                              | CHF | 2,318        | 0.0      |
| Synopsys Inc                                | USD | 1,864        | 0.0      |
| Total Equity instruments                    |     | 17,238,776   | 70.0     |
| Bonds                                       |     |              |          |
| Bundesrepublik Deutschland                  | EUR | 1,022,190    | 4.1      |
| Belgium Kingdom                             | EUR | 839,828      | 3.4      |
| Government of France                        | EUR | 825,650      | 3.4      |
| Buoni Poliennali Del Tes                    | EUR | 630,217      | 2.6      |
| DH Europe Finance 0.75% 18/9/2031           | EUR | 280,498      | 1.3      |
| Bonos Y Oblig Del Estado                    | EUR | 260,639      | 1.3      |
| Thermo Fisher Sc Fnce I 0.8% 18 Oct 2030    | EUR | 171,263      | 0.7      |
| Deutsche Bahn Fin GmbH 1.125% 29 May 2051   | EUR | 164,925      | 0.7      |
| Volkswagen Fin Serv AG                      | EUR | 135,877      | 0.6      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1% 23 Mar 2030          | EUR | 132,306      | 0.5      |
| Mercedes Benz Int Fince 2.625% 07 Apr 2025  | EUR | 129,831      | 0.5      |
| Barclays plc                                | EUR | 129,291      | 0.5      |
| Comcast Corp                                | EUR | 126,453      | 0.5      |
| Obrigacoes Do Tesouro                       | EUR | 121,976      | 0.5      |
| Intesa Sanpaolo SpA                         | EUR | 115,944      | 0.5      |
| Bayer AG                                    | EUR | 114,995      | 0.5      |
| RCI Banque SA 0.5% 14 Jul 2025              | EUR | 111,776      | 0.5      |
| E.ON SE                                     | EUR | 104,140      | 0.4      |
| Anheuser-Busch Inbev SA/NV 1.15% 22/1/2027  | EUR | 102,701      | 0.4      |
| Anheuser Busch Inbev SA/NV 3.7% 02 Apr 2040 | EUR | 102,498      | 0.4      |
| Heidelberg Materials AG                     | EUR | 101,196      | 0.4      |
| Credit Suisse Group AG 3.25% 2/4/2026       | EUR | 99,136       | 0.4      |

| (amounts x € 1)                                 |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Bonds   |     |              |          |
| Visa Inc 1.5% 15 Jun 2026                       | EUR | 96,717       | 0.4      |
| Siemens Financieringsmat 1.375% 6/9/2030        | EUR | 96,533       | 0.4      |
| Bank of America Corp 1% 27 Apr 2033             | EUR | 94,127       | 0.4      |
| Morgan Stanley 1% 29 Oct 2027                   | EUR | 93,708       | 0.4      |
| Toronto Dominion Bank                           | EUR | 92,913       | 0.4      |
| Wells Fargo & Company 1% 04 May 2030            | EUR | 91,050       | 0.4      |
| Heidelbergcement Fin Lux 1.75% 24/4/2028        | EUR | 90,714       | 0.4      |
| Novartis Finance SA 0% 23/9/2028                | EUR | 88,590       | 0.3      |
| Republic of Austria                             | EUR | 84,117       | 0.3      |
| Fresenius Medical Care A 1.5% 29/5/2030         | EUR | 83,275       | 0.3      |
| Nestle Finance INTL LTD 0.375% 12/5/2032        | EUR | 67,940       | 0.2      |
| Vodafone Group plc 2.2% 25/8/2026               | EUR | 53,985       | 0.2      |
| Credit Agricole SA 2.625% 17/3/2027             | EUR | 48,562       | 0.2      |
| Netherlands Government                          | EUR | 47,677       | 0.2      |
| Verizon Communications 2.875% 15/1/2038         | EUR | 46,295       | 0.2      |
| ENEL Finance Intl NV 1.966% 27/1/2025           | EUR | 45,213       | 0.2      |
| Apple Inc 1.625% 10/11/2026                     | EUR | 43,739       | 0.2      |
| Shell International Finance BV 0.375% 15/2/2025 | EUR | 41,677       | 0.2      |
| Snam SpA 0.875% 25/10/2026                      | EUR | 41,506       | 0.2      |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Finl Grp 1.546% 15/6/2026       | EUR | 40,303       | 0.2      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1.5% 29/10/2026             | EUR | 40,277       | 0.2      |
| Wells Fargo & Company 2% 27/4/2026              | EUR | 36,749       | 0.0      |
| BASF SE 0.875% 15/11/2027                       | EUR | -            | 0.0      |
| Total bonds                                     |     | 7,288,997    | 29.6     |
| Total investments                               |     | 24,527,773   | 99.6     |

# 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023   | 2022   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Dividend receivable                 | 19,398 | 21,770 |
| Dividend withholding tax receivable | 7,185  | 5,494  |
| Accrued interest on bonds           | 53,904 | 37,107 |
| Total                               | 80,487 | 64,371 |

#### 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023        | 2022        |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Opening balance                     | 23,081,840  | 22,079,829  |  |
| Issue of shares                     | 1,402,064   | 4,353,816   |  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (2,145,847) | -           |  |
| Distribution                        | (453,400)   | (438,300)   |  |
| Interest income                     | 79,980      | 62,716      |  |
| Interest expense                    | (66)        | (379)       |  |
| Dividend income                     | 460,800     | 457,333     |  |
| Changes in the value of investments | 2,286,145   | (3,365,431) |  |
| Management fee                      | (75,413)    | (70,381)    |  |
| Exchange rate differences           | (3,320)     | 2,441       |  |
| Other income                        | 93          | 196         |  |
| Closing balance                     | 24,632,876  | 23,081,840  |  |

### 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023   | 2022   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Management costs payable | 6,711  | 6,357  |
| Dividend tax payable     | 6,833  | 5,779  |
| Total                    | 13,544 | 12,136 |

#### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 75,413 (same period in 2022: € 70,381).

## 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset.

The fund has investments denominated in foreign currency and is therefore exposed to significant currency risk.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 20:        | 23             | 2022       |                |  |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|--|
| Currency           | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV |  |
| Euro               | 10,219,478 | 41.5           | 9,554,665  | 41.5           |  |
| US dollar          | 7,573,138  | 30.7           | 6,796,856  | 29.4           |  |
| Japanese Yen       | 2,001,809  | 8.1            | 2,406,855  | 10.4           |  |
| Pound sterling     | 1,318,459  | 5.4            | 1,132,104  | 4.9            |  |
| Swiss Franc        | 940,747    | 3.8            | 601,810    | 2.6            |  |
| Australian dollar  | 808,219    | 3.3            | 765,866    | 3.3            |  |
| Swedish Krona      | 421,955    | 1.7            | 238,675    | 1.0            |  |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 373,740    | 1.5            | 426,878    | 1.8            |  |
| Singapore Dollar   | 274,050    | 1.1            | 336,782    | 1.5            |  |
| Korean Won         | 217,025    | 0.9            | 248,066    | 1.1            |  |
| Canadian dollar    | 198,731    | 0.8            | 214,413    | 0.9            |  |
| Norwegian Krone    | 198,135    | 0.8            | 107,685    | 0.5            |  |
| Danish Krone       | 86,835     | 0.4            | 250,568    | 1.1            |  |
| South-African Rand | 555        | 0.0            | 617        | 0.0            |  |
| Total              | 24,632,876 | 100.0          | 23,081,840 | 100.0          |  |

A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 202     | 3               | 2022    |                 |  |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Currency           | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| US dollar          | 378,657 | 1.5             | 339,843 | 1.5             |  |
| Japanese Yen       | 100,090 | 0.4             | 120,343 | 0.5             |  |
| Pound sterling     | 65,923  | 0.3             | 56,605  | 0.2             |  |
| Swiss Franc        | 47,037  | 0.2             | 30,091  | 0.1             |  |
| Australian dollar  | 40,411  | 0.2             | 38,293  | 0.2             |  |
| Swedish Krona      | 21,098  | 0.1             | 11,934  | 0.1             |  |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 18,687  | 0.1             | 21,344  | 0.1             |  |
| Singapore Dollar   | 13,703  | 0.1             | 16,839  | 0.1             |  |
| Korean Won         | 10,851  | 0.0             | 12,403  | 0.1             |  |
| Canadian dollar    | 9,937   | 0.0             | 10,721  | 0.0             |  |
| Norwegian Krone    | 9,907   | 0.0             | 5,384   | 0.0             |  |
| Danish Krone       | 4,342   | 0.0             | 12,528  | 0.1             |  |
| South-African Rand | 28      | 0.0             | 31      | 0.0             |  |

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

#### Portfolio distribution by sector

| amounts x € 1)              | 2023       | 2022            |            |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 7,232,371  | 29.3            | 6,323,672  | 27.4            |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 4,456,838  | 18.0            | 4,642,752  | 20.1            |
| Government                  | 3,832,294  | 15.6            | 3,714,160  | 16.1            |
| Technology                  | 2,492,268  | 10.1            | 1,917,376  | 8.3             |
| Industrial                  | 1,964,695  | 8.0             | 2,408,366  | 10.4            |
| Communications              | 1,950,082  | 7.9             | 1,437,445  | 6.2             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 1,743,181  | 7.1             | 1,507,228  | 6.5             |
| Utilities                   | 382,166    | 1.6             | 326,718    | 1.4             |
| Energy                      | 382,080    | 1.6             | 591,151    | 2.7             |
| Basic Materials             | 91,798     | 0.4             | 133,217    | 0.6             |
| Total                       | 24,527,773 | 99.6            | 23,002,085 | 99.7            |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 361,619 | 1.5             | 316,184 | 1.4             |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 222,842 | 0.9             | 232,138 | 1.0             |
| Government                  | 191,615 | 0.8             | 185,708 | 0.8             |
| Technology                  | 124,613 | 0.5             | 95,869  | 0.4             |
| Industrial                  | 98,235  | 0.4             | 120,418 | 0.5             |
| Communications              | 97,504  | 0.4             | 71,872  | 0.3             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 87,159  | 0.4             | 75,361  | 0.3             |
| Utilities                   | 19,108  | 0.1             | 16,336  | 0.1             |
| Energy                      | 19,104  | 0.1             | 29,558  | 0.1             |
| Basic Materials             | 4,590   | 0.0             | 6,661   | 0.0             |

## Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023       | 2022            |            |                 |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| United states of America | 9,561,427  | 38.8            | 8,582,252  | 37.2            |
| Germany                  | 2,815,572  | 11.4            | 2,197,331  | 9.5             |
| Japan                    | 2,037,959  | 8.3             | 2,441,220  | 10.6            |
| France                   | 1,741,793  | 7.1             | 1,489,410  | 6.5             |
| United Kingdom           | 1,115,477  | 4.5             | 1,126,737  | 4.9             |
| Belgium                  | 1,045,027  | 4.2             | 805,463    | 3.5             |
| Switzerland              | 890,045    | 3.6             | 815,128    | 3.5             |
| Italy                    | 844,783    | 3.4             | 820,275    | 3.6             |
| Australia                | 798,620    | 3.2             | 653,087    | 2.8             |
| Spain                    | 712,686    | 2.9             | 750,547    | 3.3             |
| Netherlands              | 577,314    | 2.3             | 690,425    | 3.0             |
| Canada                   | 399,216    | 1.6             | 302,515    | 1.3             |
| Sweden                   | 314,266    | 1.3             | 151,122    | 0.7             |
| Hong Kong                | 289,285    | 1.2             | 359,179    | 1.6             |
| Singapore                | 273,885    | 1.1             | 336,763    | 1.5             |
| Finland                  | 266,721    | 1.1             | 245,547    | 1.1             |
| Korea                    | 216,401    | 0.9             | 247,365    | 1.1             |
| Norway                   | 197,382    | 0.8             | 105,204    | 0.5             |
| China                    | 138,175    | 0.6             | 269,585    | 1.2             |
| Portugal                 | 121,976    | 0.5             | 118,114    | 0.5             |
| Denmark                  | 85,646     | 0.4             | 250,447    | 1.1             |
| Austria                  | 84,117     | 0.3             | 144,497    | 0.6             |
| Ireland                  | -          | 0.0             | 99,872     | 0.4             |
| Total                    | 24,527,773 | 99.6            | 23,002,085 | 99.7            |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023    |                 | 2022           |     |  |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|-----|--|
| Country                  | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount         | % o |  |
| United states of America | 478,071 | 1.9             | 429,113        | 1.9 |  |
| Germany                  | 140,779 | 0.6             | 109,867        | 0.5 |  |
| Japan                    | 101,898 | 0.4             | 122,061        | 0.5 |  |
| France                   | 87,090  | 0.4             | 74,471         | 0.3 |  |
| United Kingdom           | 55,774  | 0.2             | 56,337         | 0.2 |  |
| Belgium                  | 52,251  | 0.2             | 40,273         | 0.2 |  |
| Switzerland              | 44,502  | 0.2             | 40,756         | 0.2 |  |
| Italy                    | 42,239  | 0.2             | 41,014         | 0.2 |  |
| Australia                | 39,931  | 0.2             | 32,654         | 0.1 |  |
| Spain                    | 35,634  | 0.1             | 37,527         | 0.2 |  |
| Netherlands              | 28,866  | 0.1             | 34,521         | 0.1 |  |
| Canada                   | 19,961  | 0.1             | 15,126         | 0.1 |  |
| Sweden                   | 15,713  | 0.1             | 7 <i>,</i> 556 | 0.0 |  |
| Hong Kong                | 14,464  | 0.1             | 17,959         | 0.1 |  |
| Singapore                | 13,694  | 0.1             | 16,838         | 0.1 |  |
| Finland                  | 13,336  | 0.1             | 12,277         | 0.1 |  |
| Korea                    | 10,820  | 0.0             | 12,368         | 0.1 |  |
| Norway                   | 9,869   | 0.0             | 5,260          | 0.0 |  |
| China                    | 6,909   | 0.0             | 13,479         | 0.1 |  |
| Portugal                 | 6,099   | 0.0             | 5,906          | 0.0 |  |
| Denmark                  | 4,282   | 0.0             | 12,522         | 0.1 |  |
| Austria                  | 4,206   | 0.0             | 7,225          | 0.0 |  |
| Ireland                  | 0       | 0.0             | 4,994          | 0.0 |  |

#### Interest rate risk

The company invests in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its debt securities and cash including margin cash held with brokers and may have an indirect exposure to interest rate risk through investments into financial derivative instruments whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates, the effect being greater the longer the maturity of the security.

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2023 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Investments                  | -         | 2,163,805  | 5,125,192 | 17,238,776                 | 24,527,773 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 38,160    | -          | -         | -                          | 38,160     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -         | 80,487                     | 80,487     |
| Total assets                 | 38,160    | 2,163,805  | 5,125,192 | 17,319,263                 | 24,646,420 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -         | 13,544                     | 13,544     |
| Equity                       |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -         | 24,632,876                 | 24,632,876 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -         | 24,646,420                 | 24,646,420 |
| Total                        | 38,160    | 2,163,805  | 5,125,192 | (7,327,157)                |            |

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2022  |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |           |                            |             |
| Investments                  | 81,020    | 1,836,531  | 4,973,157 | 16,111,377                 | 23,002,085  |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 27,711    | -          | -         | -                          | 27,711      |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -         | 64,371                     | 64,371<br>- |
| Total assets                 | 108,731   | 1,836,531  | 4,973,157 | 16,175,748                 | 23,094,167  |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |           |                            | -           |
| Bank overdraft               | 191       | -          | -         | -                          | 191         |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -         | 12,136                     | 12,136      |
| Equity                       |           |            |           |                            | -           |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -         | 23,081,840                 | 23,081,840  |
| Total equity and liabilities | 191       | -          | -         | 23,093,976                 | 23,094,167  |
| Total                        | 108,540   | 1,836,531  | 4,973,157 | (6,918,228)                | -           |

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023              |         | 2022              |         |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|                 | Modified Duration | Amount  | Modified Duration | Amount  |
| Bonds           | 5.90              | 429,926 | 6.19              | 426,680 |

The modified duration expresses the bonds value's sensitivity to a 100 basis point change in interest rates. The effect on the amount is the opposite to the change in interest rate. If the interest rate increases (decreases) the amount of the bonds will decrease (increase). The higher the modified duration, the higher the (opposite) effect on the amount of the bonds.

#### Portfolio distribution by coupon rate

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%      | 1-3%      | 3-5%    | >5% | Total 2023 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 3,976,132 | 2,674,955 | 637,910 | -   | 7,288,997  |

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%      | 1-3%      | 3-5%    | >5% | Total 2022 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 4,283,997 | 2,424,845 | 181,866 | -   | 6,890,708  |

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 7,407,644 (2022: € 6,982,599).

#### Portfolio distribution by credit rating

The Sub-fund invests in monetary financial instruments and is consequently exposed to significant credit risk. The table below shows the concentrations of credit risk of the investments in bonds.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023      |                 | 2022      |                 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Credit rating   | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV |
| AAA             | 1,069,866 | 4.3             | 1,170,656 | 5.1             |
| AA              | 2,211,506 | 9.0             | 2,051,443 | 8.9             |
| A               | 1,904,863 | 7.8             | 1,569,418 | 6.8             |
| BBB             | 2,102,762 | 8.5             | 2,026,534 | 8.8             |
| No rating       | -         | -               | 72,657    | 0.3             |
| Total           | 7,288,997 | 29.6            | 6,890,708 | 29.9            |

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 23,570,925 | 21,996,612 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 75,413     | 70,381     |
| OCF                             | 0.32%      | 0.32%      |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 75,413 | 0.32% | 0.32%      |

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 - Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 64.4% is calculated using this formula (2022: 88.3%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.6 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

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# Serie G VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF



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#### **General Information**

#### **Investment policy**

The aim of the VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF is to follow the GPR Global 100 Index as closely as possible.

The (general) criteria below apply to the (composition of the) GPR Global 100 Index:

- the index is based on 100 leading property companies in the world and represents 70-80% of the worldwide (investible) property market capitalisation;
- the index consists of 40 property shares from America, 30 property shares from Asia and 30 property shares from Europe, the Middle East and Africa;
- for every region, the shares are selected on the basis of liquidity measured over the past year;
- the index uses a weighting method based on freely tradable market capitalisation;
- the index is reweighted semi-annually on the third Friday of March and September. Shares can also be added or removed with the reweighting. If this is not a Trading Day, the reweighting takes place on the next Trading Day; and
- the weighting in the index is capped at 20% per share. If just one share exceeds this 20%, the maximum for this one share can be increased to 35%.

#### Key figures Series G: VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF

| (amounts x € 1)                       | 2023            | 2022            | 2021            | 2020           | 2019            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup>        |                 |                 |                 |                |                 |
| Changes in the value of investments   | 1.91            | (11.95)         | 11.59           | (11.68)        | 6.30            |
| Direct returns                        | 1.45            | 1.56            | 1.25            | 1.31           | 1.54            |
| Total operating income                | 3.36            | (10.39)         | 12.84           | (10.37)        | 7.84            |
| Management costs and interest charges | (0.09)          | (0.10)          | (0.10)          | (0.09)         | (0.10)          |
| Other expenses                        | -               | -               | -               | -              | -               |
| Total operating expenses              | (0.09)          | (0.10)          | (0.10)          | (0.09)         | (0.10)          |
| Distribution                          | 1.36            | 1.65            | 0.83            | 1.50           | 1.38            |
| Fund assets                           | 257,781,75<br>0 | 215,739,75<br>6 | 560,970,96<br>8 | 96,460,92<br>6 | 243,892,66<br>0 |
| Number of outstanding shares          | 6,985,404       | 6,135,404       | 12,085,404      | 2,835,404      | 5,835,404       |
| Intrinsic value per share             | 36.90           | 35.16           | 46.42           | 34.02          | 41.79           |
| Fund performance                      | 9.05%           | -21.13%         | 39.21%          | -14.79%        | 22.59%          |
| Benchmark performance                 | 9.49%           | -21.03%         | 40.03%          | -14.72%        | 22.96%          |

# 4.11 Adjusted Financial statements VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amountsx€1)                            |     | 2023        | 2022        |
|---|-----|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 10,035,881  | 632,519     |
| Investments                             |     |             |             |
| Equity instrument                       |     | 256,199,908 | 214,206,735 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 256,199,908 | 214,206,735 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 943,226     | 973,968     |
| Total assets                            |     | 267,179,015 | 215,813,222 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |             |             |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 9,397,265   | 73,466      |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 257,781,750 | 215,739,756 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 267,179,015 | 215,813,222 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The large amount on Cash and cash equivalents, as well as Other payables, are due to a large number of securities transactions still to be settled at the end of the year that were paid between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amountsx€1)   |     | 2023        | 2022          |
|--|-----|-------------|---------------|
| Investment results   |     |             |               |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 11,907,821  | (107,651,910) |
| Interest income  |     | 7,126       | 1,417         |
| Interest expenses  |     | (659)       | (24,382)      |
| Dividend income  |     | 9,025,968   | 14,084,558    |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |     | (58,569)    | 6,679         |
| Other income   |     | 7,747       | 4,235         |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 20,889,434  | (93,579,403)  |
| Management costs   | {6} | (541,160)   | (942,403)     |
| Total expenses   |     | (541,160)   | (942,403)     |
| Distribution   | {4} | (8,453,649) | (13,896,417)  |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 11,894,625  | (108,418,223) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The dividend income is a gross amount and is including dividend withholding tax.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023         | 2022          |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |              |               |
| Purchases of investments                             | (56,511,976) | (190,318,728) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 35,685,676   | 427,500,668   |
| Interest received                                    | 7,126        | 1,417         |
| Interest paid  | (659)        | (24,382)      |
| Dividends received                                   | 7,857,643    | 12,770,569    |
| Dividend tax received                                | 134,536      | 56,257        |
| Management costs paid                                | (539,789)    | (1,007,503)   |
| Other income received                                | 7,747        | 4,234         |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (13,359,696) | 248,982,532   |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |              |               |
| Issue of shares                                      | 46,602,027   | 138,070,243   |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (16,454,658) | (374,883,232) |
| Distribution   | (7,358,903)  | (12,046,962)  |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 22,788,466   | (248,859,951) |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | (25,408)     | 7,409         |
| Net cash flow  | 9,403,362    | 129,990       |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 632,519      | 502,529       |
|  |              |               |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023         | 2022          |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |               |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 215,739,756  | 560,970,968   |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 46,602,027   | 138,070,243   |
| Redemption of shares   | (16,454,658) | (374,883,232) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 11,894,625   | (108,418,223) |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |               |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 257,781,750  | 215,739,756   |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |              |               |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 6,135,404    | 12,085,404    |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 1,325,000    | 3,125,000     |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (475,000)    | (9,075,000)   |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 6,985,404    | 6,135,404     |

#### **Notes**

#### Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023     | Average of 2023 | 2022     | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
|                  |          |                 |          |                 |
| AUD              | 1.6189   | 1.6316          | 1.5738   | 1.5189          |
| BRL              | 5.3659   | 5.4014          | 5.6348   | 5.4032          |
| CHF              | 0.9297   | 0.9701          | 0.9874   | 1.0020          |
| GBP              | 0.8665   | 0.8678          | 0.8872   | 0.8549          |
| HKD              | 8.6257   | 8.4789          | 8.3298   | 8.2357          |
| JPY              | 155.7336 | 153.0848        | 140.8182 | 138.2474        |
| NOK              | 11.2185  | 11.4435         | 10.5135  | 10.1164         |
| SEK              | 11.1325  | 11.4796         | 11.1202  | 10.6617         |
| SGD              | 1.4571   | 1.4525          | 1.4314   | 1.4488          |
| USD              | 1.1047   | 1.0828          | 1.0672   | 1.0515          |
| ZAR              | 20.2013  | 20.0325         | 18.1593  | 17.2517         |
| <i></i>          | 20.2013  | 20.0323         | 10.1333  | 17.2317         |

The table below shows the concentration of currencies held in cash.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 202                                   |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
|                 |            | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| USD             | 6,700,107  | 367,23                                |
| JPY             | 1,033,463  | 1,793                                 |
| EUR             | 813,205    | 229,746                               |
| GBP             | 344,365    | 2,214                                 |
| AUD             | 313,329    | 8,242                                 |
| HKD             | 260,773    | 1,798                                 |
| SGD             | 246,009    | 5,522                                 |
| SEK             | 141,860    | 5,962                                 |
| CHF             | 125,596    | 2,630                                 |
| ZAR             | 41,503     | 1,854                                 |
| BRL             | 15,671     | 5,524                                 |
| Total           | 10,035,881 | 632,519                               |

The large amount on Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year was due to securities transactions still to be settled for an amount of 9.3 million, these transactions were all paid between the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  of January, 2024.

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023         | 2022          |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Equity instruments                 |              |               |
| Opening balance                    | 214,206,735  | 559,040,585   |
| Purchases of investments           | 65,771,028   | 190,318,728   |
| Sales of investments               | (35,685,676) | (427,500,668) |
| Changes in value                   | 11,907,821   | (107,651,910) |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 256,199,908  | 214,206,735   |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

## Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023        | 2022        |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Level 1         | 256,199,908 | 214,206,735 |
| Total           | 256,199,908 | 214,206,735 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

#### **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                     |     | 2023         |          |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                                     |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                  |     |              |          |
| Prologis Inc                        | USD | 28,328,886   | 11.0     |
| Public Storage                      | USD | 11,264,277   | 4.4      |
| Welltower Inc                       | USD | 10,910,924   | 4.2      |
| Simon Property Group Inc            | USD | 10,830,128   | 4.2      |
| Digital Realty Trust Inc            | USD | 9,518,368    | 3.7      |
| Realty Income Corp                  | USD | 8,547,842    | 3.3      |
| Extra Space Storage Inc             | USD | 7,798,134    | 3.0      |
| VICI Properties Inc                 | USD | 6,793,745    | 2.6      |
| AvalonBay Communities Inc           | USD | 6,191,064    | 2.4      |
| Vonovia SE                          | EUR | 5,393,432    | 2.1      |
| Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd               | JPY | 5,368,315    | 2.1      |
| Equity Residential                  | USD | 4,858,362    | 1.9      |
| Ventas Inc                          | USD | 4,685,632    | 1.8      |
| Daiwa House Industry Co Ltd         | JPY | 4,667,628    | 1.8      |
| Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc | USD | 4,607,856    | 1.8      |
| Invitation Homes Inc                | USD | 4,378,363    | 1.7      |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co Ltd            | JPY | 4,263,897    | 1.7      |
| Sun Communities Inc                 | USD | 3,804,363    | 1.5      |

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| (amounts x € 1)                        |     | 2023                   |          |
|--|-----|------------------------|----------|
|  |     | Market Value           | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                     |     |                        |          |
| Essex Property Trust Inc               | USD | 3,694,017              | 1.4      |
| Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc  | USD | 3,616,355              | 1.4      |
| Link REIT                              | HKD | 3,361,382              | 1.3      |
| Kimco Realty Corp                      | USD | 3,021,519              | 1.2      |
| Equity LifeStyle Properties Inc        | USD | 2,915,023              | 1.1      |
| Segro plc                              | GBP | 2,895,799              | 1.1      |
| WP Carey Inc                           | USD | 2,883,638              | 1.1      |
| UDR Inc                                | USD | 2,720,040              | 1.1      |
| Sumitomo Realty & Development Co Ltd   | JPY | 2,646,875              | 1.0      |
| Regency Centers Corp                   | USD | 2,597,451              | 1.0      |
| American Homes 4 Rent                  | USD | 2,555,466              | 1.0      |
| Healthpeak Properties Inc              | USD | 2,527,208              | 1.0      |
| Camden Property Trust                  | USD | 2,452,116              | 1.0      |
| Rexford Industrial Realty In           | USD | 2,434,851              | 0.9      |
| Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield              | EUR | 2,401,491              | 0.9      |
| Boston Properties Inc                  | USD | 2,358,078              | 0.9      |
| Scentre Group                          | AUD | 2,195,592              | 0.9      |
| Cubesmart                              | USD | 2,177,504              | 0.8      |
| Swiss Prime Site AG                    | CHF | 1,879,669              | 0.7      |
| CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust | SGD | 1,847,533              | 0.7      |
| Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust  | SGD | 1,838,883              | 0.7      |
| Federal Realty Invs Trust              | USD | 1,780,484              | 0.7      |
| Nippon Building Fund Inc               | JPY | 1,722,358              | 0.7      |
| Stag Industrial Inc                    | USD | 1,645,888              | 0.6      |
| Brixmor Property Group Inc             | USD | 1,627,267              | 0.6      |
| Stockland                              | AUD | 1,585,700              | 0.6      |
| Eastgroup Properties Inc               | USD | 1,526,772              | 0.6      |
| PSP Swiss Property AG                  | CHF | 1,473,465              | 0.6      |
| Land Securities Group plc              | GBP | 1,472,435              | 0.6      |
| LEG Immobilien AG                      | EUR | 1,400,077              | 0.5      |
| Omega Healthcare Investors Inc         | USD | 1,394,487              | 0.5      |
| Hulic Co Ltd                           | JPY | 1,384,217              | 0.5      |
| Japan Real Estate Investment Corp      | JPY | 1,376,248              | 0.5      |
|  | USD | 1,375,483              | 0.5      |
| Healthcare Realty Trust Inc<br>Dexus   | AUD | 1,316,921              | 0.5      |
|  |     | 1,316,921              |          |
| First Industrial Realty Tr             | USD |                        | 0.5      |
| Gecina SA                              | EUR | 1,290,702<br>1,289,414 | 0.5      |
| Nomura Real Estate Master Fund Inc     | JPY |                        | 0.5      |
| National Retail Properties Inc         | USD | 1,275,930              | 0.5      |
| Castellum AB                           | SEK | 1,273,398              | 0.5      |
| Mirvac Group                           | AUD | 1,233,518              | 0.5      |
| Wharf Real Estate Investment Co Ltd    | HKD | 1,222,673              | 0.5      |
| Klepierre SA                           | EUR | 1,220,969              | 0.5      |
| The GPT Group                          | AUD | 1,200,795              | 0.5      |
| Japan Retail Fund Investment Corp      | JPY | 1,180,398              | 0.5      |
| Vicinity Centres                       | AUD | 1,130,987              | 0.4      |
| Nippon Prologis REIT Inc               | JPY | 1,092,685              | 0.4      |
| Warehouses De Pauw CVA                 | EUR | 1,047,546              | 0.4      |
| Mapletree Logistics Trust              | SGD | 1,036,757              | 0.4      |
| Vornado Realty Trust                   | USD | 1,028,268              | 0.4      |
| GLP J-REIT                             | JPY | 991,498                | 0.4      |

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| (amounts x € 1)                     |     | 2023         |         |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------|
|                                     |     | Market Value | % of NA |
| Equity instruments                  |     |              |         |
| Agree Realty Corp                   | USD | 974,980      | 0.4     |
| The British Land Co plc             | GBP | 948,121      | 0.4     |
| Sagax AB B                          | SEK | 934,950      | 0.4     |
| Daiwa House REIT Investment Corp    | JPY | 921,246      | 0.4     |
| Tritax Big Box REIT plc             | GBP | 903,025      | 0.4     |
| The UNITE Group plc                 | GBP | 855,184      | 0.      |
| Merlin Properties Socimi SA         | EUR | 838,934      | 0.      |
| Fastighets AB Balder B Shrs         | SEK | 752,070      | 0.      |
| Tokyo Tatemono Co Ltd               | JPY | 732,328      | 0.      |
| Fabege AB                           | SEK | 699,080      | 0.      |
| NEPI Rockcastle N.V.                | ZAR | 692,881      | 0.      |
| Derwent London plc                  | GBP | 690,192      | 0.      |
| Invincible Investment Corp          | JPY | 681,157      | 0.      |
| SI Green Realty Corp                | USD | 675,843      | 0.      |
| Covivio                             | EUR | 644,669      | 0.      |
| Mapletree Commercial Trust          | SGD | 641,514      | 0.      |
| Frasers Logistics + Commerci        | SGD | 593,253      | 0.      |
| Big Yellow Group plc                | GBP | 579,433      | 0.      |
| City Developments Ltd               | SGD | 550,841      | 0.      |
| Medical Properties Trust Inc        | USD | 544,791      | 0.      |
| Japan Hotel REIT Investment Corp    | JPY | 512,334      | 0.      |
| Aroundtown SA                       | EUR | 479,642      | 0.      |
| Inmobiliaria Colonial SA            | EUR | 467,152      | 0.      |
| Growthpoint Properties Ltd          | ZAR | 440,645      | 0.      |
| Primary Health Properties           | GBP | 413,200      | 0.      |
| TAG Immobilien AG                   | EUR | 402,659      | 0.      |
| Lxi REIT plc                        | GBP | 359,082      | 0.      |
| Suntec REIT                         | SGD | 345,413      | 0.      |
| Assura Plc                          | GBP | 340,003      | 0.      |
| Multiplan Empreendimentos           | BRL | 282,296      | 0.      |
| Samhallsbyggnadsbolaget i Norden AB | SEK | 122,688      | 0.      |
| Net Lease Office Property           | USD | 49,251       | 0.0     |
| BR Malls Participacoes SA           | BRL | -            | 0.      |
| Total Equity instruments            |     | 256,199,908  | 99.     |
| Total investments                   |     | 256,199,908  | 99.     |

## 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023    | 2022    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Dividend receivable                 | 887,851 | 902,100 |
| Dividend withholding tax receivable | 55,375  | 71,868  |
| Total                               | 943,226 | 973,968 |

#### 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023         | 2022          |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--|
| Opening balance                     | 215,739,756  | 560,970,968   |  |
| Issue of shares                     | 46,602,027   | 138,070,243   |  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (16,454,658) | (374,883,232) |  |
| Distribution                        | (8,453,649)  | (13,896,417   |  |
| Interest income                     | 7,126        | 1,417         |  |
| Interest expense                    | (659)        | (24,382)      |  |
| Dividend income                     | 9,025,968    | 14,084,558    |  |
| Changes in the value of investments | 11,907,821   | (107,651,910  |  |
| Management fee                      | (541,160)    | (942,403      |  |
| Exchange rate differences           | (58,569)     | 6,679         |  |
| Other income                        | 7,747        | 4,235         |  |
| Closing balance                     | 257,781,750  | 215,739,756   |  |

#### 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)                             | 2023      | 2022   |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Management costs payable                    | 50,043    | 48,672 |
| Dividend tax payable                        | 47,190    | 24,794 |
| Securities transactions still to be settled | 9,300,032 | -      |
| Total                                       | 9,397,265 | 73,466 |

The amount on securities transactions still to be settled are from trades that will be paid in January, 2024.

#### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 541,160 (same period in 2022: € 942,403).

## 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset.

The fund has investments denominated in foreign currency and is therefore exposed to significant currency risk.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 20          | 23              | 202         | 2               |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Currency           | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |
| US dollar          | 174,661,977 | 67.8            | 142,671,761 | 66.2            |
| Japanese Yen       | 28,945,783  | 11.2            | 25,249,606  | 11.7            |
| Euro               | 15,758,165  | 6.1             | 12,048,107  | 5.6             |
| Pound sterling     | 9,525,178   | 3.7             | 7,609,126   | 3.5             |
| Australian dollar  | 8,773,013   | 3.4             | 8,006,577   | 3.7             |
| Singapore Dollar   | 6,856,024   | 2.7             | 5,946,033   | 2.8             |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 4,681,473   | 1.8             | 7,396,287   | 3.4             |
| Swedish Krona      | 3,792,029   | 1.5             | 2,628,910   | 1.2             |
| Swiss Franc        | 3,358,413   | 1.3             | 2,669,846   | 1.2             |
| South-African Rand | 1,134,257   | 0.4             | 1,104,776   | 0.5             |
| Brazilian real     | 295,438     | 0.1             | 408,727     | 0.2             |
| Total              | 257,781,750 | 100.0           | 215,739,756 | 100.0           |

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A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)    | 2023      |         | 2023 2022 |         | 2 |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---|
|                    |           | % of    |           | % of    |   |
| Currency           | Amount    | the NAV | Amount    | the NAV |   |
| US dollar          | 8,733,099 | 3.4     | 7,133,588 | 3.3     |   |
| Japanese Yen       | 1,447,289 | 0.6     | 1,262,480 | 0.6     |   |
| Pound sterling     | 476,259   | 0.2     | 380,456   | 0.2     |   |
| Australian dollar  | 438,651   | 0.2     | 400,329   | 0.2     |   |
| Singapore Dollar   | 342,801   | 0.1     | 297,302   | 0.1     |   |
| Hong Kong dollar   | 234,074   | 0.1     | 369,814   | 0.2     |   |
| Swedish Krona      | 189,601   | 0.1     | 131,446   | 0.1     |   |
| Swiss Franc        | 167,921   | 0.1     | 133,492   | 0.1     |   |
| South-African Rand | 56,713    | 0.0     | 55,239    | 0.0     |   |
| Brazilian real     | 14,772    | 0.0     | 20,436    | 0.0     |   |

#### Market risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

#### Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)         | 2023        |                 | 2022        |                 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Sector                  | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial               | 250,981,439 | 97.4            | 210,743,932 | 97.7            |
| Cyclical consumer goods | 5,218,469   | 2.0             | 3,462,803   | 1.6             |
| Total                   | 256,199,908 | 99.4            | 214,206,735 | 99.3            |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)         | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Sector                  | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial               | 12,549,072 | 4.9             | 10,537,197 | 4.9             |
| Cyclical consumer goods | 260,923    | 0.1             | 173,140    | 0.1             |

## Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023        |                 | 2022        |                 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |
| United States of America | 173,672,658 | 67.4            | 140,613,628 | 65.2            |
| Japan                    | 28,830,597  | 11.2            | 25,163,478  | 11.7            |
| United Kingdom           | 9,456,475   | 3.7             | 7,526,772   | 3.5             |
| Australia                | 8,663,514   | 3.4             | 7,873,588   | 3.7             |
| Germany                  | 7,675,810   | 3.0             | 5,660,833   | 2.6             |
| Singapore                | 6,854,193   | 2.7             | 5,940,512   | 2.8             |
| France                   | 5,557,832   | 2.2             | 4,301,199   | 2.0             |
| Hong Kong                | 4,584,055   | 1.8             | 8,451,642   | 3.9             |
| Sweden                   | 3,782,185   | 1.5             | 2,610,613   | 1.2             |
| Switzerland              | 3,353,134   | 1.3             | 2,667,216   | 1.2             |
| Spain                    | 1,306,086   | 0.5             | 682,730     | 0.3             |
| Belgium                  | 1,047,546   | 0.4             | 742,527     | 0.3             |
| Romania                  | 692,881     | 0.3             | 568,543     | 0.3             |
| South Africa             | 440,646     | 0.2             | 534,379     | 0.3             |
| Brazil                   | 282,296     | 0.1             | 396,287     | 0.2             |
| Finland                  | -           | 0.0             | 472,788     | 0.2             |
| Total                    | 256,199,908 | 99.4            | 214,206,735 | 99.3            |

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Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023      |                 | 2022      |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV |
| United States of America | 8,683,633 | 3.4             | 7,030,681 | 3.3             |
| Japan                    | 1,441,530 | 0.6             | 1,258,174 | 0.6             |
| United Kingdom           | 472,824   | 0.2             | 376,339   | 0.2             |
| Australia                | 433,176   | 0.2             | 393,679   | 0.2             |
| Germany                  | 383,791   | 0.1             | 283,042   | 0.1             |
| Singapore                | 342,710   | 0.1             | 297,026   | 0.1             |
| France                   | 277,892   | 0.1             | 215,060   | 0.1             |
| Hong Kong                | 229,203   | 0.1             | 422,582   | 0.2             |
| Sweden                   | 189,109   | 0.1             | 130,531   | 0.1             |
| Switzerland              | 167,657   | 0.1             | 133,361   | 0.1             |
| Spain                    | 65,304    | 0.0             | 34,137    | 0.0             |
| Belgium                  | 52,377    | 0.0             | 37,126    | 0.0             |
| Romania                  | 34,644    | 0.0             | 28,427    | 0.0             |
| South Africa             | 22,032    | 0.0             | 26,719    | 0.0             |
| Brazil                   | 14,115    | 0.0             | 19,814    | 0.0             |
| Finland                  | 0         | 0.0             | 23,639    | 0.0             |

#### Interest rate risk

The Sub-fund does not invest in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

## Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository. The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 10,979,107 (2022: € 1,606,487).

The Sub-fund does not invest in monetary financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant credit risk.

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#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs
  charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and
  exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank
  accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the
  VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023        | 2022        |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 216,623,450 | 376,012,622 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 541,160     | 942,403     |
| OCF                             | 0.25%       | 0.25%       |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount  | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 541,160 | 0.25% | 0.25%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

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#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 – Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 17.7% is calculated using this formula (2022: 27.9%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.2 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

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# Serie H VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF



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## **General Information**

#### **Investment policy**

The aim of the VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF, Sub-fund H of VanEck ETFs N.V., is to follow the Markit iBoxx SD-KPI EUR Liquid Corporates Index as closely as possible.

The index has the followings specifications:

- the index is weighted by market capitalisation;
- the Markit iBoxx SD-KPI EUR Liquid Corporates Index consists of the approximately 40 largest and most liquid euro denominated corporate bonds;
- the minimum issue size is at least 750 million euro;
- only one bond per issuer can be part of the index;
- the index may be reviewed quarterly on the last trading day of February, May, August and November;
- the universe of the underlying index consists of all euro denominated bonds;

For the weighting, two weight augmentations are applied:

- i. Market weight, ensuring that the index has a similar financial vs nonfinancial exposure to the EUR Corporates benchmark index.
- ii. ESG-weight, ensuring that all issuers with higher SD-KPI scores are over weighted and issuers with lower SD-KPI scores are under weighted.

## Key figures Series H: VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup>      |            |            |            |            |            |
| Changes in the value of investments | 1.05       | (3.19)     | (0.47)     | 0.28       | 1.02       |
| Direct returns                      | 0.33       | 0.23       | 0.20       | 0.21       | 0.24       |
| Total operating income              | 1.38       | (2.96)     | (0.27)     | 0.49       | 1.26       |
| Management costs and interest       |            |            |            |            |            |
| charges                             | (0.02)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     |
| Other expenses                      | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Total operating expenses            | (0.02)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     |
| Distribution                        | 0.19       | 0.22       | 0.14       | 0.19       | 0.20       |
| Fund assets                         | 35,715,935 | 30,750,831 | 46,506,942 | 47,934,255 | 37,022,977 |
| Number of outstanding shares        | 2,108,390  | 1,948,390  | 2,508,390  | 2,528,390  | 1,978,390  |
| Intrinsic value per share           | 16.94      | 15.78      | 18.54      | 18.96      | 18.71      |
| Fund performance                    | 8.61%      | -13.77%    | -1.47%     | 2.36%      | 6.90%      |
| Benchmark performance               | 8.68%      | -13.86%    | -1.32%     | 2.43%      | 7.06%      |
|                                     |            |            |            |            |            |

# 4.12 Adjusted Financial statements VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 78,877     | 31,950     |
| Investments  Panda                      |     | 25 122 140 | 20 457 046 |
| Bonds                                   |     | 35,122,140 | 30,457,946 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 35,122,140 | 30,457,946 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 521,776    | 281,025    |
| Total assets                            |     | 35,722,793 | 30,770,921 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 6,858      | 20,090     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 35,715,935 | 30,750,831 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 35,722,793 | 30,770,921 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023      | 2022        |
|--|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |           |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 2,153,547 | (6,945,454) |
| Interest income  |     | 682,348   | 494,460     |
| Interest expenses  |     | -         | (1,303)     |
| Other income   |     | 270       | 108         |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 2,836,165 | (6,452,189) |
| Management costs   | {6} | (49,451)  | (55,447)    |
| Total expenses   |     | (49,451)  | (55,447)    |
| Distribution   | {4} | (385,394) | (501,946)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 2,401,320 | (7,009,582) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023         | 2022         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |              |              |
| Purchases of investments                             | (19,968,593) | (42,940,192) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 17,457,946   | 51,630,487   |
| Interest received                                    | 441,597      | 518,217      |
| Interest paid  | -            | (1,303)      |
| Management costs paid                                | (48,911)     | (57,522)     |
| Other income received                                | 270          | 108          |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (2,117,691)  | 9,149,795    |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |              |              |
| Issue of shares                                      | 4,188,244    | 20,092,884   |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (1,624,460)  | (28,839,413) |
| Distribution   | (399,166)    | (496,134)    |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 2,164,618    | (9,242,663)  |
| Net cash flow  | 46,927       | (92,868)     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 31,950       | 124,818      |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 78,877       | 31,950       |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023        | 2022         |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |              |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 30,750,831  | 46,506,942   |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 4,188,244   | 20,092,884   |
| Redemption of shares   | (1,624,460) | (28,839,413) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 2,401,320   | (7,009,582)  |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |              |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 35,715,935  | 30,750,831   |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |             |              |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 1,948,390   | 2,508,390    |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 260,000     | 1,190,000    |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (100,000)   | (1,750,000)  |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 2,108,390   | 1,948,390    |

#### **Notes**

## Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)       | 2023         | 2022         |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bonds                 |              |              |
| Opening balance       | 30,457,946   | 46,093,695   |
| Purchases             | 19,968,593   | 42,940,192   |
| Sales                 | (17,457,946) | (51,630,487) |
| Changes in value      | 2,153,547    | (6,945,454)  |
| Closing balance bonds | 35,122,140   | 30,457,946   |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

## Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 35,122,140 | 30,457,946 |
| Total           | 35,122,140 | 30,457,946 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

# **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                             |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Bonds                                       |     |              |          |
| Novartis Finance SA 0% 23/9/2028            | EUR | 1,443,128    | 4.0      |
| Thermo Fisher Sc Fnce I 0.8% 18 Oct 2030    | EUR | 1,410,960    | 4.0      |
| Bayer AG                                    | EUR | 1,369,490    | 3.8      |
| Credit Suisse Group AG 1% 01 Mar 2029       | EUR | 1,345,114    | 3.8      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co 1% 23 Mar 2030          | EUR | 1,338,899    | 3.7      |
| Anheuser Busch Inbev SA/NV 3.7% 02 Apr 2040 | EUR | 1,139,779    | 3.2      |
| Comcast Corp                                | EUR | 1,121,214    | 3.1      |
| Goldman Sachs Group Inc                     | EUR | 1,108,175    | 3.1      |
| AT&T Inc 1.6% 19/5/2028                     | EUR | 1,087,837    | 3.0      |
| HSBC Holdings plc 1% 15 Jun 2027            | EUR | 1,083,292    | 3.0      |
| Toronto Dominion Bank                       | EUR | 1,076,323    | 3.0      |
| Booking Holdings Inc                        | EUR | 1,069,365    | 3.0      |
| CDP Financial Inc 1.125% 06 Apr 2027        | EUR | 1,068,129    | 3.0      |
| Eni SpA                                     | EUR | 1,051,489    | 2.9      |
| Morgan Stanley 1% 29 Oct 2027               | EUR | 997,709      | 2.8      |
| Citigroup Inc 1% 06 Jul 2026                | EUR | 970,110      | 2.7      |
| Nationwide Bldg Society                     | EUR | 928,673      | 2.6      |
| Bank of America Corp 1% 27 Apr 2033         | EUR | 921,508      | 2.6      |
| Wells Fargo & Company 1% 04 May 2030        | EUR | 854,960      | 2.4      |
| E.ON SE                                     | EUR | 827,915      | 2.3      |
| Volkswagen Fin Serv AG                      | EUR | 821,603      | 2.3      |
| Barclays plc                                | EUR | 811,087      | 2.3      |
| Mercedes Benz Int Fince                     | EUR | 802,086      | 2.2      |
| Visa Inc 1.5% 15 Jun 2026                   | EUR | 788,241      | 2.2      |
| Intesa Sanpaolo SpA                         | EUR | 785,258      | 2.2      |
| Stellantis NV                               | EUR | 769,400      | 2.2      |
| Deutsche Post AG                            | EUR | 749,912      | 2.1      |
| Fresenius Medical Care A                    | EUR | 723,574      | 2.0      |
| Credit Suisse AG London                     | EUR | 704,089      | 2.0      |
| Continental AG 2.5% 27/8/2026               | EUR | 659,686      | 1.8      |
| EnBW Intl Finance BV 4% 24 Jan 2035         | EUR | 641,277      | 1.8      |
| Nestle Finance INTL LTD 0.375% 12/5/2032    | EUR | 599,862      | 1.7      |
| Bmw Finance NV                              | EUR | 595,263      | 1.7      |
| Deutsche Bahn Fin GmbH 1.125% 29 May 2051   | EUR | 587,388      | 1.6      |
| RCI Bangue SA 0.5% 14 Jul 2025              | EUR | 570,344      | 1.6      |
| OMV AG 0.75% 16 Jun 2030                    | EUR | 557,342      | 1.6      |
| Heidelberg Materials AG                     | EUR | 556,578      | 1.6      |
| Commerzbank AG                              | EUR | 426,763      | 1.3      |
| Hamburg Commercial Bank                     | EUR | 421,528      | 1.2      |
| Wuerth Finance INTL BV 0.75% 22/11/2027     | EUR | 336,790      | 0.9      |
| Total bonds                                 |     | 35,122,140   | 98.3     |

#### 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)   | 2023         | 2022             |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| Interest withholding tax receivable Accrued interest on bonds | -<br>521,776 | 4,138<br>276,887 |
| Total   | 521,776      | 281,025          |

#### 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023        | 2022        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Opening balance                     | 30,750,831  | 46,506,942  |
| Issue of shares                     | 4,188,244   | 20,092,884  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (1,624,460) | (28,839,413 |
| Distribution                        | (385,394)   | (501,946    |
| Interest income                     | 682,348     | 494,460     |
| Interest expense                    | -           | (1,303      |
| Changes in the value of investments | 2,153,547   | (6,945,454  |
| Management fee                      | (49,451)    | (55,447     |
| Other income                        | 270         | 108         |
| Closing balance                     | 35,715,935  | 30,750,83   |

## 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023  | 2022   |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| Management costs payable | 4,506 | 3,966  |
| Dividend tax payable     | 2,352 | 16,124 |
| Total                    | 6,858 | 20,090 |

#### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 49,451 (same period in 2022: € 55,447).

# 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Market risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- <u>Market price risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The Sub-fund only has euro investments and is consequently not exposed to significant currency risk.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

## Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 15,629,858 | 43.8            | 12,933,248 | 42.1            |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 6,686,794  | 18.7            | 6,330,624  | 20.6            |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 4,218,381  | 11.8            | 3,524,459  | 11.5            |
| Communications              | 3,278,416  | 9.2             | 2,702,696  | 8.8             |
| Industrial                  | 2,230,667  | 6.2             | 2,031,864  | 6.6             |
| Energy                      | 1,608,832  | 4.5             | 1,553,602  | 5.1             |
| Utilities                   | 1,469,192  | 4.1             | 524,470    | 1.6             |
| Technology                  | -          | 0.0             | 856,983    | 2.7             |
| Total                       | 35,122,140 | 98.3            | 30,457,946 | 99.0            |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 781,493 | 2.2             | 646,662 | 2.1             |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 334,340 | 0.9             | 316,531 | 1.0             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 210,919 | 0.6             | 176,223 | 0.6             |
| Communications              | 163,921 | 0.5             | 135,135 | 0.4             |
| Industrial                  | 111,533 | 0.3             | 101,593 | 0.3             |
| Energy                      | 80,442  | 0.2             | 77,680  | 0.3             |
| Utilities                   | 73,460  | 0.2             | 26,224  | 0.1             |
| Technology                  | -       | 0.0             | 42,849  | 0.1             |

A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

## Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |  |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| Country                  | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| United States of America | 13,038,240 | 36.5            | 12,456,882 | 40.5            |  |
| Germany                  | 9,519,852  | 26.7            | 8,175,473  | 26.6            |  |
| Switzerland              | 3,492,331  | 9.8             | 2,418,767  | 7.9             |  |
| United Kingdom           | 2,823,052  | 7.9             | 2,250,922  | 7.3             |  |
| Canada                   | 2,144,452  | 6.0             | 2,708,227  | 8.8             |  |
| Italy                    | 1,836,748  | 5.1             | 544,956    | 1.8             |  |
| Belgium                  | 1,139,779  | 3.2             | 838,523    | 2.6             |  |
| France                   | 570,344    | 1.6             | 543,793    | 1.8             |  |
| Austria                  | 557,342    | 1.6             | 520,403    | 1.7             |  |
| Total                    | 35,122,140 | 98.3            | 30,457,946 | 99.0            |  |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amountsx€1)             | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Country                  | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV |
| United States of America | 651,912 | 1.8             | 622,844 | 2.0            |
| Germany                  | 475,993 | 1.3             | 408,774 | 1.3            |
| Switzerland              | 174,617 | 0.5             | 120,938 | 0.4            |
| United Kingdom           | 141,153 | 0.4             | 112,546 | 0.4            |
| Canada                   | 107,223 | 0.3             | 135,411 | 0.4            |
| Italy                    | 91,837  | 0.3             | 27,248  | 0.1            |
| Belgium                  | 56,989  | 0.2             | 41,926  | 0.1            |
| France                   | 28,517  | 0.1             | 27,190  | 0.1            |
| Austria                  | 27,867  | 0.1             | 26,020  | 0.1            |

#### Interest rate risk

The Company invests in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its debt securities and cash including margin cash held with brokers and may have an indirect exposure to interest rate risk through investments into financial derivative instruments whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates, the effect being greater the longer the maturity of the security.

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years  | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2023 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Investments                  | _         | 14,734,933 | 20,387,207 | -                          | 35,122,140 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 78,877    | -          | -          | -                          | 78,877     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -          | 521,776                    | 521,776    |
| Total assets                 | 78,877    | 14,734,933 | 20,387,207 | 521,776                    | 35,722,793 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -          | 6,858                      | 6,858      |
| Equity                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -          | 35,715,935                 | 35,715,935 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -          | 35,722,793                 | 35,722,793 |
| Total                        | 78,877    | 14,734,933 | 20,387,207 | (35,201,017)               |            |

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years  | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2022 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Investments                  | -         | 14,899,084 | 15,558,862 | -                          | 30,457,946 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 31,950    | -          | -          | -                          | 31,950     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -          | 281,025                    | 281,025    |
| Total assets                 | 31,950    | 14,899,084 | 15,558,862 | 281,025                    | 30,770,921 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -          | 20,090                     | 20,090     |
| Equity                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -          | 30,750,831                 | 30,750,831 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -          | 30,770,921                 | 30,770,921 |
| Total                        | 31,950    | 14,899,084 | 15,558,862 | (30,489,896)               |            |

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023              |           | 2022              |           |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                 | Modified Duration | Amount    | Modified Duration | Amount    |
| Bonds           | 5.32              | 1,869,098 | 5.15              | 1,569,287 |

The modified duration expresses the bonds value's sensitivity to a 100 basis point change in interest rates. The effect on the amount is the opposite to the change in interest rate. If the interest rate increases (decreases) the amount of the bonds will decrease (increase). The higher the modified duration, the higher the (opposite) effect on the amount of the bonds.

## Portfolio distribution by coupon rate

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%      | 3-5%       | >5%       | Total 2023 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 12,254,241 | 9,353,081 | 12,169,704 | 1,345,114 | 35,122,140 |

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%       | 3-5%      | >5%       | Tota  2022 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 15,306,998 | 10,036,341 | 3,959,562 | 1,155,045 | 30,457,946 |

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Sub-fund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 35,722,793 (2022: € 30,770,921).

#### Portfolio distribution by credit rating

The Sub-fund invests in monetary financial instruments and is consequently exposed to significant credit risk. The table below shows the concentrations of credit risk of the investments in bonds.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022            |            |                 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Credit rating   | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| AAA             | 1,068,129  | 3.0             | 931,756    | 3.0             |
| AA              | 3,418,620  | 9.6             | 4,746,195  | 15.4            |
| A               | 16,990,594 | 47.6            | 11,028,382 | 35.9            |
| BBB             | 11,916,014 | 33.4            | 12,672,949 | 41.2            |
| No rating       | 1,728,783  | 4.7             | 1,078,664  | 3.5             |
| Total           | 35,122,140 | 98.3            | 30,457,946 | 99.0            |

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs
  charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and
  exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank
  accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the
  VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 32,980,261 | 36,921,195 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 49,451     | 55,447     |
| OCF                             | 0.15%      | 0.15%      |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amountsx€1)                    | Amount | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 49,451 | 0.15% | 0.15%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 – Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 95.9% is calculated using this formula (2022: 123.6%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 1.0 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

The PTR for 2023, as well as 2022, is around 100%, mainly due to reweighting of the fund.

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# Serie I VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF



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#### **General Information**

#### **Investment policy**

The aim of the VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF is to follow the Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereign Diversified 1-10 Index as closely as possible.

The (general) criteria below apply to the (composition of the) Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereign Diversified 1-10 Index:

- the index consists of maximum 25 European government bonds with a maturity of 1 to 10 years, listed in euros;
- the bonds have a minimum issue of 2 billion;
- at the moment of selection and reweighting, the bonds have a minimum remaining maturity of 18 months;
- the weighting is on the basis of the outstanding amount of the bonds.
- the government bonds must pay a fixed coupon, 'plain vanilla bonds';
- the number of bonds per country is capped at 4;
- the weight per country in the Index is maximum 20%;
- the reweighting takes place on the last day of January, April, July and October. The costs incurred in connection
  with the reweighting of the VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF are at the expense of this Subfund.

#### Key figures Series I: VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF

| (amounts x € 1)   | 2023           | 2022           | 2021           | 2020           | 201       |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Company of a state of |                |                |                |                |           |
| Summarypershare <sup>3</sup> Changes in the value of  |                |                |                |                |           |
| investments   | 0.81           | (2.71)         | (0.50)         | 0.20           | 0.67      |
| Direct returns  | 0.08           | 0.08           | 0.10           | 0.12           | 0.13      |
| Total operating income  | 0.89           | (2.63)         | (0.40)         | 0.32           | 0.80      |
| Management costs and interest charges   | (0.02)         | (0.02)         | (0.02)         | (0.02)         | (0.02)    |
| Other expenses  | -              | -              | -              | -              |           |
| Total operating expenses  | (0.02)         | (0.02)         | (0.02)         | (0.02)         | (0.02)    |
| Distribution  | 0.07           | 0.07           | 0.11           | 0.11           | 0.05      |
| Fund assets   | 25,686,86<br>2 | 22,635,58<br>0 | 37,558,22<br>2 | 36,723,08<br>7 | 32,944,26 |
| Number of outstanding shares  | 2,076,537      | 1,956,537      | 2,636,537      | 2,486,537      | 2,291,537 |
| Intrinsic value per share   | 12.37          | 11.57          | 14.25          | 14.77          | 14.38     |
| Fund performance  | 7.54%          | -18.32%        | -2.81%         | 3.51%          | 5.14%     |
| Benchmark performance   | 7.68%          | -18.26%        | -2.67%         | 3.66%          | 5.24%     |

# 4.13 Adjusted Financial statements VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 29,736     | 39,432     |
| <u>Investments</u><br>Bonds             |     | 25,592,486 | 22,558,938 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 25,592,486 | 22,558,938 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 89,548     | 44,048     |
| Total assets                            |     | 25,711,770 | 22,642,418 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 24,908     | 6,838      |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 25,686,862 | 22,635,580 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 25,711,770 | 22,642,418 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023      | 2022        |
|--|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |           |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 1,613,855 | (6,278,394) |
| Interest income  |     | 165,736   | 179,931     |
| Interest expenses  |     | (129)     | (481)       |
| Other income   |     | 492       | 18          |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 1,779,954 | (6,098,926) |
| Management costs   | {6} | (35,453)  | (44,770)    |
| Total expenses   |     | (35,453)  | (44,770)    |
| Distribution   | {4} | (144,658) | (146,758)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 1,599,843 | (6,290,454) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# **Statement of cashflows**

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023         | 2022         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |              |              |
| Purchases of investments                             | (19,361,932) | (23,375,841) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 17,942,239   | 31,990,138   |
| Interest received                                    | 120,237      | 221,495      |
| Interest paid  | (129)        | (481         |
| Management costs paid                                | (35,233)     | (46,630)     |
| Other income received                                | 492          | 18           |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (1,334,326)  | 8,788,699    |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |              |              |
| Issue of shares                                      | 3,397,406    | 3,362,982    |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (1,945,967)  | (11,995,170  |
| Distribution   | (126,809)    | (171,180     |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 1,324,630    | (8,803,368)  |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | -            |              |
| Net cash flow  | (9,696)      | (14,669      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 39,432       | 54,101       |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 29,736       | 39,432       |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023        | 2022         |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |              |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 22,635,580  | 37,558,222   |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 3,397,406   | 3,362,982    |
| Redemption of shares   | (1,945,967) | (11,995,170) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 1,599,843   | (6,290,454)  |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |              |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 25,686,862  | 22,635,580   |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |             |              |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 1,956,537   | 2,636,537    |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 280,000     | 270,000      |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (160,000)   | (950,000)    |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 2,076,537   | 1,956,537    |

#### **Notes**

## Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| Bonds                 |              |             |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Opening balance       | 22,558,938   | 37,451,629  |
| Purchases             | 19,361,932   | 23,375,841  |
| Sales                 | (17,942,239) | (31,990,138 |
| Changes in value      | 1,613,855    | (6,278,394  |
| Closing balance bonds | 25,592,486   | 22,558,938  |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

## Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 25,592,486 | 22,558,938 |
| Total           | 25,592,486 | 22,558,938 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

# **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)            |     | 2023         |          |  |
|----------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|--|
|                            |     | Market Value | % of NAV |  |
| Bonds                      |     |              |          |  |
| Bundesrepublik Deutschland | EUR | 5.127,367    | 19.9     |  |
| Government of France       | EUR | 5,107,128    | 19.9     |  |
| Bonos Y Oblig Del Estado   | EUR | 4,857,422    | 18.9     |  |
| Buoni Poliennali Del Tes   | EUR | 4,288,978    | 16.7     |  |
| Belgium Kingdom            | EUR | 2,841,154    | 11.1     |  |
| Netherlands Government     | EUR | 2,718,528    | 10.6     |  |
| Republic of Austria        | EUR | 651,909      | 2.5      |  |
| Total bonds                |     | 25,592,486   | 99.6     |  |
| Total investments          |     | 25,592,486   | 99.6     |  |

## 3. Receivables

| 2023   | 2022   |
|--------|--------|
| 89,548 | 44,048 |
| 89,548 | 44,048 |
|        | 89,548 |

# 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023        | 2022         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Opening balance                     | 22,635,580  | 37,558,222   |
| Issue of shares                     | 3,397,406   | 3,362,982    |
| Purchase of shares                  | (1,945,967) | (11,995,170) |
| Distribution                        | (144,658)   | (146,758)    |
| Interest income                     | 165,736     | 179,931      |
| Interest expense                    | (129)       | (481)        |
| Changes in the value of investments | 1,613,855   | (6,278,394)  |
| Management fee                      | (35,453)    | (44,770)     |
| Other income                        | 492         | 18           |
| Closing balance                     | 25,686,862  | 22,635,580   |

#### 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)                                  | 2023            | 2022           |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Management costs payable<br>Dividend tax payable | 3,207<br>21,701 | 2,986<br>3,852 |
| Total  | 24,908          | 6,838          |

### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 35,453 (same period in 2022: € 44,770).

# 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- <u>Market price risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The Sub-fund only has euro investments and is consequently not exposed to significant currency risk.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

#### Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022            |            |                 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Country         | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| Germany         | 5,127,367  | 20.0            | 4,504,230  | 19.9            |
| France          | 5,107,128  | 19.9            | 4,522,200  | 20.0            |
| Spain           | 4,857,422  | 18.9            | 4,002,587  | 17.7            |
| Italy           | 4,288,978  | 16.7            | 4,024,307  | 17.8            |
| Belgium         | 2,841,154  | 11.1            | 2,582,344  | 11.4            |
| Netherlands     | 2,718,528  | 10.6            | 2,397,016  | 10.6            |
| Austria         | 651,909    | 2.5             | 526,254    | 2.3             |
| Total           | 25,592,486 | 99.6            | 22,558,938 | 99.7            |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                 |  |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Country         | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| Germany         | 256,368 | 1.0             | 225,212 | 1.0             |  |
| France          | 255,356 | 1.0             | 226,110 | 1.0             |  |
| Spain           | 242,871 | 0.9             | 200,129 | 0.9             |  |
| Italy           | 214,449 | 0.8             | 201,215 | 0.9             |  |
| Belgium         | 142,058 | 0.6             | 129,117 | 0.6             |  |
| Netherlands     | 135,926 | 0.5             | 119,851 | 0.5             |  |
| Austria         | 32,595  | 0.1             | 26,313  | 0.1             |  |

#### Interest rate risk

The Company invests in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its debt securities and cash including margin cash held with brokers and may have an indirect exposure to interest rate risk through investments into financial derivative instruments whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates, the effect being greater the longer the maturity of the security.

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years  | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2023 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Investments                  | -         | 5,055,659  | 20,536,827 | _                          | 25,592,486 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 29,736    | -          | -          | -                          | 29,736     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -          | 89,548                     | 89,548     |
| Total assets                 | 29,736    | 5,055,659  | 20,536,827 | 89,548                     | 25,711,770 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -          | 24,908                     | 24,908     |
| Equity                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -          | 25,686,862                 | 25,686,862 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -          | 25,711,770                 | 25,711,770 |
| Total                        | 29,736    | 5,055,659  | 20,536,827 | (25,622,222)               | <u>-</u>   |

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years  | Not<br>Interest<br>bearing | Total 2022 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Investments                  | -         | 1,948,323  | 20,610,615 | -                          | 22,558,938 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 39,432    | -          | -          | -                          | 39,432     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -          | 44,048                     | 44,048     |
| Total assets                 | 39,432    | 1,948,323  | 20,610,615 | 44,048                     | 22,642,418 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -          | 6,838                      | 6,838      |
| Equity                       |           |            |            |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -         | -          | -          | 22,635,580                 | 22,635,580 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -          | 22,642,418                 | 22,642,418 |
| Total                        | 39,432    | 1,948,323  | 20,610,615 | (22,598,370)               |            |

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023              |           | 2022              |           |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                 | Modified Duration | Amount    | Modified Duration | Amount    |
| Bonds           | 6.38              | 1,632,456 | 6.92              | 1,560,853 |

The modified duration expresses the bonds value's sensitivity to a 100 basis point change in interest rates. The effect on the amount is the opposite to the change in interest rate. If the interest rate increases (decreases) the amount of the bonds will decrease (increase). The higher the modified duration, the higher the (opposite) effect on the amount of the bonds.

## Portfolio distribution by coupon rate

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%      | 3-5%      | >5% | Total 2023 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 18,425,241 | 5,979,091 | 1,188,154 | -   | 25,592,486 |

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%      | 3-5% | >5% | Total 2022 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|------|-----|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 18,354,169 | 4,204,769 | -    | -   | 22,558,938 |

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 25,711,770 (2022: € 22,642,418).

#### Portfolio distribution by credit rating

The Sub-fund invests in monetary financial instruments and is consequently exposed to significant credit risk. The table below shows the concentrations of credit risk of the investments in bonds.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2023            |            | 2022            |  |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| Credit rating   | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| Credit rating   | Amount     | the NAV         | Amount     | the NAV         |  |
| AAA             | 7,845,896  | 30.5            | 6,901,247  | 30.5            |  |
| AA              | 8,600,190  | 33.5            | 7,630,797  | 33.7            |  |
| A               | 4,857,422  | 18.9            | 4,002,587  | 17.7            |  |
| BBB             | 4,288,978  | 16.7            | 4,024,307  | 17.8            |  |
| Total           | 25,592,486 | 99.6            | 22,558,938 | 99.7            |  |

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 23,643,510 | 29,805,761 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 35,453     | 44,770     |
| OCF                             | 0.15%      | 0.15%      |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 35,453 | 0.15% | 0.15%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

### Portfolio Turnover ratio

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 - Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 135.2% is calculated using this formula (2022: 134.2%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 1.4 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

The PTR for 2023 and 2022 exceeds 100%, mainly due to reweighting of the fund.

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# Serie J VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF



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## **General Information**

#### **Investment policy**

The aim of the VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF is to follow the Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereigns Capped AAA-AA 1-5 Index as closely as possible.

The (general) criteria below apply to the (composition of the) Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereigns Capped AAA-AA 1-5 Index:

- the index consists of maximum 15 European government bonds with a maturity of 1.25 to 5.5 years, listed in euros;
- the bonds have a minimum issue of 2 billion;
- the bonds have a minimum rating of AA;
- at the moment of selection and reweighting, the bonds have a minimum remaining maturity of 18 months;
- the weighting is on the basis of the outstanding amount of the bonds.
- the government bonds must pay a fixed coupon, 'plain vanilla bonds';
- the number of bonds per country is capped at 3;
- the weight per country in the Index is maximum 30%;
- the reweighting takes place on the last day of February, May, August and November. The costs incurred in connection with the reweighting of the VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF are at the expense of this Sub-fund.

#### Key figures Series J: VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020                                    | 2019        |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---|-------------|
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup>      |            |            |            |   |             |
| * *                                 |            |            |            |   |             |
| Changes in the value of investments | 0.54       | (2.08)     | (0.48)     | (0.45)                                  | (0.58)      |
| Direct returns                      | 0.34       | 0.18       | 0.48)      | 0.40                                    | 0.56        |
|                                     |            |            |            | • |             |
| Total operating income              | 0.74       | (1.90)     | (0.23)     | (0.05)                                  | (0.02)      |
| Management costs and interest       |            |            |            |   |             |
| charges                             | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)                                  | (0.03)      |
| Other expenses                      | -          | -          | -          | -                                       | -           |
| Total operating expenses            | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)     | (0.03)                                  | (0.03)      |
| Distribution                        | 0.18       | 0.12       | 0.39       | 0.40                                    | 0.54        |
| Distribution                        | 0.10       | 0.12       | 0.33       | 0.40                                    | 0.54        |
| Fund assets                         | 56,132,592 | 58,989,958 | 76,303,356 | 165,496,601                             | 154,888,114 |
| Number of outstanding shares        | 2,981,000  | 3,231,000  | 3,751,000  | 7,871,000                               | 7,221,000   |
| Intrinsic value per share           | 18.83      | 18.26      | 20.34      | 21.03                                   | 21.45       |
|                                     |            |            |            |   |             |
| Fund performance                    | 4.15%      | -9.68%     | -1.41%     | -0.11%                                  | -0.20%      |
| Benchmark performance               | 4.31%      | -9.60%     | -1.29%     | 0.07%                                   | -0.08%      |
|                                     |            |            |            |   |             |

# 4.14 Adjusted Financial statements VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 53,992     | 28,889,388 |
| Investments                             |     |            |            |
| Bonds                                   |     | 55,821,561 | 58,633,957 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 55,821,561 | 58,633,957 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 298,687    | 351,935    |
| Total assets                            |     | 56,174,240 | 87,875,280 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 41,648     | 28,885,322 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 56,132,592 | 58,989,958 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 56,174,240 | 87,875,280 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The large amount on Cash and cash equivalents in 2022, as well as Other payables, were due to a large redemption of shares by investors that was paid on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023      | 2022        |
|--|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |           |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 1,671,624 | (8,908,865) |
| Interest income  |     | 638,708   | 765,054     |
| Interest expenses  |     | -         | (2,483)     |
| Other income   |     | 921       | -           |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 2,311,253 | (8,146,294) |
| Management costs   | {6} | (86,084)  | (124,015)   |
| Total expenses   |     | (86,084)  | (124,015)   |
| Distribution   | {4} | (550,880) | (571,920)   |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 1,674,289 | (8,842,229) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of cashflows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023         | 202          |  |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |              |              |  |
| Purchases of investments                             | (23,996,060) | (84,538,513) |  |
| Sales of investments                                 | 28,480,080   | 93,012,053   |  |
| Interest received                                    | 691,956      | 691,610      |  |
| Interest paid  | -            | (2,483)      |  |
| Management costs paid                                | (89,409)     | (124,476)    |  |
| Other income received                                | 921          | -            |  |
| Net cash flow from operating activities*             | 5,087,488    | 9,038,191    |  |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |              |              |  |
| Issue of shares                                      | 9,940,560    | 33,727,209   |  |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (43,300,712) | (13,369,881) |  |
| Distribution   | (562,732)    | (746.146)    |  |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | (33,922,884) | 19,611,182   |  |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | -            | -            |  |
| Net cash flow  | (28,835,396) | 28,649,373   |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 28,889,388   | 240,015      |  |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 53,992       | 28,889,388   |  |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

<sup>\*</sup>Due to a reclassification between Dividend tax received and Distribution the Net cash flow from operating activities for 2022 has changed for an amount of EUR 260,014.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023         | 2022         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |              |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 58,989,958   | 76,303,356   |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 9,940,560    | 33,727,209   |
| Redemption of shares   | (14,472,215) | (42,198,378) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 1,674,289    | (8,842,229)  |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |              |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 56,132,592   | 58,989,958   |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |              |              |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 3,231,000    | 3,751,000    |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 540,000      | 1,740,000    |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (790,000)    | (2,260,000)  |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 2,981,000    | 3,231,000    |

#### **Notes**

#### Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| Bonds                 |              |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Opening balance       | 58,633,957   | 76,016,362   |
| Purchases             | 23,996,060   | 84,538,513   |
| Sales                 | (28,480,080) | (93,012,053) |
| Changes in value      | 1,671,624    | (8,908,865)  |
| Closing balance bonds | 55,821,561   | 58,633,957   |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

#### Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 55,821,561 | 58,633,957 |
| Total           | 55,821,561 | 58,633,957 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

## **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)            |     | 2023         |          |  |
|----------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|--|
|                            |     | Market Value | % of NAV |  |
| Bonds                      |     |              |          |  |
| Government of France       | EUR | 16,867,760   | 30.0     |  |
| Bundesrepublik Deutschland | EUR | 14,516,178   | 25.9     |  |
| Belgium Kingdom            | EUR | 9,543,356    | 17.0     |  |
| Netherlands Government     | EUR | 8,596,240    | 15.3     |  |
| Republic of Austria        | EUR | 6,298,027    | 11.2     |  |
| Total bonds                |     | 55,821,561   | 99.4     |  |
| Total investments          |     | 55,821,561   | 99.4     |  |

#### 3. Receivables

| (amountsx€1)              | 2023    | 2022    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Accrued interest on bonds | 298,687 | 351,935 |
| Total                     | 298,687 | 351,935 |

# 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023         | 2022        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Opening balance                     | 58,989,958   | 76,303,356  |
| Issue of shares                     | 9,940,560    | 33,727,209  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (14,472,215) | (42,198,378 |
| Distribution                        | (550,880)    | (571,920    |
| Interest income                     | 638,708      | 765,054     |
| Interest expense                    | -            | (2,483)     |
| Changes in the value of investments | 1,671,624    | (8,908,865  |
| Management fee                      | (86,084)     | (124,015    |
| Other income                        | 921          |             |
| Closing balance                     | 56,132,592   | 58,989,958  |

#### 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023   | 2022       |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------|
| Management costs payable    | 7,146  | 10,471     |
| Dividend tax payable        | 34,502 | 46,354     |
| Payable for shares redeemed | -      | 28,828,497 |
| Total                       | 41,648 | 28,885,322 |

At the end of the year in 2022 there was a large redemption of shares by investors that was paid on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023.

#### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 86,084 (same period in 2022: € 124,015).

#### 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The Sub-fund only has euro investments and is consequently not exposed to significant currency risk.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

#### Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |  |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| Country         | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| France          | 16,867,760 | 30.1            | 17,522,965 | 29.7            |  |
| Germany         | 14,516,178 | 25.9            | 15,349,672 | 26.0            |  |
| Belgium         | 9,543,356  | 17.0            | 10,214,558 | 17.3            |  |
| Netherlands     | 8,596,240  | 15.3            | 9,044,007  | 15.3            |  |
| Austria         | 6,298,027  | 11.2            | 6,502,755  | 11.0            |  |
| Total           | 55,821,561 | 99.4            | 58,633,957 | 99.4            |  |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amountsx€1) | 2023    |                 | 2022    |                 |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Country      | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV | Amount  | % of<br>the NAV |
| France       | 843,388 | 1.5             | 876,148 | 1.5             |
| Germany      | 725,809 | 1.3             | 767,484 | 1.3             |
| Belgium      | 477,168 | 0.9             | 510,728 | 0.9             |
| Netherlands  | 429,812 | 0.8             | 452,200 | 0.8             |
| Austria      | 314,901 | 0.6             | 325,138 | 0.6             |

#### Interest rate risk

The Company invests in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its debt securities and cash including margin cash held with brokers and may have an indirect exposure to interest rate risk through investments into financial derivative instruments whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates, the effect being greater the longer the maturity of the security.

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year | <= 5 years | > 5 years | Not<br>Interest<br>bearing | Total 2023 |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Investments                  | -         | 53,897,977 | 1,923,584 | -                          | 55,821,561 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 53,992    | -          | -         | -                          | 53,992     |
| Receivables                  | -         | -          | -         | 298,687                    | 298,687    |
| Total assets                 | 53,992    | 53,897,977 | 1,923,584 | 298,687                    | 56,174,240 |
| LIABILITIES                  |           |            |           |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -         | -          | -         | 41,648                     | 41,648     |
| Shares                       | -         | _          | -         | 56,132,592                 | 56,132,592 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -         | -          | -         | 56,174,240                 | 56,174,240 |
| Total                        | 53,992    | 53,897,977 | 1,923,584 | (55,875,553)               | -          |

| (amounts x € 1)              | <= 1 year  | <= 5 years | > 5 years | Not<br>interest<br>bearing | Total 2022 |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS                       |            |            |           |                            |            |
| Investments                  | _          | 48,835,000 | 9,798,957 | -                          | 58,633,957 |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 28,889,388 | -          | -         | -                          | 28,889,388 |
| Receivables                  | -          | -          | -         | 351,935                    | 351,935    |
| Total assets                 | 28,889,388 | 48,835,000 | 9,798,957 | 351,935                    | 87,875,280 |
| LIABILITIES                  |            |            |           |                            |            |
| Other payables               | -          | -          | -         | 28,885,322                 | 28,885,322 |
| Equity                       |            |            |           |                            |            |
| Shares                       | -          | -          | -         | 58,989,958                 | 58,989,958 |
| Total equity and liabilities | -          | -          | -         | 87,875,280                 | 87,875,280 |
| Total                        | 28,889,388 | 48,835,000 | 9,798,957 | (87,523,345)               | _          |

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023              |           | 2022              |           |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                 | Modified Duration | Amount    | Modified Duration | Amount    |
| Bonds           | 3.31              | 1,848,870 | 3.61              | 2,115,896 |

The modified duration expresses the bonds value's sensitivity to a 100 basis point change in interest rates. The effect on the amount is the opposite to the change in interest rate. If the interest rate increases (decreases) the amount of the bonds will decrease (increase). The higher the modified duration, the higher the (opposite) effect on the amount of the bonds.

#### Portfolio distribution by coupon rate

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%      | 3-5% | >5%       | Total 2023 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|------|-----------|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 46,500,038 | 5,678,234 | -    | 3,643,289 | 55,821,561 |

| (amounts x € 1) | 0-1%       | 1-3%       | 3-5% | >5%       | Total 2022 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------|-----------|------------|
| ASSETS<br>Bonds | 43,592,903 | 11,141,383 | -    | 3,899,671 | 58,633,957 |

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Sub-fund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 56,174,240 (2022: € 87,875,280).

#### Portfolio distribution by credit rating

The Sub-fund invests in monetary financial instruments and is consequently exposed to significant credit risk. The table below shows the concentrations of credit risk of the investments in bonds.

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       |                 | 2022       |                 |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Credit rating   | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV |
| AAA             | 23,112,418 | 41.2            | 24,393,679 | 41.4            |
| AA              | 32,709,143 | 58.2            | 34,240,278 | 58.0            |
| Total           | 55,821,561 | 99.4            | 58,633,957 | 99.4            |

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 57,380,682 | 82,628,946 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 86,084     | 124,015    |
| OCF                             | 0.15%      | 0.15%      |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 86,084 | 0.15% | 0.15%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 - Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of % 48.9is calculated using this formula (2022: 123.0%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.5 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

The PTR for 2022 exceeds 100%, mainly due to reweighting of the fund.

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# Serie K VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF



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#### **General Information**

#### **Investment policy**

The aim of the VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF is to follow the Solactive Sustainable World Equity Index as closely as possible.

The (general) criteria below apply to the (composition of the) Solactive Sustainable World Equity Index:

- first shares are selected with a primary stock-market listing in developed countries worldwide, as described in the 'Solactive Sustainable World Equity Index Guideline';
- exclusively ordinary and preferred shares and Depositary Receipts are eligible;
- Limited Partnerships and shares listed in Hong Kong that achieve more than 75% of their turnover outside the specified developed countries are excluded;
- exclusively shares with semi-annual average trading volume of EUR 25 million per day are eligible;
- only the most liquid listing for each company is eligible;
- Vigeo EIRIS tests the universe for a number of sustainability criteria, the shares that do not satisfy the criteria are removed from the universe;
- the 250 largest shares are then selected based on free float market capitalisation;
- the Index is equally weighted on the reweighting date, after that the weighting can vary due to price fluctuations;
- the Index is reweighted annually on the fourth Tuesday of March so that the 250 shares are again equally weighted. Shares can also be added or removed. If this is not a Trading Day, the reweighting takes place on the next Trading Day; and
- for each geographic region, the weighting in the Index is capped at 40% at the moment of reweighting.

#### Key figures Series K: VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF

| (amounts x € 1)                       | 2023            | 2022            | 2021            | 2020            | <b>201</b> 9 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Summarypershare <sup>3</sup>          |                 |                 |                 |                 |              |
| Changes in the value of investments   | 3.42            | (4.18)          | 10.56           | (28.34)         | 17.71        |
| Direct returns                        | 0.73            | 0.65            | 0.71            | 1.76            | 2.35         |
| Total operating income                | 4.15            | (3.53)          | 11.27           | (26.58)         | 20.06        |
| Management costs and interest charges | (0.05)          | (0.05)          | (0.11)          | (0.27)          | (0.26)       |
| Other expenses                        | -               | -               | -               | -               |              |
| Total operating expenses              | (0.05)          | (0.05)          | (0.11)          | (0.27)          | (0.26)       |
| Distribution                          | 0.65            | 0.61            | 1.26            | 1.79            | 2.15         |
| Fund assets                           | 637,717,75<br>0 | 466,321,24<br>3 | 475,131,02<br>1 | 109,662,19<br>0 | 329,858,56   |
| Number of outstanding shares          | 21,803,010      | 18,103,010      | 15,803,010      | 1,145,000       | 3,570,000    |
| Intrinsic value per share             | 29.25           | 25.76           | 30.07           | 95.77           | 92.36        |
| Fund performance                      | 16.23%          | -12.37%         | 27.82%          | 5.93%           | 27.16%       |
| Benchmark performance                 | 16.64%          | -12.18%         | 28.44%          | 6.40%           | 27.64%       |

# 4.15 Adjusted Financial statements VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023        | 2022        |
|---|-----|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 1,005,039   | 517,195     |
| Investments                             |     | 625 049 201 | 465 026 284 |
| Equity instruments                      |     | 635,948,301 | 465,036,384 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 635,948,301 | 465,036,384 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 1,081,633   | 1,015,175   |
| Total assets                            |     | 638,034,973 | 466,568,754 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |             |             |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 317,223     | 247,511     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 637,717,750 | 466,321,243 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 638,034,973 | 466,568,754 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)   |     | 2023         | 2022         |
|---|-----|--------------|--------------|
| Investment results  |     |              |              |
| Changes in the value of investments                               |     | 70,334,076   | (71,759,372) |
| Interest income   |     | 12,285       | -            |
| Interest expenses   |     | (75)         | (6,461)      |
| Dividend income   |     | 15,039,766   | 11,199,491   |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                      |     | (69,598)     | (57,774)     |
| Other income  |     | 47,766       | 20,389       |
| Total investment result   | {4} | 85,364,220   | (60,603,727) |
| Management costs  | {6} | (1,127,839)  | (931,606)    |
| Total expenses  |     | (1,127,839)  | (931,606)    |
| Distribution  | {4} | (13,537,957) | (10,544,836) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to share holders | {4} | 70,698,424   | (72,080,169) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The dividend income is a gross amount and is including dividend withholding tax.

# **Statement of cashflows**

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023          | 2022         |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |               |              |
| Purchases of investments                             | (200,626,513) | (132,912,894 |
| Sales of investments                                 | 100,048,672   | 70,126,064   |
| Interest received                                    | 12,285        | 248          |
| Interest paid  | (75)          | (6,709       |
| Dividends received                                   | 13,370,548    | 10,056,402   |
| Dividend tax received                                | 381,132       | 58,374       |
| Management costs paid                                | (1,102,982)   | (931,654     |
| Other income received                                | 47,766        | 20,389       |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (87,869,167)  | (53,589,780  |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |               |              |
| Issue of shares                                      | 106,177,019   | 63,270,393   |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (5,478,936)   |              |
| Distribution   | (12,270,692)  | (9,560,048   |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 88,427,391    | 53,710,343   |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | (70,380)      | (58,543      |
| Net cash flow  | 487,844       | 62,020       |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 517,195       | 455,175      |
|  |               |              |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023        | 2022         |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |              |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 466,321,243 | 475,131,021  |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 106,177,019 | 63,270,391   |
| Redemption of shares   | (5,478,936) | -            |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 70,698,424  | (72,080,169) |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |             |              |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 637,717,750 | 466,321,243  |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |             |              |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 18,103,010  | 15,803,010   |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 3,900,000   | 2,300,000    |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (200,000)   | -            |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 21,803,010  | 18,103,010   |

#### Notes

## Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023      | Average of 2023 | 2022      | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                  |           |                 |           |                 |
| AUD              | 1.6189    | 1.6316          | 1.5738    | 1.5189          |
| CAD              | 1.4566    | 1.4590          | 1.4461    | 1.3710          |
| CHF              | 0.9297    | 0.9701          | 0.9874    | 1.0020          |
| DKK              | 7.4546    | 7.4512          | 7.4364    | 7.4391          |
| GBP              | 0.8665    | 0.8678          | 0.8872    | 0.8549          |
| HKD              | 8.6257    | 8.4789          | 8.3298    | 8.2357          |
| JPY              | 155.7336  | 153.0848        | 140.8182  | 138.2474        |
| KRW              | 1422.6789 | 1417.6773       | 1349.5370 | 1353.7287       |
| NOK              | 11.2185   | 11.4435         | 10.5135   | 10.1164         |
| SEK              | 11.1325   | 11.4796         | 11.1202   | 10.6617         |
| SGD              | 1.4571    | 1.4525          | 1.4314    | 1.4488          |
| USD              | 1.1047    | 1.0828          | 1.0672    | 1.0515          |

#### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023          | 2022         |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Equity instruments                 |               |              |  |
| Opening balance                    | 465,036,384   | 474,009,035  |  |
| Purchases of investments           | 200,626,513   | 132,912,785  |  |
| Sales of investments               | (100,048,672) | (70,126,064) |  |
| Changes in value                   | 70,334,076    | (71,759,372) |  |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 635,948,301   | 465,036,384  |  |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

## Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023        | 2022        |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Level 1         | 635,948,301 | 465,036,384 |
| Total           | 635,948,301 | 465,036,384 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

# **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                    |     | 2023         |          |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                                    |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                 |     |              |          |
| NVIDIA Corp                        | USD | 4,265,172    | 0.8      |
| Intel Corp                         | USD | 3,984,245    | 0.7      |
| Eli Lilly & Co                     | USD | 3,973,027    | 0.6      |
| Broadcom Inc                       | USD | 3,956,111    | 0.6      |
| SK Hynix Inc                       | KRW | 3,887,901    | 0.6      |
| Shopify Inc                        | USD | 3,843,132    | 0.6      |
| Partners Group Holding AG          | CHF | 3,664,850    | 0.6      |
| Recruit Holdings Co Ltd            | JPY | 3,663,717    | 0.6      |
| Adobe Inc                          | USD | 3,597,476    | 0.6      |
| Netflix Inc                        | USD | 3,593,034    | 0.6      |
| ServiceNow Inc                     | USD | 3,578,978    | 0.6      |
| Vonovia SE                         | EUR | 3,557,911    | 0.6      |
| LAM Research Corp                  | USD | 3,483,597    | 0.6      |
| Advanced Micro Devices Inc         | USD | 3,467,567    | 0.5      |
| Tokyo Electron Ltd                 | JPY | 3,394,987    | 0.5      |
| Intuit Inc                         | USD | 3,341,716    | 0.5      |
| ASM International NV               | EUR | 3,307,978    | 0.5      |
| Micron Technology Inc              | USD | 3,284,583    | 0.5      |
| UniCredit SpA                      | EUR | 3,263,657    | 0.5      |
| Ferguson plc                       | GBP | 3,262,884    | 0.5      |
| Atlas Copco AB A Shs               | SEK | 3,247,260    | 0.5      |
| Fortescue Metals Group Ltd         | AUD | 3,234,379    | 0.5      |
| Novo Nordisk A/S B                 | DKK | 3,205,828    | 0.5      |
| Xiaomi Corp                        | HKD | 3,158,444    | 0.5      |
| Goodman Group                      | AUD | 3,157,243    | 0.5      |
| salesforce.com Inc                 | USD | 3,147,008    | 0.5      |
| Industria de Diseno Textil SA      | EUR | 3,133,778    | 0.5      |
| Booking Holdings Inc               | USD | 3,111,624    | 0.5      |
| Microsoft Corp                     | USD | 3,099,483    | 0.5      |
| Nintendo Co Ltd                    | JPY | 3,097,958    | 0.5      |
| Intuitive Surgical Inc             | USD | 3,086,066    | 0.5      |
| Accenture plc                      | USD | 3,073,738    | 0.5      |
| UBS Group AG                       | CHF | 3,066,466    | 0.5      |
| Applied Materials Inc              | USD | 3,037,611    | 0.5      |
| Costco Wholesale Corp              | USD | 3,034,342    | 0.5      |
| Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc         | USD | 3,033,672    | 0.5      |
| ABB Ltd                            | CHF | 3,013,796    | 0.5      |
| Alphabet Inc                       | USD | 3,004,349    | 0.5      |
| Givaudan SA                        | CHF | 2,990,369    | 0.5      |
| Adidas AG                          | EUR | 2,988,917    | 0.5      |
| Tokio Marine Holdings Inc          | JPY | 2,926,150    | 0.5      |
| Union Pacific Corp                 | USD | 2,924,137    | 0.5      |
| S&P Global Inc                     | USD | 2,909,948    | 0.5      |
| Intercontinental Exchange Inc      | USD | 2,906,228    | 0.5      |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA | EUR | 2,899,048    | 0.5      |
| Ferrari NV                         | EUR | 2,860,945    | 0.4      |
| RELX plc                           | EUR | 2,852,132    | 0.4      |
| Tesla Inc                          | USD | 2,837,843    | 0.4      |
| SAP SE                             | EUR | 2,835,628    | 0.4      |

| (amounts x € 1)                               |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                            |     |              |          |
| Experian plc                                  | GBP | 2,831,931    | 0.4      |
| London Stock Exchange Group plc               | GBP | 2,826,310    | 0.4      |
| Schneider Electric SE                         | EUR | 2,823,952    | 0.4      |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc           | JPY | 2,817,276    | 0.4      |
| Honda Motor Co Ltd                            | JPY | 2,814,556    | 0.4      |
| ING Groep NV                                  | EUR | 2,805,049    | 0.4      |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Bank A                 | SEK | 2,797,458    | 0.4      |
| Amgen Inc                                     | USD | 2,790,116    | 0.4      |
| FUJIFILM Holdings Corp                        | JPY | 2,785,639    | 0.4      |
| Terumo Corp                                   | JPY | 2,777,944    | 0.4      |
| The TJX Cos Inc                               | USD | 2,772,220    | 0.4      |
| Siemens AG                                    | EUR | 2,754,233    | 0.4      |
| Palo Alto Networks Inc                        | USD | 2,743,653    | 0.4      |
| Novartis AG                                   | CHF | 2,733,520    | 0.4      |
| Dai-ichi Life Holdings Inc                    | JPY | 2,730,260    | 0.4      |
| Dassault Systemes                             | EUR | 2,730,052    | 0.4      |
| Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG | EUR | 2,729,228    | 0.4      |
| Apple Inc                                     | USD | 2,727,646    | 0.4      |
| Oracle Corp                                   | USD | 2,716,470    | 0.4      |
| HSBC Holdings plc                             | GBP | 2,705,777    | 0.4      |
| L'Oreal SA                                    | EUR | 2,704,801    | 0.4      |
| Michelin (CGDE)                               | EUR | 2,702,327    | 0.4      |
| The Home Depot Inc                            | USD | 2,701,750    | 0.4      |
| Fast Retailing Co Ltd                         | JPY | 2,696,143    | 0.4      |
| DNB Bank ASA                                  | NOK | 2,691,640    | 0.4      |
| Synopsys Inc                                  | USD | 2,687,236    | 0.4      |
| Canon Inc                                     | JPY | 2,682,081    | 0.4      |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia                | AUD | 2,681,377    | 0.4      |
| Universal Music Group NV                      | EUR | 2,679,259    | 0.4      |
| Zoetis Inc                                    | USD | 2,679,186    | 0.4      |
| Comcast Corp                                  | USD | 2,675,062    | 0.4      |
| Boston Scientific Corp                        | USD | 2,670,988    | 0.4      |
| Publicis Groupe                               | EUR | 2,668,932    | 0.4      |
| Tesco plc                                     | GBP | 2,668,312    | 0.4      |
| CSX Corp                                      | USD | 2,668,301    | 0.4      |
| Marsh & McLennan Cos Inc                      | USD | 2,665,255    | 0.4      |
| Westpac Banking Corp                          | AUD | 2,663,142    | 0.4      |
| The PNC Financial Services Group Inc          | USD | 2,654,871    | 0.4      |
| Fiserv Inc                                    | USD | 2,651,869    | 0.4      |
| ASML Holding NV                               | EUR | 2,650,450    | 0.4      |
| Hoya Corp                                     | JPY | 2,648,273    | 0.4      |
| BNP Paribas SA                                | EUR | 2,646,243    | 0.4      |
| Equinix Inc                                   | USD | 2,641,495    | 0.4      |
| Geberit AG Reg                                | CHF | 2,638,972    | 0.4      |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd     | AUD | 2,637,453    | 0.4      |
| QUALCOMM Inc                                  | USD | 2,636,242    | 0.4      |
| Sika AG Reg                                   | CHF | 2,631,230    | 0.4      |
| ConocoPhillips                                | USD | 2,626,745    | 0.4      |
| Chubb Ltd                                     | USD | 2,624,885    | 0.4      |
| Alcon Inc                                     | CHF | 2,616,835    | 0.4      |
| Emerson Electric Co                           | USD | 2,614,997    | 0.4      |

| (amounts x € 1)               |     | 2023         |          |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                               |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments            |     | Market value | % OI NAV |
| The Charles Schwab Corp       | USD | 2,610,557    | 0.4      |
| Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc | USD | 2,608,672    | 0.4      |
| Canadian Natural Resources    | CAD | 2,604,315    | 0.4      |
| US Bancorp                    | USD | 2,602,990    | 0.4      |
| CME Group Inc                 | USD | 2,601,019    | 0.4      |
| Norfolk Southern Corp         | USD | 2,596,938    | 0.4      |
| Wolters Kluwer NV             | EUR | 2,596,909    | 0.4      |
| Denso Corp                    | JPY | 2,594,736    | 0.4      |
| Bank of Montreal              | CAD | 2,592,691    | 0.4      |
| Banco Santander SA            | EUR | 2,590,991    | 0.4      |
| Panasonic Corp                | JPY | 2,588,913    | 0.4      |
| Equinor ASA                   | NOK | 2,581,853    | 0.4      |
| Zurich Insurance Group AG     | CHF | 2,579,266    | 0.4      |
| EssilorLuxottica SA           | EUR | 2,578,538    | 0.4      |
| Citigroup Inc                 | USD | 2,575,469    | 0.4      |
| Swiss Life Holding AG         | CHF | 2,570,978    | 0.4      |
| American Express Co           | USD | 2,568,982    | 0.4      |
| NAVER Corp                    | KRW | 2,566,268    | 0.4      |
| The Toronto-Dominion Bank     | CAD | 2,563,266    | 0.4      |
| Progressive Corp              | USD | 2,563,129    | 0.4      |
| Capgemini SE                  | EUR | 2,562,093    | 0.4      |
| Oriental Land Co Ltd/Japan    | JPY | 2,559,184    | 0.4      |
| Compass Group plc             | GBP | 2,554,585    | 0.4      |
| Lowe's Cos Inc                | USD | 2,551,976    | 0.4      |
| Prologis Inc                  | USD | 2,541,346    | 0.4      |
| National Australia Bank Ltd   | AUD | 2,537,215    | 0.4      |
| Societe Generale SA           | EUR | 2,535,478    | 0.4      |
| Amadeus IT Group SA           | EUR | 2,533,888    | 0.4      |
| SSE plc                       | GBP | 2,529,111    | 0.4      |
| Infineon Technologies AG      | EUR | 2,527,686    | 0.4      |
| Abbott Laboratories           | USD | 2,525,935    | 0.4      |
| Legrand SA                    | EUR | 2,524,703    | 0.4      |
| Swiss Re AG                   | CHF | 2,523,963    | 0.4      |
| Ashtead Group plc             | GBP | 2,517,291    | 0.4      |
| EOG Resources Inc             | USD | 2,512,725    | 0.4      |
| Vestas Wind Systems A/S       | DKK | 2,504,538    | 0.4      |
| T-Mobile US Inc               | USD | 2,500,779    | 0.4      |
| Legal & General Group plc     | GBP | 2,492,792    | 0.4      |
| Fujitsu Ltd                   | JPY | 2,486,330    | 0.4      |
| Canadian National Railway Co  | CAD | 2,485,458    | 0.4      |
| Colgate-Palmolive Co          | USD | 2,485,070    | 0.4      |
| Deutsche Post AG              | EUR | 2,483,846    | 0.4      |
| Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd   | JPY | 2,477,946    | 0.4      |
| Mcdonald S Corp               | USD | 2,476,173    | 0.4      |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc        | USD | 2,474,478    | 0.4      |
| Truist Financial Corp         | USD | 2,472,151    | 0.4      |
| Japan Post Holdings Co Ltd    | JPY | 2,462,653    | 0.4      |
| AXA SA                        | EUR | 2,462,592    | 0.4      |
| Hexagon AB B Shs              | SEK | 2,458,015    | 0.4      |
| Bridgestone Corp              | JPY | 2,457,971    | 0.4      |
| American Tower Corp           | USD | 2,457,903    | 0.4      |

| (amounts x € 1)                   |     | 2023         |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                                   |     | Market Value | % of NA\ |
| Equity instruments                |     |              |          |
| Danone SA                         | EUR | 2,453,587    | 0.4      |
| Macquarie Group Ltd               | AUD | 2,452,459    | 0.4      |
| Sandvik AB                        | SEK | 2,446,913    | 0.4      |
| Sony Corp                         | JPY | 2,446,862    | 0.4      |
| Cellnex Telecom SA                | EUR | 2,443,887    | 0.4      |
| Standard Chartered plc            | GBP | 2,443,068    | 0.4      |
| Cigna Corp                        | USD | 2,442,714    | 0.4      |
| Veolia Environnement              | EUR | 2,441,766    | 0.4      |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd  | SGD | 2,439,155    | 0.4      |
| Schlumberger Ltd                  | USD | 2,432,286    | 0.4      |
| Nordea Bank Abp                   | SEK | 2,432,222    | 0.4      |
| Deutsche Boerse AG                | EUR | 2,430,282    | 0.4      |
| Stryker Corp                      | USD | 2,429,783    | 0.4      |
| Softbank Corp                     | JPY | 2,424,581    | 0.4      |
| Automatic Data Processing Inc     | USD | 2,410,369    | 0.4      |
| Mondelez Int                      | USD | 2,409,568    | 0.4      |
| Bayerische Motoren Werke AG       | EUR | 2,396,145    | 0.4      |
| GSK plc                           | GBP | 2,395,438    | 0.4      |
| National Grid plc                 | GBP | 2,394,994    | 0.4      |
| Analog Devices Inc                | USD | 2,378,262    | 0.4      |
| Morgan Stanley                    | USD | 2,370,735    | 0.4      |
| CVS Health Corp                   | USD | 2,358,114    | 0.4      |
| Woolworths Group Ltd              | AUD | 2,357,981    | 0.4      |
| SMC Corp/Japan                    | JPY | 2,349,173    | 0.4      |
| Ford Motor Co                     | USD | 2,347,048    | 0.4      |
| Haleon plc                        | GBP | 2,343,469    | 0.4      |
| Merck & Co Inc                    | USD | 2,331,004    | 0.4      |
| CSL Ltd                           | AUD | 2,328,413    | 0.4      |
| DBS Group Holdings Ltd            | SGD | 2,325,239    | 0.4      |
| Gilead Sciences Inc               | USD | 2,309,846    | 0.4      |
| Canadian Pacific Kansas City      | USD | 2,309,140    | 0.4      |
| Woodside Energy Group Ltd         | AUD | 2,305,981    | 0.4      |
| Roche Holding AG                  | CHF | 2,305,019    | 0.4      |
| Sanofi                            | EUR | 2,303,601    | 0.4      |
| The Procter & Gamble Co           | USD | 2,295,105    | 0.4      |
| AstraZeneca plc                   | GBP | 2,293,023    | 0.4      |
| Becton Dickinson and Co           | USD | 2,290,079    | 0.4      |
| Deutsche Telekom AG               | EUR | 2,288,600    | 0.4      |
| Medtronic plc                     | USD | 2,288,503    | 0.4      |
| Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp | JPY | 2,284,502    | 0.4      |
| STMicroelectronics NV             | EUR | 2,278,855    | 0.4      |
| United Overseas Bank Ltd          | SGD | 2,270,699    | 0.4      |
| Anthem Inc                        | USD | 2,265,486    | 0.4      |
| CaixaBank SA                      | EUR | 2,263,355    | 0.4      |
| Verizon Communications Inc        | USD | 2,254,150    | 0.4      |
| Cisco Systems Inc                 | USD | 2,249,881    | 0.4      |
| Deere & Co                        | USD | 2,241,429    | 0.4      |
| Nestle SA                         | CHF | 2,237,196    | 0.4      |
| Transurban Group                  | AUD | 2,231,865    | 0.3      |
| AbbVie Inc                        | USD | 2,230,591    | 0.3      |
| Telstra Corp Ltd                  | AUD | 2,224,994    | 0.3      |

| (amounts x € 1)                    |     | 2023                          |                     |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                    |     | Market Value                  | % of NA\            |
| Equity instruments                 |     |                               |                     |
| The Coca-Cola Co                   | USD | 2,204,573                     | 0.3                 |
| Orange SA                          | EUR | 2,204,417                     | 0.3                 |
| KBC Group NV                       | EUR | 2,201,883                     | 0.3                 |
| Keyence Corp                       | JPY | 2,173,133                     | 0.3                 |
| Kone Oyj B                         | EUR | 2,172,015                     | 0.3                 |
| DSV PANALPINA A/S                  | DKK | 2,164,717                     | 0.3                 |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group plc        | GBP | 2,160,298                     | 0.3                 |
| Texas Instruments Inc              | USD | 2,156,038                     | 0.3                 |
| PepsiCo Inc                        | USD | 2,152,962                     | 0.3                 |
| Telefonica SA                      | EUR | 2,129,949                     | 0.3                 |
| Sampo Oyj A Shs                    | EUR | 2,118,145                     | 0.3                 |
| The Walt Disney Co                 | USD | 2,110,431                     | 0.3                 |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp          | USD | 2,105,236                     | 0.3                 |
| Danaher Corp                       | USD | 2,101,777                     | 0.3                 |
| Prosus NV                          | EUR | 2,082,675                     | 0.3                 |
| AT&T Inc                           | USD | 2,042,340                     | 0.3                 |
| Crown Castle International Corp    | USD | 2,007,339                     | 0.                  |
| Link REIT                          | HKD | 2,002,953                     | 0.                  |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical Co Ltd       | JPY | 2,000,479                     | 0.                  |
| Essity Aktiebolag B                | SEK | 1,999,282                     | 0.3                 |
| AIA Group Ltd                      | HKD | 1,971,914                     | 0.3                 |
| Prudential plc                     | GBP | 1,955,185                     | 0.3                 |
| Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV      | EUR | 1,954,923                     | 0.3                 |
| NIKE Inc                           | USD | 1,950,456                     | 0.3                 |
| Genmab A/S                         | DKK | 1,946,117                     | 0.3                 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc                | JPY | 1,938,330                     | 0.3                 |
| FANUC Corp                         | JPY | 1,918,473                     | 0.:                 |
| Natwest Group plc                  | GBP | 1,890,371                     | 0.:                 |
| United Parcel Service Inc          | USD | 1,889,920                     | 0.:                 |
| Olympus Corp                       | JPY | 1,889,381                     | 0.:                 |
| Adyen NV                           | EUR | 1,886,392                     | 0.:                 |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd | HKD | 1,861,304                     | 0.:                 |
| Nidec Corp                         | JPY | 1,839,999                     | 0.3                 |
| Daiichi Sankyo Co Ltd              | JPY | 1,817,483                     | 0.3                 |
| Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd        | HKD | 1,806,346                     | 0.3                 |
| PayPal Holdings Inc                | USD | 1,797,242                     | 0.3                 |
| Vodafone Group plc                 | GBP | 1,736,397                     | 0.3                 |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co            | USD | 1,706,540                     | 0.1                 |
| Lonza Group AG                     | CHF | 1,625,592                     | 0.3                 |
| Nokia Oyj                          | EUR | 1,615,143                     | 0.3                 |
| Shiseido Co Ltd                    | JPY | 1,526,240                     | 0.3                 |
| Orsted A/S                         | DKK | 1,525,154                     | 0.3                 |
| Samsung Sdi Co Ltd Pfd             | KRW | 1,504,570                     | 0.3                 |
| NIBE Industrier AB B Shs           | SEK | 1,491,866                     | 0.3                 |
| Estee Lauder Companies Cl A        | USD | 1,376,907                     | 0.3                 |
| Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc          | HKD | 1,358,913                     | 0.3                 |
| Veralto Corp                       | USD | 240,975                       | 0.0                 |
| Mandatum Oyj                       | EUR | 210,565                       | 0.0                 |
| Sandoz Group AG                    | CHF | 168,635<br><b>635,948,301</b> | 0.0<br><b>99.</b> 1 |

## 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023      | 2022      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Dividend receivable                 | 657,103   | 466,956   |
| Dividend withholding tax receivable | 424,530   | 548,219   |
| Total                               | 1,081,633 | 1,015,175 |

# 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023         | 2022         |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Opening balance                     | 466,321,243  | 475,131,021  |  |
| Issue of shares                     | 106,177,019  | 63,270,391   |  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (5,478,936)  | -            |  |
| Distribution                        | (13,537,957) | (10,544,836) |  |
| Interest income                     | 12,285       | -            |  |
| Interest expense                    | (75)         | (6,461)      |  |
| Dividend income                     | 15,039,766   | 11,199,491   |  |
| Changes in the value of investments | 70,334,076   | (71,759,372) |  |
| Management fee                      | (1,127,839)  | (931,606)    |  |
| Exchange rate differences           | (69,598)     | (57,774)     |  |
| Other income                        | 47,766       | 20,389       |  |
| Closing balance                     | 637,717,750  | 466,321,243  |  |

# 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023    | 2022    |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Management costs payable | 105,711 | 80,854  |
| Dividend tax payable     | 211,512 | 166,657 |
| Total                    | 317,223 | 247,511 |

#### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 1,127,839 (same period in 2022: € 931,606).

#### 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

#### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on nonmonetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fund has investments denominated in foreign currency and is therefore exposed to significant currency risk.

| (amounts x € 1)  Currency | 2023        |                 | 2022        |                 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                           | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |
| US dollar                 | 253,190,051 | 39.7            | 173,928,049 | 37.2            |
| Euro                      | 123,685,934 | 19.4            | 86,476,885  | 18.5            |
| Japanese Yen              | 77,367,659  | 12.1            | 72,265,270  | 15.5            |
| Pound sterling            | 44,079,497  | 6.9             | 34,064,412  | 7.3             |
| Swiss Franc               | 37,370,350  | 5.9             | 22,630,697  | 4.9             |
| Australian dollar         | 30,973,614  | 4.9             | 20,893,706  | 4.5             |
| Swedish Krona             | 16,876,106  | 2.6             | 7,204,383   | 1.5             |
| Hong Kong dollar          | 12,223,121  | 1.9             | 13,319,139  | 2.9             |
| Danish Krone              | 11,380,560  | 1.8             | 10,526,607  | 2.3             |
| Canadian dollar           | 10,286,474  | 1.6             | 6,944,642   | 1.5             |
| Korean Won                | 7,973,789   | 1.3             | 7,414,219   | 1.6             |
| Singapore Dollar          | 7,035,364   | 1.1             | 8,362,578   | 1.8             |
| Norwegian Krone           | 5,275,231   | 0.8             | 2,290,656   | 0.5             |
| Total                     | 637,717,750 | 100.0           | 466,321,243 | 100.0           |

A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)   | 202        | 3       | 2022      | !       |
|-------------------|------------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                   |            | % of    |           | % of    |
| Currency          | Amount     | the NAV | Amount    | the NAV |
| US dollar         | 12,659,503 | 2.0     | 8,696,402 | 1.9     |
| Japanese Yen      | 3,868,383  | 0.6     | 3,613,264 | 0.8     |
| Pound sterling    | 2,203,975  | 0.3     | 1,703,221 | 0.4     |
| Swiss Franc       | 1,868,518  | 0.3     | 1,131,535 | 0.2     |
| Australian dollar | 1,548,681  | 0.2     | 1,044,685 | 0.2     |
| Swedish Krona     | 843,805    | 0.1     | 360,219   | 0.1     |
| Hong Kong dollar  | 611,156    | 0.1     | 665,957   | 0.1     |
| Danish Krone      | 569,028    | 0.1     | 526,330   | 0.1     |
| Canadian dollar   | 514,324    | 0.1     | 347,232   | 0.1     |
| Korean Won        | 398,689    | 0.1     | 370,711   | 0.1     |
| Singapore Dollar  | 351,768    | 0.1     | 418,129   | 0.1     |
| Norwegian Krone   | 263,762    | 0.0     | 114,533   | 0.0     |

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

## Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023        |         | 2022        |         |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Conton                      |             | % of    |             | % of    |
| Sector                      | Amount      | the NAV | Amount      | the NAV |
| Financial                   | 159,117,919 | 25.0    | 104,845,294 | 22.5    |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 154,735,591 | 24.3    | 129,982,790 | 27.9    |
| Technology                  | 94,615,089  | 14.8    | 58,460,979  | 12.5    |
| Industrial                  | 68,673,698  | 10.8    | 58,800,462  | 12.6    |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 66,011,541  | 10.4    | 49,303,403  | 10.6    |
| Communications              | 60,110,247  | 9.4     | 44,247,761  | 9.5     |
| Energy                      | 17,568,443  | 2.8     | 8,857,724   | 1.9     |
| Utilities                   | 8,891,025   | 1.3     | 6,653,951   | 1.4     |
| Basic Materials             | 6,224,748   | 0.9     | 3,884,020   | 0.8     |
| Total                       | 635,948,301 | 99.7    | 465,036,384 | 99.7    |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amountsx€1)                | 2023      |                 | 2022      |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV |
| Financial                   | 7,955,896 | 1.3             | 5,242,265 | 1.1             |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 7,736,780 | 1.2             | 6,499,140 | 1.4             |
| Technology                  | 4,730,754 | 0.7             | 2,923,049 | 0.6             |
| Industrial                  | 3,433,685 | 0.5             | 2,940,023 | 0.6             |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 3,300,577 | 0.5             | 2,465,170 | 0.5             |
| Communications              | 3,005,512 | 0.5             | 2,212,388 | 0.5             |
| Energy                      | 878,422   | 0.1             | 442,886   | 0.1             |
| Utilities                   | 444,551   | 0.1             | 332,698   | 0.1             |
| Basic Materials             | 311,237   | 0.0             | 194,201   | 0.0             |

#### Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023        |                 | 2022        |                 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |
| United States of America | 271,940,388 | 42.6            | 185,180,605 | 39.7            |
| Japan                    | 77,271,353  | 12.1            | 72,141,918  | 15.5            |
| United Kingdom           | 34,064,460  | 5.3             | 28,487,608  | 6.1             |
| France                   | 33,215,529  | 5.2             | 25,091,145  | 5.4             |
| Switzerland              | 30,300,510  | 4.8             | 17,196,589  | 3.7             |
| Australia                | 28,484,090  | 4.5             | 18,771,643  | 4.0             |
| Germany                  | 26,992,475  | 4.2             | 18,146,068  | 3.9             |
| Spain                    | 17,994,896  | 2.8             | 11,125,986  | 2.4             |
| Netherlands              | 17,880,959  | 2.8             | 12,813,083  | 2.8             |
| Canada                   | 16,398,002  | 2.6             | 8,192,832   | 1.8             |
| Sweden                   | 14,440,793  | 2.3             | 5,220,754   | 1.1             |
| Denmark                  | 11,346,355  | 1.8             | 10,424,981  | 2.2             |
| Hong Kong                | 9,597,701   | 1.5             | 8,190,549   | 1.8             |
| Singapore                | 9,313,948   | 1.5             | 10,208,064  | 2.2             |
| Finland                  | 8,548,091   | 1.3             | 7,993,047   | 1.7             |
| Korea                    | 7,958,740   | 1.3             | 7,392,063   | 1.6             |
| China                    | 6,600,033   | 1.0             | 10,210,385  | 2.2             |
| Italy                    | 6,124,602   | 1.0             | 2,211,409   | 0.5             |
| Norway                   | 5,273,493   | 0.8             | 2,283,870   | 0.5             |
| Belgium                  | 2,201,883   | 0.4             | 1,885,370   | 0.4             |
| Ireland                  | -           | 0.0             | 1,868,415   | 0.4             |
| Total                    | 635,948,301 | 99.7            | 465,036,384 | 99.7            |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023       |                 | 2022      |                 |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV |
| United States of America | 13,597,019 | 2.1             | 9,259,030 | 2.0             |
| Japan                    | 3,863,568  | 0.6             | 3,607,096 | 0.8             |
| United Kingdom           | 1,703,223  | 0.3             | 1,424,380 | 0.3             |
| France                   | 1,660,776  | 0.3             | 1,254,557 | 0.3             |
| Switzerland              | 1,515,026  | 0.2             | 859,829   | 0.2             |
| Australia                | 1,424,205  | 0.2             | 938,582   | 0.2             |
| Germany                  | 1,349,624  | 0.2             | 907,303   | 0.2             |
| Spain                    | 899,745    | 0.1             | 556,299   | 0.1             |
| Netherlands              | 894,048    | 0.1             | 640,654   | 0.1             |
| Canada                   | 819,900    | 0.1             | 409,642   | 0.1             |
| Sweden                   | 722,040    | 0.1             | 261,038   | 0.1             |
| Denmark                  | 567,318    | 0.1             | 521,249   | 0.1             |
| Hong Kong                | 479,885    | 0.1             | 409,527   | 0.1             |
| Singapore                | 465,697    | 0.1             | 510,403   | 0.1             |
| Finland                  | 427,405    | 0.1             | 399,652   | 0.1             |
| Korea                    | 397,937    | 0.1             | 369,603   | 0.1             |
| China                    | 330,002    | 0.1             | 510,519   | 0.1             |
| Italy                    | 306,230    | 0.0             | 110,570   | 0.0             |
| Norway                   | 263,675    | 0.0             | 114,194   | 0.0             |
| Belgium                  | 110,094    | 0.0             | 94,269    | 0.0             |
| Ireland                  | 0          | 0.0             | 93,421    | 0.0             |

#### Interest rate risk

The Sub-fund does not invest in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Sub-fund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 2,086,672 (2022: € 1,532,370).

The Sub-fund does not invest in monetary financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant credit risk.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

#### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs
  charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and
  exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank
  accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the
  VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023        | 2022        |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 564,398,006 | 465,772,883 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 1,127,839   | 931,606     |
| OCF                             | 0.20%       | 0.20%       |

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount    | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 1,127,839 | 0.20% | 0.20%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 – Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 33.5% is calculated using this formula (2022: 30.0%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.3 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

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# Serie L VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF



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#### **General Information**

#### **Investment policy**

The aim of the VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF is to follow the Solactive European Equity Index as closely as possible.

The (general) criteria below apply to the (composition of the) Solactive European Equity Index:

- first shares are selected with a primary stock-market listing in developed European countries, as described in the 'Solactive European Equity Index Guideline';
- exclusively ordinary and preferred shares and Depositary Receipts are eligible;
- Limited Partnerships are excluded;
- exclusively shares with semi-annual average trading volume of EUR 10 million per day are eligible;
- only the most liquid listing for each company is eligible;
- the 100 biggest shares are then selected based on free float market capitalisation;
- the index is equally weighted on the reweighting date, after that the weighting can vary due to price fluctuations;
- the index is reweighted annually on the third Tuesday of March so that the 100 shares are again equally weighted. Shares can also be added or removed. If this is not a Trading Day, the reweighting takes place on the next Trading Day; and
- for each country, the weighting in the index is capped at 20% at the moment of reweighting.

#### Key figures Series L: VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Cummany nor chara3                                     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup> Changes in the value of |            |            |            |            |            |
| Changes in the value of investments                    | 10.00      | (10.06)    | 14.21      | (3.27)     | 10.10      |
| Direct returns   | 2.13       | 1.95       | 1.80       | 1.17       | 2.38       |
|  | _          |            |            |            |            |
| Total operating income                                 | 12.12      | (8.11)     | 16.01      | (2.10)     | 12.48      |
| Management costs and interest                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| charges  | (0.26)     | (0.22)     | (0.13)     | (0.11)     | (0.11)     |
| Other expenses   | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Total operating expenses                               | (0.26)     | (0.22)     | (0.13)     | (0.11)     | (0.11)     |
| Distribution   | 1.85       | 1.76       | 1.72       | 1.32       | 2.19       |
| Fund assets  | 49,693,927 | 40,857,595 | 45,549,349 | 40,722,913 | 43,302,944 |
| Number of outstanding shares                           | 718,000    | 690,000    | 655,000    | 730,000    | 730,000    |
| Intrinsic value per share                              | 69.21      | 59.21      | 69.54      | 55.78      | 59.17      |
| Fund performance                                       | 20.21%     | -12.39%    | 27.95%     | -3.20%     | 24.76%     |
| Benchmark performance                                  | 20.84%     | -12.00%    | 28.44%     | -3.00%     | 25.05%     |

# 4.16 Adjusted Financial statements VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |     | 2023       | 2022       |
|---|-----|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  |     |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1} | 86,510     | 35,198     |
| <u>Investments</u>                      |     |            |            |
| Equity instruments                      |     | 49,518,705 | 40,705,369 |
| Investments                             | {2} | 49,518,705 | 40,705,369 |
| Receivables                             | {3} | 120,451    | 148,013    |
| Total assets                            |     | 49,725,666 | 40,888,580 |
| LIABILITIES                             |     |            |            |
| Other payables                          | {5} | 31,739     | 30,985     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 49,693,927 | 40,857,595 |
| Total Liabilities                       |     | 49,725,666 | 40,888,580 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023        | 2022        |
|--|-----|-------------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |             |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 7,021,121   | (7,041,299) |
| Interest income  |     | 894         | -           |
| Interest expenses  |     | -           | (901)       |
| Dividend income  |     | 1,491,854   | 1,367,074   |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |     | 3,811       | (7,617)     |
| Other income   |     | 4,825       | 52          |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 8,522,505   | (5,682,691) |
| Management costs   | {6} | (182,843)   | (154,216)   |
| Total expenses   |     | (182,843)   | (154,216)   |
| Distribution   | {4} | (1,297,300) | (1,271,400) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 7,042,362   | (7,108,307) |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The dividend income is a gross amount and is including dividend withholding tax.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023        | 2022         |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |             |              |
| Purchases of investments                             | (6,082,913) | (28,213,073) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 4,290,698   | 25,901,101   |
| Interest received                                    | 894         | -            |
| Interest paid  | -           | (901)        |
| Dividends received                                   | 1,321,513   | 1,247,346    |
| Dividend tax received                                | 107,288     | 8,826        |
| Management costs paid                                | (180,335)   | (147,597)    |
| Other income received                                | 4,825       | 52           |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (538,030)   | (1,204,246)  |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |             |              |
| Issue of shares                                      | 1,793,970   | 4,738,006    |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | -           | (2,321,453)  |
| Distribution   | (1,208,034) | (1,224,950)  |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 585,936     | 1,191,603    |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | 3,406       | (6,845)      |
| Net cash flow  | 51,312      | (19,488)     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 35,198      | 54,686       |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 86,510      | 35,198       |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023       | 2022        |  |
|--|------------|-------------|--|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |            |             |  |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 40,857,595 | 45,549,349  |  |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 1,793,970  | 4,738,006   |  |
| Redemption of shares   | -          | (2,321,453) |  |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 7,042,362  | (7,108,307) |  |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |            |             |  |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 49,693,927 | 40,857,595  |  |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |            |             |  |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 690,000    | 655,000     |  |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 28,000     | 75,000      |  |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | -          | (40,000)    |  |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 718,000    | 690,000     |  |

### **Notes**

### Material accounting policy information

For the material accounting policy information used for the financial statements, refer to the Company's material accounting policy information as set out in chapter 4.5.

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

#### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023    | Average of 2023 | 2022    | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| CHF              | 0.9297  | 0.9701          | 0.9874  | 1.0020          |
| DKK              | 7.4546  | 7.4512          | 7.4364  | 7.4391          |
| GBP              | 0.8665  | 0.8678          | 0.8872  | 0.8549          |
| NOK              | 11.2185 | 11.4435         | 10.5135 | 10.1164         |
| SEK              | 11.1325 | 11.4796         | 11.1202 | 10.6617         |
| USD              | 1.1047  | 1.0828          | 1.0672  | 1.0515          |
|                  |         |                 |         |                 |

### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    | 2023        | 2022        |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Equity instruments                 |             |             |  |
| Opening balance                    | 40,705,369  | 45,434,696  |  |
| Purchases of investments           | 6,082,913   | 28,213,073  |  |
| Sales of investments               | (4,290,698) | (25,901,101 |  |
| Changes in value                   | 7,021,121   | (7,041,299) |  |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 49,518,705  | 40,705,369  |  |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

# Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023       | 2022       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Level 1         | 49,518,705 | 40,705,369 |
| Total           | 49,518,705 | 40,705,369 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

# **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                               |     | 2023         |          |
|---|-----|--------------|----------|
|   |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments                            |     |              |          |
| Partners Group Holding AG                     | CHF | 714,965      | 1.4      |
| 3i Group plc                                  | GBP | 710,379      | 1.4      |
| Vonovia SE                                    | EUR | 693,779      | 1.4      |
| UniCredit SpA                                 | EUR | 636,381      | 1.3      |
| Ferguson plc                                  | GBP | 636,282      | 1.3      |
| Atlas Copco AB A Shs                          | SEK | 633,198      | 1.3      |
| Novo Nordisk A/S B                            | DKK | 625,096      | 1.3      |
| Koninklijke Philips NV                        | EUR | 621,354      | 1.3      |
| Industria de Diseno Textil SA                 | EUR | 611,086      | 1.2      |
| CRH plc                                       | GBP | 602,916      | 1.2      |
| ABB Ltd                                       | CHF | 587,666      | 1.2      |
| Givaudan SA                                   | CHF | 584,583      | 1.2      |
| Adidas AG                                     | EUR | 582,866      | 1.2      |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA            | EUR | 565,291      | 1.1      |
| Ferrari NV                                    | EUR | 557,906      | 1.1      |
| RELX plc                                      | EUR | 556,141      | 1.1      |
| SAP SE  | EUR | 552,899      | 1.1      |
| Experian plc                                  | GBP | 552,211      | 1.1      |
| London Stock Exchange Group plc               | GBP | 551,071      | 1.1      |
| Schneider Electric SE                         | EUR | 550,612      | 1.1      |
| ING Groep NV                                  | EUR | 546,964      | 1.1      |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Bank A                 | SEK | 545,488      | 1.1      |
| Sonova Holding AG Reg                         | CHF | 540,991      | 1.1      |
| Siemens AG                                    | EUR | 537,117      | 1.1      |
| Novartis AG                                   | CHF | 533,011      | 1.1      |
| Dassault Systemes                             | EUR | 532,324      | 1.1      |
| Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG | EUR | 532,267      | 1.1      |
| HSBC Holdings plc                             | GBP | 527,605      | 1.1      |
| L'Oreal SA                                    | EUR | 527,261      | 1.1      |
| Michelin (CGDE)                               | EUR | 526,923      | 1.1      |
| DNB Bank ASA                                  | NOK | 524,843      | 1.1      |
| Universal Music Group NV                      | EUR | 522,446      | 1.1      |
| Tesco plc                                     | GBP | 520,301      | 1.0      |
| ASML Holding NV                               | EUR | 516,729      | 1.0      |
| Straumann Holding AG Reg                      | CHF | 516,451      | 1.0      |
| BNP Paribas SA                                | EUR | 515,992      | 1.0      |
| Geberit AG Reg                                | CHF | 514,808      | 1.0      |
| Sika AG Reg                                   | CHF | 513,116      | 1.0      |
| Alcon Inc                                     | CHF | 510,235      | 1.0      |

| (amounts x € 1)                       |            | 2023               |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
|                                       |            | Maylest Value      | % of       |
| Equity instruments                    |            | Market Value       | NAV        |
| Svenska Handelsbanken AB              | SEK        | 506,503            | 1.0        |
| Wolters Kluwer NV                     | EUR        | 506,435            | 1.0        |
| Banco Santander SA                    | EUR        | 505,225            | 1.0        |
| Equinor ASA                           | NOK        | 503,448            | 1.0        |
| Zurich Insurance Group AG             | CHF        | 503,087            | 1.0        |
| EssilorLuxottica SA                   | EUR        | 502,850            | 1.0        |
| Swiss Life Holding AG                 | CHF        | 501,256            | 1.0        |
| Capgemini SE                          | EUR        | 499,621            | 1.0        |
| Compass Group plc                     | GBP        | 498,133            | 1.0        |
| Societe Generale SA                   | EUR        | 494,410            | 1.0        |
| Amadeus IT Group SA                   | EUR        | 494,061            | 1.0        |
| Daimler Truck Holding AG              | EUR        | 493,596            | 1.0        |
| SSE plc                               | GBP        | 493,168            | 1.0        |
| Infineon Technologies AG              | EUR        | 492,874            | 1.0        |
| Legrand SA                            | EUR        | 492,331            | 1.0        |
| Swiss Re AG                           | CHF        | 492,161            | 1.0        |
| Ashtead Group plc                     | GBP        | 490,839            | 1.0        |
| Vestas Wind Systems A/S               | DKK        | 488,362            | 1.0        |
| Legal & General Group plc             | GBP        | 486,078            | 1.0        |
| Deutsche Post AG                      | EUR        | 484,344            | 1.0        |
| AXA SA                                | EUR        | 480,186            | 1.0        |
| Hexagon AB B Shs                      | SEK        | 479,291            | 1.0        |
| Danone SA                             | EUR        | 478,418            | 1.0        |
| Sandvik AB                            | SEK        | 477,126            | 1.0        |
| Cellnex Telecom SA                    | EUR        | 476,560            | 1.0        |
| Standard Chartered plc                | GBP        | 476,382            | 1.0        |
| Veolia Environnement                  | EUR        | 476,124            | 1.0        |
| Nordea Bank Abp                       | SEK        | 474,267            | 1.0        |
| Deutsche Boerse AG                    | EUR        | 473,897            | 1.0        |
| Siemens Healthineers AG               | EUR        | 471,717            | 0.9        |
| Bayerische Motoren Werke AG           | EUR        | 467,216            | 0.9        |
| GSK plc                               | GBP        | 467,095            | 0.9        |
| National Grid plc                     | GBP        | 467,007            | 0.9        |
| Argenx SE                             | EUR        | 464,069            | 0.9        |
| Haleon plc                            | GBP        | 456,962            | 0.9        |
| Roche Holding AG                      | CHF        | 449,433            | 0.9        |
| Sanofi                                | EUR        | 449,159            | 0.9        |
| AstraZeneca plc                       | GBP        | 447,106            | 0.9        |
| Deutsche Telekom AG                   | EUR        | 446,267            | 0.9        |
| STMicroelectronics NV                 | EUR        | 444,369            | 0.9        |
| Nestle SA                             | CHF        | 436,196            | 0.9        |
| Orange SA                             | EUR        | 429,842            | 0.9        |
| KBC Group NV                          | EUR        | 429,361            | 0.9        |
| Kone Oyj B                            | EUR        | 423,510            | 0.9        |
| DSV PANALPINA A/S                     | DKK        | 422,066            | 0.9        |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group plc           | GBP        | 421,264            | 0.8        |
| Coloplast B                           | DKK        | 421,264<br>416,935 |            |
| Colopiast B<br>Telefonica SA          | EUR        | 415,326            | 0.8        |
|                                       | EUR        | ·                  | 0.8        |
| Sampo Oyj A Shs<br>Prosus NV          | EUR        | 413,013<br>406,097 | 0.8        |
|                                       | EUR        |                    | 0.8        |
| Kerry Group plc                       |            | 395,109            | 0.8        |
| Essity Aktiebolag B<br>Prudential plc | SEK<br>GBP | 389,850<br>383,157 | 0.8<br>0.8 |

| (amounts x € 1)               |     | 2023         |          |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                               |     | Market Value | % of NAV |
| Equity instruments            |     |              |          |
| Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV | EUR | 383,097      | 0.8      |
| Genmab A/S                    | DKK | 381,303      | 0.8      |
| Adyen NV                      | EUR | 369,812      | 0.7      |
| Vodafone Group plc            | GBP | 340,280      | 0.7      |
| Lonza Group AG                | CHF | 318,423      | 0.6      |
| Nokia Oyj                     | EUR | 316,517      | 0.6      |
| Orsted A/S                    | DKK | 298,906      | 0.5      |
| Teleperformance               | EUR | 269,250      | 0.4      |
| Mandatum Oyj                  | EUR | 42,438       | 0.1      |
| Sandoz Group AG               | CHF | 33,966       | 0.1      |
| Total Equity instruments      |     | 49,518,705   | 99.6     |
| Total investments             |     | 49,518,705   | 99.6     |

### 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023    | 2022    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Dividend receivable                 | 52,203  | 37,981  |
| Dividend withholding tax receivable | 68,248  | 110,032 |
| Total                               | 120,451 | 148,013 |

# 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023        | 2022       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Opening balance                     | 40,857,595  | 45,549,349 |
| Issue of shares                     | 1,793,970   | 4,738,006  |
| Purchase of shares                  | -           | (2,321,453 |
| Distribution                        | (1,297,300) | (1,271,400 |
| Interest income                     | 894         |            |
| Interest expense                    | -           | (901       |
| Dividend income                     | 1,491,854   | 1,367,074  |
| Changes in the value of investments | 7,021,121   | (7,041,299 |
| Management fee                      | (182,843)   | (154,216   |
| Exchange rate differences           | 3,811       | (7,617     |
| Other income                        | 4,825       | 52         |
| Closing balance                     | 49,693,927  | 40,857,595 |

#### 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023   | 2022   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Management costs payable | 16,688 | 14,180 |
| Dividend tax payable     | 15,051 | 16,805 |
| Total                    | 31,739 | 30,985 |

### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 182,843 (same period in 2022: € 154,216).

#### 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fund has investments denominated in foreign currency and is therefore exposed to significant currency risk.

| (amounts x €1)  | 2023       |                | 2022       |                |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Currency        | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV |
| Euro            | 25,191,021 | 50.7           | 20,806,065 | 50.9           |
| Pound sterling  | 9,556,507  | 19.2           | 7,802,156  | 19.1           |
| Swiss Franc     | 7,750,912  | 15.6           | 5,767,950  | 14.1           |
| Swedish Krona   | 3,505,723  | 7.1            | 2,556,642  | 6.3            |
| Danish Krone    | 2,642,789  | 5.3            | 3,000,181  | 7.3            |
| Norwegian Krone | 1,029,637  | 2.1            | 921,504    | 2.3            |
| US dollar       | 17,338     | 0.0            | 3,097      | 0.0            |
| Total           | 49,693,927 | 100.0          | 40,857,595 | 100.0          |

A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1) | 202     | 3              | 2022    |                |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Currency        | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV |
| Pound sterling  | 477,825 | 1.0            | 390,108 | 1.0            |
| Swiss Franc     | 387,546 | 0.8            | 288,398 | 0.7            |
| Swedish Krona   | 175,286 | 0.4            | 127,832 | 0.3            |
| Danish Krone    | 132,139 | 0.3            | 150,009 | 0.4            |
| Norwegian Krone | 51,482  | 0.1            | 46,075  | 0.1            |
| US dollar       | 867     | 0.0            | 155     | 0.0            |

### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

# Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023       |                | 2022       |                |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 14,220,716 | 28.5           | 11,746,053 | 28.7           |
| Financial                   | 13,726,444 | 27.5           | 10,568,042 | 25.9           |
| Industrial                  | 7,194,664  | 14.5           | 5,666,162  | 13.9           |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 4,896,455  | 9.9            | 3,956,446  | 9.7            |
| Technology                  | 3,308,066  | 6.7            | 2,684,108  | 6.6            |
| Communications              | 2,860,763  | 5.8            | 3,304,367  | 8.1            |
| Utilities                   | 1,735,203  | 3.5            | 1,474,153  | 3.6            |
| Energy                      | 991,811    | 2.0            | 950,270    | 2.2            |
| Basic materials             | 584,583    | 1.2            | 355,768    | 0.9            |
| Total                       | 49,518,705 | 99.6           | 40,705,369 | 99.6           |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023    |                | 2022    |                |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Sector                      | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 711,036 | 1.4            | 587,303 | 1.4            |
| Financial                   | 686,322 | 1.4            | 528,402 | 1.3            |
| Industrial                  | 359,733 | 0.7            | 283,308 | 0.7            |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 244,823 | 0.5            | 197,822 | 0.5            |
| Technology                  | 165,403 | 0.3            | 134,205 | 0.3            |
| Communications              | 143,038 | 0.3            | 165,218 | 0.4            |
| Utilities                   | 86,760  | 0.2            | 73,708  | 0.2            |
| Energy                      | 49,591  | 0.1            | 47,514  | 0.1            |
| Basic materials             | 29,229  | 0.1            | 17,788  | 0.0            |

### Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023       |                | 2022       |                |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Country                  | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV | Amount     | %of<br>the NAV |
| United Kingdom           | 6,985,754  | 14.1           | 6,553,389  | 16.0           |
| Switzerland              | 6,372,560  | 12.8           | 4,565,239  | 11.2           |
| Germany                  | 6,228,840  | 12.5           | 4,967,209  | 12.2           |
| France                   | 6,225,533  | 12.5           | 5,535,445  | 13.6           |
| United States of America | 5,093,026  | 10.3           | 2,367,718  | 5.8            |
| Netherlands              | 3,930,905  | 7.9            | 3,234,055  | 7.9            |
| Spain                    | 3,067,549  | 6.2            | 2,463,473  | 6.0            |
| Sweden                   | 3,031,456  | 6.1            | 2,117,793  | 5.2            |
| Denmark                  | 2,632,667  | 5.3            | 2,980,042  | 7.3            |
| Finland                  | 1,669,745  | 3.4            | 1,768,313  | 4.3            |
| Italy                    | 1,194,286  | 2.4            | 489,289    | 1.2            |
| Norway                   | 1,028,291  | 2.1            | 920,068    | 2.3            |
| Singapore                | 444,369    | 0.9            | 408,338    | 1.0            |
| Belgium                  | 429,361    | 0.9            | 417,075    | 1.0            |
| China                    | 406,097    | 0.8            | 660,870    | 1.6            |
| Ireland                  | 395,109    | 0.8            | 793,119    | 1.9            |
| Hong Kong                | 383,157    | 0.8            | 463,934    | 1.1            |
| Total                    | 49,518,705 | 99.6           | 40,705,369 | 99.6           |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023    |                | 2022    |                |
|--------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Country                  | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV | Amount  | %of<br>the NAV |
| United Kingdom           | 349,288 | 0.7            | 327,669 | 0.8            |
| Switzerland              | 318,628 | 0.6            | 228,262 | 0.6            |
| Germany                  | 311,442 | 0.6            | 248,360 | 0.6            |
| France                   | 311,277 | 0.6            | 276,772 | 0.7            |
| United States of America | 254,651 | 0.5            | 118,386 | 0.3            |
| Netherlands              | 196,545 | 0.4            | 161,703 | 0.4            |
| Spain                    | 153,377 | 0.3            | 123,174 | 0.3            |
| Sweden                   | 151,573 | 0.3            | 105,890 | 0.3            |
| Denmark                  | 131,633 | 0.3            | 149,002 | 0.4            |
| Finland                  | 83,487  | 0.2            | 88,416  | 0.2            |
| Italy                    | 59,714  | 0.1            | 24,464  | 0.1            |
| Norway                   | 51,415  | 0.1            | 46,003  | 0.1            |
| Singapore                | 22,218  | 0.0            | 20,417  | 0.1            |
| Belgium                  | 21,468  | 0.0            | 20,854  | 0.1            |
| China                    | 20,305  | 0.0            | 33,044  | 0.1            |
| Ireland                  | 19,755  | 0.0            | 39,656  | 0.1            |
| Hong Kong                | 19,158  | 0.0            | 23,197  | 0.1            |

### Interest rate risk

The Sub-fund does not invest in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

# Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of State Street Corporation as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company.

Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 206,961 (2022: € 183,211).

The Sub-fund does not invest in monetary financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant credit risk.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

### OCF (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023       | 2022       |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 45,735,317 | 43,428,335 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 182,843    | 154,216    |
| OCF                             | 0.40%      | 0.36%      |

The management costs were changed from 0.2% to 0.4% effectively 18th of February 2022.

#### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount  | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 182,843 | 0.40% | 0.40%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

#### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 – Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 18.8% is calculated using this formula (2022: 108.4%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 0.2 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

The PTR in 2022 exceeds 100%, mainly due to reweighting of the fund.

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# Serie N VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF



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### **General Information**

### **Investment policy**

The aim of the VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF is to follow the Morningstar® Developed Markets Large Cap Dividend Leaders Index as closely as possible.

The (general) criteria below apply to the (composition of the) Morningstar Developed Markets Large Cap Dividend Leaders Index:

- the universe is determined based on the Morningstar® Global Markets ex-US Index and Morningstar® US Market Index:
- companies are eligible for inclusion in the index if various criteria based on (historical) Distributions are met;
- from these, the 100 shares with the highest dividend yield are selected;
- on the reweighting date, the index is weighted based on the total dividend made available. The available dividend is calculated by multiplying the freely tradable outstanding shares by the last annual dividend. After that the weighting can vary due to price fluctuations;
- the weighting in the index is capped at 40% per sector. In addition to this, the maximum weighting per share is 5%;
- the index is reweighted semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. Shares can also be added or removed; and
- the 100 largest shares are determined on the basis of dividend yield on the last trading day in May and November.

### Key figures Series N: VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF

| (amounts x € 1)                | 2023        | 2022        | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Summary per share <sup>3</sup> |             |             |            |            |            |
| Changes in the value of        |             |             |            |            |            |
| investments                    | 1.91        | 1.83        | 5.41       | (3.86)     | 4.26       |
| Direct returns                 | 1.91        | 1.68        | 1.37       | 1.15       | 1.46       |
| Total operating income         | 3.82        | 3.51        | 6.78       | (2.71)     | 5.72       |
| Management costs and interest  |             |             |            |            |            |
| charges                        | (0.13)      | (0.13)      | (0.11)     | (0.09)     | (0.11)     |
| Other expenses                 | (0.13)      | (0.13)      | (0.11)     | (0.03)     | (0.11)     |
| Total operating expenses       | (0.13)      | (0.13)      | (0.11)     | (0.09)     | (0.11)     |
| Distribution                   | 1.80        | 1.56        | 1.23       | 1.04       | 1.29       |
| Distribution                   | 1.00        | 1.50        | 1.23       | 1.04       | 1.23       |
| Fund assets                    | 483,267,244 | 274,617,353 | 58,577,569 | 35,470,815 | 33,973,289 |
| Number of outstanding shares   | 13,350,000  | 8,050,000   | 1,900,000  | 1,400,000  | 1,150,000  |
| Intrinsic value per share      | 36.20       | 34.11       | 30.83      | 25.34      | 29.54      |
| Fund performance               | 11.76%      | 15.77%      | 26.94%     | -10.36%    | 22.48%     |
| Benchmark performance          | 12.56%      | 16.58%      | 27.24%     | -9.95%     | 23.22%     |
|                                |             |             |            |            |            |

# 4.17 Adjusted Financial statements VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF

# Statement of financial position before profit appropriation

| (amounts x € 1)                         |             | 2023        | 2022        |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  |             |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | {1}         | 569,356     | 350,835     |
| Investments                             |             |             |             |
| Equity instruments                      |             | 482,536,715 | 273,699,770 |
| Investments                             | {2}         | 482,536,715 | 273,699,770 |
| Receivables                             | {3}         | 553,755     | 766,638     |
| Total assets                            |             | 483,659,826 | 274,817,243 |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |             |             |
| Bank overdraft                          | {1}         | 2,808       | -           |
| Other payables                          | <b>{5</b> } | 389,774     | 199,890     |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | {4}         | 483,267,244 | 274,617,353 |
| Total Liabilities                       |             | 483,659,826 | 274,817,243 |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income. The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

| (amounts x € 1)  |     | 2023         | 2022        |
|--|-----|--------------|-------------|
| Investment results   |     |              |             |
| Changes in the value of investments                              |     | 20,443,943   | 9,035,610   |
| Interest income  |     | 17,309       | 666         |
| Interest expenses  |     | (4,749)      | (17,252)    |
| Dividend income  |     | 20,487,920   | 8,280,138   |
| Foreign Exchange differences                                     |     | (112,886)    | (13,306)    |
| Other income   |     | 7,823        | 222         |
| Total investment result  | {4} | 40,839,360   | 17,286,078  |
| Management costs   | {6} | (1,405,548)  | (626,224)   |
| Total expenses   |     | (1,405,548)  | (626,224)   |
| Distribution   | {4} | (19,395,500) | (6,961,000) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders | {4} | 20,038,312   | 9,698,854   |

The numbers next to the items refer to the notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The dividend income is a gross amount and is including dividend withholding tax.

# Statement of cash flows

| (amounts x € 1)                                      | 2023          | 2022          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities                  |               |               |
| Purchases of investments                             | (497,513,637) | (550,228,627) |
| Sales of investments                                 | 309,120,635   | 342,385,721   |
| Interest received                                    | 17,309        | 666           |
| Interest paid  | (4,749)       | (17,252)      |
| Dividends received                                   | 18,700,054    | 6,978,994     |
| Dividend tax received                                | 37,277        | 5,161         |
| Management costs paid                                | (1,339,646)   | (558,205)     |
| Other income received                                | 7,823         | 222           |
| Net cash flow from operating activities              | (170,974,934) | (201,433,320) |
| Cash flow from financing activities                  |               |               |
| Issue of shares                                      | 260,312,122   | 445,305,380   |
| Repurchase of shares                                 | (71,700,543)  | (238,964,450) |
| Distribution   | (17,304,137)  | (6,239,575)   |
| Net cash flow from financing activities              | 171,307,442   | 200,101,355   |
| Foreign Exchange differences                         | (116,795)     | (9,009)       |
| Net cash flow  | 215,713       | (1,340,974)   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 350,835       | 1,691,809     |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period        | 566,548       | 350,835       |

The notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

| (amounts x € 1)  | 2023         | 2022          |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |               |
| at the beginning of the financial year                                 | 274,617,353  | 58,577,569    |
| Proceeds from shares issued  | 260,312,122  | 445,305,380   |
| Redemption of shares   | (71,700,543) | (238,964,450) |
| Increase/decrease in the net assets attributable to shareholders       | 20,038,312   | 9,698,854     |
| Net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders       |              |               |
| at the end of the financial year                                       | 483,267,244  | 274,617,353   |
| Number of redeemable participating shares                              |              |               |
| Redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year | 8,050,000    | 1,900,000     |
| Issuance of redeemable participating shares                            | 7,450,000    | 13,200,000    |
| Repurchase of redeemable participating shares                          | (2,150,000)  | (7,050,000)   |
| Redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year       | 13,350,000   | 8,050,000     |

### **Notes**

Notes to the statement of financial position before profit appropriation and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

### 1. Cash and cash equivalents

At 31 December 2023 there are no restrictions on the use of the cash and cash equivalents. When a current account shows a negative amount it is considered unsubordinated debts to credit institutions and it is reported as a bank overdraft, the amount is 2.808.

The Foreign exchange rates as of 31 December are as follows:

| Foreign currency | 2023     | Average of 2023 | 2022     | Average of 2022 |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
|                  |          |                 |          |                 |
| AUD              | 1.6189   | 1.6316          | 1.5738   | 1.5189          |
| CAD              | 1.4566   | 1.4590          | 1.4461   | 1.3710          |
| CHF              | 0.9297   | 0.9701          | 0.9874   | 1.0020          |
| GBP              | 0.8665   | 0.8678          | 0.8872   | 0.8549          |
| HKD              | 8.6257   | 8.4789          | 8.3298   | 8.2357          |
| ILS              | 3.9777   | 4.0078          | 3.7658   | 3.5475          |
| JPY              | 155.7336 | 153.0848        | 140.8182 | 138.2474        |
| NOK              | 11.2185  | 11.4435         | 10.5135  | 10.1164         |
| PLN              | 4.3438   | 4.5249          | 4.6812   | 4.6870          |
| SEK              | 11.1325  | 11.4796         | 11.1202  | 10.6617         |
| SGD              | 1.4571   | 1.4525          | 1.4314   | 1.4488          |
| USD              | 1.1047   | 1.0828          | 1.0672   | 1.0515          |

### 2. Investments

Summary of changes in the investments according to characteristic of financial instrument

| (amounts x € 1)                    |               |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Equity instruments                 |               |               |
| Opening balance                    | 273,699,770   | 58,429,491    |
| Purchases of investments           | 497,513,637   | 548,620,389   |
| Sales of investments               | (309,120,635) | (342,385,720) |
| Changes in value                   | 20,443,943    | 9,035,610     |
| Closing balance equity instruments | 482,536,715   | 273,699,770   |

The table below provides an analysis of the financial instruments measured at fair value, per valuation method.

### Composition of investments according to valuation technique

| (amounts x € 1) | 2023        | 2022        |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Level 1         | 482,536,715 | 273,699,770 |
| Total           | 482,536,715 | 273,699,770 |

All the investments of the Sub-fund are listed and therefore classified as level 1 investments.

# **Composition of investments**

| (amounts x € 1)                      |     | 2023         |          |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------|----------|
|                                      |     | Market Value | % of NA\ |
| Equity instruments                   |     |              |          |
| BHP Billiton Ltd                     | AUD | 24,457,000   | 5.1      |
| Pfizer Inc                           | USD | 22,679,996   | 4.7      |
| Verizon Communications Inc           | USD | 22,672,009   | 4.7      |
| TOTAL SA                             | EUR | 20,688,976   | 4.3      |
| HSBC Holdings plc                    | GBP | 19,090,806   | 4.0      |
| International Business Machines Corp | USD | 17,553,363   | 3.6      |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co              | USD | 13,572,890   | 2.8      |
| Sanofi                               | EUR | 13,394,705   | 2.8      |
| Rio Tinto plc                        | GBP | 13,366,718   | 2.8      |
| Daimler AG                           | EUR | 13,252,719   | 2.7      |
| The Toronto-Dominion Bank            | CAD | 10,467,496   | 2.2      |
| Enel SpA                             | EUR | 10,134,963   | 2.1      |
| Allianz SE                           | EUR | 9,738,488    | 2.0      |
| Pioneer Natural Resources Co         | USD | 9,370,796    | 1.9      |
| BNP Paribas SA                       | EUR | 8,965,392    | 1.9      |
| Bayerische Motoren Werke AG          | EUR | 8,221,129    | 1.7      |
| Citigroup Inc                        | USD | 8,109,232    | 1.7      |
| The Bank of Nova Scotia              | CAD | 7,897,598    | 1.6      |
| Zurich Insurance Group AG            | CHF | 7,810,141    | 1.6      |
| Intesa Sanpaolo SpA                  | EUR | 7,799,597    | 1.6      |
| Bank of Montreal                     | CAD | 6,727,189    | 1.4      |
| Eni SpA                              | EUR | 6,348,746    | 1.3      |
| AXA SA                               | EUR | 6,320,946    | 1.3      |
| US Bancorp                           | USD | 6,275,276    | 1.3      |
| Nordea Bank Abp                      | SEK | 5,989,362    | 1.2      |
| Suncor Energy Inc                    | CAD | 5,824,362    | 1.2      |
| Volkswagen AG                        | EUR | 5,604,422    | 1.2      |
| Deutsche Post AG                     | EUR | 5,515,236    | 1.1      |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA   | EUR | 5,390,662    | 1.1      |
| ING Groep NV                         | EUR | 5,302,476    | 1.1      |
| The PNC Financial Services Group Inc | USD | 5,110,267    | 1.3      |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce   | CAD | 5,059,396    | 1.0      |
| DBS Group Holdings Ltd               | SGD | 5,044,251    | 1.0      |
| Rio Tinto Ltd                        | AUD | 4,573,951    | 0.9      |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc  | JPY | 4,440,951    | 0.9      |
| LafargeHolcim Ltd                    | CHF | 4,239,578    | 0.9      |
| Anglo American plc                   | GBP | 4,196,865    | 0.9      |
| Manulife Financial Corp              | CAD | 4,165,278    | 0.9      |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd     | SGD | 3,881,771    | 0.8      |
| SSE plc                              | GBP | 3,822,485    | 0.8      |
| Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd          | HKD | 3,730,177    | 0.8      |
| Orange SA                            | EUR | 3,614,334    | 0.7      |
| Swiss Re AG                          | CHF | 3,601,855    | 0.7      |
| E.ON SE                              | EUR | 3,530,669    | 0.7      |
| UniCredit SpA                        | EUR | 3,450,818    | 0.7      |
| United Overseas Bank Ltd             | SGD | 3,233,256    | 0.7      |
| Mizuho Financial Group Inc           | JPY | 3,088,945    | 0.6      |
| Mitsui OSK Lines Ltd                 | JPY | 2,920,770    | 0.6      |
| Sumitomo Corp                        | JPY | 2,863,994    | 0.6      |
| Nippon Steel Corp                    | JPY | 2,833,159    | 0.6      |
| Credit Agricole SA                   | EUR | 2,825,923    | 0.6      |
| Michelin (CGDE)                      | EUR | 2,794,092    | 0.6      |
| Barclays plc                         | GBP | 2,789,394    | 0.6      |
| Tesco plc                            | GBP | 2,757,725    | 0.6      |

| Equity instruments   | (amounts x € 1)                    |     | 2023         |   |
|--|------------------------------------|-----|--------------|---|
| Equity instruments   |                                    |     | Market Value | % of NA\                                |
| Upm Kymmene Oyj         EUR         2,714,207         0           Sun Life Financial Inc         CAD         2,515,848         0.           Polski Koncern Nafrowy Orlen         PLN         2,484,689         0.           Assicurazioni Generali SpA         EUR         2,475,320         0.           KBC Group NV         EUR         2,434,061         0.           Nippon Yusen KK         JPY         2,399,743         0.           Skandinaviska Enskilda Bank A         SEK         2,195,403         0.           DNB Bank ASA         NOK         2,086,162         0.           National Bank of Canada         CAD         2,086,162         0.           Aker BP ASA         NOK         2,041,647         0.           Swiss Life Holding AG         CHF         1,983,972         0.           Swisscom AG         CHF         1,983,972         0.           Natwest Group plc         GBP         1,826,774         0.           CaixaBank SA         EUR         1,772,991         0.           Cik Asset Holdings Ltd         HKD         1,740,553         0.           Svenska Handelsbanken AB         SEK         1,646,012         0.           Power Corp of Canada         CAD <td>Equity instruments</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</td>   | Equity instruments                 |     |              | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
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| Sun Life Financial Inc   |                                    | SEK |              | 0.5                                     |
| Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen   | •                                  | CAD |              | 0.5                                     |
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| KBC Group NV   | ·                                  | EUR |              | 0.5                                     |
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| DNB Bank ASA         NOK         2,088,376         0.           National Bank of Canada         CAD         2,086,162         0.           Aker BP ASA         NOK         2,041,647         0.           Swiss Life Holding AG         CHF         1,984,295         0.           Swisscom AG         CHF         1,893,972         0.           Natwest Group plc         GBP         1,826,774         0.           CaixaBank SA         EUR         1,772,391         0.           CK Asset Holdings Ltd         HKD         1,740,563         0.           Svenska Handelsbanken AB         SEK         1,646,012         0.           Power Corp of Canada         CAD         1,631,522         0.           Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd         USD         1,469,854         0.           Sekisui House Ltd         JPY         1,462,089         0.           Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale SpA         EUR         1,431,219         0.           Koninklijke KPN NV         EUR         1,417,399         0.           Erste Group Bank AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.           OMV AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc  | • •                                | SEK |              | 0.!                                     |
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| Swisscom AG         CHF         1,893,972         0.           Natwest Group plc         GBP         1,826,774         0.           CaixaBank SA         EUR         1,772,391         0.           CK Asset Holdings Ltd         HKD         1,740,563         0.           Svenska Handelsbanken AB         SEK         1,646,012         0.           Power Corp of Canada         CAD         1,631,522         0.           Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd         USD         1,469,854         0.           Sekisui House Ltd         JPY         1,462,089         0.           Sekisui House Ltd         JPY         1,462,089         0.           Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale SpA         EUR         1,431,219         0.           Koninklijke KPN NV         EUR         1,417,399         0.           Erste Group Bank AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.           OMV AG         EUR         1,298,570         0.           Bank Happoalim Bm         ILS         1,267,484         0.           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.           Encos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc   | Swiss Life Holding AG              | CHF |              | 0.4                                     |
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| Power Corp of Canada         CAD         1,631,522         0.           Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd         USD         1,469,854         0.           Sekisui House Ltd         JPY         1,462,089         0.           Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale SpA         EUR         1,431,219         0.           Koninklijke KPN NV         EUR         1,417,399         0.           Erste Group Bank AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.           OMV AG         EUR         1,298,570         0.           Bank Hapoalim Bm         ILS         1,267,484         0.           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.           Eneos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,250,103         0.           Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,556         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,001,3936         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Suzu Motors   | Svenska Handelsbanken AB           | SEK | 1,646,012    | 0.3                                     |
| Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd         USD         1,469,854         0.           Sekisui House Ltd         JPY         1,462,089         0.           Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale SpA         EUR         1,431,219         0.           Koninklijke KPN NV         EUR         1,417,399         0.           Erste Group Bank AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.           OMV AG         EUR         1,298,570         0.           Bank Hapoalim Bm         ILS         1,267,484         0.           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.           Eneos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.           Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,061,56         0.           Samk Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,003,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd  | Power Corp of Canada               | CAD |              | 0.3                                     |
| Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale SpA         EUR         1,431,219         0.0           Koninklijke KPN NV         EUR         1,417,399         0.0           Erste Group Bank AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.0           OMV AG         EUR         1,298,570         0.0           Bank Hapoalim Bm         ILS         1,267,484         0.0           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.0           Eneos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,250,103         0.0           Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.0           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.0           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.0           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,061,56         0.0           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,005,738         0.   | Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd      | USD |              | 0.3                                     |
| Koninklijke KPN NV         EUR         1,417,399         0.           Erste Group Bank AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.           OMV AG         EUR         1,298,570         0.           Bank Hapoalim Bm         ILS         1,267,484         0.           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.           Eneos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,250,103         0.           Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177   |                                    | JPY | 1,462,089    | 0.3                                     |
| Koninklijke KPN NV         EUR         1,417,399         0.0           Erste Group Bank AG         EUR         1,408,559         0.0           OMV AG         EUR         1,298,570         0.0           Bank Hapoalim Bm         ILS         1,267,484         0.0           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.0           Beneos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,250,103         0.0           Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.0           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.0           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.0           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.0           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         8  | Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale SpA | EUR |              | 0.3                                     |
| OMV AG         EUR         1,298,570         0.0           Bank Hapoalim Bm         ILS         1,267,484         0.0           MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc         JPY         1,264,230         0.0           Eneos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,250,103         0.0           Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.0           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.0           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.0           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.0           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.0           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.0           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.0           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.0           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.0           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.0           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.0           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.0           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,  |                                    | EUR | 1,417,399    | 0.3                                     |
| Bank Hapoalim Bm       ILS       1,267,484       0.         MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc       JPY       1,264,230       0.         Eneos Holdings Inc       JPY       1,250,103       0.         Boliden AB       SEK       1,221,331       0.         Singapore Airlines Ltd       SGD       1,185,365       0.         Sompo Holdings Inc       JPY       1,160,156       0.         Bank Leumi Le Israel       ILS       1,112,526       0.         Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc       JPY       1,032,124       0.         Keppel Corp Ltd       SGD       1,019,396       0.         Poste Italiane SpA       EUR       1,005,738       0.         Isuzu Motors Ltd       JPY       993,512       0.         Ageas       EUR       941,592       0.         Great-West Lifeco Inc       CAD       819,602       0.         Mtr Corp       HKD       806,177       0.         Wilmar International Ltd       SGD       659,049       0.         Orkla ASA       NOK       612,090       0.         Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd       ILS       505,484       0.         Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237<   |                                    | EUR | 1,408,559    | 0.3                                     |
| Bank Hapoalim Bm       ILS       1,267,484       0.         MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc       JPY       1,264,230       0.         Eneos Holdings Inc       JPY       1,250,103       0.         Boliden AB       SEK       1,221,331       0.         Singapore Airlines Ltd       SGD       1,185,365       0.         Sompo Holdings Inc       JPY       1,160,156       0.         Bank Leumi Le Israel       ILS       1,112,526       0.         Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc       JPY       1,032,124       0.         Keppel Corp Ltd       SGD       1,019,396       0.         Poste Italiane SpA       EUR       1,005,738       0.         Isuzu Motors Ltd       JPY       993,512       0.         Ageas       EUR       941,592       0.         Great-West Lifeco Inc       CAD       819,602       0.         Mtr Corp       HKD       806,177       0.         Wilmar International Ltd       SGD       659,049       0.         Orkla ASA       NOK       612,090       0.         Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd       ILS       505,484       0.         Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237<   | OMV AG                             | EUR | 1,298,570    | 0.3                                     |
| Eneos Holdings Inc         JPY         1,250,103         0.           Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220   | Bank Hapoalim Bm                   | ILS |              | 0.3                                     |
| Boliden AB         SEK         1,221,331         0.           Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,  | MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc | JPY | 1,264,230    | 0.3                                     |
| Singapore Airlines Ltd         SGD         1,185,365         0.           Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD   | Eneos Holdings Inc                 | JPY | 1,250,103    | 0.3                                     |
| Sompo Holdings Inc         JPY         1,160,156         0.           Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666  | Boliden AB                         | SEK | 1,221,331    | 0.2                                     |
| Bank Leumi Le Israel         ILS         1,112,526         0.           Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc         JPY         1,032,124         0.           Keppel Corp Ltd         SGD         1,019,396         0.           Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.   | Singapore Airlines Ltd             | SGD | 1,185,365    | 0.2                                     |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc       JPY       1,032,124       0.0         Keppel Corp Ltd       SGD       1,019,396       0.0         Poste Italiane SpA       EUR       1,005,738       0.0         Isuzu Motors Ltd       JPY       993,512       0.0         Ageas       EUR       941,592       0.0         Great-West Lifeco Inc       CAD       819,602       0.0         Mtr Corp       HKD       806,177       0.0         Wilmar International Ltd       SGD       659,049       0.0         Orkla ASA       NOK       612,090       0.0         Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd       ILS       505,484       0.0         Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237       0.0         Swire Properties Ltd       HKD       390,891       0.0         Gjensidige Forsikring Asa       NOK       299,220       0.0         Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd       SGD       298,182       0.0         Solvay SA       EUR       225,666       0.0  | Sompo Holdings Inc                 | JPY | 1,160,156    | 0.2                                     |
| Keppel Corp Ltd       SGD       1,019,396       0.         Poste Italiane SpA       EUR       1,005,738       0.         Isuzu Motors Ltd       JPY       993,512       0.         Ageas       EUR       941,592       0.         Great-West Lifeco Inc       CAD       819,602       0.         Mtr Corp       HKD       806,177       0.         Wilmar International Ltd       SGD       659,049       0.         Orkla ASA       NOK       612,090       0.         Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd       ILS       505,484       0.         Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237       0.         Swire Properties Ltd       HKD       390,891       0.         Gjensidige Forsikring Asa       NOK       299,220       0.         Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd       SGD       298,182       0.         Solvay SA       EUR       225,666       0.   | Bank Leumi Le Israel               | ILS | 1,112,526    | 0.2                                     |
| Poste Italiane SpA         EUR         1,005,738         0.           Isuzu Motors Ltd         JPY         993,512         0.           Ageas         EUR         941,592         0.           Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.  | Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings Inc | JPY | 1,032,124    | 0.2                                     |
| Isuzu Motors Ltd       JPY       993,512       0.         Ageas       EUR       941,592       0.         Great-West Lifeco Inc       CAD       819,602       0.         Mtr Corp       HKD       806,177       0.         Wilmar International Ltd       SGD       659,049       0.         Orkla ASA       NOK       612,090       0.         Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd       ILS       505,484       0.         Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237       0.         Swire Properties Ltd       HKD       390,891       0.         Gjensidige Forsikring Asa       NOK       299,220       0.         Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd       SGD       298,182       0.         Solvay SA       EUR       225,666       0.  | Keppel Corp Ltd                    | SGD | 1,019,396    | 0.2                                     |
| Ageas       EUR       941,592       0.         Great-West Lifeco Inc       CAD       819,602       0.         Mtr Corp       HKD       806,177       0.         Wilmar International Ltd       SGD       659,049       0.         Orkla ASA       NOK       612,090       0.         Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd       ILS       505,484       0.         Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237       0.         Swire Properties Ltd       HKD       390,891       0.         Gjensidige Forsikring Asa       NOK       299,220       0.         Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd       SGD       298,182       0.         Solvay SA       EUR       225,666       0.  |                                    | EUR | 1,005,738    | 0.2                                     |
| Great-West Lifeco Inc         CAD         819,602         0.           Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.   | Isuzu Motors Ltd                   | JPY | 993,512      | 0.2                                     |
| Mtr Corp         HKD         806,177         0.           Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.  | Ageas                              | EUR | 941,592      | 0.2                                     |
| Wilmar International Ltd         SGD         659,049         0.           Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.  | Great-West Lifeco Inc              | CAD | 819,602      | 0.2                                     |
| Orkla ASA         NOK         612,090         0.           Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd         ILS         505,484         0.           Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc         JPY         415,237         0.           Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.  | Mtr Corp                           | HKD | 806,177      | 0.2                                     |
| Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd       ILS       505,484       0.         Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237       0.         Swire Properties Ltd       HKD       390,891       0.         Gjensidige Forsikring Asa       NOK       299,220       0.         Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd       SGD       298,182       0.         Solvay SA       EUR       225,666       0.   | Wilmar International Ltd           | SGD | 659,049      | 0.3                                     |
| Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc       JPY       415,237       0.         Swire Properties Ltd       HKD       390,891       0.         Gjensidige Forsikring Asa       NOK       299,220       0.         Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd       SGD       298,182       0.         Solvay SA       EUR       225,666       0.   | Orkla ASA                          | NOK | 612,090      | 0.3                                     |
| Swire Properties Ltd         HKD         390,891         0.           Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.  | Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd           | ILS | 505,484      | 0.2                                     |
| Gjensidige Forsikring Asa         NOK         299,220         0.           Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.  | Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc          | JPY | 415,237      | 0.3                                     |
| Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd         SGD         298,182         0.           Solvay SA         EUR         225,666         0.   | Swire Properties Ltd               | HKD | 390,891      | 0.3                                     |
| Solvay SA EUR 225,666 0.   | Gjensidige Forsikring Asa          | NOK | 299,220      | 0.3                                     |
| ,  | Jardine Cycle + Carriage Ltd       | SGD | 298,182      | 0.:                                     |
| Total Equity instruments 482,536,715 99.   | Solvay SA                          | EUR | 225,666      | 0.0                                     |
|  | Total Equity instruments           |     | 482,536,715  | 99.8                                    |

# 3. Receivables

| (amounts x € 1)   | 2023               | 2022              |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dividend receivable Dividend withholding tax receivable | 278,035<br>275,720 | 730,345<br>36,293 |
| Total   | 553,755            | 766,638           |

# 4. Summary of changes in the assets under management

| (amounts x € 1)                     | 2023         | 2022          |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--|
| Opening balance                     | 274,617,353  | 58,577,569    |  |
| Issue of shares                     | 260,312,122  | 445,305,380   |  |
| Purchase of shares                  | (71,700,543) | (238,964,450) |  |
| Distribution                        | (19,395,500) | (6,961,000)   |  |
| Interest income                     | 17,309       | 666           |  |
| Interest expense                    | (4,749)      | (17,252)      |  |
| Dividend income                     | 20,487,920   | 8,280,138     |  |
| Changes in the value of investments | 20,443,943   | 9,035,610     |  |
| Management fee                      | (1,405,548)  | (626,224)     |  |
| Exchange rate differences           | (112,886)    | (13,306)      |  |
| Other income                        | 7,823        | 222           |  |
| Closing balance                     | 483,267,244  | 274,617,353   |  |

# 5. Other payables

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023    | 2022    |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Management costs payable | 151,781 | 85,879  |
| Dividend tax payable     | 237,993 | 114,011 |
| Total                    | 389,774 | 199,890 |

### 6. Related parties

A party is an related party if one party can exercise control over the other party or exert significant influence on the other party's financial and operational policy.

VanEck Asset Management B.V. is the Company's director according to the articles of association and acts as Manager of the Company.

The management costs include all costs relating to the management of a fund, such as the management fee, costs of the custodial bank and the payment office, the listing costs, auditor's fee, costs of the purchase and issue of shares, the costs of having the Sub-funds correspond to the relevant index and the administration costs. The management costs are deducted daily from the definitive Net Intrinsic Value of a share in a Sub-fund. The management costs for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 amount to € 1,405,548 (same period in 2022: € 626,224).

### 7. Risks with regard to the financial instruments

#### Financial risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: currency risk, other price risk and interest rate risk. The Company takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in The Company's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on The Company's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of The Company in a way that is consistent with The Company's investment objective and policy.

In terms of market risk, a distinction can be made between:

- <u>Currency risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market price risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in
  market prices caused by factors that apply exclusively for the individual instrument or emitting party, or by factors
  that affect all instruments traded on the market;
- <u>Interest rate risk</u>, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as the result of changes in the market interest rate.

The notion of market risk encompasses not only the likelihood of losses, but also the likelihood of gains.

### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Each Sub-Fund is exposed to currency risk as monetary assets and liabilities of the Sub-Funds which may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Sub-Funds. Currency risk on non-monetary assets i.e. equities, is included in market price risk.

The fund has investments denominated in foreign currency and is therefore exposed to significant currency risk.

| (amounts x € 1)   | 20          | 2023            |             | 2022            |  |  |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Currency          | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |  |  |
| Euro              | 160,168,416 | 33.2            | 89,117,530  | 32.4            |  |  |
| US dollar         | 106,872,085 | 22.2            | 60,285,160  | 22.0            |  |  |
| Pound sterling    | 47,968,995  | 9.9             | 20,658,105  | 7.5             |  |  |
| Canadian dollar   | 47,435,314  | 9.8             | 22,602,184  | 8.2             |  |  |
| Australian dollar | 29,035,114  | 6.0             | 7,553,769   | 2.8             |  |  |
| Japanese Yen      | 26,129,970  | 5.4             | 32,294,809  | 11.8            |  |  |
| Swiss Franc       | 19,534,327  | 4.0             | 13,391,429  | 4.9             |  |  |
| Singapore Dollar  | 15,323,999  | 3.2             | 8,353,131   | 3.0             |  |  |
| Swedish Krona     | 13,577,363  | 2.8             | 6,583,829   | 2.4             |  |  |
| Hong Kong dollar  | 6,671,966   | 1.4             | 4,425,698   | 1.6             |  |  |
| Norwegian Krone   | 5,043,198   | 1.0             | 4,302,453   | 1.6             |  |  |
| Israeli Shekel    | 2,889,325   | 0.6             | 1,194,463   | 0.4             |  |  |
| Polish Zloty      | 2,493,269   | 0.5             | 653,804     | 0.2             |  |  |
| Danish Krone      | 123,903     | 0.0             | 3,200,989   | 1.2             |  |  |
| Total             | 483,267,244 | 100.0           | 274,617,353 | 100.0           |  |  |

A 5% increase in the relevant currency, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every currency, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in a currency would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)   | 202       | 2023            |           | 2022            |  |  |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|--|--|
| Currency          | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV |  |  |
| US dollar         | 5,343,604 | 1.1             | 3,014,258 | 1.1             |  |  |
| Pound sterling    | 2,398,450 | 0.5             | 1,032,905 | 0.4             |  |  |
| Canadian dollar   | 2,371,766 | 0.5             | 1,130,109 | 0.4             |  |  |
| Australian dollar | 1,451,756 | 0.3             | 377,688   | 0.1             |  |  |
| Japanese Yen      | 1,306,499 | 0.3             | 1,614,740 | 0.6             |  |  |
| Swiss Franc       | 976,716   | 0.2             | 669,571   | 0.2             |  |  |
| Singapore Dollar  | 766,200   | 0.2             | 417,657   | 0.2             |  |  |
| Swedish Krona     | 678,868   | 0.1             | 329,191   | 0.1             |  |  |
| Hong Kong dollar  | 333,598   | 0.1             | 221,285   | 0.1             |  |  |
| Norwegian Krone   | 252,160   | 0.1             | 215,123   | 0.1             |  |  |
| Israeli Shekel    | 144,466   | 0.0             | 59,723    | 0.0             |  |  |
| Polish Zloty      | 124,663   | 0.0             | 32,690    | 0.0             |  |  |
| Danish Krone      | 6,195     | 0.0             | 160,049   | 0.1             |  |  |

### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined as risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The risk as a result of changes in market prices is limited by diversifying the investments in the portfolio as much as possible by region and sector.

# Portfolio distribution by sector

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023        |                 | 2022        |                 |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Sector                      | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |  |
| Financial                   | 201,320,774 | 41.7            | 108,458,353 | 39.5            |  |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 53,676,456  | 11.1            | 30,454,794  | 11.1            |  |
| Basic Materials             | 53,588,898  | 11.1            | 16,128,553  | 5.9             |  |
| Energy                      | 49,307,889  | 10.2            | 28,164,072  | 10.3            |  |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 36,675,505  | 7.6             | 16,236,614  | 5.9             |  |
| Communications              | 32,118,004  | 6.6             | 17,431,725  | 6.3             |  |
| Utilities                   | 18,919,335  | 3.9             | 29,218,288  | 10.6            |  |
| Industrial                  | 17,906,637  | 3.7             | 17,899,398  | 6.5             |  |
| Technology                  | 17,553,363  | 3.6             | 8,868,582   | 3.2             |  |
| Diversified                 | 1,469,854   | 0.3             | 839,391     | 0.4             |  |
| Total                       | 482,536,715 | 99.8            | 273,699,770 | 99.7            |  |

A 5% increase in the relevant sector, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every sector, would result in a profit increase for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the sector would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)             | 2023       |                 | 2022      |     |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| Sector                      | Amount     | % of<br>the NAV | Amount    | % o |
| Financial                   | 10,066,039 | 2.1             | 5,422,918 | 2.0 |
| Non-cyclical consumer goods | 2,683,823  | 0.6             | 1,522,740 | 0.6 |
| Basic Materials             | 2,679,445  | 0.6             | 806,428   | 0.3 |
| Energy                      | 2,465,394  | 0.5             | 1,408,204 | 0.5 |
| Cyclical consumer goods     | 1,833,775  | 0.4             | 811,831   | 0.3 |
| Communications              | 1,605,900  | 0.3             | 871,586   | 0.3 |
| Utilities                   | 945,967    | 0.2             | 1,460,914 | 0.5 |
| Industrial                  | 895,332    | 0.2             | 894,970   | 0.3 |
| Technology                  | 877,668    | 0.2             | 443,429   | 0.2 |
| Diversified                 | 73,493     | 0.0             | 41,970    | 0.0 |

### Portfolio distribution by country

The Company may invest in securities of issuers located in various countries and geographic regions. The economies of individual countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from each other in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023        |                 | 2022        |                 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV | Amount      | % of<br>the NAV |
| United states of America | 126,579,969 | 26.2            | 64,146,498  | 23.4            |
| Canada                   | 47,194,452  | 9.8             | 22,523,660  | 8.2             |
| Germany                  | 45,862,662  | 9.5             | 29,657,926  | 10.8            |
| France                   | 45,209,663  | 9.4             | 35,471,120  | 12.9            |
| Australia                | 42,397,669  | 8.8             | 7,552,873   | 2.8             |
| Italy                    | 32,646,399  | 6.8             | 9,220,912   | 3.4             |
| United Kingdom           | 30,287,183  | 6.3             | 15,691,589  | 5.7             |
| Japan                    | 26,125,012  | 5.4             | 32,221,581  | 11.7            |
| Singapore                | 14,662,224  | 3.0             | 8,348,956   | 3.0             |
| Switzerland              | 11,688,407  | 2.4             | 8,460,255   | 3.1             |
| Finland                  | 8,703,569   | 1.8             | 4,375,013   | 1.6             |
| Hong Kong                | 8,137,662   | 1.7             | 5,260,481   | 1.9             |
| Sweden                   | 7,583,036   | 1.6             | 3,013,510   | 1.1             |
| Spain                    | 7,163,053   | 1.5             | 8,121,350   | 3.0             |
| Netherlands              | 6,719,875   | 1.3             | 1,206,695   | 0.4             |
| Norway                   | 5,041,334   | 1.0             | 3,520,248   | 1.3             |
| South Africa             | 4,196,865   | 0.9             | 4,790,857   | 1.7             |
| Belgium                  | 3,601,321   | 0.8             | 2,776,706   | 1.0             |
| Israel                   | 2,885,493   | 0.6             | 1,193,511   | 0.4             |
| Austria                  | 2,707,129   | 0.6             | 1,519,782   | 0.6             |
| Poland                   | 2,484,689   | 0.5             | 648,641     | 0.2             |
| China                    | 659,049     | 0.1             | -           | 0.0             |
| Denmark                  | -           | 0.0             | 3,199,014   | 1.2             |
| Brazil                   | -           | 0.0             | 778,592     | 0.3             |
| Total                    | 482,536,715 | 99.8            | 273,699,770 | 99.7            |

Country risk relates to uncertainty associates with investing in a certain country, which may be caused by political, economic, or technological influences. A 5% increase in the relevant country, starting on the statement of financial position before profit appropriation date and applicable for every country, would result in a profit for the reporting period as shown in the table below. A 5% decrease in the relevant country would have an impact of the same magnitude in the opposite direction.

| (amounts x € 1)          | 2023      |                 | 2022      |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Country                  | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV | Amount    | % of<br>the NAV |
| United states of America | 6,328,998 | 1.3             | 3,207,325 | 1.2             |
| Canada                   | 2,359,723 | 0.5             | 1,126,183 | 0.4             |
| Germany                  | 2,293,133 | 0.5             | 1,482,896 | 0.5             |
| France                   | 2,260,483 | 0.5             | 1,773,556 | 0.6             |
| Australia                | 2,119,883 | 0.4             | 377,644   | 0.1             |
| Italy                    | 1,632,320 | 0.3             | 461,046   | 0.2             |
| United Kingdom           | 1,514,359 | 0.3             | 784,579   | 0.3             |
| Japan                    | 1,306,251 | 0.3             | 1,611,079 | 0.6             |
| Singapore                | 733,111   | 0.2             | 417,448   | 0.2             |
| Switzerland              | 584,420   | 0.1             | 423,013   | 0.2             |
| Finland                  | 435,178   | 0.1             | 218,751   | 0.1             |
| Hong Kong                | 406,883   | 0.1             | 263,024   | 0.1             |
| Sweden                   | 379,152   | 0.1             | 150,676   | 0.1             |
| Spain                    | 358,153   | 0.1             | 406,068   | 0.1             |
| Netherlands              | 335,994   | 0.1             | 60,335    | 0.0             |
| Norway                   | 252,067   | 0.1             | 176,012   | 0.1             |
| South Africa             | 209,843   | 0.0             | 239,543   | 0.1             |
| Belgium                  | 180,066   | 0.0             | 138,835   | 0.1             |
| Israel                   | 144,275   | 0.0             | 59,676    | 0.0             |
| Austria                  | 135,356   | 0.0             | 75,989    | 0.0             |
| Poland                   | 124,234   | 0.0             | 32,432    | 0.0             |
| China                    | 32,952    | 0.0             | 0         | 0.0             |
| Denmark                  | 0         | 0.0             | 159,951   | 0.1             |
| Brazil                   | 0         | 0.0             | 38,930    | 0.0             |

### Interest rate risk

The Sub-fund does not invest in fixed-interest financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty may be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company, which means the company will have to recognise a financial loss. The Sub-Funds have exposure to counterparty risk on debt securities, forward foreign currency exchange contracts and cash balances held with the Depositary. Investments in equity securities are not exposed to credit risk except for exposure to the Depository.

The Company's Depositary is State Street Bank International GmbH Amsterdam Branch. All of the assets and cash of the Sub-Funds are held within the custodial network of the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its

parent company, State Street Corporation, may cause the Sub-Funds' rights with respect to its investments in debt, equity securities and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of **State Street Corporation** as of 31 December 2023 is AA- (31 December 2022: AA-) (per Standard & Poor's ('S&P") rating).

All securities, cash at bank balances and bank overdrafts and cash or non-cash collateral received by the Sub-Funds are held by the Depositary through its affiliates in the State Street group, or through a sub custody within the State Street custodial network. Cash deposited as margin or other similar investments/monies deposited by or entered into on behalf of the UCITS with a counterparty, options exchange, clearing broker or other parties are not held within the State Street custodial network. All derivatives held at the financial year end were held with State Street Bank and Trust Company.

Credit risk is the risk that the contract party in a financial instrument will not satisfy its obligation, which means the Subfund will have to recognise a financial loss. The amount that best represents the maximum credit risk is € 1,120,303 (2022: € 1,117,473).

The Sub-fund does not invest in monetary financial instruments and is consequently not exposed to significant credit risk.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also called funding risk, is the risk that the legal entity will be unable to secure the financial resources needed to satisfy obligations under the financial instruments. Liquidity risk can arise, for instance, if a financial asset cannot be sold at fair value in the short term.

The Company has a low risk appetite for liquidity risk. The Company invests mainly in securities with high level of liquidity. At year end, 100 % of the portfolio could been sold within 1 business day.

Shares in the fund can be bought and sold on Euronext Amsterdam, whereby the Liquidity Provider ensures that there is both a bid and ask price at which the share can be traded. The fund's investments are likewise listed. Consequently the Subfund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

#### 8. Cost section

### **OCF** (ongoing charges figure)

The OCF is a measure of the ongoing costs charged to the Sub-fund during the reporting period. The following starting points are important for calculating the ongoing charges:

- The OCF shows the ratio of ongoing costs to average intrinsic value. The ongoing charges encompass all costs
  charged to the fund assets during the reporting period, with the exception of the spread applied for the entry and
  exit of shareholders, any performance fees and transaction costs of investments and interest charges on bank
  accounts. Performance fees must be presented separately, if applicable. No performance fee applies for the
  VanEck UCITS ETFs.
- The average intrinsic value is based on the intrinsic values on every day that the intrinsic value of the Sub-fund is
  determined during the reporting period.

| (amounts x € 1)                 | 2023        | 2022        |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average intrinsic value         | 370,463,034 | 165,384,129 |
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 1,405,548   | 626,224     |
| OCF                             | 0.38%       | 0.38%       |

### Comparison of costs to prospectus over 2023 financial year

| (amounts x € 1)                 | Amount    | %     | Prospectus |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| Total costs within the Sub fund | 1,405,548 | 0.38% | 0.38%      |

The percentage is calculated with respect to the average assets as used for the OCF.

### **Portfolio Turnover ratio**

The Portfolio Turnover ratio (PTR) gives an indication of the turnover rate of the Sub-fund's portfolio. This indicator gives an impression of the relative transaction costs involved in the differences in portfolio management.

The PTR is calculated as follows:

[(Total 1 - Total 2) / X] \* 100

Total 1: the total amount in securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales)

Total 2: the total amount in transactions (issue + purchases) of participation rights in the investment institution

X: the average intrinsic value of the investment institution.

A PTR of 128.1% is calculated using this formula (2022: 125.0%). This means that in 2023, purchases and sales took place in the amount of 1.3 times the average intrinsic value of the Sub-fund. This amount has been corrected for the regular purchases and sales performed on account of entries and exits.

The PTR in 2023, as well as 2022, exceeds 100%, mainly due to reweighting of the fund.

# 5. Other information

#### Interests of the members of the Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors hold positions in the UCITS ETFs of VanEck and in the investments of these UCITS ETFs. The transactions by the members of the Board of Directors in VanEck are reported to the Compliance Officer in accordance with the rules for Private Investing Transactions.

| Interests of the members of the Board of Directors                        | 2023   | 2022   |
|---|--------|--------|
|   |        |        |
| Serie A – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 400    | 400    |
| Serie B – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 300    | 300    |
| Serie C – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 2,400  | 2,400  |
| Serie D – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 9,349  | 9,349  |
| Serie E – [Sub-fund is not registered for distribution in Switzerland]    | 2,104  | 2,104  |
| Serie G – VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF                             | 3,317  | 3,317  |
| Serie H – VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF                           | 15,125 | 15,125 |
| Serie I – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Diversified 1-10 UCITS ETF           | 19,879 | 18,616 |
| Serie J – VanEck iBoxx EUR Sovereign Capped AAA-AA 1-5 UCITS ETF          | 1,145  | 1,145  |
| Serie K – VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF                 | 64,398 | 73,650 |
| Serie L – VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF              | -      | 684    |
| Serie N – VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF | 56,896 | 54,896 |

Altogether, the members of VanEck's Board of Directors have invested approximately 5,6 million in the UCITS ETFs (2022: 5,3 million euros).

### Provisions in the articles of association concerning the appropriation of the result

According to article 22 of the articles of association, the company may only make distributions to the shareholders (and any other entitled parties) to the profit available for distribution insofar as the equity of the company exceeds the amount of the paid-up capital of the company plus the reserves that must be maintained pursuant to the law. Distribution of profits takes place after the adoption of the financial statements showing that such distribution is permissible.

From the profit shown by the adopted financial statements, first a dividend is paid out on the priority shares in the amount of four percent (4%) on the nominal amount paid-up on these shares.

### Special rights under the articles of association

These are the rights of the holders of priority shares in relation to the pre-emptive right upon the issue of priority shares, the first right to profit distribution as well as the convening of a meeting of holders of priority shares.

17 April 2024,

The Board of Directors,

G. Koning M. Rozemuller

#### Annex 1

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: VanEck Sustainable European Equal Weight UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 2549008OCRQQWIJZNT48

# Environmental and/or social characteristics

| Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Yes  | ● No   |  |  |
| It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |  |  |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |  |  |

Sustainable
investment means
an investment in an
economic activity
that contributes to
an environmental or
social objective,
provided that the
investment does not
significantly harm
any environmental or
social objective and
that the investee
companies follow
good governance

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities.

practices.

That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The following environmental and social characteristics applied to the Sub-fund's investments during the reporting period:

- 1. The Sub-fund promoted the reduction of the most negative impacts on society and the environment, through:
  - limiting the exposure to carbon risk, by excluding companies deriving (>0%) revenues from intensive farming;

- minimize the exposure to controversies and controversial business activities by means of revenue-based screening and exclusion of companies involved in severe controversies with regards to Environment, Human Rights and Business Behaviour.
- 2. The ESG tilted voting policy was applied, whereby votes were cast on sustainability matters.

A reference benchmark, Solactive European Equity Index, has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

The performance of the Sub-fund's characteristics has been measured with the sustainability indicators included in the next question.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability Indicators performed as below:

Indicator Score

| Total GHG Emissions (Scope 1+2+3) per Mio EUR Enterprise Value  | 349.4 |
|---|-------|
| The percentage of companies violating UNGC principles and/or OECD Multinational Enterprise Guidelines | 0.00% |

- ...and compared to previous periods?
  - Carbon Footprint of the portfolio increased from 317.31 (t/€mn EV) in 2022 to 349.4 (t/€mn EV) in 2023.
  - The percentage of companies involved in UNGC violations remained 0%.
- What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

This question and the corresponding questions below were not applicable as the Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments during the reporting period.

|  | How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause |
|--|---|
|  | significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?       |
|  | Not applicable.   |

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:
 Not applicable.



# How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Sub-fund considered the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability:

- 1. Greenhouse Gas (GHG Emissions):
  - Companies deriving any revenues from intensive farming are excluded
- 2. Biodiversity
  - Part of Environment Controversy Risk Assessment "Protection of biodiversity"
- 3. Water
  - Part of Environment Controversy Risk Assessment "Water"
- 4. Waste
  - Part of Environment Controversy Risk Assessment "Pollution prevention" and "Local Pollution"
- 5. Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters
  - ESG Data Provider provides norms-based screening covering controversial practices that have adverse impacts on society and the environment in line with established expectations for Responsible Business Conduct as set forth in the core normative framework consisting of the Principles of the UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, all of which are embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals.
  - Part of Human Rights Controversy Assessment and Business Behaviour Controversy Assessment
  - Controversial weapons screenings are performed whereby companies with any exposure to anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions or other controversial weapons are excluded from the index.

Additionally, principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the ESG tilted voting policy, whereby casted votes regard the environment, energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy sources, enhancing the rights of workers, violation of international human rights standards, gender pay inequity and board diversity.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



# What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 2023.

|                                    | Weight |                        |          |         |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Security Name                      | (%)    | Sector                 | Currency | Country |
| PARTNERS GROUP HOLDING AG          | 1.44   | Financials             | CHF      | СН      |
| 3I GROUP PLC                       | 1.43   | Financials             | GBP      | GB      |
| VONOVIA SE                         | 1.4    | Real Estate            | EUR      | DE      |
| UNICREDIT SPA                      | 1.28   | Financials             | EUR      | IT      |
| FERGUSON PLC                       | 1.28   | Industrials            | GBP      | US      |
| ATLAS COPCO AB                     | 1.27   | Industrials            | SEK      | SE      |
| NOVO NORDISK A/S                   | 1.26   | Health Care            | DKK      | DK      |
| KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS NV             | 1.25   | Health Care            | EUR      | NL      |
| INDUSTRIA DE DISENO TEXTIL SA      | 1.23   | Consumer Discretionary | EUR      | ES      |
| CRH PLC                            | 1.21   | Materials              | GBP      | IE      |
| ABB LTD                            | 1.18   | Industrials            | CHF      | CH      |
| GIVAUDAN SA                        | 1.18   | Materials              | CHF      | CH      |
| ADIDAS AG                          | 1.17   | Consumer Discretionary | EUR      | DE      |
| BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTARIA SA | 1.14   | Financials             | EUR      | ES      |
| FERRARI NV                         | 1.12   | Consumer Discretionary | EUR      | IT      |



# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes on the basis that all of the Index holdings are screened against its exclusion strategy.

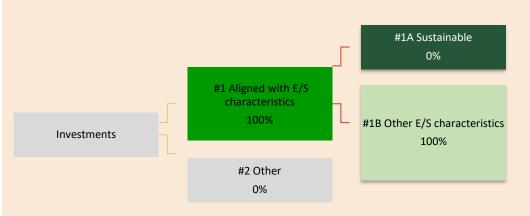
Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

### What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the promoted environmental or social characteristics.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the
  green investments
  made by investee
  companies,
  relevant for a
  transition to a
  green economy.
- operational
  expenditure
  (OpEx) reflects the
  green operational
  activities of
  investee
  companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#20ther** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

# In which economic sectors were the investments made? As of 31/12/2023 the assets were allocated to the following sectors:

| Sector                 | Weight, % |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Financials             | 26.97     |
| Industrials            | 18.34     |
| Health Care            | 15.59     |
| Consumer Discretionary | 8.34      |
| Consumer Staples       | 8.07      |
| Information Technology | 7.72      |
| Communication Services | 5.29      |
| Utilities              | 3.49      |
| Materials              | 3.42      |
| Real Estate            | 1.4       |
| Other/Cash             | 1.37      |



# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

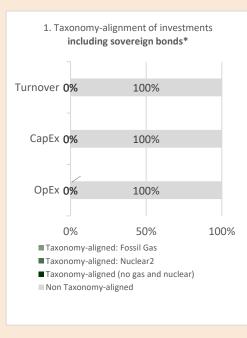
0%. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

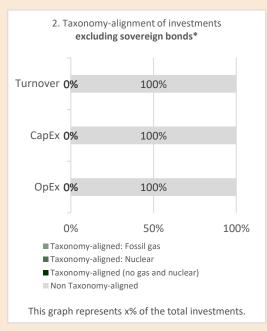
Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

Yes
In fossil gas In nuclear energy

No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





- \* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.
- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?
  The minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities was 0%.

**Enabling activities** 

directly enable

other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective. **Transitional** activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

### How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

0%. The Fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.



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economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make socially sustainable investments.



### What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Not applicable, all investments were aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.



## What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The following rules applied:

This screening is based on the ten principles of the UN Global Compact as well as specific exclusions related to controversial sectors. Companies in violations of UN Global Compact principles or going beyond predefined thresholds for controversial sectors will be excluded from the index. The extensive list of the controversial sectors that are screened out include: Alcohol, Animal Welfare, Controversial weapons, Firearms, Gambling, Genetic engineering, Hazardous chemicals, Intensive farming, Nuclear, Military production, Production of fur, Pornography, Tobacco.

Companies have been screened for compliance with the Index rules and the Index is rebalanced on a semi annual basis by the Index Provider. The Sub-fund replicates the Index based on the Index rules.

Furthermore, the European ESG Committee has performed a review and reported on the alignment of the environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-fund.

No breaches of the index have occurred.

In addition, the Glass Lewis ESG voting guidelines applied to this Sub-fund. Glass Lewis manages proxy voting, policy implementation, recordkeeping and reporting of voting activities.



Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?
  The index differed from a generic European broad market index in following ways:
  - Equal weighting: the constituents of the index are equal-weighted as opposed to market-capitalization weighting;
  - ESG Screening: companies involved in significant controversies, the ones
    that have greater than 0% revenue exposure to controversial weapons, or
    that exceed certain thresholds of revenue exposure to various sectors
    including but not limited to civilian firearms, tobacco, and alcohol are not
    eligible for inclusion.
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

The Sub-fund invested 100% in line with the reference BM and had for that reason the same score on the sustainability indicators as the BM.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

| Indicator   | Sub-fund:  VanEck Sustainable  European Equal Weight  UCITS ETF | Reference benchmark: Solactive European Equity Index |
|---|---|--|
| Total GHG Emissions (Scope<br>1+2+3) per Mio EUR<br>Enterprise Value                                  | 349.4   | 349.09   |
| The percentage of companies violating UNGC principles and/or OECD Multinational Enterprise Guidelines | 0.00%   | 0.00%  |

#### How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

| Indicator   | Sub-fund:  VanEck Sustainable  European Equal Weight  UCITS ETF | Broad market index:  Solactive GBS  Developed Markets  Large & Mid Cap USD  Index |
|---|---|---|
| Total GHG Emissions (Scope<br>1+2+3) per Mio EUR<br>Enterprise Value                                  | 349.4   | 461.45  |
| The percentage of companies violating UNGC principles and/or OECD Multinational Enterprise Guidelines | 0.00%   | 6.04%   |

#### Annex 2

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 254900806XAC7GF55143

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

| Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Yes  | ● ○ 🗶 No   |  |  |
| investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |  |  |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |  |  |

economic activity
that contributes to
an environmental or
social objective,
provided that the
investment does not
significantly harm
any environmental or
social objective and
that the investee
companies follow
good governance
practices.

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The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities.

That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The following environmental and social characteristics applied to the Sub-fund's investments during the reporting period:

- The Sub-fund promoted the reduction of the most negative impacts on society and the environment, through reducing exposure to controversies, by using the GRESB overall ESG disclosure score in the index selection and weighting process.
- 2. The Glass Lewis ESG tilted voting policy was applied, whereby votes were cast on sustainability matters.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

Indicator

**Score** 

A reference benchmark, GPR Global 100 Index, has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

The performance of the Sub-fund's characteristics has been measured with the sustainability indicators included in the next question.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The Sub-fund measured the following sustainability indicators:

| The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights | 0.00% |
|--|-------|
| The percentage of companies involved in activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas   | 0.00% |

#### ...and compared to previous periods?

- The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights remained 0%.
- The percentage of companies involved in activities negatively affecting biodiversitysensitive areas remained 0%.
- What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

This question and the corresponding questions below were not applicable as the Fund did not intend to make sustainable investments during the reporting period.

| How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?  Not applicable. |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| <ul> <li>How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?</li> <li>Not applicable.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.



How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Sub-fund considered the principal adverse impacts by means of screening, excluding and reweighting companies with a low performance on the below subjects in the following manner:

- 1. Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters;
- 2. Part of the overall ESG disclosure score via GRESB KPI "D4: Public commitment to ESG leadership standards and/or principles".

Additionally, principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the Glass Lewis ESG tilted voting policy, whereby casted votes regard the environment, energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy sources, enhancing the rights of workers, violation of international human rights standards, gender pay inequity and board diversity.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



#### What were the top investments of this financial product?

As of 31/12/2023:

| Security Name                       | Weight | Sector      | Currency | Country |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------|---------|
| PROLOGIS INC                        | 10.99  | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| PUBLIC STORAGE                      | 4.37   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| WELLTOWER INC                       | 4.23   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| SIMON PROPERTY GROUP INC            | 4.2    | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| DIGITAL REALTY TRUST INC            | 3.69   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| REALTY INCOME CORP                  | 3.32   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| EXTRA SPACE STORAGE INC             | 3.03   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| VICI PROPERTIES INC                 | 2.64   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC           | 2.4    | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| VONOVIA SE                          | 2.09   | Real Estate | EUR      | DE      |
| MITSUI FUDOSAN CO LTD               | 2.08   | Real Estate | JPY      | JP      |
| EQUITY RESIDENTIAL                  | 1.88   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| VENTAS INC                          | 1.82   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |
| DAIWA HOUSE INDUSTRY CO LTD         | 1.81   | Real Estate | JPY      | JP      |
| ALEXANDRIA REAL ESTATE EQUITIES INC | 1.79   | Real Estate | USD      | US      |



What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes on the basis that all of the Index holdings are screened against its exclusion strategy.

#### What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the promoted environmental or social characteristics.



**#1** Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#20ther** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

**#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

# Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the
  green investments
  made by investee
  companies,
  relevant for a
  transition to a
  green economy.
- operational
   expenditure
   (OpEx) reflects the
   green operational
   activities of
   investee
   companies.

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As of 31/12/2023 the assets were allocated to the following sectors:

| Sector      | Weight, % |  |
|-------------|-----------|--|
| Real Estate | 99.39     |  |
| Other/Cash  | 0.61      |  |



# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0%. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

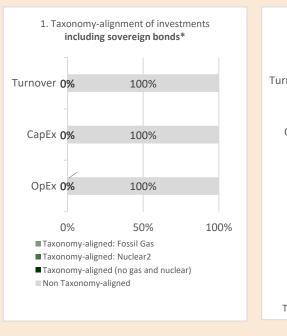
Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>2</sup>?

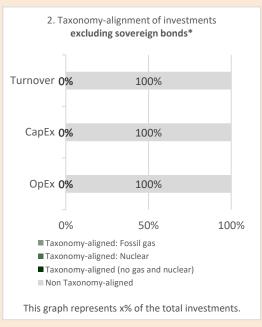
Yes
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No

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- \* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.
- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? The minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities was 0%.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

0%. The Fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.





### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make socially sustainable investments.



## What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Not applicable, all investments were aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.



## What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The following rules applied:

Companies have been screened for compliance with the Index rules and the Index is rebalanced on a semi annual basis by the Index Provider. The Sub-fund replicates the Index based on the Index rules.

Furthermore, the European ESG Committee has performed a review and reported on the alignment of of the environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-fund.

No breaches of the index have occurred.

In addition, the Glass Lewis ESG voting guidelines applied to this Sub-fund. Glass Lewis manages proxy voting, policy implementation, recordkeeping and reporting of voting activities.



### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

#### Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

#### How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

The index differed from a generic broad market real estate index in following ways:

- Regional Diversification constraints: 40 shares from North America, 30 from EMEA and 30 from Asia Pacific;
- ESG Screening: companies with a GRESB ESG disclosure score of "E" are excluded from the index;

- ESG-tilted weighting: weights of companies with a GRESB ESG disclosure score above "E" adjusted based on the score, with better-performing stocks in terms of ESG getting increased weights.
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

The Sub-fund invested 100% in line with the reference benchmark and had for that reason the same score on the sustainability indicators as the reference benchmark.

#### How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

| Indicator  | Sub-fund:  VanEck Global  Real Estate  UCITS ETF | Reference<br>benchmark:<br>GPR Global 100<br>Index |
|--|--|--|
| The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights | 0.00%  | 0.00%  |
| The percentage of companies involved in activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas   | 0.00%  | 0.00%  |

#### How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

|  |   | Broad market   |
|--|---|--|
|  |   | index:   |
| Indicator  | Sub-fund:  VanEck Global Real Estate  UCITS ETF | Solactive GBS Developed Markets Investable Universe Property Index |
| The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights | 0.00%   | 0.00%  |
| The percentage of companies involved in activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas   | 0.00%   | 0.00%  |

#### Annex 3

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The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852,

establishing a list of environmentally sustainable

economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable

economic activities.

investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Sustainable

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an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: VanEck iBoxx EUR Corporates UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 254900FVLH9ZGJUMNG87

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

| Di | Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?  |  |  |  |  |
|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| •  | Yes  | ● ○ 🗶 No   |  |  |  |
|    | It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |  |  |  |
|    | It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |  |  |  |
|    |  |  |  |  |  |



Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The following environmental and social characteristics applied to the Sub-fund's investments:

- 1. The Sub-fund promoted the reduction of its exposure to companies that account for the most negative impacts on society and the environment, through applying re-weighting criteria:
  - Companies with a low overall performance on environmental, social and governance factors deemed to be of most importance for given Industry by the ESG provider are underweighted in the index.

- Companies with a high overall performance on the mentioned subjects were overweighted.

A reference benchmark, iBoxx SD-KPI EUR Liquid Corporates Index, has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

The performance of the Sub-fund's characteristics have been measured with the sustainability indicators included in the next question.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators performed as follows:

| Indicator   | Score  |
|---|--------|
| GHG Emissions – Emissions Intensity – Scope 1,2&3 Emissions (EUR) | 907.96 |

#### ...and compared to previous periods?

- Emissions Intensity of the portfolio increased from 867.11 (t/€mn sales) in 2022 to 907.96 (t/€mn sales) in 2023.
- What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

This question and the corresponding questions below were not applicable as the Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments during the reporting period.

| How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?  Not applicable. |
|--|
| <ul> <li>How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?</li> <li>Not applicable.</li> </ul>   |
| — Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for<br>Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and   |

Not applicable.

Human Rights? Details:



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

## How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

By means of ESG score based weight adjustment, the Sub-fund aims at taking sustainability factors relating to greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity, water, waste, social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters into account.

The Sub-fund considers the following Principal Adverse Impacts on sustainability, via incorporation of ESG performance (SD-KPI Score) into the weighting process:

#### 1. Greenhouse Gas (GHG Emissions):

Part of SD-KPI ESG score for certain Industries via KPIs "Greenhouse Gas Efficiency of Production", "Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Products & Reserves", "Fuel Economy in Use-phase", "Greenhouse Gas Efficiency of Electricity Production" and "Greenhouse Gas Efficiency of Transport Services". SD-KPI score is used in the index construction process to adjust bond weights according to their ESG Performance.

#### 2. Biodiversity

Part of SD-KPI ESG score for certain Industries via KPI "Research & Development Performance—especially regarding Safety of Clinical Trials".
 SD-KPI score is used in the index construction process to adjust bond weights according to their ESG Performance.

#### 3. Water

 Part of SD-KPI ESG score for certain Industries via KPIs "Water Consumption & Efficiency", "Water Intensity", "Water Scarcity Management" and "Access to Affordable Water and Sanitation Services". SD-KPI score is used in the index construction process to adjust bond weights according to their ESG Performance.

#### 4. Waste

- Part of SD-KPI ESG score for certain Industries via KPIs "Proportion of Remanufactured Products / Hazardous Waste", "Proportion of Greenhouse Gas Efficient and Recyclable Products "and "Proportion of Recycled / Sustainable Raw Material Input". SD-KPI score is used in the index construction process to adjust bond weights according to their ESG Performance.
- 5. Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters

Part of SD-KPI ESG score for certain Industries via KPIs "Exposure to Controversial Weapons", "Audit Coverage of ILO Labour Standards", "Audit Coverage of the Environmental Management System and its Performance including the Supply Chain" and "Fair Labour Practices incl. Minimum Wage, Employee Turnover". SD-KPI score is used in the index construction process to adjust bond weights according to their ESG Performance.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

As of 31/12/2023:

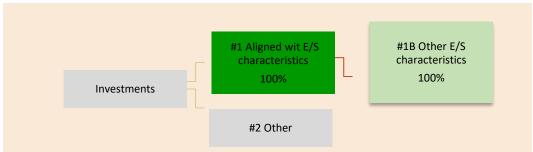
The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 2023

|                                       | 1          |                        |          |         |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Security Name                         | Weight (%) | Sector                 | Currency | Country |
| NOVARTIS FINANCE SA                   | 4.04       | Health Care            | EUR      | CH      |
| UBS GROUP AG                          | 3.98       | Financials             | EUR      | CH      |
| THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC FINANCE I BV | 3.96       | Health Care            | EUR      | NL      |
| BAYER AG                              | 3.94       | Health Care            | EUR      | DE      |
| JPMORGAN CHASE & CO                   | 3.81       | Financials             | EUR      | US      |
| ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV SA/NV            | 3.28       | Consumer Staples       | EUR      | BE      |
| COMCAST CORP                          | 3.16       | Communications         | EUR      | US      |
| GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/THE           | 3.11       | Financials             | EUR      | US      |
| HSBC HOLDINGS PLC                     | 3.08       | Financials             | EUR      | GB      |
| AT&T INC                              | 3.08       | Consumer Staples       | EUR      | US      |
| BOOKING HOLDINGS INC                  | 3.07       | Consumer Discretionary | EUR      | US      |
| TORONTO-DOMINION BANK/THE             | 3.06       | Financials             | EUR      | CA      |
| ENI SPA                               | 3.02       | Energy                 | EUR      | IT      |
| CDP FINANCIAL INC                     | 3.02       | Financials             | EUR      | CA      |
| MORGAN STANLEY                        | 2.8        | Financials             | EUR      | US      |



#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% were aligned with the the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes on the basis that all of the Index holdings are subject to the re-weighting process applied to the index holdings.



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**#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

# Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the promoted environmental or social characteristics.

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As of 31/12/2023 the assets were allocated to the following sectors:

| Sector                 | Weight,<br>% |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Financials             | 43.87        |
| Healthcare             | 13.98        |
| Consumer Cyclicals     | 13.35        |
| Technology             | 8.47         |
| Consumer Non-Cyclicals | 4.96         |
| Industrials            | 4.72         |
| Energy                 | 4.59         |
| Utilities              | 4.26         |
| Basic Materials        | 1.59         |
| Other/Cash             | 0.21         |

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

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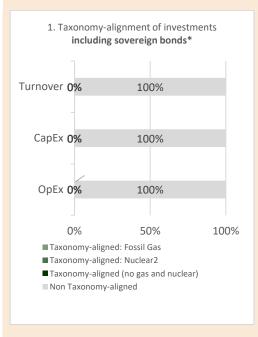
### To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

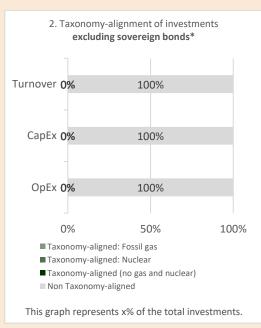
0%. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>3</sup>?



The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?
  The minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities was 0%.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

0%. The Fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make socially sustainable investments.



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Not applicable, all investments were aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

Companies have been screened for compliance with the Index rules and the Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis by the Index Provider. The Sub-fund replicates the Index based on the Index rules.

Furthermore, the European ESG Committee has performed a review and reported on the alignment of the environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-fund.

No breaches of the index have occurred.



### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?
  The Index differs from a generic broad market index in following ways:
  - Size: 40 largest and most liquid euro-denominated Investment Grade corporate bonds with the minimum issue size is at least 750 million euro;
  - ESG-adjusted weighting: bonds are re-weighted based on their SD-KPI score.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

The Sub-fund aimed at investing 100% in line with its reference benchmark and hasfor that reason normally have very similar performance on sustainability indicators as the reference benchmark. The European ESG Committee has analysed and confirmed the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental and social characteristics.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

|   | Sub-fund:                                | Reference benchmark:                        |
|---|--|---|
| Indicator   | VanEck iBoxx EUR<br>Corporates UCITS ETF | iBoxx SD-KPI EUR Liquid<br>Corporates Index |
| GHG Emissions – Emissions<br>Intensity – Scope 1,2&3<br>Emissions (EUR) | 907.96                                   | 914.59                                      |

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

| Indicator  | Sub-fund:  VanEck iBoxx EUR  Corporates UCITS ETF | Broad market index:  ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index |
|--|---|--|
| GHG Emissions –<br>Emissions Intensity –<br>Scope 1,2&3 Emissions<br>(EUR) | 907.96  | 1286.83  |

#### Annex 4

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF **Legal entity identifier:** 254900GQYEXN18KU7O94

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

| Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Yes  | ● ○ 🗶 No   |  |  |  |
| It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |  |  |  |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |  |  |  |

Sustainable **investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities.

That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The following environmental and social characteristics applied to the Sub-fund's investments:

- 1. The Fund has promoted the reduction of the most negative impacts on society and the environment through:
  - Reducing the exposure to ESG risks by excluding companies with high or severe levels of ESG risks and companies involved in thermal coal.
  - Limiting exposure to controversies and controversial business activities by means of revenue-based screening and exclusion of companies involved in severe UNGC violations and other controversies

The performance of the Sub-fund's environmental and social characteristics has been measured with the sustainability indicators included in the next question

2. The Glass Lewis ESG tilted voting policy was applied whereby votes were cast on sustainability matters.

A reference benchmark, the Morningstar® Developed Markets Large Cap Dividend Leaders Index™, has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

The performance of the Sub-fund's characteristics has been measured with the sustainability indicators included in the next question.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability Indicators performed as below:

| Indicator   | Score  |
|---|--------|
| The percentage of portfolio with exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)                                   | 0.00%  |
| The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights. | 10.67% |

#### ...and compared to previous periods?

Due to the Index change effective as of 16 June 2023, the sustainability indicators have been replaced according to the updated methodology of the Sub-fund. The comparison will be included as of the next reporting period.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

This question and the corresponding questions below were not applicable as the Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments during the reporting period.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

— How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

— Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.



### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Sub-fund considered the principal adverse impacts by means of screening and excluding companies with a low performance on the below subjects in the following manner:

- 1. Greenhouse Gas (GHG Emissions):
  - Part of Global Standards screen "Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions", which comprises the Controversy Score used in the selection process. Companies with critical (5 out of 5) controversies score within the last 3 years are excluded from the selection process.
  - Excludes companies with Involvement (>5% Revenue) in Thermal Coal extraction or power generation.

#### 2. Biodiversity

Part of Global Standards screen "Land Use and Biodiversity", which
comprises the Controversy Score used in the selection process.
 Companies with critical (5 out of 5) controversies score within the last 3
years are excluded from the selection process.

#### 3. Water

Part of Global Standards screen "Discharges and Releases (Water)", which
comprises the Controversy Score used in the selection process.
 Companies with critical (5 out of 5) controversies score within the last 3
years are excluded from the selection process.

#### 4. Waste

- Part of Global Standards screen "Degradation & Contamination (Land)", which comprises the Controversy Score used in the selection process.
   Companies with critical (5 out of 5) controversies score within the last 3 years are excluded from the selection process.
- 5. Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and antibribery matters
  - Global Standards screening includes ratings for controversial practices that have adverse impacts on society and the environment in line with established expectations for Responsible Business Conduct as set forth in the core normative framework consisting of the Principles of the UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, all of which are embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals.
  - Part of the Social and Governance components of the Global Standards screening, which comprises the Controversy Score used in the selection

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

- process. Companies with critical (5 out of 5) controversies score within the last 3 years are excluded from the selection process.
- Controversial weapons screenings are performed whereby companies with any exposure are excluded from the index.

Additionally, principal adverse impacts were considered as part of the ESG tilted voting policy whereby votes were casted regarding the environment, energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy sources, enhancing the rights of workers, violation of international human rights standards, gender pay inequity and board diversity.



#### What were the top investments of this financial product?

As of 31/12/2023:

| The list includes the                 | :urity Name                        | Weight | Sector                 | Country |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|
| investments                           | P GROUP LTD                        | 5.06   | Materials              | AU      |
| constituting <b>the</b>               | ZER INC                            | 4.69   | Health Care            | US      |
| greatest proportion of investments of | RIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC           | 4.69   | Communication Services | US      |
| the financial product                 | TALENERGIES SE                     | 4.28   | Energy                 | FR      |
| during the reference                  | 3C HOLDINGS PLC                    | 3.95   | Financials             | GB      |
| period which is:                      | 'ERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP | 3.63   | Information Technology | US      |
| 2023.                                 | STOL-MYERS SQUIBB CO               | 2.81   | Health Care            | US      |
| SANOFI SA/FRANCE                      |                                    | 2.77   | Health Care            | FR      |
| RI                                    | O TINTO PLC                        | 2.77   | Materials              | AU      |
| M                                     | ERCEDES-BENZ GROUP AG              | 2.74   | Consumer Discretionary | DE      |
| TO                                    | DRONTO-DOMINION BANK/THE           | 2.17   | Financials             | CA      |
| EI                                    | NEL SPA                            | 2.1    | Utilities              | IT      |
| Al                                    | LIANZ SE                           | 2.02   | Financials             | DE      |
| PI                                    | ONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO         | 1.94   | Energy                 | US      |
| ВІ                                    | NP PARIBAS SA                      | 1.86   | Financials             | FR      |



#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes on the basis that all of the Index holdings are screened against its exclusion strategy.

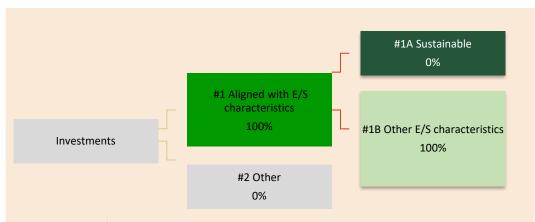
# Asset allocation describes the share of investments in

specific assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the promoted environmental or social characteristics.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective. **Transitional** activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#20ther** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.
  - In which economic sectors were the investments made?
    As of 31/12/2023 the assets were allocated to the following sectors:

| Sector                    | Weight, % |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Financials                | 40.65     |
| Materials                 | 11.97     |
| Health Care               | 10.27     |
| Energy                    | 10.2      |
| Consumer Discretionary    | 6.69      |
| Communication<br>Services | 6.12      |
| Information Technology    | 4.15      |
| Utilities                 | 3.91      |
| Industrials               | 3.82      |
| Real Estate               | 1.21      |
| Other/Cash                | 0.98      |

Please note that the weights may not sum up to 100% due to rounding.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



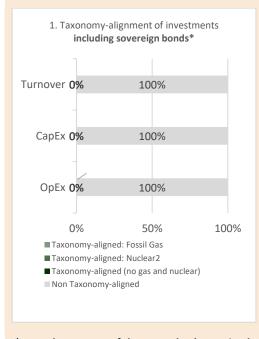
### To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

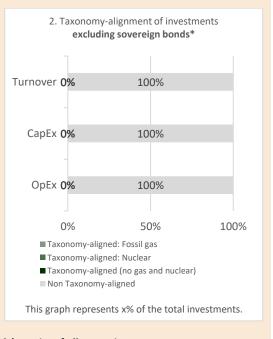
0%. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited number of companies have reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>4</sup>?

|   | Yes       |                       |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|
|   | In fossil | gas In nuclear energy |
| × | No        |                       |

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? The minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities was 0%.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

0%. The Fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.



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economic activities under Regulation

(EU) 2020/852.

### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



### What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Not applicable, all investments were aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.



### What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

As a passive investments strategy, the Sub-fund is tracking the Morningstar® Developed Markets Large Cap Dividend Leaders Index™, which incorporates relevant ESG screenings in the selection process, and thereby ensures the compliance with the Environmental / Social characteristics. Moreover, Glass Lewis ESG voting guidelines were applied to this Sub-fund, whereby casted votes regard the environment, energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy sources, enhancing the rights of workers, violation of international human rights standards, gender pay inequity and board diversity.Glass Lewis manages proxy voting, policy implementation, recordkeeping and reporting of voting activities.

Furthermore, the European ESG Committee has performed a review and reported on the alignment of the environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-fund. No breaches of the index have occurred.



Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?
  The Index differs from a generic broad market index in following ways:
  - Dividend-dollar weighting: the weight of each share is based on the total dividend paid, rather than dividend yield.
  - Dividend resilience and consistency screening: The dividend has been paid in the past 12 months // The dividend TTM dividend per share is not lower than the TTM dividend per share 5 years ago // The forward dividend pay-out ratio is less than 75%.
  - ESG Screening: companies with very severe norms violations, the ones that have greater than 0% revenue exposure to controversial weapons, or that exceed certain thresholds of revenue exposure to various sectors including but not limited to civilian firearms, tobacco, and coal are not eligible for inclusion.
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

The Sub-fund aims to invest 100% in line with its reference benchmark and will for that reason normally have very similar performance on sustainability indicators as the reference benchmark. The European ESG Committee has analysed and confirmed the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental and social characteristics it intends to promote.

#### How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

| Indicator   | Sub-fund:<br>VanEck Morningstar<br>Developed Markets<br>Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF | Reference benchmark: Morningstar® Developed Markets Large Cap Dividend Leaders Index™ |
|---|--|---|
| The percentage of portfolio with exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)                                   | 0.00%  | 0.00%   |
| The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights. | 10.67%   | 10.73%  |

#### How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

| Indicator   | Sub-fund: VanEck Morningstar Developed Markets Dividend Leaders UCITS ETF | Broad market index:<br>Solactive GBS Developed<br>Markets Large & Mid Cap<br>USD Index |
|---|---|--|
| The percentage of portfolio with exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)                                   | 0.00%   | 0.2%   |
| The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights. | 10.67%  | 6.04%  |

#### Annex 5

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: VanEck Sustainable World Equal Weight UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 254900HV64JOK6WXSM03

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

| Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Yes  | • No   |  |  |
| It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |  |  |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |  |  |

Sustainable **investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities.

That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The following environmental and social characteristics applied to the Sub-fund's investments:

- 1. Exposure to carbon risk is limited by excluding companies deriving (>0%) revenues from intensive farming
- 2. Exposure to controversies and controversial business activities is minimized by means of revenue-based screening and exclusion of companies involved in

severe controversies with regards to Environment, Human Rights and Business Behaviour.

3. The Glass Lewis ESG policy guidelines is applied, whereby casted votes concern sustainability matters.

A reference benchmark, Solactive Sustainable World Equity Index, has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

The performance of the Sub-fund's characteristics has been measured with the sustainability indicators included in the next question.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability Indicators performed as below:

| Indicator   | Score |
|---|-------|
| Total GHG Emissions (Scope 1+2+3) per Mio EUR Enterprise Value  | 347,5 |
| The percentage of companies violating UNGC principles and/or OECD Multinational Enterprise Guidelines | 0.45% |

#### ...and compared to previous periods?

- Carbon Footprint of the portfolio increased from 285.59 (t/€mn EV) in 2022 to 347.5 (t/€mn EV) in 2023.
- The percentage of companies involved in UNGC violations rose from 0.2% of the portfrolio in 2022 to 0.45% in 2023.
- What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives? This question and the corresponding questions below were not applicable as the Subfund did not intend to make sustainable investments during the reporting period.
- How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

  Not applicable.

— How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details: Not applicable.



### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Sub-fund considered the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability:

- 1. Greenhouse Gas (GHG Emissions):
  - Companies deriving any revenues from intensive farming are excluded

#### 2. Biodiversity

 Part of Environment Controversy Risk Assessment "Protection of biodiversity"

#### 3. Water

- Part of Environment Controversy Risk Assessment "Water"

#### 4. Waste

- Part of Environment Controversy Risk Assessment "Pollution prevention"
   and "Local Pollution"
- 5. Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters
  - ESG Data Provider provides norms-based screening covering controversial
    practices that have adverse impacts on society and the environment in line
    with established expectations for Responsible Business Conduct as set forth
    in the core normative framework consisting of the Principles of the UN
    Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the
    UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, all of which are
    embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals.
  - Part of Human Rights Controversy Assessment and Business Behaviour Controversy Assessment
  - Controversial weapons screenings are performed whereby companies with any exposure to anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions or other controversial weapons are excluded from the index.

Additionally, principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the Glass Lewis ESG tilted voting policy, whereby votes are casted regard the environment, energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy sources, enhancing the rights of workers,

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

violation of international human rights standards, gender pay inequity and board diversity.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

As of 31/12/2023:

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 2023.

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|----------------------------|------------|------------------------|----------|---------|--|
| Security Name              | Weight (%) | Sector                 | Currency | Country |  |
| NVIDIA CORP                | 0.67       | Information Technology | USD      | US      |  |
| INTEL CORP                 | 0.62       | Information Technology | USD      | US      |  |
| ELI LILLY & CO             | 0.62       | Health Care            | USD      | US      |  |
| BROADCOM INC               | 0.62       | Information Technology | USD      | US      |  |
| SK HYNIX INC               | 0.61       | Information Technology | KRW      | KR      |  |
| SHOPIFY INC                | 0.6        | Information Technology | USD      | CA      |  |
| PARTNERS GROUP HOLDING AG  | 0.57       | Financials             | CHF      | СН      |  |
| RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD    | 0.57       | Financials             | JPY      | JP      |  |
| ADOBE INC                  | 0.56       | Information Technology | USD      | US      |  |
| NETFLIX INC                | 0.56       | Communication Services | USD      | US      |  |
| SERVICENOW INC             | 0.56       | Information Technology | USD      | US      |  |
| VONOVIA SE                 | 0.56       | Real Estate            | EUR      | DE      |  |
| LAM RESEARCH CORP          | 0.55       | Information Technology | USD      | US      |  |
| ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES INC | 0.54       | Information Technology | USD      | US      |  |
| TOKYO ELECTRON LTD         | 0.53       | Information Technology | JPY      | JP      |  |



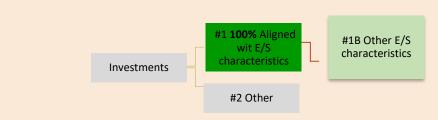
#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes on the basis that all of the Index holdings are screened against its exclusion strategy.

# Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-fund invests in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes on the basis that all of the Index holdings are screened against its exclusion strategy.



**#1** Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#20ther** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

**#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As of 31/12/2023 the assets were allocated to the following sectors:

| Sector                    | Weight,<br>% |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Financials                | 23.24        |
| Information<br>Technology | 18.34        |
| Health Care               | 14.68        |
| Industrials               | 12.34        |
| Consumer<br>Discretionary | 9.43         |
| Communication<br>Services | 7.36         |
| Consumer<br>Staples       | 6.02         |
| Real Estate               | 3.16         |
| Energy                    | 2.36         |
| Utilities                 | 1.39         |
| Other/Cash                | 1.67         |

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0%. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

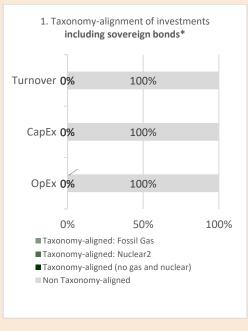
Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>5</sup>?

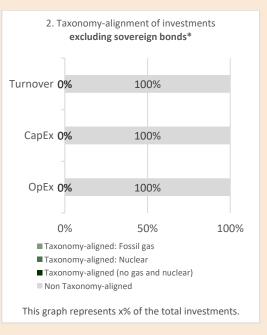
| Yes         |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| In fossil   | gas In nuclear energy |
| <b>≭</b> No |                       |

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional
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alternatives are not
yet available and
among others have
greenhouse gas
emission levels
corresponding to the
best performance.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? The minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is 0%.
  - How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

0%. The Fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

are
sustainable
investments with an
environmental
objective that do
not take into
account the criteria
for environmentally
sustainable
economic activities
under Regulation

(EU) 2020/852.



# What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make environmental sustainable investments.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make socially sustainable investments.



## What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Not applicable, all investments were aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The following rules applied:

Companies have been screened for compliance with the Index rules and the Index is rebalanced on a semi annual basis by the Index Provider. The Sub-fund replicates the Index based on the Index rules.

Furthermore, the Manager's European ESG Committee has performed a review and reported on the alignment of the environmental and social characteristics of the Subfund.

No breaches of the index have occurred.

In addition, the Glass Lewis ESG voting guidelines applied to this Sub-fund. Glass Lewis manages proxy voting, policy implementation, recordkeeping and reporting of voting activities.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

The Index's investment objective is to invest in the 250 most liquid, most highly capitalized companies globally that comply with the UN Global Compact Principles for responsible corporate behaviour. Additionally, it excludes sectors that do not follow responsible business practices, including alcohol, animal testing, military,

civilian weapons, gambling, pornography, tobacco, nuclear power.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

The Sub-fund invested 100% in line with the reference benchmarks and had for that reason the same score on the sustainability indicators as the benchmarks. The Manager's European ESG Committee has analysed and confirmed the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental and social characteristics.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

| Indicator   | Sub-fund:  VanEck Sustainable  World Equal  Weight UCITS  ETF | Reference<br>benchmark:<br>Solactive<br>Sustainable<br>World Equity<br>Index |
|---|---|--|
| Total GHG Emissions (Scope 1+2+3) per<br>Mio EUR Enterprise Value                                     | 347,5   | 347,41   |
| The percentage of companies violating UNGC principles and/or OECD Multinational Enterprise Guidelines | 0.45%   | 0.45%  |

### How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

| Indicator                             | Sub-fund:    | Broad market    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                                       | VanEck       | index:          |
|                                       | Sustainable  | Solactive GBS   |
|                                       | World Equal  | Developed       |
|                                       | Weight UCITS | Markets Large & |
|                                       | ETF          | Mid Cap Index   |
| Total GHG Emissions (Scope 1+2+3) per | 347,5        | 461.45          |
| Mio EUR Enterprise Value              |              |                 |
| The percentage of companies violating | 0.45%        | 6.04%           |
| UNGC principles and/or OECD           |              |                 |
| Multinational Enterprise Guidelines   |              |                 |





### Independent auditor's report

To: the shareholders of VanEck ETFs N.V.

#### Our opinion

The adjusted financial statements (hereinafter: the adjusted financial statements) of VanEck ETFs N.V., based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, are derived from the audited financial statements 2023 of VanEck ETFs N.V.

In our opinion the accompanying adjusted financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements 2023 of VanEck ETFs N.V., on the basis as described below under Our responsibilities for the audit of the adjusted financial statements.

#### The adjusted financial statements comprise:

- ▶ The adjusted statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023
- The following statements for 2023: the adjusted statements of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, adjusted cash flows and adjusted changes in net assets attributable to shareholders
- The notes comprising a summary of the accounting policy and other explanatory information, including the financial information of the sub-funds.

#### The adjusted financial statements

The adjusted financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and accepted by the European Union and Title 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

Reading the adjusted financial statements and our report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of VanEck ETFs N.V. and our auditor's report thereon. The adjusted financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on those financial statements.

#### The audited financial statements and our auditor's report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements 2023 of VanEck ETFs N.V. in our auditor's report dated 17 April 2024.

#### Responsibilities of the board of directors for adjusted financial statements

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of the adjusted financial statements on the basis as described in Note 4.5.



#### Our responsibilities for the audit of the adjusted financial statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the adjusted financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which we conducted in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standard 810 "Opdrachten om te rapporteren betreffende samengevatte financiële overzichten" (Engagements to report on adjusted financial statements).

Amsterdam, 17 April 2024

Ernst & Young Accountants LLP

signed by J.C.J. Preijde