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29 November 2023

To: All Shareholders of VanEck Morningstar US Sustainable Wide Moat UCITS ETF (the "Fund").

Dear Shareholder

This notice is to inform you on behalf of the board of directors of VanEck UCITS ETFs plc (the "Directors") about certain changes which will be made to the index methodology of the Morningstar® US Sustainability Moat Focus Index<sup>SM</sup> (the "Index"), being the index tracked by the Fund.

The changes to the index methodology of the Index will become effective from 15 December 2023 (the "Effective Date"). The changes being made are not expected to have a material effect on the way your investment is managed, and you are not required to do anything because of this notification.

### **Changes to the Index Methodology**

Morningstar Indexes GmbH (the "Index Provider") has informed the Directors that a review of the Index methodology has been conducted and accordingly it will eliminate Carbon Risk as a screening factor considered as part of the Index methodology's Overall ESG Ratings Score with effect from the Effective Date.

The impact of these changes will mean that constituents which have not been screened for Carbon Risk may be included in the Index at each subsequent rebalancing of the Index.

It is anticipated that the Fund's Supplement, will be updated as soon as possible after the Effective Date to reflect the changes to the Index, subject to the approval of the Central Bank. A copy of the Supplement will be available upon request and published on the VanEck website [www.vaneck.com](http://www.vaneck.com).

Having duly considered the revised ESG screening framework of the Index methodology and the Directors consider that the Fund will continue to meet the provisions set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR").

Full details of the Index methodology can be found at <https://indexes.morningstar.com/indexes/>.

The transaction costs of realignment will form part of the Index rebalance which in aggregate and will be borne by the Fund. The Total Expense Ratio of the Fund will not change as a result of the changes to the Index.

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For any questions regarding this matter, Shareholders may consult their financial adviser or please contact the VanEck via email at [international@vaneck.com](mailto:international@vaneck.com).

We thank you for your investments in the Fund and we hope to continue to serve your investment needs in the years ahead.

The Directors accept responsibility for the accuracy of this notice.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a solid black horizontal line.

Director  
VanEck UCITS ETFs plc