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Three VanEck ETFs Receive Zenith ‘Recommended’ Ratings

Sydney, 26 October 2017 – VanEck today announced that research house Zenith Investment Partners has awarded ‘Recommended’ ratings to its VanEck Vectors Morningstar Wide Moat ETF (ASX: MOAT), VanEck Vectors FTSE Global Infrastructure (Hedged) ETF (ASX: IFRA) and VanEck Vectors Australian Property ETF (ASX: MVA).

Arian Neiron, Managing Director VanEck Australia, said: “We are delighted to receive ‘Recommended’ ratings from Zenith for these three ETFs. The ratings are a testament to each funds’ ability to achieve its target investment objective.

“MOAT provides investors with exposure to attractively priced companies with sustainable competitive advantages according to Morningstar’s equity research team. IFRA invests in a broad basket of infrastructure securities listed on exchanges in developed markets around the world while MVA invests in a diversified portfolio of ASX-listed property securities with reduced concentration risk in the retail sector,” Neiron said.

VanEck has grown rapidly in the Australian market and recently surpassed a major milestone, attracting over \$1 billion in funds under management (FUM) across its range of equity and fixed income ETFs in just three years. Five of its 14 ETFs now have ‘Recommended’ ratings from Zenith with the latest three joining the VanEck Vectors Australian Equal Weight ETF (ASX: MVW) and VanEck Vectors MSCI World ex Australia Quality ETF (ASX: QUAL).

“MOAT and IFRA have helped to open up global equity markets, offering investors access to companies with significant competitive advantages and a balanced exposure to infrastructure businesses, respectively, while MVA offers investors exposure to a well-balanced Australian listed property portfolio, which reduces the risks associated with retail stocks inherent in the S&P/ASX 200 A-REIT Index,” Mr Neiron said.

As Zenith points out, MOAT “is a compelling option for investors to gain exposure to US equities.”

MVA achieves a “significant down-weighting of exposure to the retail property sector” and “the methodology [of MVA’s index] also reduces exposure to smaller cap stocks in order to maintain investability,” Zenith said.

In terms of IFRA, Zenith said: “the sector capping results in a more balanced sector diversification compared to many existing infrastructure indices.”

Zenith outlines in all reports, “VanEck benefits from access to the broader investment team, infrastructure and risk management systems and resources of the US based operations (seven portfolio manager/analysts and a trader). Zenith views the backing of the US operations for the Australian business as a strong positive, adding to the solid capabilities of the Australian operation.”

Mr Neiron expects VanEck’s ETFs to continue to attract strong inflows from investors. “Our ETFs aren’t based on fads or fashion, but on solid investment strategies which deliver clearly defined investment results. They appeal to investors who are seeking to portfolio diversification and performance,” he said.

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