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VanEck's MSCI World ex Australia Quality ETF receives 'Highly Recommended' rating

Sydney, 4 June 2019 – VanEck today announced that Lonsec Research has awarded a 'Highly Recommended ^{Index}' rating to its VanEck Vectors MSCI World ex Australia Quality ETF (ASX: QUAL). The rating confirms that Lonsec considers the financial product as a preferred entry point to this asset class or strategy.

Lonsec said it has "very strong conviction the financial product can generate risk-adjusted returns in line with relevant objectives."

Launched on the ASX in October 2014, QUAL invests in a diversified portfolio of quality international companies listed on exchanges in developed markets around the world (ex Australia). The ETF tracks the performance of the MSCI World ex Australia Quality Index with net dividends reinvested.

"The Underlying Index adopts a fundamentally sound and robust measure of 'quality'," Lonsec said.

QUAL is the "largest ETF by market capitalisation in Lonsec's global equity 'smart beta' peer group with a resultant uplift in relative liquidity and narrower bid/ask," the research house said.

Arian Neiron, Managing Director VanEck Australia, said: "We are delighted that QUAL has received a 'Highly Recommended ^{Index}' rating from Lonsec. Through a single trade on the ASX, Australian investors can access a portfolio of 300 quality international companies and achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns, with the potential for outperformance.

"Since its inception on 29 October 2014, QUAL has outperformed the standard industry international equity benchmark, the MSCI World Ex Australia Index by 2.43% p.a.,¹" Neiron said.

"QUAL now joins the VanEck Vectors Australian Equal Weight ETF (ASX: MVW) as having Highly Recommended ^{Index} ratings. As smart beta ETFs, they enable investors to achieve targeted investment outcomes with the benefits of being low cost, liquid and transparent," said Neiron.

Separately, Lonsec has awarded the VanEck Vectors Small Companies Masters ETF (ASX: MVS) a 'Recommended ^{Index}' rating. That rating indicates that Lonsec has strong conviction the financial product can generate risk adjusted returns in line with relevant objectives.

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