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VanEck to launch smart beta Australian fixed income ETF (ASX: PLUS)

Sydney, 27 April 2017 – VanEck today announced it will shortly launch a new smart beta Australian fixed income ETF on ASX called the VanEck Vectors Australian Corporate Bond Plus ETF (ASX: PLUS). PLUS will provide investors with exposure to a diversified portfolio of high-grade Australian dollar corporate bonds with a yield premium.

Arian Neiron, Managing Director, VanEck Australia, said, "We are excited to launch a smart beta Australian fixed income ETF on ASX. PLUS provides a new opportunity for investors seeking exposure to Australia's corporate bond market with a yield premium. In the current low interest rate environment finding liquid defensive high yield has been a considerable challenge for investors. PLUS is designed for defensive allocations and is likely to be suited to investors who are in retirement and for those investors seeking simple and cost effective exposure to the Australian fixed income sector.

PLUS will track the Markit® iBoxx® AUD Corporates Yield Plus Index which selects the top 50% highest yielding corporate bonds issued in Australia. The Index includes around 120 Australian-issued corporate bonds from over 80 issuers, with individual issuer exposure capped at 5%. It is designed to benchmark the performance of the higher-yielding Australian dollar denominated corporate bond market with at least 80% of the bonds in the Index being Investment Grade.

Randolf Tantzsch, Director of Indices APAC, IHS Markit said, "Smart beta investing continues to be a prevalent theme across markets and we are delighted to bring the first fixed income smart beta concept to the Australian ETF market in partnership with VanEck. The index is an integral part of the Markit iBoxx index families, which are widely used in over 150 ETFs globally. Our collaboration with VanEck exemplifies our ability to apply our data to Asia-Pacific requirements as well as our commitment to Australia, and the broader Asia Pacific region for fixed income pricing and indices."

Mr Neiron said, "PLUS adds to our leading smart beta ETF line-up on ASX. Globally VanEck manages US\$9 billion in Fixed Income ETFs and PLUS extends on our philosophy to provide investors with opportunities to asset classes often underrepresented in their portfolios or new approaches to established asset classes."

Fund	ASX code	Features	Management Cost
VanEck Vectors Australian Corporate Bond Plus ETF	PLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invests in a diversified portfolio of Australian dollar corporate bonds offering a yield premium. • Index selects the top 50% highest yielding corporate bonds in Australia, resulting in around 120 bonds from over 80 issuers. • PLUS gives investors simple, low cost access to the performance of higher yielding Australian-issued corporate bonds in a single trade on ASX. • Lower credit risk than typical high-yield bonds. • Only ETF of its kind in Australia 	0.32% p.a.

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