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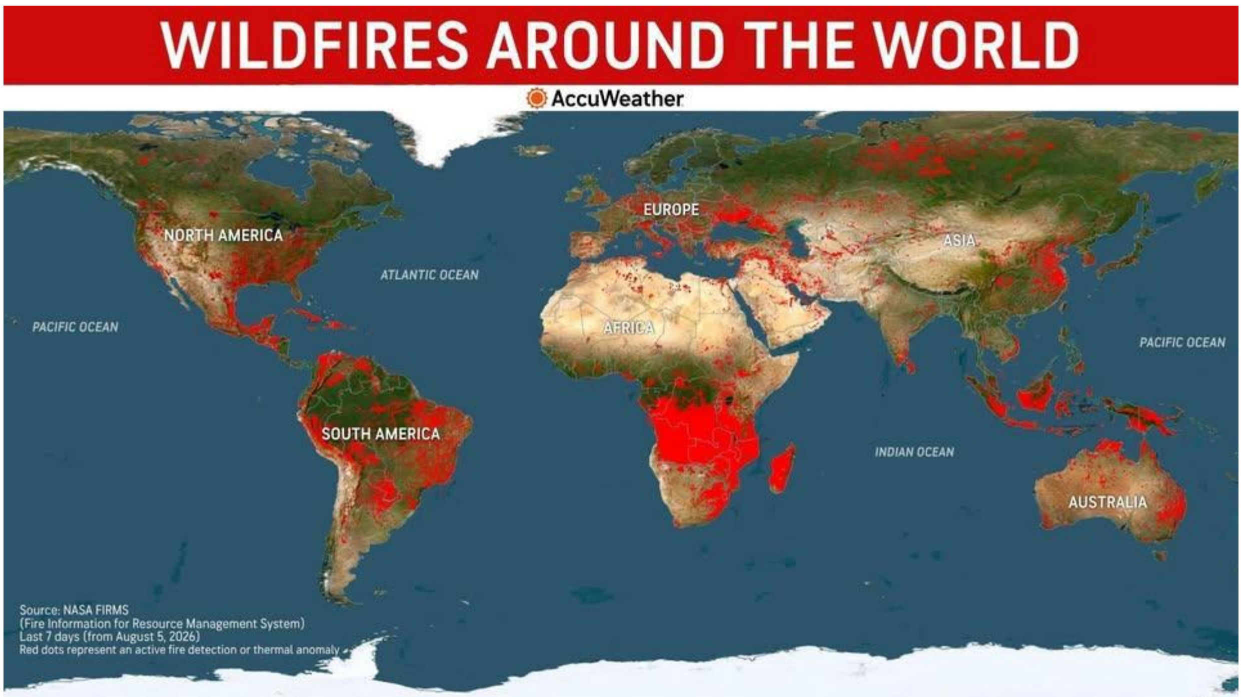

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World's first international vegan-friendly and climate-conscious Exchange Traded Fund opens for trading

> ***Beyond Investing's launch of the International Vegan Climate ETF now provides animal advocates and environmentalists with an ethical stock investment alternative that invests across the globe ex-US in companies that are both cruelty-free and fossil fuel-free. The fund officially starts trading on the Cboe BZX Exchange on September 10, 2026.***

Beyond Investing is pleased to announce its newest investment product for investors seeking ways to put their money to work according to vegan and climate-conscious principles.

The International Vegan Climate ETF (Ticker: VEGX) complements the company's 2019 initial offering, the US Vegan Climate ETF (VEGN), which has more than $180 million in assets, as at August 31st 2026, by providing exposure to some of the most durable large- and mid-cap publicly-traded companies that lay beyond our shores. Both products invest in a selection of some of the most liquid securities, helping to ensure efficient buying and selling of the ETFs.

Tom Nowak, an advisor at Quantum Financial Planning, says about the Beyond Investing range of ETF's "they are really handy for a lot of my clients that are vegan or vegetarian, or at least want to invest that way." He finds the fees charged a fair price, "to filter out oil and animal cruelty," with a comparable risk profile to typical market benchmarks.

Nowak sees these ETFs as a broader environmental macro play that's responding to an existential megatrend that's increasingly affecting businesses, economies, markets, and all life on this planet.

The International Vegan Climate Index, an index of international stocks in developed markets (outside the US) screened according to vegan and climate-conscious principles, on which the new ETF is based, was created in June 2022 and has since outperformed the MSCI World ex-US Index[1] at an rate of 1.73% per annum, delivering annualized gains of 12.66% through inception to June 2026.

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more of less than their original cost and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance current to the most recent month-end can be obtained by calling (1-800-617-0004)

The International index is composed of overseas markets, companies, and currencies with a different sector weighting than VEGN, thereby providing diversification.

Key to the index's relative outperformance is its focus on industrials, technology and finance, which make up three-quarters of the index's exposure. This has resulted in improved greenhouse gas, water and waste metrics compared to a typical market benchmark. Its underlying stocks generate less than 15% of the greenhouse gases and the waste generated by companies in the MSCI World ex-USA Index and use under 20% of the water. This has been achieved in large

[1] MSCI World ex-US Index is an unmanaged index and is commonly used as a measure of the performance of global stock markets as a whole ex-US.

part due to excluding businesses involved with fossil fuels, animal testing, and animal-derived products.[2]

The fund also explicitly avoids companies associated with military defense contracts and human rights abuses.

Especially noteworthy about VEGX's launch is that it's occurring at a time when there has been a discernable institutional trend in the US—driven by politics—that's shying away from responsible and sustainable investing.

Beyond Investing believes this turn flies in the face of ever-increasing evidence of climate change, the need to redirect capital to support more environmentally aware businesses, and the values of a growing number of investors worldwide who clearly see the impact of climate denialism.

Based on findings of a recent study by the environmental arm of the global insurance leader Allianz Research, *The New York Times* recently reported that, "Economists have long studied the worsening impact of climate change on economic growth, inflation and employment. Most estimates for damage caused to date have been moderate, while projections for damage over the long run become more drastic. But the past year has delivered climate-related shocks that are becoming impossible for businesses to avoid."[3]

These findings follow reporting by the European Environment Agency which has tracked extreme weather events from 1980 through 2024, which determined that over €200 billion of the total €822 billion in related costs has occurred since 2021.[4]

These findings have not included the impact related to the severe heat of 2026 experienced by much of the planet, which have sharply raised costs and economic, market and health impacts.

Beyond Investing sees consistent demand from individual investors for thoughtful capital deployment in firms that place less stress on our climate and sentient beings than their peers.

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"Our aim is to help vegans and environmentalists take the pain out of their portfolios," explains **Claire Smith**, CEO of Beyond Investing. "So many compassionate people go to great efforts to avoid buying products that contain animal ingredients or have been subject to cruel testing. But when it comes to their investment options, they may be unwittingly supporting companies and industries that exploit and torture animals. Our ETFs offer them the opportunity to invest in a way that reflects their values. And because we love humans as much as other animals, we screen to avoid investments in companies involved with weapons and human rights abuse."

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[2] Impact Cubed scores are ◦based on company reporting or regression where reported numbers are not available. Carbon: ◦Tons of CO2 equivalent emitted per $1 million of revenue. Waste: ◦Tons of solid waste generated to create $1 million of revenue. Water: Thousand cubic meters fresh water used per $1 million of revenue. Impact Cubed is an affiliated company of Beyond Investing.

[3] https://www.nytimes.com/2026/08/11/business/economy/climate-change-costs-economy-businesses.html?searchResultPosition=1

[4] Simon Nixon, "Investors must hear alarm bells ringing on climate change," Financial Times, 13 August 2026, p. 9.

“A number of pension and personal retirement plans, which allow beneficiaries to select their own investments, provide a long-term platform for investors to actively express their values through our funds,” observes Smith. She encourages employees and plan managers to seek inclusion of the International Vegan Climate ETF, along with the now well-established US Vegan Climate ETF.

With a total expense ratio of 0.75%, Smith believes this ETF fee to be modest considering the significant amount of highly customized, in-depth research that goes to identifying and measuring impacts of every constituent company considered for the index. This requires the creation and maintenance of a proprietary data set, policies and rules that guide what may or may not go into and remain in the index, along with construction methodology that seeks to enhance long-term performance and minimize risk by avoiding excessive stock concentration.

“Further differentiating the ways in which Beyond Investing caters to the sensibilities of our investors,” explains Smith, “is our engagement with various companies, whenever possible, to encourage management to cause less harm to animals and improve services to vegans, as well as voting in alignment with our funds’ objectives and concerns.”

Reflecting its global vision, Beyond Investing also maintains a European Vegan Climate Index, Global Vegan Climate Index, and Vegan World Index, which will evolve into investible products.

Beyond Investing is a US-based registered investment adviser, co-founded by Claire Smith, Lee Coates, and Larry Abele—all highly experienced investment professionals with collectively 100 years of relevant experience.

Smith is also the co-founder of the **Beyond Animal** integrated digital platform, which aims to accelerate the growth of the global vegan economy. Her venture capital advisory firm, **Beyond Impact,** invests in humane, decarbonizing and regenerative solutions across nutrition, ingredients, pharmaceuticals, and materials. A portion of profits of businesses in the Beyond network support the Beyond Cruelty Foundation, which she also chairs.

The International Vegan Climate ETF will list live on Cboe BZX Exchange on September 10, 2026 with the ticker VEGX. The Lead Market Maker is Citadel Securities and 15 other Authorized Participants (as indicated below) will be able to trade VEGN.

About Beyond Investing

Beyond Investing is a US-based registered investment advisor owned by three experienced investment professionals who follow a vegan lifestyle: CEO Claire Smith, who previously spent 34 years working in the finance industry at UBS and as a partner at Albourne in hedge fund research; Lee Coates, OBE, of In Accord, formerly a director of UK financial advisor Ethical Investors and founder of Cruelty Free Super in Australia; and Larry Abele, founder of Impact Cubed, which applies advanced quantitative portfolio management techniques to sustainable investing.

Debra Bouton, an animal activist and former private wealth manager at Morgan Stanley, leads US marketing.

Beyond Investing's ETFs are created with the aim of promoting the development of vegan investment products for all investors, large and small. Visit www.beyondinvesting.com

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Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. The Fund is a recently organized management investment company with no operating history. **As a result, prospective investors have no track record or history on which to base their investment decision.** Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV), may trade at a discount or premium to NAV, and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Investments in mid-cap securities involve additional risk such as limited liquidity and greater volatility. The index methodology may cause the Fund to underperform the broader equity market or other funds which do not utilize such criteria. The Fund's return may not match or achieve a high degree of correlation with the return of the underlying Index. To the extent the Fund utilizes a representative sampling approach, it may experience tracking error to a greater extent than if the Fund had sought to replicate the Index. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

The fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company, and it may be obtained by calling 1-800-617-0004 or visiting www.veganclimateetf.com or www.veganetf.com. Read it carefully before investing.

Beyond Investing LLC is the adviser to the International Vegan Climate ETF and US Vegan Climate ETF.

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