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Beyond Investing launches its second vegan-friendly and climate-conscious ETF

In the historic downtown Chicago Board of Trade Building, Beyond Investing has just launched its second Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) - The International Vegan Climate ETF (Ticker: VEGX) - on the CBOE BZX Exchange

Present at the bell ringing were numerous supporters, including the RIA's service providers, financial advisers whose clients hold Beyond Investing's first ETF, the US Vegan Climate ETF (ticker: VEGN), which also trades on the CBOE, foundations and non-profits promoting the cause of animals and the environment.

Independent wealth adviser Joshua Levine, formerly of RBC and UBS, remarks upon Beyond Investing's latest offering, "as the first fund of its kind to extend animal welfare screening into international markets, this ETF closes a critical gap for ethical investors."

"By applying the same rigorous, cruelty-free criteria that led VEGN to success," suggests Levine, "this new fund gives investors the unprecedented ability to align their worldwide growth strategies with compassion. It sets an excellent benchmark for humane investing on a global scale."

Beyond Investing's CEO Claire Smith expressed her, "delight in launching VEGX seven years after our launch of the US Vegan Climate ETF, as a function of investor demand for complementary financial products that allow them to craft a robust portfolio that expresses their care for people, animals and planet."

VEGX ETF gives environmentally minded investors the means to gain exposure to many of the world's leading large- and mid-cap companies outside of the US, providing diverse country, currency, and industry exposure.

Among the ETF's largest holdings are a leading semiconductor manufacturer Tokyo Electron, French-based energy technology firm Schneider Electronic, and the e-commerce platform giant Shopify.

Such distinct holdings have led to the correlation of the International Vegan Climate Index to the original US Vegan Climate Index to be just 42.6% over the period from June 2022 to June 2026, thus demonstrating its ability to deliver the diversification sought by investors

It does so without investing in companies that profit from activities that are significantly driving climate change and harming animals. The fund also avoids shares of manufacturers of weapons and guns, and tobacco.

This approach has helped the new fund's underlying index to generate relative outperformance over the benchmark. Smith relates, "VEGX is designed to provide exposure to a strategy similar to that of the International Vegan Climate Index, which has historically outperformed the MSCI World ex USA Index[1] since going live in June 2022, with each of our exclusionary screens contributing to excess returns."

By focusing on industrials and technology, which make up 63% of the index, and eschewing large portions of the energy and consumer sector, it also boasts superior greenhouse gas, water and waste metrics compared to the benchmark, according to data from Impact Cubed[2].

Despite holding fewer stocks, VEGX ETF aims to tightly track (within 1%) the underlying index by closely matching sector exposures. To avoid excessive stock concentration, individual positions on launch are limited to no more than 5% of the portfolio, which is sustained through semi-annual rebalancing.

Beyond Investing continues to collaborate with leading firms to bring more investment solutions conceived along the same principles involving different markets and asset classes to a wider audience.

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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An online press kit, including high-res images of Claire Smith, Lee Coates and Larry Abele is available at: http://bit.ly/beyondinvesting (Adviser)

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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.

Both VEGX and VEGN are distributed by Quasar Distributors, LLC

[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.

[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.

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