

# Access the Building Blocks of Growth

# **Global Resources Fund**

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Global resources represent the foundation of economic activity. They include traditional commodities, which tend to respond to inflation and global growth trends, as well as technologies and materials supporting the long-term resources transition.

#### **Aligned With Evolution of Resource Investing**

Since its launch in 1994, the Global Resources Fund has evolved and now is reflective of the more forward-looking and transformative application that many commodities and raw materials may likely have as vital inputs into the future growth of the global economy. In addition to its exposure to traditional segments that are poised to respond strongly to the global recovery and inflationary pressures, today's portfolio composition is inclusive of the developments taking place at the forefront of burgeoning sustainability initiatives.

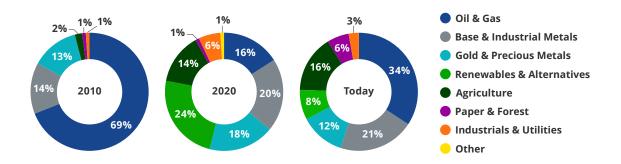
# Portfolio Exposures Reflect the Progressive Developments in Global Resources

### Why the Global Resources Fund?

Actively-managed strategy focused on opportunities across a broad range of global resource equity sectors, with increasing relevance in areas like renewable and alternative energy

**Exposure to companies with unique competitive advantages** associated with traditional resources and the development of emerging applications and technologies

Over 30-year track record supported by an investment team with former geologists and engineers as well as sector analysts with deep sector experience



Source: VanEck, FactSet. Data as of December 31, 2024. ("Today") and end-December for respective years noted above. Figures exclude cash. Portfolio composition and asset allocations are subject to change.

#### What Resource Equities Offer Investors Over Commodities?

- **Leverage:** Resource equities historically outperform commodities in environments with positive global growth and modest (i.e., >2% year-over-year) inflation
- **Idiosyncrasy:** Return drivers such as operational improvements or new technologies may benefit resource equities independent of commodity price directionality
- **Total Return:** Companies are financially healthy with stable balance sheets and have demonstrated a committed effort to return capital to shareholders

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## Flexibility to Adapt to Changing Nature of Resources

The investment process is driven by fundamental stock selection and focused on both traditional resources and "new" economy materials. Companies focusing on unique competitive advantages via technology, asset base, and management quality can capitalize on new demand vectors, as well as benefit from and defend against traditional commodity price volatility.

#### Step 1 **Define Investment Universe**

- Traditional Energy
- Alternative Energy & Resources
- Gold & Precious Metals
- Base, Industrial & "Green" Metals New Supply Priorities
- Agriculture

# Step 2 **Assess Opportunities**

- Corporate Strategies
- Industry Themes
- Evolving Demand Trends
- Macro Factors
- Commodity Ranges

#### Step 3 **Determine Portfolio Candidates**

- Competitive Positioning
- Management/Board Quality
- Scenario Modeling
- Transparency/Accountability
- Valuation Implications
- Catalyst Potency
- Conviction Magnitude

#### Step 4 Risk-Aware **Portfolio Construction**

Quantitative tools guide optimized portfolio seeking to maximize diversification and reduce volatility

#### **Expertise and Experience Drives Active Approach**

Along with one of the longest track records, our investment professionals are one of the largest teams solely devoted to the space. Comprised of industry experts including geologists, engineers and experienced analysts, the Investment Team combines extensive hands-on technical experience with deep financial insight to drive stock selection in the rapidly changing world of diversified resource equities.

Team Member	Role	Focus	Years at VanEck	Years in Industry
Shawn Reynolds*	Portfolio Manager	Company Research and Portfolio Construction	19	37
Charles Cameron	Deputy Portfolio Manager	Macroeconomic Strategy and Trading Oversight	29	42
Roland Morris	Commodity Strategist	Strategy and Client Service	12	44
Joe Foster*	Senior Analyst	Gold and Precious Metals	28	43
Charl Malan	Senior Analyst	Base and Industrial Metals	21	29
Imaru Casanova*	Senior Analyst	Gold and Precious Metals	13	26
Antonio de Pinho*	Senior Analyst	Oil and Gas	5	32
Adam Graf*	Senior Analyst	Gold and Precious Metals	2	24
Alan Shih	Analyst	Oil and Gas	12	17
Ammar James	Analyst	Agriculture, Paper and Forest Products	5	13
Chris Mailloux, CFA	Trader	Trading and Execution	17	17
Jon Rizzo	Trader	Trading and Execution	3	12

<sup>\*</sup>Geology degrees held by Shawn Reynolds, Joe Foster and Adam Graf; engineering degrees held by Shawn Reynolds, Imaru Casanova and Antonio de Pinho.

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