

Morningstar™ Anoints VICEX as Longest-Running Anti-ESG Fund

NEW YORK, NY, USA, August 29, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Criticism of sustainable investing in the U.S. has become politicized over the past decade. [A recent study by Morningstar™](#) counts 27 funds that have picked up the anti-ESG banner. Morningstar defines anti-ESG funds as those who "take the opposite tack from sustainable investing and its sibling, environmental, social, and governance investing."



According to Morningstar, most anti-ESG Funds have a short track record, with the exception of two funds - [The USA Mutuals Vice Fund](#) and the VanEck Gaming ETF BJK. The report shows the vast majority of these funds launched within the past two years. The Vice Fund was launched over 21 years ago. It is the longest-running anti-ESG fund, according to Morningstar.

Under normal market conditions, the Vice Fund (VICEX) invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of companies that derive a significant portion of their revenues from a group of vice industries that includes alcoholic beverages, defense/aerospace, gaming, and tobacco industries.

The Fund concentrates at least 25% of its net assets in this group of four vice industries (but no more than 80% of its net assets in any single industry). "Vice industries" are those industries whose focus, in the Adviser's assessment, may be morally questioned by members of the general public or face funding or regulatory challenges because of social disapproval. In addition, under normal market conditions, the Fund invests in at least three countries (one of which may be the United States) and invests at least 40% of its total assets at the time of purchase in non-U.S. companies.

To read more on The Vice Fund, click here: www.ViceFund.com

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You may also purchase USA Mutuals Funds directly with us. Please call our shareholder services team at 1.866.264.8783 with any questions on purchasing options. [Click here to learn more on how to invest.](#)

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