

ARK Invest Announces the Closure of the Rize Digital Payments Economy UCITS ETF

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ARK Invest Europe, a global leader in thematic investing and disruptive innovation, today announces the closure of the <u>Rize Digital Payments Economy UCITS ETF</u> (ISIN: IEOOBLRPRQ96) as the firm prepares the ground for additional fund launches in 2025. The fund's final exchange trading day will be 24 March 2025.

Since its launch, the Rize Digital Payments Economy UCITS ETF had provided exposure to the evolution of digital transactions, capturing trends in mobile payments, blockchain infrastructure, and financial technology. However, despite returning 24% over the past 12 months to 17 February 2025 (source: ARK Invest), the fund has struggled to gather AUM as compared with the firm's three actively-managed innovation-themed UCITS ETF that launched in Europe in April 2024 and which have collectively reached over \$110m in AUM since launch.

Existing shareholders in the Rize Digital Payments Economy UCITS ETF are directed to the official shareholder notice, available here.

The closure of the Rize Digital Payments Economy UCITS ETF aligns with ARK Invest's strategy to focus on the funds it believes have the strongest potential for growth in the coming years, with the firm focussing its efforts both on its innovation-themed (disruptive technology) ETFs and the sustainable/impact themes that sit under the "RIZE by ARK invest" product pillar.

Investors looking to maintain exposure to disruptive financial technology and digital transactions can do so through the firms flagship strategy, the ARK Innovation UCITS ETF (IE000GA3D489), which holds several leading companies in the space alongside other transformative technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, robotics, energy storage, and multiomics.

ARK Invest's recently launched innovation-themed range of actively-managed UCITS ETFs continues to see strong investor demand, recently surpassing \$110 million in assets under management (Source: ARK Invest, as of 17 February 2025).

For more information on ARK Invest's thematic UCITS ETF range, visit our website.

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About ARK Invest Europe

ARK Invest International Ltd ("ARK Invest Europe") is a specialist thematic ETF issuer offering investors access to a unique blend of active and index strategies focused on disruptive innovation and sustainability. Established following the acquisition of Rize ETF in September 2023 by ARK



Investment Management LLC, ARK Invest Europe builds on over 40 years of expertise in identifying and investing in innovations that align financial performance with positive global impact.

Through its innovation pillar and the "ARK" range of ETFs, ARK Invest focuses on companies leading and benefiting from transformative cross-sector innovations, including robotics, energy storage, multiomic sequencing, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technology. Meanwhile, its sustainability pillar, represented by the "Rize by ARK Invest" range of ETFs, prioritises investment opportunities that reconcile growth with sustainability, advancing solutions that fuel prosperity while promoting environmental and social progress.

Headquartered in London, United Kingdom, ARK Invest Europe is dedicated to empowering investors with purposeful investment opportunities. For more information, please visit https://europe.ark-funds.com/.

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