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**VANECK VECTORS GOLD MINERS ETF**

**US ANNUAL REPORT – FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

VanEck Investments Limited makes this announcement on behalf of VanEck Vectors ETF Trust.

Attached is the annual report for certain United States (**US**) exchange traded funds including GDX which has been issued by VanEck Vectors ETF Trust and lodged with the US Securities Exchange Commission.

Information in the report not relating to GDX, where possible, has been redacted or deleted.

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## VANECK VECTORS®

Agribusiness ETF  
Coal ETF  
Global Alternative Energy ETF  
**Gold Miners ETF**  
Junior Gold Miners ETF  
Natural Resources ETF  
Oil Refiners ETF  
Oil Services ETF  
Rare Earth/Strategic Metals ETF  
Steel ETF  
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Dear Shareholder:

Electric vehicles (and their batteries), together with solar and wind power generation, were of great interest to investors in 2017. Of special interest were the metals they use, in particular, cobalt, copper, lithium, nickel, and certain rare earths. [REDACTED]

As the prices of the metals rose during the year, companies either mining or refining lithium or cobalt (both used in batteries) benefitted. So, too, did some of the companies involved either in extracting and/or refining rare earths. (Certain rare earths, for example, neodymium, are used in the permanent magnets found in wind turbines.)

In the context of electric vehicles, no one yet knows which particular battery technologies are going to “win”. We may even see a variety of technologies “winning” – used in different types of batteries in different vehicles in different environments. When it comes to electrical storage, there could be a similar situation, with different technologies being used for different purposes. However, whichever battery technologies eventually come out on top, we still expect to see a continuing rise in demand, among other metals, for both cobalt and lithium.

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## VANECK VECTORS ETFs

(unaudited) (continued)

On the following pages, you will find the performance record of each of the funds for the period ended December 31, 2017. You will also find their financial statements. As always, we value your continued confidence in us and look forward to helping you meet your investment goals in the future.



*Jan F. van Eck  
Trustee and President  
VanEck Vectors ETF Trust*

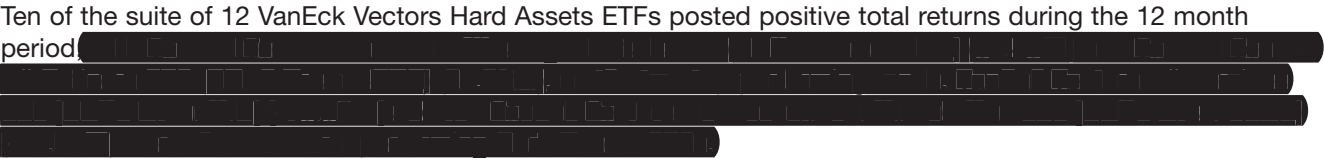
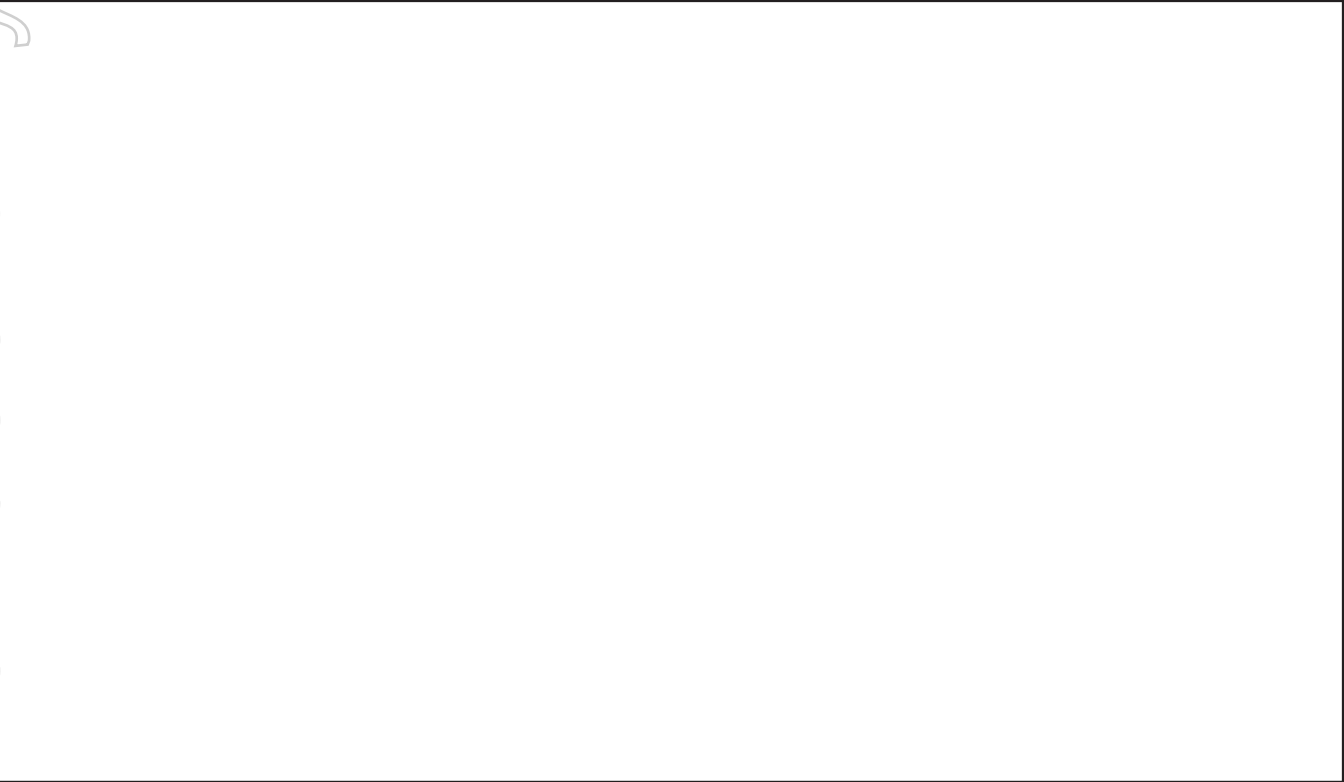
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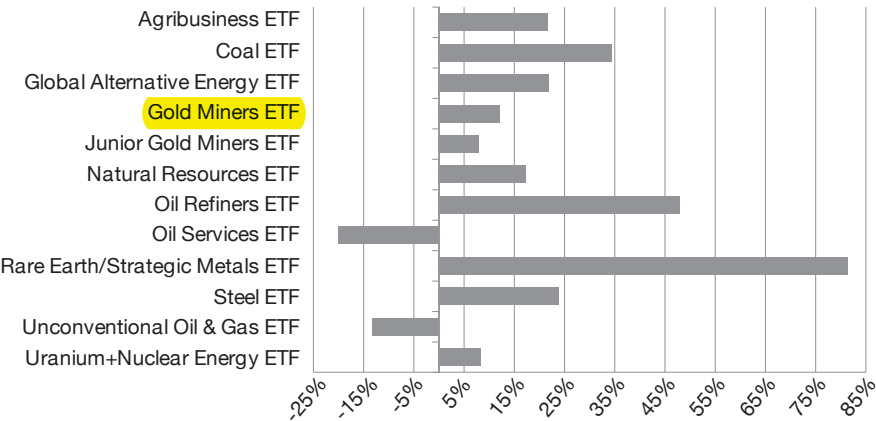
\* Returns based on the Fund's net asset value (NAV). Investors should be aware that recent market conditions resulting in high performance for this region/sector may not continue.

Management Discussion (unaudited)

Hard Assets Market Overview



January 1 through December 31, 2017  
VanEck Vectors Hard Assets ETFs Total Return



Source: VanEck. Returns based on each fund's net asset value (NAV). The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Performance information for the funds reflects temporary waivers of expenses and/or fees. Had the funds incurred all expenses, investment returns would have been reduced. Investment return and value of the shares of the funds will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance data quoted.

VANECK VECTORS ETFs

(unaudited) (continued)

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**Gold Miners**

Both major gold miners and their junior peers had a roller coaster 12 months. Despite the price of gold having risen 13.1% during the period, the larger gold miners (VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF) posted a positive return of 11.99% [REDACTED] for the period.

Among the larger mining stocks, Canadian companies, with the largest average sector weighting, were the strongest contributors to performance. Companies in China contributed the least to performance.

The situation was similar among the juniors, with Australia the strongest contributor, followed by Canada. The U.S. and South Africa were the two countries to detract from performance.

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## VANECK VECTORS ETFs

(unaudited) (continued)

All indices are unmanaged and include the reinvestment of all dividends, but do not reflect the payment of transaction costs, advisory fees or expenses that are associated with an investment in the Fund. Certain indices may take into account withholding taxes. An index's performance is not illustrative of the Fund's performance. Indices are not securities in which investments can be made. Results reflect past performance and do not guarantee future results.

† All Fund assets referenced are Total Net Assets as of December 31, 2017, unless otherwise stated.

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## VANECK VECTORS GOLD MINERS ETF

### PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

December 31, 2017 (unaudited)

Average Annual Total Returns				Cumulative Total Returns		
	Share Price	NAV	GDMNTR <sup>1</sup>	Share Price	NAV	GDMNTR <sup>1</sup>
One Year	11.94%	11.99%	12.21%	11.94%	11.99%	12.21%
Five Year	(12.30)%	(12.27)%	(11.88)%	(48.13)%	(48.03)%	(46.86)%
Ten Year	(6.03)%	(6.04)%	(5.58)%	(46.33)%	(46.39)%	(43.68)%

<sup>1</sup> NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index (GDMNTR) is a modified capitalization-weighted index comprised of publicly traded companies involved primarily in the mining for gold.

This chart shows the value of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the Fund at NAV and at Share Price over the past 10 fiscal year periods. The result is compared with the Fund's benchmark.



**Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance results do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption or sale of fund shares.**

See "About Fund Performance" on page 19 for more information.

## VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST

### ABOUT FUND PERFORMANCE

(unaudited)

The price used to calculate market return (Share Price) is determined by using the closing price listed on its primary listing exchange. Since the shares of each Fund did not trade in the secondary market until after each Fund's commencement, for the period from commencement to the first day of secondary market trading in shares of each Fund, the NAV of each Fund is used as a proxy for the secondary market trading price to calculate market returns.

**The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** Performance information for certain Funds reflect temporary waivers of expenses and/or fees. Had these Funds incurred all expenses, investment returns would have been reduced. These returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends and distributions or the sale of Fund shares.

**Investment return and value of the shares of each Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance may be lower or higher than performance data quoted. Fund returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. Performance current to the most recent month-end is available by calling 800.826.2333 or by visiting [vaneck.com](http://vaneck.com).**

Fund shares are not individually redeemable and will be issued and redeemed at their NAV only through certain authorized broker-dealers in large, specified blocks of shares called "creation units" and otherwise can be bought and sold only through exchange trading. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market.

The net asset value (NAV) of each VanEck Vectors exchange-traded fund (ETF) is determined at the close of each business day, and represents the dollar value of one share of each fund; it is calculated by taking the total assets of each fund, subtracting total liabilities, and dividing by the total number of shares outstanding. The NAVs are not necessarily the same as each ETF's intraday trading value. VanEck Vectors ETF investors should not expect to buy or sell fund shares at NAV.

All indices are unmanaged and include the reinvestment of all dividends, but do not reflect the payment of transaction costs, advisory fees or expenses that are associated with an investment in the Fund. Certain indices may take into account withholding taxes. An index's performance is not illustrative of the Fund's performance. Indices are not securities in which investments can be made.

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The Natural Resources Index is published by S-Network Global Indexes, LLC (S-Network). The Ardour Global Index is published by ArdourGlobal Indexes LLC (Ardour).

ICE Data, MVIS, S-Network, and Ardour are referred to herein as the "Index Providers". The Index Providers do not sponsor, endorse, or promote the Funds and bear no liability with respect to the Funds or any security.

Premium/discount information regarding how often the closing trading price of the Shares of each Fund were above (i.e., at a premium) or below (i.e., at a discount) the NAV of the Fund for each of the four previous calendar quarters and the immediately preceding five years (if applicable) can be found at [vaneck.com](http://vaneck.com).

## VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST

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### EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES

(unaudited)

#### **Hypothetical \$1,000 investment at beginning of period**

As a shareholder of a Fund, you incur operating expenses, including management fees and other Fund expenses. This disclosure is intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The disclosure is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period, July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

#### **Actual Expenses**

The first line in the table below provides information about account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During the Period."

#### **Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes**

The second line in the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on your Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in your Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as brokerage commissions paid on purchases and sales. Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2017	Ending Account Value December 31, 2017	Annualized Expense Ratio During Period	Expenses Paid During the Period* July 1, 2017- December 31, 2017
Gold Miners ETF				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,062.50	0.55%	\$2.86
Hypothetical**	\$1,000.00	\$1,022.43	0.55%	\$2.80

\*\* Assumes annual return of 5% before expenses

# VANECK VECTORS GOLD MINERS ETF

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2017

Number of Shares		Value	Number of Shares		Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS: 100.0%</b>			<b>United Kingdom: 5.9%</b>		
<b>Australia: 15.0%</b>			52,184,631	Cenatamin Plc #	\$ 111,364,297
76,222,316	Evolution Mining Ltd. #	\$ 158,225,780	3,426,456	Randgold Resources Ltd. (ADR) †	338,842,234
26,576,668	Independence Group NL † #	98,304,801			450,206,531
25,738,275	Newcrest Mining Ltd. #	459,308,127	<b>United States: 14.8%</b>		
27,320,714	Northern Star Resources Ltd. #	130,392,486	8,408,397	Coeur Mining, Inc. *	63,062,977
27,857,727	OceanaGold Corp. (CAD)	71,814,883	18,073,502	Hecla Mining Co.	71,751,803
22,693,685	Regis Resources Ltd. #	76,303,131	17,923,457	Newmont Mining Corp.	672,488,107
33,381,569	Resolute Mining Ltd. #	29,768,133	2,959,839	Royal Gold, Inc.	243,061,979
36,817,900	Saracen Mineral Holdings Ltd. * #	48,685,079	14,167,328	Tahoe Resources, Inc.	67,861,501
22,526,552	St. Barbara Ltd. #	67,248,328			1,118,226,367
		1,140,050,748	<b>Total Common Stocks</b>		
<b>Canada: 52.1%</b>			(Cost: \$8,410,270,744)		
8,149,333	Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (USD)	376,336,198	<b>MONEY MARKET FUND: 0.1%</b>		
12,062,729	Alamos Gold, Inc. (USD) †	78,528,366	(Cost: \$2,972,013)		
44,321,184	B2Gold Corp. (USD) * †	137,395,670	2,972,013	Dreyfus Government Cash Management Fund – Institutional Shares	2,972,013
39,189,881	Barrick Gold Corp. (USD)	567,077,578	<b>Total Investments Before Collateral for Securities Loaned: 100.1%</b>		
13,193,635	Centerra Gold, Inc. *	67,813,567	(Cost: \$8,413,242,757)		
7,912,960	Detour Gold Corp. *	93,342,551	<b>Principal Amount</b>		
35,964,640	Eldorado Gold Corp. (USD)	51,429,435	<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS HELD AS COLLATERAL FOR SECURITIES LOANED: 1.8%</b>		
7,505,149	First Majestic Silver Corp. (USD) * †	50,584,704	<b>Repurchase Agreements: 1.8%</b>		
7,222,680	Fortuna Silver Mines, Inc. *	37,815,380	\$33,192,201	Repurchase agreement dated 12/29/17 with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., 1.41%, due 1/2/18, proceeds \$33,197,401; (collateralized by various U.S. government and agency obligations, 0.00% to 9.00%, due 4/1/18 to 8/20/67, valued at \$33,856,045 including accrued interest)	33,192,201
6,233,195	Franco-Nevada Corp. (USD) †	498,343,940	33,192,201	Repurchase agreement dated 12/29/17 with Daiwa Capital Markets America, Inc., 1.43%, due 1/2/18, proceeds \$33,197,475; (collateralized by various U.S. government and agency obligations, 0.00% to 6.50%, due 1/11/18 to 12/1/51, valued at \$33,856,046 including accrued interest)	33,192,201
29,190,823	Goldcorp, Inc. (USD)	372,766,810	33,192,201	Repurchase agreement dated 12/29/17 with HSBC Securities USA, Inc., 1.38%, due 1/2/18, proceeds \$33,197,290; (collateralized by various U.S. government and agency obligations, 0.00% to 0.38%, due 5/15/18 to 8/15/46, valued at \$33,856,327 including accrued interest)	33,192,201
7,837,654	Guyana Goldfields, Inc. *	31,777,232			
21,048,830	IAMGOLD Corp. (USD) *	122,714,679			
56,482,522	Kinross Gold Corp. (USD) *	244,004,495			
9,374,981	Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.	144,184,432			
15,082,095	McEwen Mining, Inc. (USD) †	34,387,177			
26,068,693	New Gold, Inc. (USD) * †	85,766,000			
7,109,776	Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. (USD) †	82,189,010			
6,937,684	Pan American Silver Corp. (USD) †	107,950,363			
8,212,300	Pretium Resources, Inc. (USD) * †	93,702,343			
8,261,685	Sandstorm Gold Ltd. (USD) * †	41,225,808			
14,715,111	Semafo, Inc. *	41,927,408			
5,416,259	SSR Mining, Inc. (USD) *	47,608,917			
3,614,401	Torex Gold Resources, Inc. *	34,414,625			
16,632,653	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. (USD)	368,080,611			
42,950,749	Yamana Gold, Inc. (USD) †	134,006,337			
		3,945,373,636			
<b>China / Hong Kong: 1.8%</b>					
47,436,500	Zhaojin Mining Industry Co. Ltd. † #	36,764,832			
259,814,000	Zijin Mining Group Ltd. #	98,025,719			
		134,790,551			
<b>Monaco: 1.3%</b>					
4,794,021	Endeavour Mining Corp. (CAD) *	98,065,173			
<b>Peru: 2.3%</b>					
12,451,121	Cia de Minas Buenaventura SA (ADR)	175,311,784			
<b>South Africa: 6.8%</b>					
18,555,511	AngloGold Ashanti Ltd. (ADR)	189,080,657			
37,211,379	Gold Fields Ltd. (ADR) †	160,008,930			
20,142,895	Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd. (USD) †	37,667,214			
25,048,347	Sibanye Gold Ltd. (ADR) †	126,494,152			
		513,250,953			

See Notes to Financial Statements

# VANECK VECTORS GOLD MINERS ETF

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

(continued)

Principal Amount		Value
<b>Repurchase Agreements: (continued)</b>		
\$6,983,040	Repurchase agreement dated 12/29/17 with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., 1.40%, due 1/2/18, proceeds \$6,984,126; (collateralized by various U.S. government and agency obligations, 1.88% to 2.75%, due 7/31/22 to 8/15/42, valued at \$7,122,702 including accrued interest)	\$ 6,983,040
33,192,201	Repurchase agreement dated 12/29/17 with Nomura Securities International, Inc., 1.42%, due 1/2/18, proceeds \$33,197,438; (collateralized by various U.S. government and agency obligations, 0.00% to 7.50%, due 4/5/18 to 11/20/67, valued at \$33,856,045 including accrued interest)	33,192,201
<b>Total Short-Term Investments Held as Collateral for Securities Loaned</b>		139,751,844
<b>Total Investments: 101.9%</b>		7,717,999,600
<b>Liabilities in excess of other assets: (1.9)%</b>		(143,414,480)
<b>NET ASSETS: 100.0%</b>		<u>\$7,574,585,120</u>

### Definitions:

ADR American Depositary Receipt  
 CAD Canadian Dollar  
 USD United States Dollar

### Footnotes:

\* Non-income producing  
 † Security fully or partially on loan. Total market value of securities on loan is \$131,375,194.  
 # Indicates a fair valued security which has been valued in good faith pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The aggregate value of fair valued securities is \$1,314,390,713 which represents 17.4% of net assets.

### Summary of Investments by Sector Excluding Collateral for Securities Loaned

	% of Investments	Value
Diversified Metals & Mining	1.3%	\$ 98,304,801
Gold	89.5	6,777,725,104
Silver	9.2	699,245,838
Money Market Fund	0.0	2,972,013
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$7,578,247,756</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

A summary of the Fund's transactions in securities of affiliates for the period ended December 31, 2017 is set forth below:

Affiliates	Value 12/31/16	Purchases	Sales Proceeds	Realized Gain (Loss)	Dividend Income	Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Value 12/31/17
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.	\$ 533,593,494	\$ 264,981,707	\$ (469,119,245)	\$ 72,448,283	\$ 4,382,492	\$ (25,568,041)	\$—(a)
Alamos Gold, Inc.	107,701,354	60,934,321	(83,147,251)	3,371,278	299,700	(10,331,336)	—(a)
AngloGold Ashanti Ltd.	253,959,846	145,404,347	(209,482,565)	(17,446,604)	2,578,393	16,645,633	—(a)
Asanko Gold, Inc.	36,415,313	1,742,771	(19,306,601)	(31,487,317)	—	12,635,835	—
B2Gold Corp.	133,557,639	88,574,587	(114,511,723)	27,312,708	—	2,462,460	—(a)
Barrick Gold Corp.	1,050,349,548	506,290,421	(917,318,415)	(38,991,390)	6,573,125	(33,252,586)	—(a)
Cenatamin Plc	115,288,924	79,408,857	(116,166,242)	55,076,447	11,219,035	(22,243,688)	—(a)
Centerra Gold, Inc.	80,535,447	29,601,206	(50,734,902)	4,111,721	—	4,300,096	—(a)
Cia de Minas Buenaventura SA	183,326,903	119,515,857	(161,083,576)	7,004,928	1,444,451	26,547,672	—(a)
Coeur Mining, Inc.	100,773,949	51,654,228	(76,446,163)	(3,839,865)	—	(9,079,172)	—(a)
Detour Gold Corp.	140,388,737	72,066,241	(101,554,772)	6,381,727	—	(23,939,383)	—(a)
Eldorado Gold Corp.	136,051,710	71,063,358	(95,266,509)	(18,206,417)	681,022	(42,212,707)	—(a)
Endeavour Mining Corp.	82,358,502	64,145,248	(72,990,273)	5,295,792	—	19,255,904	—(a)
Evolution Mining Ltd.	148,606,232	99,939,710	(143,454,036)	56,038,097	3,301,952	(2,904,223)	—(a)
First Majestic Silver Corp.	73,933,380	44,229,770	(61,550,269)	5,366,392	—	(11,394,567)	—(a)
Fortuna Silver Mines, Inc.	48,666,731	17,764,785	(23,237,586)	(7,377,808)	—	1,999,258	—(a)
Franco-Nevada Corp.	597,508,567	335,669,928	(603,861,107)	97,295,849	7,668,060	71,730,704	—(a)
Gold Fields Ltd.	145,804,659	102,972,690	(145,263,512)	(8,551,249)	3,454,529	65,046,341	—(a)
Goldcorp, Inc.	654,777,998	308,110,898	(552,649,773)	(142,662,004)	3,228,372	105,189,691	—(a)
Guyana Goldfields, Inc.	45,967,851	12,441,658	(22,048,657)	(7,738,190)	—	3,154,569	—(a)
Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd.	57,307,795	32,109,851	(42,380,341)	(12,936,014)	1,608,366	3,565,922	—(a)
Hecla Mining Co.	122,130,352	69,803,876	(98,326,702)	29,596,028	204,113	(51,451,750)	—(a)
IAMGOLD Corp.	102,303,979	59,858,476	(83,476,245)	22,564,270	—	21,464,199	—(a)
Independence Group NL	106,473,786	58,166,632	(73,907,259)	3,023,587	482,479	4,548,055	—(a)
Kinross Gold Corp.	228,303,557	165,537,677	(236,740,913)	14,705,209	—	72,198,964	—(a)
Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.	62,873,576	43,113,708	(61,327,854)	20,718,887	292,535	78,806,116	—(a)
Klondex Mines Ltd.	41,115,329	11,687,587	(33,296,991)	(25,780,801)	—	6,274,876	—
McEwen Mining, Inc.	51,393,615	14,736,906	(23,215,739)	(4,376,453)	—	(4,151,151)	—(a)
New Gold, Inc.	105,902,685	64,245,249	(76,523,038)	(9,137,180)	—	1,278,284	—(a)
Newcrest Mining Ltd.	622,167,668	322,902,998	(609,017,477)	105,356,241	5,666,537	17,898,697	—(a)
Newmont Mining Corp.	1,019,838,842	475,847,704	(876,766,294)	60,335,646	6,078,049	(6,767,792)	—(a)
Northern Star Resources Ltd.	90,809,629	73,901,362	(102,985,310)	45,407,964	2,189,774	23,258,841	—(a)
OceanaGold Corp.	105,042,581	62,251,420	(88,799,926)	21,389,448	654,398	(28,068,639)	—(a)
Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd.	61,066,716	56,677,178	(43,053,139)	(277,325)	894,646	7,775,581	—(a)
Pan American Silver Corp.	135,277,377	88,807,558	(121,494,229)	26,191,060	781,109	(20,831,404)	—(a)
Randgold Resources Ltd.	421,909,576	201,445,582	(390,495,015)	9,890,983	5,911,302	96,091,107	—(a)
Regis Resources Ltd.	62,328,824	28,056,333	(45,691,114)	9,887,880	3,000,145	21,721,207	—(a)
Resolute Mining Ltd.	39,662,865	23,980,081	(31,677,784)	(8,112,004)	475,311	5,914,975	—(a)
Royal Gold, Inc.	245,387,048	168,899,012	(242,264,151)	30,758,509	3,403,589	40,281,561	—(a)
Sandstorm Gold Ltd.	35,009,192	18,233,443	(19,054,608)	(3,853,291)	—	10,891,072	—(a)
Saracen Mineral Holdings Ltd.	33,496,978	16,271,463	(24,822,872)	(1,092,307)	—	24,831,817	—(a)
Semafo, Inc.	63,128,790	29,425,358	(35,431,242)	(14,050,492)	—	(1,145,005)	—(a)
Sibanye Gold Ltd.	96,150,225	141,901,260	(115,572,695)	(3,800,959)	2,774,904	7,816,322	—(a)
SSR Mining, Inc.	62,798,611	19,509,934	(34,905,665)	(4,261,128)	—	4,467,165	—(a)
St. Barbara Ltd.	42,513,293	25,418,332	(40,188,581)	3,781,135	1,021,875	35,724,150	—(a)
Tahoe Resources, Inc.	172,776,120	73,851,275	(109,673,833)	(29,985,224)	2,554,364	(39,106,837)	—(a)
Torex Gold Resources, Inc.	72,804,842	45,285,765	(62,622,126)	1,049,519	—	(22,103,375)	—(a)
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	446,884,776	242,545,646	(376,664,349)	(20,784,289)	6,718,369	76,098,826	—(a)
Yamana Gold, Inc.	157,003,726	101,092,759	(132,735,489)	(57,623,827)	983,939	66,269,168	—(a)
Zhaojin Mining Industry Co. Ltd.	43,635,481	33,485,330	(36,502,238)	2,009,735	267,610	(5,863,477)	—(a)
Zijin Mining Group Ltd.	107,864,749	69,331,920	(94,652,059)	15,100,790	2,374,668	380,319	—(a)
	<u>\$9,684,929,367</u>	<u>\$5,314,894,263</u>	<u>\$(8,403,458,455)</u>	<u>\$289,097,975</u>	<u>\$93,169,213</u>	<u>\$596,110,254</u>	<u>\$—</u>

(a) Security held by the Fund, however not classified as an affiliate at the end of the reporting period.

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2017 is as follows:

	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Value
Common Stocks				
Australia	\$ 71,814,883	\$1,068,235,865	\$ —	\$1,140,050,748
Canada	3,945,373,636	—	—	3,945,373,636
China/Hong Kong	—	134,790,551	—	134,790,551
Monaco	98,065,173	—	—	98,065,173
Peru	175,311,784	—	—	175,311,784
South Africa	513,250,953	—	—	513,250,953
United Kingdom	338,842,234	111,364,297	—	450,206,531
United States	1,118,226,367	—	—	1,118,226,367
Money Market Fund	2,972,013	—	—	2,972,013
Repurchase Agreements	—	139,751,844	—	139,751,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,263,857,043</b>	<b>\$1,454,142,557</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$7,717,999,600</b>

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended December 31, 2017.



# VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST

## STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2017

	Gold Miners ETF	
<b>Assets:</b>		
Investments, at value (1)		
Unaffiliated issuers (2)	\$ 7,578,247,756	
Affiliated issuers (3) . . . . .	—	
Short-term investments held as collateral for securities loaned (4) . . . . .	139,751,844	
Cash . . . . .	4,464	
Cash denominated in foreign currency, at value (5) . . . . .	2,927	
Receivables:		
Investment securities sold . . . . .	716,808	
Shares sold . . . . .	—	
Due from Adviser . . . . .	—	
Dividends and interest . . . . .	755,071	
Prepaid expenses . . . . .	42,614	
<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	<u>7,719,521,484</u>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Payables:		
Investment securities purchased . . . . .	—	
Collateral for securities loaned . . . . .	139,751,844	
Line of credit . . . . .	—	
Shares redeemed . . . . .	706,369	
Due to Adviser . . . . .	3,278,651	
Distribution to shareholders . . . . .	—	
Deferred Trustee fees . . . . .	793,915	
Accrued expenses . . . . .	405,585	
<b>Total liabilities</b> . . . . .	<u>144,936,364</u>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b> . . . . .	<u>\$ 7,574,585,120</u>	
Shares outstanding . . . . .	<u>325,752,500</u>	
Net asset value, redemption and offering price per share . . . . .	<u>\$ 23.25</u>	
<b>Net assets consist of:</b>		
Aggregate paid in capital	\$17,333,178,475	
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . . . . .	(834,990,659)	
Undistributed (accumulated) net investment income (loss) . . . . .	(14,447,924)	
Accumulated net realized loss . . . . .	(8,909,154,772)	
	<u>\$ 7,574,585,120</u>	
(1) Value of securities on loan . . . . .	<u>\$ 131,375,194</u>	
(2) Cost of investments – Unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	<u>\$ 8,413,242,757</u>	
(3) Cost of investments – Affiliated issuers . . . . .	<u>\$ —</u>	
(4) Cost of short-term investments held as collateral for securities loaned . . . . .	<u>\$ 139,751,844</u>	
(5) Cost of cash denominated in foreign currency . . . . .	<u>\$ 2,862</u>	

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# VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST

## STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

### Income:

Dividends – unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	
Dividends – affiliated issuers . . . . .	
Securities lending income . . . . .	
Foreign taxes withheld . . . . .	
Total income . . . . .	

### Expenses:

Management fees . . . . .	
Professional fees . . . . .	
Insurance . . . . .	
Trustees' fees and expenses . . . . .	
Reports to shareholders . . . . .	
Indicative optimized portfolio value fee . . . . .	
Custodian fees . . . . .	
Registration fees . . . . .	
Transfer agent fees . . . . .	
Fund accounting fees . . . . .	
Interest . . . . .	
Other . . . . .	
Total expenses . . . . .	
Waiver of management fees . . . . .	
Expenses assumed by the Adviser . . . . .	
Expense offset arrangements . . . . .	
Net expenses . . . . .	
Net investment income . . . . .	

### Net realized gain (loss) on:

Investments – unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	
Investments – affiliated issuers . . . . .	
In-kind redemptions . . . . .	
Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities . . . . .	
Net realized gain (loss) . . . . .	

### Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)

Investments – unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	
Investments – affiliated issuers . . . . .	
Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities . . . . .	
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . . . . .	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations . . . . .	

### Gold Miners ETF

\$	65,554
	93,169,213
	1,943,319
	(7,818,861)
	<u>87,359,225</u>
	46,055,147
	271,737
	104,037
	224,851
	439,055
	—
	432,744
	545,324
	1,104
	—
	115,807
	397,221
	<u>48,587,027</u>
	—
	—
	—
	<u>48,587,027</u>
	<u>38,772,198</u>
	(794,803,153)
	289,097,975
	797,504,414
	(396,417)
	<u>291,402,819</u>
	17,959,721
	596,110,254
	5,000
	<u>614,074,975</u>
\$	<u>944,249,992</u>

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## Gold Miners ETF

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017	For the Year Ended December 31, 2016
\$ 38,772,198	\$ 17,751,572
291,402,819	(787,882,992)
614,074,975	2,274,160,888
<u>944,249,992</u>	<u>1,504,029,468</u>
(61,169,240)	(24,961,888)
4,444,326,017	6,632,467,108
(7,437,833,489)	(2,743,240,625)
<u>(2,993,507,472)</u>	<u>3,889,226,483</u>
(2,110,426,720)	5,368,294,063
9,685,011,840	4,316,717,777
<u>\$ 7,574,585,120</u>	<u>\$ 9,685,011,840</u>
<u>\$ (14,447,924)</u>	<u>\$ (543,632)</u>
191,600,000	282,100,000
(328,750,000)	(133,850,000)
<u>(137,150,000)</u>	<u>148,250,000</u>

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Net investment income . . . . .	1,000
Net realized gain (loss) . . . . .	1,000
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . . . . .	1,000
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations . .	1,000

Dividends from net investment income .....	
Distributions from net realized capital gains .....	
<b>Total Dividends and Distributions</b> .....	

Proceeds from sale of shares .....	
Cost of shares redeemed .....	
Increase (Decrease) in net assets resulting from share transactions	

Total increase (decrease) in net assets . . . . .	
Net Assets, beginning of period . . . . .	
Net Assets, end of period† . . . . .	

† Including undistributed (accumulated) net investment income (loss) . . . . .

Shares sold	.....
Shares redeemed	.....
Net increase (decrease)	.....

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Net investment income . . . . .	
Net realized gain (loss) . . . . .	
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . . . . .	
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations . .	

Dividends from net investment income .....

Proceeds from sale of shares .....	
Cost of shares redeemed .....	
Increase (Decrease) in net assets resulting from share transactions .....	

Net Assets, beginning of period .....

Net Assets, end of period† .....

† Including undistributed (accumulated) net investment income (loss) . . . . .

Shares sold . . . . .

Shares redeemed .....

Net increase (decrease) .....

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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### Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net assets, end of year ('000's) . . . . .	\$7,574,585	\$9,685,012	\$4,316,718	\$5,495,447	\$6,652,611
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets . . . . .	0.53%	0.51%	0.52%	0.53%	0.53%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets . . . . .	0.53%	0.51%	0.52%	0.53%	0.53%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets excluding interest expense . . . . .	0.53%	0.51%	0.52%	0.53%	0.53%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets . .	0.42%	0.21%	0.66%	0.52%	1.01%
Portfolio turnover rate (c) . . . . .	12%	26%	24%	18%	33%

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VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST  
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December 31, 2017

**Note 1—Fund Organization**—VanEck Vectors ETF Trust (the “Trust”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company. The Trust was incorporated in Delaware as a statutory trust on March 15, 2001. The Trust operates as a series fund, and as of December 31, 2017, offers fifty-six investment portfolios, each of which represents a separate series of the Trust.

These financial statements relate only to the following investment portfolios: [REDACTED] Gold Miners ETF, [REDACTED] (each a “Fund” and, together, the “Funds”). Each Fund was created to provide investors with the opportunity to purchase a security representing a proportionate undivided interest in a portfolio of securities consisting of substantially all of the common stocks in substantially the same weighting, in an index sponsored, licensed or managed by the NYSE Group Inc., Ardour Global Indexes, LLC, S-Network Global Indexes, LLC and MV Index Solutions GmbH (“MVIS”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Eck Associates Corporation (the “Adviser”).

The Funds’ respective indices are presented below:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Index</u>
Gold Miners ETF	NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index

**Note 2—Significant Accounting Policies**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Funds are investment companies and are following accounting and reporting requirements of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 946 Financial Services — Investment Companies.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Funds.

**A. Security Valuation**—The Funds value their investments in securities and other assets and liabilities at fair value daily. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Securities traded on national exchanges or traded on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last sales price as reported at the close of each business day. Securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Over-the-counter securities not included in the NASDAQ National Market System and listed securities for which no sale was reported are valued at the mean of the bid and ask prices. To the extent these securities are actively traded they are categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy (described below). Certain foreign securities, whose values may be affected by market direction or events occurring before the Funds’ pricing time (4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time) but after the last close of the securities’ primary market, are fair valued using a pricing service and are categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The pricing service, using methods approved by the Board of Trustees, considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to intraday trading in the U.S. markets, based on indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators such as prices of relevant ADR’s and futures contracts. The Funds may also fair value securities in other situations, such as, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Fund is open. Short-term debt securities with sixty days or less to maturity are valued at amortized cost, which with accrued interest approximates fair value. Money market fund investments are valued at

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net asset value and are considered to be Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. The Pricing Committee of the Adviser provides oversight of the Funds' valuation policies and procedures, which are approved by the Funds' Board of Trustees. Among other things, these procedures allow the Funds to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value. The Pricing Committee convenes regularly to review the fair value of financial instruments or other assets. If market quotations for a security or other asset are not readily available, or if the Adviser believes it does not otherwise reflect the fair value of a security or asset, the security or asset will be fair valued by the Pricing Committee in accordance with the Funds' valuation policies and procedures. The Pricing Committee employs various methods for calibrating the valuation approaches utilized to determine fair value, including a regular review of key inputs and assumptions, periodic comparisons to valuations provided by other independent pricing services, transactional back-testing and disposition analysis.

Certain factors such as economic conditions, political events, market trends, the nature of and duration of any restrictions on disposition, trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers and other security specific information are used to determine the fair value of these securities. Depending on the relative significance of valuation inputs, these securities may be classified either as Level 2 or Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The price which the Funds may realize upon sale of an investment may differ materially from the value presented in the Schedules of Investments.

The Funds utilize various methods to measure the fair value of their investments on a recurring basis, which includes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy assume the financial instruments were transferred at the beginning of the reporting period. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs (including each Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

A summary of the inputs, the levels used to value the Funds' investments, and transfers between levels are located in the Schedules of Investments. Additionally, tables that reconcile the valuation of the Funds' Level 3 investments and that present additional information about valuation methodologies and unobservable inputs, if applicable, are located in the Schedules of Investments.

- B. Federal Income Taxes**—It is each Fund's policy to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.
- C. Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders**—Dividends to shareholders from net investment income and distributions from net realized capital gains, if any, are declared and paid annually by each Fund. Income dividends and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. income tax regulations, which may differ from such amounts determined in accordance with GAAP.
- D. Currency Translation**—Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and commitments under foreign currency contracts are translated into U.S. dollars at the closing prices of such currencies each business day as quoted by one or more sources. Purchases and sales of investments are translated at the exchange rates prevailing when such investments are acquired or sold. Foreign denominated income and expenses are translated at the exchange rates prevailing when accrued. The portion of realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that result from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed in the financial statements. Recognized gains or losses attributable to foreign currency fluctuations on foreign currency denominated assets, other than investments, and liabilities are recorded as net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities in the Statements of Operations.



**E. Restricted Securities**—The Funds may invest in securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. These securities generally may be resold in transactions exempt from registration or to the public if the securities are registered. Disposal of these securities may involve time-consuming negotiations and expense, and prompt sale at an acceptable price may be difficult. Information regarding restricted securities, if any, is included at the end of each Fund's Schedule of Investments.

**F. Repurchase Agreements**—The Funds may enter into repurchase agreements with financial institutions, deemed to be creditworthy by the Adviser, to generate income from their excess cash balances and to invest securities lending cash collateral. A repurchase agreement is an agreement under which a Fund acquires securities from a seller, subject to resale to the seller at an agreed upon price and date. A Fund, through its custodian/securities lending agent, takes possession of securities collateralizing the repurchase agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the repurchase agreement, such securities must have an aggregate market value greater than or equal to the terms of the repurchase price plus accrued interest at all times. If the value of the underlying securities falls below the value of the repurchase price plus accrued interest, the Funds will require the seller to deposit additional collateral by the next business day. If the request for additional collateral is not met, or the seller defaults on its repurchase obligation, the Funds maintain their right to sell the underlying securities at market value and may claim any resulting loss against the seller. Repurchase agreements held as of December 31, 2017 are reflected in the Schedules of Investments.

**G. Use of Derivative Instruments**—The Funds may invest in derivative instruments, including, but not limited to, options, futures, swaps and other derivatives relating to foreign currency transactions. A derivative is an instrument whose value is derived from underlying assets, indices, reference rates or a combination of these factors. Derivative instruments may be privately negotiated contracts (often referred to as over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives) or they may be listed and traded on an exchange. Derivative contracts may involve future commitments to purchase or sell financial instruments at specified terms on a specified date, or to exchange interest payment streams or currencies based on a notional or contractual amount. Derivative instruments may involve a high degree of financial risk. The use of derivative instruments also involves the risk of loss if the Adviser is incorrect in its expectation of the timing or level of fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates or currency prices. Investments in derivative instruments also include the risk of default by the counterparty, the risk that the investment may not be liquid and the risk that a small movement in the price of the underlying security or benchmark may result in a disproportionately large movement, unfavorable or favorable, in the price of the derivative instruments. The Funds held no derivative instruments during the year ended December 31, 2017.

**H. Offsetting Assets and Liabilities**—In the ordinary course of business, the Funds enter into transactions subject to enforceable master netting or other similar agreements. Generally, the right of setoff in those agreements allows the Funds to set off any exposure to a specific counterparty with any collateral received or delivered to that counterparty based on the terms of the agreements. The Funds may pledge or receive cash and/or securities as collateral for derivative instruments, securities lending and repurchase agreements. For financial reporting purposes, the Funds present securities lending and repurchase agreement assets and liabilities on a gross basis in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. Collateral held at December 31, 2017 is presented in the Schedules of Investments. Refer to related disclosures in Note 2F (Repurchase Agreements) and Note 9 (Securities Lending).

**I. Other**—Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses are calculated on the specific identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recognized upon notification of the ex-dividend date. Interest income, including amortization of premiums and discounts, is accrued as earned.

In the normal course of business, the Funds enter into contracts that contain a variety of general indemnifications. The Funds' maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Funds that have not yet occurred. However, the Adviser believes the risk of loss under these arrangements to be remote.

**Note 3—Investment Management and Other Agreements**—The Adviser is the investment adviser to the Funds. The Adviser receives a management fee, calculated daily and payable monthly based on an annual rate of 0.50% of each Fund's average daily net assets (except for Oil Services ETF). The management fee rate for Oil Services ETF is 0.35%. The Adviser has agreed, until at least May 1, 2018, to waive management fees and assume expenses to

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prevent each Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, interest expense, trading expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding expense limitations listed in the table below.

The current expense limitations for the year ended December 31, 2017, are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Expense Limitation</u>
Gold Miners ETF	0.53

Refer to Statement of Operations for the amounts waived/assumed by the Adviser.

The Adviser offsets the management fees it charges the Funds by the amount it collects as a management fee from the underlying fund investments that are also managed by the Adviser. For the period ended December 31, 2017, the Adviser reduced management fees charged by \$494,366 due to investments held in the Junior Gold Miners ETF.

In addition, Van Eck Securities Corporation, an affiliate of the Adviser, acts as the Funds' distributor (the "Distributor"). Certain officers and a Trustee of the Trust are officers, directors or stockholders of the Adviser and Distributor.

**Note 4—Investments**—For the period ended December 31, 2017, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments other than U.S. government obligations and short-term obligations (excluding in-kind transactions described in Note 6) were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Cost of Investments Purchased</u>	<u>Proceeds from Investments Sold</u>
Gold Miners ETF	1,114,092,648	1,339,573,902

**Note 5—Income Taxes**—As of December 31, 2017, for Federal income tax purposes, the identified cost, gross unrealized appreciation, gross unrealized depreciation, and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments owned were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Cost of Investments</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Appreciation</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized (Depreciation)</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
Gold Miners ETF	8,590,629,314	424,698,608	(1,297,328,322)	(872,629,714)

At December 31, 2017, the components of accumulated earnings (deficit) on a tax basis, for each Fund, were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Undistributed Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Accumulated Capital Losses</u>	<u>Qualified Late Year Losses and Post-October Capital Losses*</u>	<u>Other Temporary Differences</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gold Miners ETF	4,730,903	(8,889,904,971)	—	(793,915)	(872,625,372)	(9,758,593,355)

\* Qualified late year losses and post-October capital losses incurred after October 31, 2017 are deemed to arise on the January 1, 2018.

The tax character of dividends paid to shareholders during the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2017 Dividends and Distributions</u>		<u>2016 Dividends</u>
	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Long-Term Capital Gains</u>	<u>Ordinary Income</u>
Gold Miners ETF	61,169,240	—	24,961,888

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At December 31, 2017, the Funds had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future capital gains, as follow:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Short-Term Capital Losses with No Expiration</u>	<u>Long-Term Capital Losses with No Expiration</u>	<u>Short-Term Capital Losses Expiring in the Year Ending 12/31/2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gold Miners ETF	(1,224,871,727)	(7,663,249,085)	(1,784,159)	(8,889,904,971)

During the year ended December 31, 2017, \$257,031,280, \$155,793,705, \$158,919,596, \$388,612,074, \$1,722,348, \$79,176,906, \$49,042,636 of Agribusiness ETF, Coal ETF, Global Alternative Energy ETF, Gold Miners ETF, Natural Resources ETF, Steel ETF, and Uranium+Nuclear Energy ETF's capital loss carryovers available from prior years expired unutilized.

Additionally, Agribusiness ETF, Oil Refiners ETF, Rare Earth/Strategic Metals ETF, and Uranium+Nuclear Energy ETF utilized \$458,313, \$18,083, \$469,561, and \$585,204 of their capital loss carryovers available from prior years.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, as a result of permanent book to tax differences, primarily due to investments in Passive Foreign Investment Companies, foreign currency gains and losses, book/tax differences in the treatment of distributions from underlying investments, the expiration of capital loss carryforwards, and the tax treatment of in-kind redemptions, the Funds incurred differences that affected undistributed net investment income (loss), accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments and aggregate paid in capital by the amounts in the table below. Net assets were not affected by these reclassifications.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Accumulated Net Investment Income</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Accumulated Net Realized Gain (Loss)</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Aggregate Paid in Capital</u>
Gold Miners ETF	8,492,750	(395,777,507)	387,284,757

The Funds recognize the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained assuming examination by applicable tax authorities. Management has analyzed the Funds' tax positions, and has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions taken on return filings for all open tax years. The Funds do not have exposure for additional years that might still be open in certain foreign jurisdictions. Therefore, no provision for income tax is required in the Funds' financial statements. However, the Funds are subject to foreign taxes on the appreciation in value of certain investments. The Funds provide for such taxes on both realized and unrealized appreciation.

The Funds recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statements of Operations. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Funds did not incur any interest or penalties.

**Note 6—Capital Share Transactions**—As of December 31, 2017, there were an unlimited number of capital shares of beneficial interest authorized by the Trust with no par value. Fund shares are not individually redeemable and are issued and redeemed at their net asset value per share only through certain authorized broker-dealers (“Authorized Participants”) in blocks of shares (“Creation Units”), consisting of 50,000 shares, or multiples thereof.

The consideration for the purchase or redemption of Creation Units of the Funds generally consists of the in-kind contribution or distribution of securities constituting the Funds’ underlying index (“Deposit Securities”) plus a balancing cash component to equate the transaction to the net asset value per share of the Fund on the transaction date. Cash may also be substituted in an amount equivalent to the value of certain Deposit Securities, generally as a result of market circumstances, or when the securities are not available in sufficient quantity for delivery, or are not eligible for trading by the Authorized Participant. The Funds may issue Creation Units in advance of receipt of Deposit Securities subject to various conditions, including a requirement to maintain on deposit at the Custodian for the benefit of the Funds, collateral consisting of cash in the form of U.S. dollars at least equal to 115% of the daily marked to market value of the missing Deposit Securities.

Authorized Participants purchasing and redeeming Creation Units may pay transaction fees directly to The Bank of New York Mellon. In addition, the Funds may impose certain variable fees for creations and redemptions with respect to transactions in Creation Units for cash, or on transactions effected outside the clearing process, which are treated as increases in capital. These variable fees, if any, are reflected in share transactions in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

For the year ended December 31, 2017 the Funds had in-kind contributions and redemptions as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>In-Kind Contributions</u>	<u>In-Kind Redemptions</u>
Gold Miners ETF	4,285,863,582	7,075,905,165

The in-kind contributions and in-kind redemptions in this table represent the accumulation of each Fund’s daily net shareholder transactions including rebalancing activity, while the Statements of Changes in Net Assets reflect gross shareholder transactions including any cash component of the transactions.

**Note 7—Concentration of Risk**—The investment objective of each Fund is to seek investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of its underlying index, as indicated in the name of each Fund. The Adviser uses a “passive” or index approach to achieve each Fund’s investment objective by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Funds’ index. Each of the Funds (except for Natural Resources ETF) is classified as a non-diversified fund under the 1940 Act. Non-diversified funds generally hold securities of fewer issuers than diversified funds and may be more susceptible to the risks associated with these particular issuers, or to a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence affecting these issuers. The Funds may purchase securities on foreign exchanges. Securities of foreign issuers involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. issuers. These risks include devaluation of currencies, currency controls, less reliable information about issuers, different securities transaction clearance and settlement practices, future adverse political and economic developments and local/regional conflicts. These risks are heightened for investments in emerging market countries. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. issuers.

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In March 2017, the United Kingdom triggered Article 50, and is now scheduled to leave the European Union ("EU") by the end of March 2019. Significant uncertainty exists on how the withdrawal will take place, the terms of the withdrawal and the effects such withdrawal will have on the EU and the United Kingdom. This may further impact the value of the Euro and the British pound sterling, and has caused volatility and uncertainty in European and global markets.

As a result of recent events involving Ukraine and the Russian Federation, the United States and the European Union have imposed sanctions on certain Russian individuals and companies. These sanctions do not currently impact the Funds. Additional economic sanctions may be imposed or other actions may be taken that may adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Russian-related issuers held by the Funds.

At December 31, 2017, the Adviser owned 2,500 shares of Gold Miners ETF.

A more complete description of risks is included in each Fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

**Note 8—Trustee Deferred Compensation Plan**—The Trust has a Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") for Trustees under which the Trustees can elect to defer receipt of their trustee fees until retirement, disability or termination from the Board of Trustees. The fees otherwise payable to the participating Trustees are deemed invested in shares of the Funds as directed by the Trustees.

The expense for the Plan is included in "Trustees' fees and expenses" in the Statements of Operations. The liability for the Plan is shown as "Deferred Trustee fees" in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

**Note 9—Securities Lending**—To generate additional income, each of the Funds may lend its securities pursuant to a securities lending agreement with The Bank of New York Mellon, the securities lending agent and also the Funds' custodian. Each Fund may lend up to 33% of its investments requiring that the loan be continuously collateralized by cash, U.S. government or U.S. government agency securities, shares of an investment trust or mutual fund, or any combination of cash and such securities at all times equal to at least 102% (105% for foreign securities) of the market value plus accrued interest on the securities loaned. Daily market fluctuations could cause the value of loaned securities to be more or less than the value of the collateral received. When this occurs, the collateral is adjusted and settled on the next business day. During the term of the loan, the Funds will continue to receive any dividends, interest or amounts equivalent thereto, on the securities loaned while receiving a fee from the borrower and/or earning interest on the investment of the cash collateral. Such fees and interest are shared with the securities lending agent under the terms of the securities lending agreement. The Funds may pay reasonable finders', administrative and custodial fees in connection with a loan of its securities. Securities lending income is disclosed as such in the Statements of Operations. The collateral for securities loaned is recognized in the Schedules of Investments and the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. The cash collateral is maintained on the Funds' behalf by the lending agent and is invested in repurchase agreements collateralized by obligations of the U.S. Treasury and/or Government Agencies. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the borrower or the Funds. Upon termination of the loan, the borrower will return to the lender securities identical to the securities loaned. The Funds bear the risk of delay in recovery of, or even loss of rights in, the securities loaned should the borrower of the securities fail financially. The value of loaned securities and related collateral outstanding at December 31, 2017 are presented on a gross basis in the Schedules of Investments and Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

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**Note 10—Share Split**—On July 1, 2013, the Board of Trustees of the Trust approved a 1 for 3 reverse share split for Global Alternative Energy ETF and Uranium+Nuclear Energy ETF, and 1 for 4 reverse share split for Junior Gold Miners ETF and Rare Earth/Strategic Metals ETF. Fund shares began trading on a split-adjusted basis on July 1, 2013. The Financial Highlights prior to July 1, 2013 for the respective Funds have been adjusted to reflect the reverse share splits.

Fund	Days Outstanding	Average Daily Loan Balance	Average Interest Rate	Outstanding Loan Balance as of December 31, 2017
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**Note 12—Custodian Fees—**The Funds have entered into an expense offset agreement with the custodian wherein they receive a credit toward the reduction of custodian fees whenever there are uninvested cash balances. The Funds could have invested their cash balances elsewhere if they had not agreed to a reduction in fees under the expense offset agreement with the custodian. For the period ended December 31, 2017, there were offsets to custodian fees and these amounts are reflected in custody expense in the Statements of Operations, unless shown separately under the caption “Expense offset arrangements.”

## VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Trustees of VanEck Vectors ETF Trust

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities of VanEck Vectors Agribusiness ETF, VanEck Vectors Coal ETF, VanEck Vectors Global Alternative Energy ETF, VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF, VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF, VanEck Vectors Natural Resources ETF, VanEck Vectors Oil Refiners ETF, VanEck Vectors Oil Services ETF, VanEck Vectors Rare Earth/Strategic Metals ETF, VanEck Vectors Steel ETF, VanEck Vectors Unconventional Oil & Gas ETF and VanEck Vectors Uranium+Nuclear Energy ETF (collectively referred to as the "Funds") (twelve of the funds constituting VanEck Vectors ETF Trust (the "Trust")) including the schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2017, and the related statements of operations, and changes in net assets, and the financial highlights for each of the periods indicated in the table below and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the funds (twelve of the funds constituting VanEck Vectors ETF Trust) at December 31, 2017, and the results of their operations, changes in net assets and financial highlights for each of the periods indicated in the table below, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

<u>Individual fund constituting the VanEck Vectors ETF Trust</u>	<u>Statement of operations</u>	<u>Statements of changes in net assets</u>	<u>Financial highlights</u>
VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF			



### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on each of the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2017, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

*Ernst + Young LLP*

We have served as the auditor of one or more of the VanEck investment companies since 1999.

New York, NY

February 22, 2018

# VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST

## TAX INFORMATION

(unaudited)

The following information is provided with respect to the distributions paid during the taxable year ended December 31, 2017:

		<b>Gold Miners ETF</b>	
Record Date		12/19/2017	
Ex Date		12/18/2017	
Payable Date		12/22/2017	
Total Distribution Paid Per Share		\$0.176000	
Ordinary Income Per Share		\$0.176000	
Ordinary Income:			
Qualified Dividend Income for Individuals		92.70%*	
Dividends Qualifying for the Dividends Received Deduction for Corporations		16.37%*	
Foreign Source Income		60.56%*	
Foreign Taxes Paid Per Share		\$0.015052**	
Record Date			
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Total Distribution Paid Per Share			
Ordinary Income Per Share			
Long-term Capital Gain Per Share			
Ordinary Income:			
Qualified Dividend Income for Individuals			
Dividends Qualifying for the Dividends Received Deduction for Corporations			
Foreign Source Income			
Foreign Taxes Paid Per Share			

\* Expressed as a percentage of the ordinary income distribution grossed up for foreign taxes.

\*\* The foreign taxes paid represent taxes incurred by the Fund on income received by the Fund from foreign sources. Foreign taxes paid may be included in taxable income with an offsetting deduction from gross income or may be taken as a credit for taxes paid to foreign governments. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the appropriate treatment of foreign taxes paid.

Please retain this information for your records.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2017 (unaudited)

Name, Address <sup>1</sup> and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office <sup>2</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex <sup>3</sup> Overseen	Other Directorships Held By Trustee During Past Five Years
<b>Independent Trustees:</b>					
David H. Chow, 1957*†	Chairman Trustee	Since 2008 Since 2006	Founder and CEO, DanCourt Management LLC (financial/ strategy consulting firm and Registered Investment Adviser), March 1999 to present.	56	Director, Forward Management LLC and Audit Committee Chairman, May 2008 to June 2015; Trustee, Berea College of Kentucky and Vice- Chairman of the Investment Committee, May 2009 to June 2015; Member of the Governing Council of the Independent Directors Council, October 2012 to present; President, July 2013 to June 2015, and Board Member of the CFA Society of Stamford, July 2009 to present; Advisory Board member, MainStay Fund Complex <sup>4</sup> , June 2015 to December 2015; Trustee, MainStay Fund Complex <sup>4</sup> , January 2016 to present.
R. Alastair Short, 1953*†	Trustee	Since 2006	President, Apex Capital Corporation (personal investment vehicle), January 1988 to present.	67	Chairman and Independent Director, EULAV Asset Management, January 2011 to present; Independent Director, Tremont offshore funds, June 2009 to present; Director, Kenyon Review.
Peter J. Sidebottom, 1962*†	Trustee	Since 2012	Lead Partner, North America Banking and Capital Markets Strategy, Accenture, May 2017 to present; Partner, PWC/Strategy & Financial Services Advisory, February 2015 to March 2017; Founder and Board Member, AspenWoods Risk Solutions, September 2013 to February 2016; Independent consultant, June 2013 to February 2015; Partner, Bain & Company (management consulting firm), April 2012 to December 2013; Executive Vice President and Senior Operating Committee Member, TD Ameritrade (on-line brokerage firm), February 2009 to January 2012.	56	Board Member, Special Olympics, New Jersey, November 2011 to September 2013; Director, The Charlotte Research Institute, December 2000 to 2009; Board Member, Social Capital Institute, University of North Carolina Charlotte, November 2004 to January 2012; Board Member, NJ-CAN, July 2014 to 2016.
Richard D. Stamberger, 1959*†	Trustee	Since 2006	Director, President and CEO, SmartBrief, Inc. (media company).	67	Director, Food and Friends, Inc., 2013 to present.
<b>Interested Trustee:</b>					
Jan F. van Eck, 1963 <sup>5</sup>	Trustee, President and Chief Executive Officer	Trustee (Since 2006); President and Chief Executive Officer (Since 2009)	Director, President, Chief Executive Officer and Owner of the Adviser, Van Eck Associates Corporation; Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, VanEck Securities Corporation (VESC); Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, Van Eck Absolute Return Advisors Corporation (VEARA).	56	Director, National Committee on US-China Relations.

<sup>1</sup> The address for each Trustee and officer is 666 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017.

<sup>2</sup> Each Trustee serves until resignation, death, retirement or removal. Officers are elected yearly by the Trustees.

<sup>3</sup> The Fund Complex consists of the VanEck Funds, VanEck VIP Trust and the Trust.

<sup>4</sup> The MainStay Fund Complex consists of MainStay Funds Trust, MainStay Funds, MainStay VP Funds Trust, Private Advisors Alternative Strategies Master Fund, Private Advisors Alternative Strategies Fund and MainStay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund.

<sup>5</sup> "Interested person" of the Trust within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Mr. van Eck is an officer of the Adviser.

\* Member of the Audit Committee.

† Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2017 (unaudited) (continued)

Officer's Name, Address <sup>1</sup> and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office <sup>2</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During The Past Five Years
Matthew A. Babinsky, 1983	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Since 2016	Assistant Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since 2016); Associate, Clifford Chance US LLP (October 2011 to April 2016); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Russell G. Brennan, 1964	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	Since 2008	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of the Adviser (since 2008); Manager (Portfolio Administration) of the Adviser, September 2005 to October 2008; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Charles T. Cameron, 1960	Vice President	Since 2006	Director of Trading (since 1995) and Portfolio Manager (since 1997) for the Adviser; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Simon Chen, 1971	Assistant Vice President	Since 2012	Greater China Director of the Adviser (since January 2012); General Manager, SinoMarkets Ltd. (June 2007 to December 2011).
John J. Crimmins, 1957	Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer (Since 2012); Treasurer (Since 2009)	Vice President of Portfolio Administration of the Adviser, June 2009 to present; Vice President of VESC and VEARA, June 2009 to present; Chief Financial, Operating and Compliance Officer, Kern Capital Management LLC, September 1997 to February 2009; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Eduardo Escario, 1975	Vice President	Since 2012	Regional Director, Business Development/Sales for Southern Europe and South America of the Adviser (since July 2008); Regional Director (Spain, Portugal, South America and Africa) of Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX Ltd. (May 2001 to July 2008).
F. Michael Gozzillo, 1965	Chief Compliance Officer	Since January 2018	Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser and VEARA (since January 2018); Vice President of VESC (since January 2018); Chief Compliance Officer, City National Rochdale, LLC and City National Rochdale Funds (December 2012 to January 2018); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Susan C. Lashley, 1955	Vice President	Since 2006	Vice President of the Adviser and VESC; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Laura I. Martínez, 1980	Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Vice President (Since 2016) and Assistant Secretary (Since 2008)	Vice President (since 2016), Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary (since 2008) and Assistant Vice President (2008 to 2016) of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since 2008); Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell (October 2005 to June 2008); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
James Parker, 1969	Assistant Treasurer	Since June 2014	Manager (Portfolio Administration) of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since June 2010).
Philipp Schlegel, 1974	Vice President	Since 2016	Managing Director (since 2017), Senior Director (2010-2017) of Van Eck Switzerland AG (since 2010).
Jonathan R. Simon, 1974	Senior Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer	Senior Vice President (Since 2016) and Secretary and Chief Legal Officer (Since 2014)	Senior Vice President (since 2016), General Counsel and Secretary (since 2014) and Vice President (2006 to 2016) of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Bruce J. Smith, 1955	Senior Vice President	Since 2006	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Controller of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since 1997); Director of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since October 2010); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.

<sup>1</sup> The address for each Officer is 666 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017.

<sup>2</sup> Officers are elected yearly by the Trustees.

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## APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

December 31, 2017 (unaudited)

At a meeting held on June 9, 2017 (the "Renewal Meeting"), the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of VanEck Vectors® ETF Trust (the "Trust"), including all of the Trustees that are not interested persons of the Trust (the "Independent Trustees"), approved the continuation of the investment management agreement between the Trust and Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers Corporation (the "Adviser") (the "Investment Management Agreement") with respect to the VanEck Vectors Long/Flat Commodity ETF (the "Fund").

The Board's approval of the Investment Management Agreement was based on a comprehensive consideration of all of the information available to the Trustees and was not the result of any single factor. Some of the factors that figured particularly in the Trustees' deliberations and how the Trustees considered those factors are described below, although individual Trustees may have evaluated the information presented differently, giving different weights to various factors.

In preparation for the Renewal Meeting, the Trustees held a meeting on May 8, 2017. At that meeting, the Trustees received materials from the Adviser, including expense information for other funds. The Independent Trustees' consideration of the Investment Management Agreement was based, in part, on information obtained through discussions with the Adviser and its affiliates at the Renewal Meeting and the May 8, 2017 meeting regarding the management of the Fund and information obtained at other meetings of the Trustees and/or based on their review of the materials provided by the Adviser and its affiliates, including the background and experience of the portfolio managers and others proposed to be involved in the management and administration of the Fund. In evaluating the terms of the Investment Management Agreement at each Meeting, the Trustees considered the terms and scope of services that the Adviser would provide under the Investment Management Agreement, including the Adviser's agreement to pay all of the direct expenses of the Fund (excluding interest expense, trading expenses, taxes, accrued deferred tax liability and extraordinary expenses). The Trustees concluded that the Adviser and its personnel have the requisite expertise and skill to manage the Fund's portfolio.

The Trustees did not consider historical information about the cost of the services provided by the Adviser or the profitability of the Fund to the Adviser because the Fund has not yet commenced operations. The Trustees could not consider the historical performance or the quality of services previously provided to the Fund by the Adviser, although they concluded that the nature, quality, and extent of the services to be provided by the Adviser were appropriate based on the Trustees' knowledge of the Adviser and its personnel and the operations of the other series of the Trust.

The Independent Trustees were advised by and met in executive session with their independent counsel at the Renewal Meeting and at their May 8, 2017 meeting as part of their consideration of the Investment Management Agreement.

In voting to approve the continuation of the Investment Management Agreement, the Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, concluded that the terms of the Investment Management Agreement are reasonable and fair in light of the services to be performed, the fees paid by certain other funds, expenses to be incurred and such other matters as the Trustees considered relevant in the exercise of their reasonable judgment. The Trustees further concluded that the Investment Management Agreement is in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders.

This report is intended for the Funds' shareholders. It may not be distributed to prospective investors unless it is preceded or accompanied by a VanEck Vectors ETF Trust (the "Trust") Prospectus, which includes more complete information. An investor should consider the investment objective, risks, and charges and expenses of the Funds carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the investment company. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

Additional information about the Trust's Board of Trustees/Officers and a description of the policies and procedures the Trust uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities are provided in the Statement of Additional Information. The Statement of Additional Information and information regarding how the Trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve month period ending June 30 is available, without charge, by calling 800.826.2333, or by visiting [vaneck.com](http://vaneck.com), or on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Trust files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Trust's Form N-Qs are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and may be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 202.942.8090. The Funds' complete schedules of portfolio holdings are also available by calling 800.826.2333 or by visiting [vaneck.com](http://vaneck.com).

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