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**PRODUCT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DATED 19 AUGUST 2020**  
**NOTICE OF ADDRESS AND NAME CHANGES**

Effective 26 July 2021, the address of the funds offered under the PDS dated 19 August 2020 is changed to Level 47, Suite 2, 25 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 and are renamed as follows:

Code	Previous name	New name
ESPO	VanEck Vectors Video Gaming and eSports ETF	VanEck Video Gaming and Esports ETF
GOAT	VanEck Vectors Morningstar World ex Australia Wide Moat ETF	VanEck Morningstar International Wide Moat ETF
HLTH	VanEck Vectors Global Healthcare Leaders ETF	VanEck Global Healthcare Leaders ETF

All other contact details remain unchanged and the change of names has no impact on the management or operation of the funds.

The ASX trading codes for the funds have not changed.

**For more information:**

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## Product Disclosure Statement

Incorporating the following Funds:

ASX code	Fund name	ARSN
ESPO	VanEck Vectors Video Gaming and eSports ETF	642 730 523
GOAT	VanEck Vectors Morningstar World ex Australia Wide Moat ETF	642 725 040
HLTH	VanEck Vectors Global Healthcare Leaders ETF	642 727 802

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# 1 Important information to read first

## 1.1 This product disclosure statement

This product disclosure statement ('**PDS**') is issued by VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL No 416755 as responsible entity of the VanEck ETFs named on the front cover and throughout this PDS (individually '**Fund**' and collectively '**the Funds**').

Each Fund is a registered managed investment scheme regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ('**ASIC**'). A class of units in each Fund ('**ETF Units**') is expected to be admitted to quotation and trading as an Exchange Traded Fund ('**ETF**') on the Australian Securities Exchange ('**ASX**'). ETF Units may also be traded on the licensed financial market operated by Chi-X Australia Pty Ltd ('**Chi-X**'). For ease, all references in this PDS are only to '**ASX**'.

References in this PDS to '**VanEck**', '**us**', '**we**', '**our**' or '**Responsible Entity**' are a reference to VanEck Investments Limited in its capacity as responsible entity of the Funds. Capitalised terms (Like This) in this PDS are defined in the '*Glossary of terms*'.

A copy of this PDS has been lodged with ASIC and will be lodged with the Registrar of Financial Service Providers, New Zealand ('**RFSPNZ**') and ASX. Neither ASIC, RFSPNZ nor ASX take any responsibility for the contents of this PDS. We have applied to ASX for Units in the Funds ('**ETF Units**') to be admitted to trading status on ASX under the AQUA Rules as an ETF. As at the date of this PDS, ETF Units are yet to be quoted. No applications for ETF Units will be accepted until the exposure period has expired and ETF Units are quoted on ASX. The exposure period expires seven days after the date of this PDS, when it was lodged with ASIC, subject to possible extension by ASIC for a further seven days.

## 1.2 Authorised Participants

The offer of ETF Units in this PDS is only for Authorised Participants (or '**APs**'). Only APs may acquire ETF Units directly from VanEck by submitting an application for a creation (see section 11).

## 1.3 ASX Investors

All investors may trade ETF Units on ASX ('**ASX Investors**'), in the same way they trade shares in a listed company, through their online broker, stockbroker or financial adviser ('**Broker**') and are not required to submit an application under this PDS. ASX Investors may use this PDS for information purposes only and are bound by its terms.

## 1.4 The offer in this PDS

The offer of ETF Units referred to in this PDS is for a class of ETF Units in the Funds that are quoted on ASX. As at the date of this PDS, each Fund only has a single class of ETF Units. Under the Constitution, VanEck is permitted to establish different classes of ETF Units.

## 1.5 Up to date information

All information in this PDS is current as at the date of this PDS. Unless otherwise stated, VanEck sources its data from public or licensed market data. Information and terms in this PDS are subject to change from time to time. We may provide notices of any updates or changes to information that are not materially adverse to investors by publishing a notice at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) on each Fund's page. If we issue a supplementary or replacement PDS, in addition to updating the documents on our website we will make an announcement on ASX. A paper copy of this PDS and any updated information will be provided free of charge on request by contacting us at 1300 68 38 37.

## 1.6 General advice warning

This PDS contains general information only about Australian financial products and is not personal financial advice. It does not constitute an offer in any other jurisdiction. It is not a recommendation by us or any other person to invest in a Fund. The information does not take into account the individual investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any person. Before making an investment decision, you should consider (in consultation with a licensed financial adviser) whether the decision is appropriate for your investment strategy, individual risk tolerance, financial situation, needs and objectives. You can check if an adviser is licensed by contacting ASIC on 1300 300 630 or at [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au).

An investment in a Fund is subject to various risks (see section 9), including possible delays in repayment and loss of income and capital invested. None of VanEck Investments Limited, VanEck Australia Pty Ltd, Van Eck Associates Corporation or their related entities, directors or officers, gives any guarantee or assurance as to the performance of the Fund, the payment of income or the repayment of capital invested.

## 1.7 Foreign Investors

Foreign professional and institutional investors may act as Authorised Participants subject to relevant laws and regulations which may include restrictions on redemptions. Other Foreign Investors may trade ETF Units on ASX via their Broker.

ETF Units are not intended to be sold to United States ('**US**') Persons as defined under Regulation S of the US federal securities laws.

## 2 About VanEck

### 2.1 VanEck Investments Limited

VanEck Investments Limited is the Responsible Entity and AQUA product issuer of the Funds and the issuer of this PDS and the ETF Units. As such, VanEck is ultimately responsible for the management, operation and administration of the Funds.

For more information about VanEck's powers and duties as Responsible Entity see section 14.1.

VanEck Investments Limited is a wholly owned Australian subsidiary of New York based asset manager Van Eck Associates Corporation.

### 2.2 VanEck Vectors ETFs

VanEck's exchange traded products ('ETPs') have been offered in the US since 2006 and span many asset classes including equities and fixed income in both developed and emerging markets.

As at 31 July 2020 VanEck's family of ETPs totalled over \$78 billion in assets under management, making it one of the largest ETP families worldwide.

### 2.3 Founded in 1955

Van Eck Associates Corporation is a privately held global asset management firm founded in New York in 1955. The firm was among the first US money managers helping investors achieve greater diversification through global investing.

Today we are recognised for being a pioneer in global markets and for drawing on our experience to offer innovative solutions.

Our mission is to offer investors intelligently designed investment strategies that take advantage of targeted market opportunities.

With affiliated offices in key financial centres and regions including New York, Sydney, Shanghai, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Dublin, Madrid and Zurich, VanEck offers investors broad investment reach with deep experience.

As at 31 July 2020, the firm managed over \$87 billion in investor assets including its VanEck Vectors ETP business.

For more information on VanEck, visit [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

### 3 Summary of the Funds

Subject	Summary	For more information								
Responsible Entity	VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL No 416755	Sections 2, 14								
Type of investment: Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)	<p>An ETF is an open-ended fund that aims to track the performance, before fees and other costs, of a financial market index by investing in a portfolio of securities that constitute the index.</p> <p>Units in an ETF are traded on ASX. As such, a single trade in an ETF on ASX gives investors easy and cost effective access to a diversified portfolio of securities held by the ETF.</p>	Sections 5, 6, 7								
Investment purpose	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="432 607 571 651">Fund</th> <th data-bbox="571 607 1257 651">Purpose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 651 571 801">ESPO</td> <td data-bbox="571 651 1257 801">The Fund is designed to capture the performance of the global Video Gaming &amp; eSports sector by giving investors access to a diversified portfolio of the largest and most liquid companies involved in video game development, eSports, and related hardware and software.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 801 571 996">GOAT</td> <td data-bbox="571 801 1257 996">The Fund gives investors a diversified portfolio of international developed markets (ex-Australia) 'wide moat' companies selected by Morningstar on the basis of their assessment that they are the most attractively priced with competitive advantages that will deliver excess returns more likely than not for 20 years or more.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 996 571 1151">HLTH</td> <td data-bbox="571 996 1257 1151">The Fund gives investors access to a diversified portfolio of leading international developed markets (ex-Australia) companies with the best growth at a reasonable price (GARP) attributes from the global health care sector.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Fund	Purpose	ESPO	The Fund is designed to capture the performance of the global Video Gaming & eSports sector by giving investors access to a diversified portfolio of the largest and most liquid companies involved in video game development, eSports, and related hardware and software.	GOAT	The Fund gives investors a diversified portfolio of international developed markets (ex-Australia) 'wide moat' companies selected by Morningstar on the basis of their assessment that they are the most attractively priced with competitive advantages that will deliver excess returns more likely than not for 20 years or more.	HLTH	The Fund gives investors access to a diversified portfolio of leading international developed markets (ex-Australia) companies with the best growth at a reasonable price (GARP) attributes from the global health care sector.	Sections 7, 8
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Investment objective	Each Fund aims to provide investment returns before fees and other costs which track the performance of its Reference Index in Australian dollars.	Sections 7, 8								
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GOAT	Morningstar® Developed Markets ex Australia Wide Moat Focus Index™									
HLTH	MarketGrader Developed Markets (ex-Australia) Health Care Net Return AUD Index									
Investment strategy	Each Fund employs a passive management strategy of investing directly in the securities that comprise the Reference Index.	Sections 7, 8								
Benefits	<p>Each Fund provides investors with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ cost effective and easy access to a diversified portfolio of international listed equities via a single trade on ASX;</li> <li>○ transparency of holdings, pricing and performance;</li> <li>○ flexibility of intraday ASX trading capability; and</li> <li>○ no foreign tax paperwork.</li> </ul> <p>Compared to unlisted actively managed funds, investors benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ trading via live prices on ASX;</li> <li>○ potentially lower costs;</li> <li>○ liquidity; and</li> <li>○ transparency and intraday trading.</li> </ul>	Section 5								
Risks	An investment in the Funds is subject to various risks, including possible loss of income and capital invested. You should carefully consider the risks before deciding to invest. This is a summary of key risks only. You should carefully read section 9 for more details:									

Subject	Summary	For more information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Market risk:</b> an investment in a Fund involves risks associated with investing in the stock market, including general economic conditions and sudden and unpredictable drops in value;</li> <li>○ <b>Index tracking error risk:</b> the risk that the performance of a Fund differs from the performance of its Reference Index (including due to fees and costs); and</li> <li>○ <b>Concentration risk:</b> the risk a Fund's assets are concentrated in particular sector, country or markets, as determined by its Reference Index.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, investing in the Funds gives rise to further risks including risks associated with cross-border investing, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>ASX trading time differences:</b> ETF Units are only able to be traded during ASX trading hours. Market factors could adversely impact the value of securities in a Fund while ASX is closed for trading.</li> <li>○ <b>Currency risk:</b> the Funds do not hedge their exposure to foreign currency. Investments in the Funds are subject to currency risk and the value of the Funds may decrease because of unfavourable changes in currency exchange rates.</li> <li>○ <b>Regulatory and tax risks:</b> your investment could be adversely affected by regulatory or tax changes in Australia or other countries in which the securities in the Funds are regulated.</li> </ul> <p>You should carefully consider the risks described in detail in section 9 in consultation with a financial adviser before deciding to invest.</p>	
<b>Investing in a Fund</b>		
<b>All investors</b>		
Unit Price or 'NAV'	The Unit Price or NAV of a Fund is calculated as the Fund Net Asset Value divided by the number of ETF Units on issue. It is calculated daily once all markets are closed for that day based on the closing price of the securities on the relevant foreign stock exchange. It is then converted to Australian dollars based on the relevant London WM Reuters 4pm exchange rate and will be available at <a href="http://www.vaneck.com.au">www.vaneck.com.au</a> the next Business Day.	Section 7
<b>Authorised Participants – transacting under this PDS</b>		
Transacting with VanEck by APs	Authorised Participants must enter into an agreement with VanEck and submit written applications for creations or redemptions of ETF Units.	Section 11
Price paid by APs	Authorised Participants transact with VanEck for creations or redemptions of ETF Units at the relevant Fund's NAV calculated following the close of trading for that day, plus or minus fees and other costs.	
Cutoff time for APs	2pm on each ASX Trading Day unless we agree otherwise.	
Creations	ETF Units can only be created in multiples of Creation Units for a Fund, unless we agree otherwise. Payment for a creation must generally be made by the Authorised Participant in the form of a specified parcel of quoted securities (' <b>Standard Basket</b> ') transferred through CHESS plus or minus a residual cash amount (' <b>Standard Basket Transaction</b> '). If we agree, payment may also be made by: (i) cash, or (ii) a combination of securities and cash (' <b>Non-Standard Transaction</b> ').	
Redemptions	ETF Units can only be redeemed in multiples of Redemption Units, unless we agree otherwise. Payment of redemption proceeds will primarily be in the form of a Standard Basket Transaction. If we agree, the redemption proceeds may also be paid by a Non-Standard Transaction.	
APs minimum transaction size	Unless we agree otherwise in advance, the minimum number of ETF Units for a creation (' <b>Creation Unit</b> ') and a redemption (' <b>Redemption Unit</b> ') are as follows:	



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<b>Investing in the Funds via ASX – ASX Investors</b>										
Buying/selling ETF Units on ASX	ASX Investors may buy and sell ETF Units in the Funds on ASX through their Broker just like trading shares in listed companies. A Market Maker is engaged to facilitate liquidity for trading in ETF Units on ASX. There is no minimum trade size on ASX. You should check with your Broker.	Sections 4, 5, 14								
ASX prices	ASX Investors trade ETF Units at trading prices quoted on ASX throughout each ASX Trading Day. The presence of a Market Maker means trading prices should remain close to the NAV, adjusted for changes in value of the underlying assets during the ASX Trading Day.									
Cooling-off	There are no cooling-off rights applicable to the offers in this PDS or to trading of ETF Units on ASX.									
<b>Fees and other costs</b>										
<b>All investors</b>										
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HLTH	0.45% p.a.									
Transactional and operational costs	Additional costs relating to trading in the portfolios and associated operational activities will also apply – see section 10.3.	Section 10								
<b>Authorised Participants only – also pay</b>										
Transaction fees for creations and redemptions	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="438 1256 528 1288">Fund</th> <th data-bbox="528 1256 1243 1288">Contribution fees and withdrawal fees (excl. GST) per transaction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1288 528 1332">ESPO</td> <td data-bbox="528 1288 1243 1332">\$500</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1332 528 1377">GOAT</td> <td data-bbox="528 1332 1243 1377">\$1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1377 528 1422">HLTH</td> <td data-bbox="528 1377 1243 1422">\$1,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="438 1422 1243 1516">Contribution and withdrawal fees may be negotiated and may change without notice.</p>	Fund	Contribution fees and withdrawal fees (excl. GST) per transaction	ESPO	\$500	GOAT	\$1,000	HLTH	\$1,000	Section 10
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ESPO	\$500									
GOAT	\$1,000									
HLTH	\$1,000									
Additional costs for cash transactions	The estimated additional transactional and operational costs incurred by the Funds in relation to cash transactions are charged to Authorised Participants as a buy/sell spread on creations and redemptions or recovered from APs by way of a true up following settlement.									
<b>Dividends</b>										
Frequency	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="438 1722 528 1753">Fund</th> <th data-bbox="528 1722 1243 1753">Expected frequency</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1753 528 1798">ESPO</td> <td data-bbox="528 1753 1243 1798">Annually</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1798 528 1843">GOAT</td> <td data-bbox="528 1798 1243 1843">Annually</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1843 528 1865">HLTH</td> <td data-bbox="528 1843 1243 1865">Annually</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Fund	Expected frequency	ESPO	Annually	GOAT	Annually	HLTH	Annually	Section 12
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ESPO	Annually									
GOAT	Annually									
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Dividend Reinvestment Plan	A Dividend Reinvestment Plan ('DRP') is available subject to the DRP Rules. Dividends will be paid as cash to your nominated bank account unless you contact the Registrar and elect to have dividends reinvested. Your dividends will then appear as additional ETF Units in your account.									

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<b>Additional information</b>		
Website	<p>The following information is available at <a href="http://www.vaneck.com.au">www.vaneck.com.au</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Fund Net Asset Value;</li> <li>o Unit Price;</li> <li>o portfolio holdings;</li> <li>o number of ETF Units outstanding;</li> <li>o the current PDS, any supplementary PDS and notice of any updates or changes that are not materially adverse to investors;</li> <li>o DRP Rules;</li> <li>o information about any dividends;</li> <li>o a link to any announcements lodged with the ASX Market Announcements Platform (including continuous disclosure notices);</li> <li>o any other disclosure that is made available or provided to Unitholders; and</li> <li>o annual reports and half-year reports (including financial statements).</li> </ul>	
Statements	<p>The following statements will be provided to investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o holding statement – for any transactions made during the month;</li> <li>o annual tax statement including dividend information – after 30 June each year; and</li> <li>o periodic statement showing your transactions and investments in a Fund – sent annually and following your exit from a Fund.</li> </ul>	
Electronic communications	<p>To reduce our carbon footprint most types of statements are issued in electronic form. When you become a Unitholder in a Fund, you will receive a welcome letter that provides instructions for you to login at the Registrar's investor centre and provide certain information. If you wish to receive communications by post, please login at the investor centre or call 1300 68 38 37 to change your preferences.</p>	

## 4 The AQUA Rules

### 4.1 The AQUA Rules

ETF Units in each Fund are admitted to trading on ASX under the AQUA Rules. The AQUA Rules are a subset of the ASX Operating Rules that provide a tailored framework for the quotation of managed funds, ETFs and other products on ASX, providing issuers with access to ASX back office clearing and settlement services.

The only products that can be admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules are those where the product has a capital value or dividends linked to liquid underlying instruments with robust and transparent pricing mechanisms.

Under the AQUA Rules, ASX generally requires the issuer to facilitate liquidity in the ETF Units by way of the appointment of a 'Market Maker' whose role generally is to act as a seller and buyer to match demand from purchasers and sellers of ETF Units on ASX in certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions. As a result, each Fund is expected to remain liquid.

### 4.2 VanEck has no influence or control over the value of the underlying assets

The key difference between products admitted to trading under the ASX Listing Rules and those admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules is the level of influence that the issuer has over the underlying instrument.

Under the ASX Listing Rules, a listed equity issuer typically lists securities which reflect the value of a business which they operate and control. By contrast, securities admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules typically reflect the value of some other asset which the issuer does not control, such as a parcel of listed securities of other companies, indices, bonds, commodities, or currency.

The value of a Fund reflects the value of the underlying portfolio of securities in that Fund and not the value of VanEck's business.

The following table highlights the key differences between the ASX Listing Rules and the AQUA Rules. VanEck is an AQUA product issuer under the AQUA Rules.

### 4.3 Key differences between the ASX Listing Rules and the AQUA Rules

ASX Listing Rules	AQUA Rules
<b>Continuous disclosure</b>	
Issuers are subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .	AQUA product issuers are not subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> (because the underlying instruments are) but must disclose via the ASX Market Announcements Platform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ETF Units outstanding on a monthly basis;</li> <li>o dividends;</li> <li>o information the non-disclosure of which may lead to the establishment of a false market in its products or would materially affect the price of its products; and</li> <li>o any other information that is required to be disclosed to ASIC under section 675 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> must be disclosed to ASX at the same time it is disclosed to ASIC.</li> </ul>
<b>Periodic disclosure</b>	
Issuers are required to disclose their half-yearly and annual financial information or annual reports to ASX under Chapter 4 of the Listing Rules	AQUA product issuers are currently not required to disclose their half-yearly and annual financial information or annual reports to ASX, however, as the Responsible Entity of the Funds which are registered managed investment schemes, we are still required to lodge with ASIC and disclose to ASX at the same time, financial reports required under Chapter 2M of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .
<b>Corporate control</b>	
Requirements in the <i>Corporations Act</i> and the Listing Rules in relation to matters such as takeover bids, share buy-backs, change of capital, new issues, restricted securities, disclosure of directors' interests and substantial shareholdings, apply to companies and listed schemes.	These requirements do not apply to AQUA product issuers. Section 601FM of the <i>Corporations Act</i> continues to apply to the removal or change of the responsible entity. An extraordinary resolution would be required to change the Responsible Entity. An extraordinary resolution is a resolution supported by a majority of the total votes that may be cast by a Fund's members entitled to vote on the resolution.
<b>Related party transactions</b>	
Chapter 10 of the Listing Rules, which relates to transactions between an entity and persons in a position to influence the entity, specifies controls over related party transactions.	Chapter 10 of the Listing Rules does not apply to AQUA products. Products quoted under the AQUA Rules which are registered managed investment schemes remain subject to the related party requirements in Part 5C.7 and Chapter 2E of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .
<b>Auditor rotation obligations</b>	
There are specific requirements in relation to auditor rotation under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .	These requirements do not apply to AQUA product issuers. Responsible entities of registered managed investment schemes will continue to be required to undertake an independent audit of their compliance with each scheme's compliance plan in accordance with section 601HG of the <i>Corporations Act</i> and the auditor must not be the auditor of the scheme's financial statements (but may be from the same firm).
<b>Disclosure documentation</b>	
Entities admitted under the Listing Rules are subject to the requirements of the <i>Corporations Act</i> in relation to the issue of a prospectus or PDS.	Products admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules will also be subject to these requirements of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .

Source: ASX Rules Framework

## 5 Benefits of the Funds

### 5.1 Reference Index strategy

In a single trade on ASX, each Fund gives investors a diversified portfolio of international companies, selected according to its Reference Index.

For more information on each Fund's investment strategy and Reference Index methodology see sections 7 and 8.

### 5.2 Exchange Traded Funds

Each Fund is an ETF. ETFs provide investors with the best attributes of both managed funds and listed shares. When you invest in a Fund, you gain access to a portfolio of investments, constructed using professional skills and knowledge that you may not have access to if you invest on your own.

ETFs can be easily traded on ASX like listed shares, with live pricing throughout the ASX Trading Day. The difference between a single trade in ETF Units and company shares is that when you buy ETF Units you acquire exposure to the performance of an entire portfolio of securities not just a single company, saving you money and time.

ETFs also provide potential advantages to investors including low costs and full daily transparency of the underlying portfolio holdings.

### 5.3 Access to international equities via ASX

Investing directly in international shares is difficult for most investors. Each Fund provides simple access via an Australian ETF which simplifies your administration and reporting, and eliminates foreign paperwork.

Investors also benefit from the other advantages of trading on ASX, including the ability to transact during Australian market hours and settle payments in Australian dollars ('AUD').

### 5.4 Lower costs

Since ETFs track an index, they are typically able to achieve lower operating costs. As a result they charge management costs which are generally lower than those of equivalent unlisted actively managed funds.

As is the case when trading shares, Broker fees will also apply when buying or selling ETF Units on ASX.

### 5.5 Diversification with a single trade

The Funds provide you with a simple way to access a diversified portfolio of listed equities via a single trade on ASX.

### 5.6 Liquidity

You can buy and sell ETF Units on ASX. Liquidity in each Fund is facilitated by a Market Maker. The Market Maker's role is to match buy and sell orders for ETF Units from ASX Investors.

### 5.7 Flexibility of trading on exchange

As the ETF Units are quoted on ASX, you have the flexibility to trade the ETF Units in each Fund throughout the day, like trading shares. You can even buy and sell on the same day (intraday trading).

### 5.8 Transparency of holdings

Each Fund provides investors with transparency in respect of portfolio holdings. Each Fund's portfolio holdings will be published daily at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

## 6 How the Funds work

### 6.1 Registered managed investment scheme

Each Fund is registered with ASIC and regulated as a 'registered managed investment scheme' a class of units in which is admitted to trading on ASX (ETF Units). The Funds operate like most other managed investment schemes:

- o each Fund is constituted as a 'unit trust';
- o when you invest you acquire 'units' (like shares) in the trust which give you a beneficial interest in the assets of that Fund; and
- o your money is pooled together in a Fund with other investors' money to buy investments which are managed by the Responsible Entity under fiduciary obligations to act in the best interests of all investors.

### 6.2 Primary and secondary markets

Large numbers of ETF Units are first issued by VanEck in the '**primary market**' to institutional investors (Authorised Participants) in exchange for a specified basket of securities, or cash with which we buy securities, determined in accordance with a Fund's investment strategy. The securities become the assets of the Fund designed to meet the Fund's investment objective. Once ETF Units have been received by the AP (in exchange for securities and/or cash), the ETF Units are made available for trading on the '**secondary market**', i.e. on ASX.

ASX Investors can then buy and sell the ETF Units with the Authorised Participant, the Market Maker, or other ASX Investors in exchange for cash through CHESS. The issuing of ETF Units is known as a '**creation**'. When ETF Units are redeemed at the request of the Authorised Participant (in exchange for securities, or cash or a combination of both) this is known as a '**redemption**'. Authorised Participants can apply to create or redeem ETF Units based on the NAV at the end of the relevant Business Day. ASX Investors can generally trade throughout each ASX Trading Day at trading prices quoted on ASX.

### 6.3 Rights of a Unitholder

Whether you invest in a Fund as an Authorised Participant or as an ASX Investor you hold ETF Units and have the rights of a Unitholder, as set out in the Constitution of that Fund. For more information on your rights as a Unitholder see section 14.2.

### 6.4 Roles and responsibilities

The key roles involved in the operation of the Funds are set out in the table below. VanEck may change the parties performing the roles named below at any time in its discretion with the exception of the Responsible Entity which can only be changed in accordance with the *Corporations Act*.

Role	Responsibility
Responsible Entity	Issues the ETF Units and this PDS and is responsible for operating the Funds.
Investment manager	Manages the investment portfolio of the Funds in line with each Fund's investment strategy. At the date of this PDS, the investment manager is VanEck.
Custodian	Holds the assets of the Funds for safe-keeping on behalf of the Responsible Entity and Unitholders. Assets are segregated from the Custodian's assets or any other funds' assets.
Fund Administrator	Processes creations, redemptions and other requests from Unitholders and maintains the books and records of the Fund, including: fund accounting; calculating Unit Prices and taxation.
Index Provider	Develops and maintains the Reference Index that a Fund aims to track.
Registrar	Maintains the register of Unitholders including: names quantity of securities held, tax file numbers and DRP details; and issues correspondence to Unitholders on behalf of the Responsible Entity.
Authorised Participant	Transacts directly with the Responsible Entity to create (or redeem) ETF Units (primary market) to match demand from ASX Investors. In some cases also act as a Market Maker.
Market Maker	Subject to certain conditions, provides liquidity and volume in the Funds on ASX by acting as a seller and a buyer of ETF Units to/from ASX Investors (secondary market) throughout the ASX Trading Day. In some cases acts as an Authorised Participant in the primary market and then quotes the ETF Units on ASX for sale to ASX Investors.
Proxy voting agent	Specialist provider engaged by the Responsible Entity to conduct in-depth company research including ESG considerations and vote based on specified guidelines in the best interests of preserving shareholder value, as well as reporting and recordkeeping.

## 7 Investment objective, strategy and performance of the Funds

### 7.1 Investment objective of the Funds

Each Fund aims to provide investment returns before fees and other costs which track the performance of the Reference Index in Australian dollars. Each Fund does not aim to perfectly replicate the Reference Index on a one-to-one basis. See section 9.2.6 for more information.

### 7.2 Investment strategy of the Funds

#### 7.2.1 Passive physical replication

Each Fund employs a passive management strategy of physically replicating the Reference Index by investing directly in the securities that comprise the Reference Index in proportion to their relative weightings in the Reference Index. A Fund may also hold other securities determined by us as necessary to achieve a Fund's investment objective and as permitted under the AQUA Rules. Every time a security is either added to or removed from a Fund's Reference Index, it may be necessary to make changes to the respective Fund's portfolio to track the Reference Index.

See section 8 for more information on each Fund's Reference Index.

#### 7.2.2 Futures

Futures traded on a licensed exchange may be used by the Funds in extraordinary circumstances to gain market exposure without investing directly in underlying securities in the Reference Index or for the purpose of short term management of certain cash flows with the intention of reducing tracking error risk. This allows VanEck to maintain each Fund's liquidity without being under-invested.

Importantly, derivatives are not used in the Funds for speculation or to leverage a Fund's portfolio. For more information see sections 9.2.6 and 9.2.12.

### 7.3 Performance information

Up to date performance information for each Fund and historical performance relative to the Reference Index is published at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au). The performance of a Fund will differ from that of its Reference Index. For more information see section 9.26.

Neither the return of capital invested nor the performance of a Fund is guaranteed. Past performance is not an indicator of current or future returns which may be higher or lower.

### 7.4 Valuations and pricing

#### 7.4.1 Unit Price or NAV

The Unit Price or 'NAV' of a Fund is calculated by dividing the Fund Net Asset Value by the number of ETF Units outstanding at the time of the valuation.

The Fund Net Asset Value is calculated by subtracting the total value of all the liabilities and provisions of the Fund from the total value of all the assets of the Fund.

The valuation methods applied by VanEck to value each Fund's assets and liabilities are consistent with the range of ordinary commercial practices for valuations.

This means, due to Australia's time zone, that the NAVs for the Funds will not be available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) until the Business Day following the Trading Days to which they relate.

#### 7.4.2 Investing via the ASX

ASX Investors trade ETF Units at trading prices quoted on ASX throughout each ASX Trading Day. The presence of a Market Maker means trading prices should remain close to the NAV, adjusted for estimated or actual changes in the value of the underlying securities and foreign exchange movements as calculated by the Market Maker during the ASX Trading Day. The Market Maker charges a spread which means ASX Investors cannot trade at NAV.

### 7.5 Borrowing arrangements

VanEck may maintain borrowing arrangements on behalf of a Fund with the intention of reducing tracking error risk. For more information see sections 9.2.6, 10.3.2 and 14.2.7.

The main purposes for borrowing by a Fund are for the short term management of certain cash flows associated with:

- Dividend equitisation – the Reference Index assumes that dividends are reinvested on the ex-date. In reality dividends are received by the Fund some time later;
- Corporate actions – the Reference Index assumes that corporate actions are implemented on the ex-date, but in reality the cash or shares resulting from the corporate action are received by the Fund some time later; and
- Management of foreign exchange exposures.

### 7.6 Changes to a Fund's investment objective and strategy

We may from time to time vary a Fund's investment objective and strategy including replacing its Reference Index. The Index Provider may also vary or replace the Reference Index. We will notify Unitholders of any such changes.

### 7.7 Environmental, social and ethical considerations

The Index Providers do not take into account labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations when selecting securities for

the Reference Index. Accordingly the Funds do not take such matters into consideration when acquiring or realising investments, however, VanEck does consider ESG matters when exercising any proxy voting rights.

#### **7.8 Proxy voting**

We intend to vote all proxies in accordance with the best interests of Unitholders without influence by real or apparent conflicts of interest. To assist in our responsibility for voting proxies and the overall voting process, we have engaged a third party proxy voting specialist.

The services provided by the specialist include: conducting in-depth company research including ESG considerations; providing voting recommendations and vote execution based on specified guidelines in the best interests of preserving shareholder value; as well as reporting and recordkeeping.

#### **7.9 Securities lending**

The Funds will not engage in securities lending.



## 8 Reference indices

### 8.1 ESPO – VanEck Vectors Video Gaming and eSports ETF

Reference Index	MVIS® Global Video Gaming and eSports Index (AUD)
Index Provider	MV Index Solutions GmbH ('MVIS').
Overview	The MVIS® Global Video Gaming & eSports Index is designed to track the overall performance of companies involved in video game development, eSports, and related hardware and software globally.
Summary of Index methodology	The Index includes only the largest and most liquid listed companies that generate at least 50% (25% for current components) of their revenues from video gaming and/or eSports. This may include companies whose business activity involves: the development of video games and related software and hardware; the provision of streaming services; or eSports events such as league operators, teams, distributors and platforms, and may include companies from developed, emerging and frontier markets. The Index is a market capitalisation weighted index which applies a capping scheme to individual companies for diversification purposes. The Index includes a minimum of 25 companies.
Rebalances	The Reference Index is reviewed and rebalanced on a quarterly basis, usually as of the close of the third Friday of March, June, September and December.
More information	You can register free of charge at <a href="http://www.mvis-indices.com">www.mvis-indices.com</a> to access a copy of the MVIS Global Equity Index Guide and information on current Index values, constituent weightings and other statistical information.
Governance arrangements regarding related party index provider	MVIS is a related body corporate of VanEck. In order to minimise any potential for conflicts caused by the fact that MVIS provides indices for VanEck's funds including the Reference Index, MVIS has retained Solactive AG, an unaffiliated third party, as the calculation agent for its indices. Solactive calculates, maintains and disseminates each of MVIS's indices on a daily basis in accordance with the rules-based methodology developed by MVIS. MVIS monitors the results produced by Solactive to help ensure that the indices are calculated in accordance with the applicable rules-based methodology. MVIS, VanEck and Van Eck Associates Corporation have established policies and procedures designed to prevent (1) non-public information about pending changes to MVIS's indices from being used or disseminated in an improper manner; and (2) improper use and dissemination of non-public information about a fund's portfolio management from having any influence on the construction of the rules-based methodologies.
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## 8.2 GOAT – VanEck Vectors Morningstar World ex Australia Wide Moat ETF

Reference Index	Morningstar® Developed Markets ex-Australia Wide Moat Focus Index™
Index Provider	Morningstar Australasia Pty Ltd ( <b>'Morningstar'</b> ). Morningstar is not a related body corporate of VanEck.
Overview	The Morningstar® Developed Markets ex-Australia Wide Moat Focus Index™ is intended to track the overall performance of attractively priced developed market ex-Australia companies with sustainable competitive advantages according to Morningstar's equity research team.
Summary of Index methodology	<p>The Index is a rules-based index that comprises from 50 to 100 wide moat companies in developed markets excluding Australia that Morningstar considers are the most attractively priced based on Morningstar's proprietary methodology that considers quantitative and qualitative factors.</p> <p>The Index is derived from the Morningstar® Developed Markets ex-Australia Index™, a broad market index targeting the top 97% of stocks by market capitalisation. Wide moat companies are those in which Morningstar has very high confidence excess returns will remain for 10 years, with excess returns more likely than not to remain for at least 20 years.</p>
Rebalances	The Index is divided into two equally-weighted sub-portfolios, and each is rebalanced semi-annually on alternating quarters as of the close of the third Friday of March, June, September and December. Each sub-portfolio contains 50 equally weighted securities at the time of its rebalance. Due to the staggered rebalance methodology, constituents and weightings may vary between sub-portfolios. Each sub-portfolio is reweighted to 50% of the total Index weight as of close of the third Friday of June and December.
More information	Further information about the Reference Index and Morningstar is available at <a href="https://indexes.morningstar.com/">https://indexes.morningstar.com/</a> .
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### 8.3 HLTH – VanEck Vectors Global Healthcare Leaders ETF

Reference Index	MarketGrader Developed Markets (ex-Australia) Health Care Index
Index Provider	MarketGrader.com Corporation ('MarketGrader'). MarketGrader is not a related body corporate of VanEck.
Overview	The MarketGrader Developed Markets (ex-Australia) Health Care Index consists of 50 fundamentally sound companies with the best growth at a reasonable price (GARP) attributes in the Health Care sector from developed markets excluding Australia.
Summary of Index methodology	The Index seeks to identify the largest companies in the health care sector with the best growth at a reasonable price (GARP) attributes, being the best drivers of long-term capital appreciation. The Index constituents are selected on the basis of the strength of their fundamentals across four factor categories: growth, value, profitability and cash flow. The 50 Index constituents are equally weighted at each semi-annual rebalance.
Rebalances	The Index is reviewed and rebalanced on a semi-annual basis, usually as of the close of the third Friday of March and September.
More information	Further information about the Reference Index and MarketGrader is available at <a href="http://www.marketgrader.com">www.marketgrader.com</a>
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## 9 Risks

### 9.1 What is risk?

All investments have some level of risk. Different investment strategies have different levels of risk depending on the underlying mix of assets that make up the strategy. Usually assets with the potential for the highest long-term returns carry the highest levels of short-term risk. These investments are generally described as more 'volatile' and have a higher risk of losing money, but they can also give you a better chance of achieving your long-term objectives. Investments that produce more stable returns are considered less volatile and therefore less risky, but they may not provide sufficient long-term returns for you to achieve your long-term goals.

The level of risk you are willing to accept will depend on a range of factors including:

- o your investment goals;
- o your age;
- o your investment time frame;
- o where other parts of your wealth are invested; and
- o your overall risk tolerance.

It is important for you to carefully consider the risks of investing in the Funds and to understand that:

- o the value of your investment will vary;
- o investment returns will vary and future returns may differ from past returns;
- o returns are not guaranteed and you may lose money; and
- o laws affecting managed investment schemes may change, impacting your investment.

You should consult a financial adviser to help you understand investment risk and design an investment strategy that is right for your individual risk tolerance, financial situation, needs and objectives.

### 9.2 Risks associated with the Funds

Investing in international markets has specific risks which are in addition to the typical risks associated with investing in the Australian market. Investors in the Funds must be willing to accept a high degree of volatility in the performance of the Funds.

#### 9.2.1 Market risk

This is made up of a number of risks that affect entire financial markets and may include investor sentiment, economic impacts, regulatory conditions, industry or sector-specific events, and political and catastrophic events. In any asset class, the returns of individual securities are a combination of the market return and returns specific to each security. Growth investments such as shares generally have relatively higher market risk than bonds and cash. International equities generally have higher risks than Australian equities. Investors should be aware that markets can fluctuate affecting the returns on an investment

portfolio from day-to-day. This volatility may cause the value of an investment in a Fund to decrease.

#### 9.2.2 Emerging and frontier markets risk: ESPO

ESPO may have exposure in emerging and frontier market countries. Investments in emerging and frontier markets face a greater risk of loss than investments in developed markets. This is due to, among other things, greater market volatility, lower trading volume, political and economic instability, high levels of inflation, deflation or currency devaluation, greater risk of market shut down, evolving legal and regulatory frameworks and exchange rules, and more governmental limitations on foreign investment policy than those typically found in a developed market. Trading, settlement and custody practices for transactions in emerging and frontier markets may differ from developed markets including delays and delivery of securities prior to receipt of payment. The limited liquidity of emerging and frontier market country securities may also affect ESPO's ability to accurately value its portfolio securities or to acquire or dispose of securities at the price and time it wishes to do so or in order to meet redemption requests.

#### 9.2.3 Security specific risk

The value of a company's shares which make up part of the underlying assets in a Fund can be influenced by changes in and factors affecting company management, its business environment or profitability. These risks can impact the company's ability to repay its debt, its profitability and ultimately the value of its shares. By diversifying its holdings across multiple securities, market sectors and countries, the Funds are generally insulated from the specific risks of individual securities.

#### 9.2.4 Currency risk

This is the risk that unfavourable fluctuations in the value of the Australian dollar relative to other currencies will adversely affect the value of a Fund measured in Australian dollars, due to the Funds being invested in underlying securities based in those foreign currencies. A rise in the value of the Australian dollar relative to foreign currencies could decrease the value of the NAV. The Funds do not hedge their exposure to foreign currencies. Each of the Funds' assets are concentrated in securities listed in the United States. As a result the Funds have a greater exposure to United States dollar than to other currencies. Please refer to [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) for up to date country allocation information.

#### 9.2.5 Concentration risk

There is a risk that a Fund's assets are concentrated in a particular market sector or

country. ESPO's assets are concentrated in the eSports sector. HLTH's assets are concentrated in the healthcare sector.

All the Funds are concentrated in securities listed in the United States. Each Fund is therefore subject to the risk that economic, political or other conditions that have a negative effect on the United States will negatively impact the value of the Fund to a greater extent than if the Fund's assets were invested in a wider variety of countries. This risk may also apply for other countries where the Funds' assets may be concentrated from time to time. Please refer to [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) for up to date country allocations.

#### **9.2.6 Tracking error risk**

This is the risk that a Fund fails to meet its investment objective and the performance of the Fund differs from the performance of its Reference Index, due to the extent to which the Fund is able to replicate the Reference Index, as a result of a number of factors, including but not limited to:

- there may be times when the Fund is unable to replicate the securities and/or their weightings in the Reference Index;
- in order to achieve the investment objective we may allow individual security weightings to vary from the Reference Index and may invest in securities that are not in the Reference Index;
- the Fund will only hold securities that are listed on exchanges approved by ASX under the AQUA Rules;
- differences between the Reference Index and the Fund in asset valuations and the timing of dividends and corporate actions;
- differences between the trading price for securities achieved by the Fund and that determined by the Reference Index;
- fees and other costs including taxation incurred by the Fund, but not by the Reference Index;
- international withholding tax rates applied to the Reference Index may differ from those incurred by the Fund; and
- the Fund may hold a small amount of cash.

#### **9.2.7 Trading risk**

Secondary market trading of the ETF Units on ASX may be suspended by the ASX or halted by us because of market conditions or other reasons, for example a failure by the Market Maker to make a market. In these circumstances, ASX Investors will be unable to buy or sell ETF Units and the processing of application for creations and redemptions for Authorised Participants may be suspended or modified.

#### **9.2.8 ASX trading time differences**

ETF Units are only able to be traded during ASX trading hours. Market factors could adversely impact the value of the Funds while ASX is closed for trading. This could result in substantial losses due to being unable to trade until ASX re-opens.

#### **9.2.9 Liquidity risk**

This is the risk that an investment may not be able to be sold quickly enough to prevent or minimise a loss. A lack of liquidity may also affect the amount of time it takes us to satisfy a redemption request from Authorised Participants. As the underlying assets of the Funds are listed securities and a Market Maker has been appointed to support liquidity on ASX, the Funds are expected to be liquid but there is no assurance they will remain liquid at all times.

#### **9.2.10 Market Maker risk**

Although the ETF Units are admitted to trading on ASX, and a Market Maker is appointed to assist in maintaining liquidity in accordance with the AQUA Rules, there can be no assurance that there will be a liquid market if there is a failure by the Market Maker to make a market. A Market Maker's terms of appointment may limit or exclude its liability or recourse to it by Unitholders. Unitholders should be aware that a Market Maker may be paid fees (see section 10.3.1 for more information). A Market Maker retains for its own account any trading profits and bears any losses generated by its market making activities.

#### **9.2.11 Trading price risk**

As with any ETF, it is possible that the trading price of ETF Units on the ASX may differ from the NAV and the fair value of the securities held by the Fund. The trading price is dependent on a number of factors including the demand for and supply of ETF Units, investor confidence, the availability of market maker services during the course of the trading day, the bid-offer spread charged by a market maker and how closely the value of the assets of the Fund tracks the performance of the Reference Index. The trading price may be affected if there is a suspension of the creation and redemption process. The creation and redemption facility is designed to reduce the likelihood of ETF Units trading at a significant discount or premium to the fair value of the Fund's assets. If the creation or redemption facility for the Fund is closed on a particular day, the trading price might diverge further from the fair value.

Periods of increased market volatility or disruptions to the market making function may result in wider bid-offer spreads for ETF Units and trading prices that differ significantly from the Fund's NAV and fair value. This risk may be higher in the period shortly after the ASX opens for trading and near the close of trading. If an investor purchases ETF Units at a time when the market price is at a premium to the fair value or sells at a time when the market price is at a discount to the fair value, then the investor may sustain losses. Investors should consider placing "limit orders" to reduce the risk of trading at unfavourable prices.

#### **9.2.12 Derivatives risk**

Derivatives are used by the Funds as described in section 7.2.2. Relevant derivatives derive their value from the performance of a reference asset, for example a share or a market index.

The use of derivatives may expose a Fund to significant losses as the use of derivatives involves risks that are different from and potentially greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the shares. For example, the risk of using derivatives include, but are not limited to, that of the derivative failing to move in line with the value of the underlying share, counterparty risk and potential illiquidity which may occur if a particular derivative instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. See section 9.2.20 'Counterparty risk' for more information.

The risk that a Fund may not be able to close out a derivatives position is minimised by entering into such transactions with reputable counterparties or on an exchange with an active and liquid secondary market.

#### **9.2.13 Fund risk**

This is the risk that investing via a Fund may result in reduced performance compared to investing in the underlying securities directly because of: the fees and costs involved in investing in a Fund; the income or capital gains accrued in a Fund; and the consequences of creations and redemptions by Authorised Participants. In addition, there is a risk that the fees and costs applicable to a Fund could change, the Responsible Entity or other parties could change and a Fund could terminate.

#### **9.2.14 Index risk**

There is a risk that a Reference Index ceases to be available for use by a Fund, resulting in a Fund not being able to achieve its stated investment objective.

If this was to occur, VanEck will seek to track an alternative index that provides a substantially similar exposure as that of the Reference Index. In the unlikely event that an alternative index cannot be secured, there is a risk that a Fund could be terminated. For more information see sections 7.1 and 9.2.6.

#### **9.2.15 Operational risk**

A Fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. VanEck seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures. However, these measures do not address every possible risk and may be inadequate for those risks that they are intended to address.

#### **9.2.16 Force majeure**

This is the risk that circumstances beyond our reasonable control may impact on the operation, administration and performance of a Fund. For example: strikes, industrial disputes, failure of a securities exchange, fires or other casualty, war, civil disturbance, terrorist acts, governmental pre-emption in connection with an emergency of state and epidemics.

#### **9.2.17 Regulatory and tax risk**

A Fund, the investments of the Fund and the tax consequences for Unitholders investing in the Fund, may be affected by tax changes or by changes to legislation or government policy both in Australia and in other countries where the securities the Fund invests in are regulated, the relevant company operates or is invested.

These changes are monitored by VanEck and action is taken, where possible and appropriate, to facilitate the achievement of the Funds' investment objectives.

Investors should consult their own professional independent tax advisers before making an investment decision. Further information in relation to tax is set out in section 13.

#### **9.2.18 Foreign markets closure risk**

This is the risk that foreign markets in which securities held by the Fund are traded are closed at times which differ from ASX non-trading days. The difference in trading times may adversely impact liquidity, individual security valuations and tracking error. See section 9.2.6 for more information.

#### **9.2.19 Settlement risk**

The processes of issuing and redeeming ETF Units associated with creations and redemptions are subject to the normal settlement procedures through CHES. A Fund is exposed to some risk if an Authorised Participant fails to comply with its settlement obligations. This risk is partly mitigated by the fact that Authorised Participants are generally subject to CHES rules and ASX fail fees.

#### **9.2.20 Counterparty risk**

This is the risk that a Fund's trading counterparties become insolvent or cannot otherwise meet their obligations to the Fund. A Fund may be exposed to counterparty risk through the use of futures. This risk is mitigated by only investing in futures on a licensed futures exchange. For more information see sections 7.2.2. and 9.2.12.

## 10 Fees and other costs

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long term returns.**

**For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your investment balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30 year period (for example, reduce it from \$100 000 to \$80 000).**

**You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.**

**You may be able to negotiate to pay lower contribution fees and management costs where applicable. Ask the Fund or your financial adviser.**

### **TO FIND OUT MORE**

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** website ([www.moneySMART.gov.au](http://www.moneySMART.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### **Fees and other costs**

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged.

These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of each Fund as a whole.

Taxation information in relation to the Funds is set out in section 13.

**You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.**

## 10.1 Fees and costs for ASX Investors

Type of fee or cost <sup>1</sup>	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Fees when your money moves in or out of the Funds</b>		
<b>Establishment fee:</b> The fee to open your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Contribution fee:</b> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Withdrawal fee<sup>2</sup>:</b> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Nil <sup>2</sup>	Not applicable
<b>Exit fee:</b> The fee to close your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Management costs<sup>3</sup></b>		
The fees and costs for managing your investment		The management fee is calculated and accrued daily on the Fund Net Asset Value and reflected in the Unit Price. Payable from the assets of the Fund on or about the first Business Day of the following month. The management fee may be negotiated by wholesale clients.
<b>ESPO</b>		
Management fee	0.55% p.a.	
Indirect costs	Nil	
Total management costs	<u>0.55% p.a.</u>	
<b>GOAT</b>		
Management fee	0.55% p.a.	
Indirect costs	Nil	
Total management costs	<u>0.55% p.a.</u>	
<b>HLTH</b>		
Management fee	0.45% p.a.	
Indirect costs	Nil	
Total management costs	<u>0.45% p.a.</u>	
<b>Service fees</b>		
Switching fee: The fee for changing investment options	Nil	Not applicable

- All fees and costs are inclusive of goods and services tax (GST) and net of any reduced input tax credits (RITC). A worked dollar example is shown below. Other fees and costs may apply. See section 10.3 for more information.
- Except in limited circumstances ASX Investors are not eligible to redeem ETF Units with VanEck directly. See section 14.2.11 for more information.
- See section 10.3 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' for more information.

### EXAMPLE OF ANNUAL FEES AND COSTS FOR ASX INVESTORS: ESPO and GOAT

This table gives an example of how the fees and costs for ESPO and GOAT can affect your investment over a one year period. You should use this table to compare these products with other managed investment products.

Example: Applies to ESPO and GOAT		Balance of \$50,000 with a contribution of \$5,000 during the year
Contribution fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in you will be charged \$0.
PLUS Management costs	0.55% p.a. <sup>1</sup>	And, for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund you will be charged \$275 each year.
EQUALS Cost of Fund		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees from: \$275 to \$302.50 <sup>1,2</sup> What it costs you will depend on the fees you negotiate.

- The management fee may be negotiated by wholesale clients. See section 10.3.3 for more information.
- This example assumes that the investment amount of \$50,000 does not rise or fall in value and remains invested for a full year. The maximum fee assumes the additional investment amount of \$5,000 was invested on the first day of the year and remains invested for the full year.



### EXAMPLE OF ANNUAL FEES AND COSTS FOR ASX INVESTORS: HLTH

This table gives an example of how the fees and costs for HLTH can affect your investment over a one year period. You should use this table to compare these products with other managed investment products.

Example: Applies to HLTH		Balance of \$50,000 with a contribution of \$5,000 during the year
Contribution fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in you will be charged \$0.
PLUS Management costs	0.45% p.a. <sup>1</sup>	And, for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund you will be charged \$225 each year.
EQUALS Cost of Fund		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees from: \$225 to \$247.50 <sup>1,2</sup> What it costs you will depend on the fees you negotiate.

1. Management costs may be negotiated by wholesale clients. See section 10.3.3 for more information.
2. This example assumes that the investment amount of \$50,000 does not rise or fall in value and remains invested for a full year. The maximum fee assumes the additional investment amount of \$5,000 was invested on the first day of the year and remains invested for the full year.

### 10.2 Fees and costs for Authorised Participants

Type of fee or cost <sup>1</sup>	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Fees when your money moves in or out of the Funds</b>		
<b>Establishment fee:</b> The fee to open your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Contribution fee<sup>2,3</sup>:</b> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment		Payable only by Authorised Participants per creation at the time of application for the creation of ETF Units by a Standard Basket Transaction. The amount of these costs may be negotiated.
ESPO	\$500	
GOAT	\$1,000	
HLTH	\$1,000	
<b>Withdrawal fee<sup>2,3</sup>:</b> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment		Payable only by Authorised Participants per redemption at the time of applying for the redemption of ETF Units by a Standard Basket Transaction. The amount of these costs may be negotiated.
ESPO	\$500	
GOAT	\$1,000	
HLTH	\$1,000	
<b>Exit fee:</b> The fee to close your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Management costs<sup>3</sup></b>		
The fees and costs for managing your investment		The management fee is calculated and accrued daily on the Fund Net Asset Value and reflected in the Unit Price. Payable from the assets of the Fund on or about the first Business Day of the following month. The management fee may be negotiated by wholesale clients.
<b>ESPO</b>		
Management fee	0.55% p.a.	
Indirect costs	Nil	
Total management costs	0.55% p.a.	
<b>GOAT</b>		
Management fee	0.55% p.a.	
Indirect costs	Nil	
Total management costs	0.55% p.a.	
<b>HLTH</b>		
Management fee	0.45% p.a.	
Indirect costs	Nil	
Total management costs	0.45% p.a.	
<b>Service fees</b>		
Switching fee: The fee for changing investment options	Nil	Not applicable

- 1 All fees and costs are inclusive of GST and net of any RITC. Other fees and costs may apply. See section 10.3 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' for more information.
- 2 Additional transactional costs will apply to Non-Standard Transactions as agreed with us from time to time. See section 10.3.2 for more information.
- 3 See section 10.3 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' for more information.

### 10.3 Additional explanation of fees and costs

Unitholders are charged management costs which are capped in respect of normal recoverable expenses. Additional transactional and operational costs which are uncapped also apply. Other uncapped Broker fees and abnormal expenses may also apply.

#### 10.3.1 Management costs

Management costs represent the ongoing fees, costs and expenses associated with management and administration of the Funds.

The fees and other costs of managing and operating the Funds stated in this PDS include indirect costs paid from the Funds' assets that we know or reasonably estimate will reduce the Funds' investment returns.

The management costs stated in 10.1 and 10.2 are charged to Unitholders as an 'all in' charge for normal recoverable expenses. It does not include transactional and operational costs (see 10.3.2), Broker fees (see 10.3.4) or abnormal expenses (see 10.3.5).

VanEck pays the ongoing normal recoverable expenses associated with the management and administration of a Fund out of the management costs. Any shortfall is paid by VanEck out of its own resources. Any excess remaining after payment of recoverable expenses is retained by VanEck.

The normal recoverable expenses paid by VanEck from a Fund's management costs include but are not limited to:

- o costs of managing the portfolio;
- o Custodian and Fund Administrator fees and charges including the costs of processing dividend payments;
- o Market Maker fees;
- o accounting and audit fees;
- o license fees payable to the Index Providers for the use of the Reference Indices;
- o Registrar fees and expenses; and
- o other expenses recoverable under the Fund's Constitution.

#### 10.3.2 Transactional and operational costs

Transactional and operational costs are not included in the management costs in 10.1 and 10.2 and are an additional cost to Unitholders. These costs are uncapped.

Transactional and operational costs are incurred in relation to trading in the portfolios and associated operational activities required by the Funds. They include but are not limited to:

- o brokerage and settlement charges; and
- o borrowing costs and interest expense.

#### Costs on creations and redemptions

VanEck uses its best efforts to recover the transactional and operational costs associated with creations and redemptions of ETF Units by Authorised Participants from the APs. Any shortfall is an additional indirect cost to Unitholders. These costs are paid out of the assets of the Funds and reflected in the Unit Price as and when they arise. We expect over a 12 month period any shortfall

will be zero or not material for the reasons set out below.

Transactional and operational costs are not incurred by the Funds on Standard Basket Transactions. For Non-Standard Transactions, transactional and operational costs incurred by the Funds in relation to creations and redemptions are recovered from the AP by:

- o a buy/sell spread covering an estimate of the costs included with the transaction, which we notify to APs electronically from time to time. The actual costs may differ from our estimate. Any shortfall is borne by the Funds and any excess is retained by the Funds. We expect these amounts to net off over a 12 month period; or
- o an invoice for the actual costs incurred equal to the difference between: the price at which a Fund purchases (on a creation) or sells (on a redemption) relevant securities; and the value of those securities used in the relevant Unit Price; plus any other costs incurred by a Fund in connection with the transaction.

#### Other transactional and operational costs

Other transactional and operational costs are incurred in association with trading activity in a Fund's portfolio with the aim of achieving its investment objective. These costs are an additional cost to all Unitholders and will be paid out of the assets of the Fund and reflected in the Fund's Unit Price as and when they arise.

As at the date of this PDS the Funds do not have any transactional and operational costs history in respect of the current investment objectives. Disclosure of updated information in regards to transaction and operational costs will be provided at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) in accordance with regulatory requirements.

#### 10.3.3 Fees and costs may be negotiated by wholesale clients and APs

Wholesale clients (as defined under the *Corporations Act*) and APs may be able to negotiate the fees and costs set out in sections 10.1 and 10.2 respectively by contacting VanEck. See *Corporate directory* at the front of this PDS for contact details. Any reduction of the fees and costs that may be agreed from time to time will be at VanEck's discretion and expense.

#### 10.3.4 Broker fees

ASX Investors should obtain advice from a financial adviser before investing in a Fund to consider their individual investment objectives, financial situation and needs. You will incur fees for any advice you receive. You should discuss these fees with your financial adviser prior to obtaining their advice.

ASX Investors will also incur customary brokerage fees when buying and selling ETF Units on ASX. You should discuss these fees with your Broker prior to investing.

Brokerage is also incurred by all investors as part of ongoing transactional and operational costs of the Funds. See section 10.3.2.

#### **10.3.5 Abnormal expenses**

Abnormal expenses are management costs not generally incurred in the day-to-day operations of the Funds and include things such as the costs of calling and holding Unitholder meetings or legal costs incurred in bringing or defending legal proceedings. Abnormal expenses are not included in the management cost caps set out in sections 10.1 and 10.2 and may be recovered from the assets of a Fund and accounted for in the Unit Price of that Fund as and when they arise.

#### **10.3.6 Notification of changes to fees**

We may vary fees or introduce new fees without investor consent up to the maximums described in each Fund Constitution. Under the Constitutions we are entitled to charge the following relevant maximum fees:

- Management fee: 3% p.a. of a Fund's NAV; and
- Application and redemption fee (contribution and withdrawal fees): Up to \$10,000 per creation or redemption.

Currently we pay all costs and expenses of the Funds other than transactional and operational costs out of the management costs caps set out in sections 10.1 and 10.2 and only retain any excess. We will give 30 days' notice of any changes to the way fees and costs are charged that result in an increase in a management costs cap, via a notice on our website at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) and the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

#### **10.3.7 Related party payments**

We may pay fees to related parties and associates of VanEck on arms' length commercial terms for providing services to the Funds. We may engage the services of related parties and associates at our discretion. These fees would be paid by us out of a Fund's management costs cap.

#### **10.3.8 Commissions and other benefits received**

We, our related parties and associates, may receive commissions and other benefits (e.g. research) from brokers effecting trades for the Funds. These benefits may flow to the Funds and to other funds managed by us or our related parties and associates.

# 11 Transacting with VanEck

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**This section provides a summary of the creation and redemption process that applies to transactions between the Funds and Authorised Participants (APs) only. These procedures do not apply to ASX Investors who may trade ETF Units on ASX via a Broker in the same way they trade listed shares.**

### 11.1 Prior to transacting

Creation and redemption procedures will be agreed between VanEck and Authorised Participants from time to time and contained in an AP Agreement and related AP Procedures. Authorised Participants must complete an AP Agreement with VanEck prior to transacting directly with us. Please contact VanEck Capital Markets for more information on +61 2 8038 3317.

### 11.2 Applications by Authorised Participants

Unless we agree otherwise, applications for creations and redemptions of ETF Units may only be made by Authorised Participants by delivering a completed application to us by 2pm on an ASX Trading Day. We may accept or reject applications in a different form at our discretion. We may, in our sole discretion and without giving any reason, accept or reject all or part of an application for a creation or redemption.

### 11.3 Standard Basket Transactions

Applications for creations or redemptions of ETF Units will generally only be made by way of Standard Basket Transactions.

A Standard Basket for a Fund may consist of: securities in the Reference Index and any other securities determined by VanEck as necessary to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

The Standard Basket is available on request.

### 11.4 Minimum transaction sizes for APs

Applications for creations and redemptions by Authorised Participants can only be made in multiples of Creation Units or Redemption Units respectively, unless we agree otherwise. The number of ETF Units in a Creation Unit and Redemption Unit are set out in the table below. ASX Investors should check with their Broker for any minimum trade size on ASX.

Minimum transaction sizes for APs

Fund	One Creation Unit / Redemption Unit (ETF Units)
ESPO	400,000
GOAT	100,000
HLTH	200,000

### 11.5 Valuations and pricing

#### 11.5.1 Creation and redemption prices

The prices at which Authorised Participants transact with VanEck for creations or redemptions

is the NAV calculated at the next valuation time following an application, plus or minus fees and costs respectively. See sections 10.2 and 10.3.2.

#### 11.5.2 Redemption amounts

The redemption amount paid to an Authorised Participant on the redemption of ETF Units may include an amount representing their entitlement to distributable income of the Fund.

### 11.6 Delay or suspension of creations and redemptions

We may suspend the processing of creations or redemptions in certain circumstances. This will generally occur:

1. during a 'blackout period' – that is:
  - a. around the end of a dividend period when we are calculating and paying dividends; and
  - b. during the period we are rebalancing the portfolio to the Reference Index; or
2. on days on which foreign stock exchanges are closed; or
3. in circumstances, such as adverse market conditions, where we determine it is not possible to accurately calculate Unit Prices.

We may also suspend creations or redemptions in other circumstances. We will notify you of any suspension. We may also process applications for creations in instalments over a period of time and may also suspend processing of redemptions we have already accepted, for example, where we are unable to sell underlying securities due to circumstances outside our control, such as suspended trading in the market, or where the Fund becomes illiquid.

In circumstances where redemptions are delayed, suspended or being paid in instalments, the Unit Prices used for the redemption may be those applicable to the day the relevant instalment of the redemption is processed, rather than the time the application for redemption is received.

An application for a creation or redemption lodged but not processed before or during a period of suspension, will be taken to be lodged the day after the end of the relevant suspension period.

# 12 Dividends

## 12.1 Payment of dividends

You may earn income from a Fund paid in the form of dividends.

We will provide details in advance of any dividends to be paid by a Fund via the ASX Market Announcements Platform. We do not guarantee that dividends will be paid.

The amount of any dividend will vary between periods and in some cases we may decide not to pay a dividend.

To reduce any capital gains tax liability for ASX investors due to redemptions by Authorised Participants, the AP's redemption proceeds may include a dividend comprising the realised capital gains. This means ASX Investors will generally pay less capital gains tax than they would in a comparable unlisted managed fund.

## 12.2 Frequency of dividends

The Funds generally pay dividends the following number of times each year.

Fund	Number of dividends per year
ESPO	One
GOAT	One
HLTH	One

We may pay more or fewer dividends at our discretion. Payments are usually made within 28 days after the end of the dividend period. Dividends will be paid as cash to your nominated bank account unless you elect to participate in the DRP.

## 12.3 Dividend Reinvestment Plan

A DRP is available. If you elect to participate in the DRP the amounts of any dividends will be credited to you as additional ETF Units following relevant payment dates. You need to contact the Registrar and complete the relevant form to participate in the DRP. Contact details are in the *Corporate directory* at the end of this PDS.

Participation in the DRP is subject to the DRP Rules as determined by VanEck from time to time.

A copy of the DRP Rules is available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) or free of charge from us or the Registrar on request.

Unitholders can only elect to participate fully in the DRP where all dividends are reinvested in additional ETF Units. Partial DRP participation is not available.

If no DRP election is made, dividends will be paid into a nominated Australian bank account, or held pending receipt of Australian bank account details.

# 13 Tax

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The Australian tax commentary in this PDS is provided for general information only. This information is necessarily general in nature and does not take into account the specific circumstances of any person who may invest in a Fund. It should not be used as the basis upon which a decision is made to invest in a Fund.**

**Investing has tax implications that can be complex, that are particular to each investor's circumstances and that change over time. All investors should consult their own professional tax advisers before making an investment decision.**

**The taxation information in this PDS is prepared based on income tax law in force at the date of this PDS.**

### 13.1 Taxation of Australian resident investors

You will be liable for tax on your share of the Funds' income, as determined at the end of each financial year.

The amount you will be required to include in your tax return will not be the same as the amount you have received as dividends. You will be provided with a tax statement, after 30 June each year, that will provide you with the necessary information.

The tax statement will include details of any credits you are able to claim in your tax return including any franking credits if the Fund invests in Australian shares and credits for any foreign income tax paid if the Fund invests outside of Australia.

You may also be liable for tax on any gains you make when you sell or redeem your ETF Units. These gains are not included on the tax statement.

### 13.2 Quoting your TFN or ABN

Unitholders will be asked to provide their tax file number ('**TFN**') or Australian Business Number ('**ABN**') or claim an exemption in relation to their investment in the Funds. There are strict guidelines that govern the use and storage of TFNs.

There is no obligation to provide a TFN or ABN. However, if no TFN or ABN is provided and no exemption is available, tax will be withheld from the Unitholder's dividends at the highest marginal rate and remitted to the Australian Taxation Office ('**ATO**').

These amounts will be credited to you when you lodge your tax return.

### 13.3 Taxation of Foreign Investors

If you are not a resident of Australia for income tax purposes, tax may be withheld from your dividends and remitted to the ATO.

You will be required to identify to the Registrar whether you are a resident or a non-resident for income tax purposes.

### 13.4 Reporting of investors' details

Investments in the Funds are subject to information collection and reporting, for the purposes of enforcing compliance with tax laws. Information is reported to the ATO who may share it with foreign governments. Specifically, there is a United States law known as 'FATCA' and a related intergovernmental agreement between Australia and the United States under which information is shared with the United States. In addition, Australia participates in the OECD's Common Reporting Standard reporting network.

# 14 Other information you need to know

## 14.1 VanEck's powers and duties as Responsible Entity

The powers and duties of the Responsible Entity are determined by the Constitution for each Fund, the Corporations Act and general trust law. The duties of VanEck in relation to each Fund under the Corporations Act include:

- o act honestly;
- o exercise the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise if they were in VanEck's position;
- o act in the best interests of Unitholders and, if there is a conflict between their interests and VanEck's interests, give priority to Unitholders' interests;
- o ensure that property in each Fund is clearly identified as property of that Fund and held separately from property of VanEck, property of the Custodian and property of any other fund, except as permitted by the Corporations Act;
- o ensure that the assets in each Fund are valued at regular intervals;
- o ensure that payments out of a Fund's property are made in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act; and
- o report to ASIC any significant breach of the Corporations Act in relation to a Fund which has had, or is likely to have, a materially adverse effect on the interests of Unitholders.

We will work with our external service providers to:

- o manage income and monitor the expenses of each Fund and arrange for payments to creditors of the Funds;
- o determine and if any, arrange payment of dividends in respect of the Funds and administer dividend and taxation statements and notifications;
- o process and administer creation and redemption transactions in relation to the Funds;
- o co-ordinate and manage communications with ASX in relation to the ongoing admission to trading status of the ETF Units on ASX and communicate with ASIC and other regulators as appropriate in relation to each Fund;
- o address and respond to investor and Unitholder enquiries, complaints and notification requirements;
- o co-ordinate Unitholder updates and reports, resolutions and Unitholder meetings and attend to issues in relation to the Constitutions as appropriate;
- o prepare, maintain and implement policies in respect of the operation of the Funds including a compliance plan, proxy voting policy and DRP Rules; and
- o market and promote the Funds, providing information and support as appropriate to

Authorised Participants, Market Makers and Brokers.

## 14.2 The Constitution

VanEck's responsibilities and obligations and Unitholders' rights are governed primarily by the Constitution, the *Corporations Act* and this PDS. The terms and conditions of the Constitution are binding on each Unitholder and all persons claiming through them respectively, as if the Unitholder or person were a party to the Constitution.

Under the Constitution, VanEck has all the powers of a natural person, corporation, trustee or Responsible Entity in respect of the operation of the Fund. The Constitution gives VanEck the right to be paid fees and expenses from the Funds and governs matters such as the rights of Unitholders, conducting Unitholder meetings, the creation and redemption of ETF Units and unit pricing, as well as what happens when a Fund is terminated. We will provide potential investors and Unitholders with a paper copy of the Constitution on request.

Some of the more important provisions of the Constitution are outlined below:

### 14.2.1 Beneficial interest

An ETF Unit confers a beneficial interest in the assets of a Fund to the Unitholder but not an entitlement or interest in any particular part of the Fund or any particular asset.

### 14.2.2 Reimbursement of expenses

VanEck is indemnified and entitled to be reimbursed out of, or paid from, the assets of a Fund for all liabilities, losses and expenses incurred in relation to the proper performance of its duties as Responsible Entity of that Fund. VanEck has the power to appoint an agent, or otherwise engage a person, to do anything that it is authorised to do in connection with a Fund. For the purpose of determining whether VanEck has properly performed its duties as Responsible Entity, VanEck is not liable for any loss unless the loss is caused by our fraud, negligence or breach of trust without due care.

### 14.2.3 Retirement of VanEck as Responsible Entity

Generally, VanEck may retire as Responsible Entity of a Fund by calling a meeting of that Fund's Unitholders to enable them to vote on a resolution to choose a company to be the new Responsible Entity. VanEck may be removed from office by an extraordinary resolution (that is 50% of the total interests that can be voted) passed at a meeting of Unitholders, in accordance with the Corporations Act. VanEck may retire or be removed as Responsible Entity in certain other circumstances prescribed under the Corporations Act.

#### 14.2.4 Limitation of liability of Unitholders

The rights and obligations of Unitholders are governed by the Constitution and this PDS, but are also affected by the *Corporations Act*, exemptions and declarations issued by ASIC, and the general law relating to trusts. The Constitution states that Unitholders' liability is limited to the amount subscribed or agreed to be subscribed for ETF Units by the Unitholder. However, the courts are yet to determine the effectiveness of provisions of this kind.

#### 14.2.5 Meeting of Unitholders

VanEck may convene a meeting of Unitholders at any time in accordance with the Constitution and *Corporations Act*. Examples of circumstances where meetings may be called include to approve certain amendments to the Constitution or (if required by law) to wind up a Fund.

Unitholders also have limited rights to call meetings and have the right to vote at any Unitholder meetings in accordance with the Constitution and *Corporations Act*. Except where the Constitution or *Corporations Act* provides otherwise, a resolution of Unitholders must be passed by Unitholders who hold ETF Units exceeding 50% in value of the total value of all ETF Units held by Unitholders who vote on the resolution. A resolution passed at a meeting of Unitholders held in accordance with the Constitution binds all Unitholders.

#### 14.2.6 Limitation of liability and indemnity of VanEck

In general, VanEck may act in good faith on the opinion of, advice of and information obtained from, advisers and experts. VanEck is indemnified out of the assets of a Fund against any expenses, loss, costs, damages and liabilities that may be incurred in properly performing any of its duties or prosecuting or defending any action or suit in connection with a Fund, other than if it arises out of its fraud, breach of trust or negligence.

Subject always to any liability which the *Corporations Act* might impose on VanEck, so long as it acts without fraud, negligence or breach of trust, it is not liable in equity, contract, tort or otherwise to Unitholders for any loss suffered in any way relating to a Fund. VanEck's liability to any person in respect of a Fund is limited to our actual indemnification from the assets of that Fund for that liability.

#### 14.2.7 Borrowings

Under the Constitution, VanEck has the power to enter into borrowing arrangements on behalf of a Fund and grant security over the assets in that Fund in favour of a lender. This may involve delivering some of the securities in the portfolio to the lender as collateral for repayment of the loan in accordance with usual commercial borrowing arrangements. The costs of any borrowing are borne by the Funds. See 10.3.2.

#### 14.2.8 Amendments to the Constitution

VanEck may amend the Constitution from time to time, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the *Corporations Act*. Generally, VanEck can only amend the Constitution where we reasonably consider that the change will not adversely affect the rights of Unitholders. Otherwise the Constitution can only be amended if approved at a meeting of Unitholders by special resolution.

#### 14.2.9 Termination of a Fund

VanEck may wind up a Fund at any time in accordance with its Constitution, the *Corporations Act* and general trust law. Following winding up, the net proceeds will be distributed to Unitholders.

#### 14.2.10 Compulsory redemption of ETF Units

In certain circumstances under the Constitution, VanEck may compulsorily redeem some or all of the ETF Units issued to a Unitholder, including where we believe ETF Units are held in breach of the Constitution or an applicable law or regulation, or the holding will otherwise adversely affect that Fund in any material way. We are required under the Constitution to provide a Unitholder with 60 days' notice of a compulsory redemption of some or all of their Units (except in circumstances where the Unitholder is not entitled to hold Units under an applicable law, in which case we will provide 3 days' notice).

#### 14.2.11 ASX Investor redemptions

ASX Investors will normally sell their ETF Units by trading on ASX and will not have a right to redeem their ETF Units with a Fund directly. However, the Constitution of each Fund provides that if ETF Units are suspended from trading on ASX for more than 5 consecutive ASX Trading Days, ASX Investors will have the right to directly redeem their ETF Units for cash unless:

- o a Fund has been terminated;
- o a Fund is not a liquid scheme; or
- o VanEck has suspended the redemption of ETF Units on the basis of a determination that it is reasonable and in the best interests of Unitholders to do so.

### 14.3 Compliance plan

VanEck has lodged a compliance plan for each of the Funds with ASIC, which set out the key measures that we take to ensure that we comply with the *Corporations Act* and the Constitution of each Fund in relation to the operation of the Funds. Each year VanEck's compliance with the compliance plans is independently audited, as required by the *Corporations Act* and the auditor must not be the auditor of the scheme's financial statements but may be from the same firm. The auditor's report is lodged with ASIC.

### 14.4 Compliance committee

VanEck has a compliance committee which comprises at least three members, of which the majority are external members. The compliance committee monitors VanEck's compliance with each Fund's compliance plan, assess the



adequacy of the compliance plan and report breaches of the Constitution and the *Corporations Act* to the directors of VanEck, and in some circumstances to ASIC.

#### 14.5 Settlement via CHESSE

All transactions by ASX Investors will be settled via CHESSE in accordance with the ASX Rules. Settlement generally occurs on the second ASX Trading Day after the effective trade date (T+2) in line with the relevant ASX Rules.

#### 14.6 Cooling-off

There are no cooling-off rights applicable to the offer in this PDS or to trading of ETF Units on ASX.

#### 14.7 'Liquid' for the purposes of the Corporations Act

The redemption of ETF Units assumes that a Fund remains 'liquid' – meaning that its assets can be readily sold. Under the *Corporations Act*, a Fund is liquid if 80% of the value of its assets comprises liquid assets. If a Fund is 'liquid', the Constitution requires that we must pay redemption proceeds within 21 days of the date of redemption of the relevant ETF Units (or the deemed date of such redemption).

We expect that the Funds will remain liquid. If a Fund is illiquid, a redemption request will be dealt with in accordance with the Constitution and the *Corporations Act*.

#### 14.8 Market Maker

Under the AQUA Rules, VanEck is required to facilitate an orderly and liquid market in the Funds. To do this we may appoint more than one Market Maker to act as a buyer and seller to the secondary market (ASX). A Market Maker may create and redeem ETF Units and may also provide buy and sell prices for ETF Units on ASX, while potentially also hedging their underlying positions.

#### 14.9 Related party contracts

At the date of this PDS VanEck has arrangements in place with VanEck Australia Pty Ltd, a related party from the VanEck group of companies, for business administration, sales and marketing and support services. Where related parties receive a financial benefit, those payments are made out of the management costs and are not an additional cost incurred by Unitholders. Such arrangements are entered into on arms' length commercial terms after considering the requirements of VanEck's conflicts of interest policy.

#### 14.10 Index licenses

VanEck has obtained a license from each Index Provider to use the respective Reference Index. Please refer to section 8 for a full description of each Reference Index and Index Provider. Each Index Provider has given and as at the date of this PDS have not withdrawn their consent to the statements in section 8 of this PDS.

#### 14.11 Custodian and Fund Administrator

VanEck has appointed State Street Australia Limited ('**State Street**') as the Custodian and Fund Administrator of the Funds.

State Street provides custodial services, including the holding of all assets on behalf of the Funds and certain fund administration services, such as fund accounting and unit pricing, for the Funds. State Street has not been involved in any way in the preparation of this PDS and is named only for information purposes.

#### 14.12 Registrar

VanEck has appointed Link Market Services Limited as Registrar to maintain Unitholder records such as quantity of ETF Units held, TFN and details of participation in the DRP. The Registrar can be contacted as follows:

Locked Bag A14  
Sydney South, NSW, 1235  
Telephone: 1300 68 38 37

Link has had no involvement in the preparation of any part of this PDS other than being named as the Registrar for the Funds. Link has not authorised or caused the issue of and expressly disclaims and takes no responsibility for any part of this PDS.

#### 14.13 Annual reports

A copy of the annual financial report, the annual directors' report and the auditor's report on the annual financial report for each Fund will be made available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) as soon as practicable after they are filed with ASIC.

#### 14.14 Interest on cash held in the Funds

In circumstances where a Fund holds cash, any interest earned on those amounts will be retained for the benefit of all Unitholders in that Fund. For example, a Fund may hold cash pending the purchase of securities for a cash-only application or payment of cash-only redemption proceeds.

Cash may also be held by the Registrar on behalf of a Fund immediately pending the payment of a dividend. Any interest earned on such cash will be retained by the Registrar.

#### 14.15 Investor identification and verification

VanEck and the Registrar have investor identification and verification procedures (ID Procedures) in place to manage risks associated with fraud and unauthorised transactions. In addition, under *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing* (AML/CTF) legislation, we are required to establish and enforce appropriate risk control programs with accompanying ID Procedures and transaction monitoring procedures.

Our ID Procedures require Authorised Participants to provide satisfactory proof of identity which must be verified before an application for a creation or redemption of ETF Units can be accepted. The ID Procedures may also require us, from time to time, to verify that information or request additional identification or related information from the

Authorised Participant, before we can process a requested transaction on their behalf.

Failure to provide all the information requested may cause an application to be delayed or rejected. We do not accept any liability for any loss incurred (as a result of a delay in accepting or processing an application or otherwise), arising from undertaking our ID Procedures.

#### 14.16 Complaints

VanEck has arrangements in place for handling complaints. If you have a complaint regarding a Fund or our services, please contact us either by phone or in writing. Our procedures ensure that we deal with complaints as soon as possible. We will acknowledge any complaint made in writing immediately on receipt and provide a written response within 45 days. Complaints should be directed to:

Complaints Officer  
 VanEck Investments Limited  
 Aurora Place, Level 4, Suite 4.03  
 88 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
 Telephone: (02) 8038 3300  
 Email: [complaints@vaneck.com.au](mailto:complaints@vaneck.com.au)

If we are unable to resolve the complaint or you are dissatisfied with the outcome you can contact an independent external dispute resolution service to assist resolve the complaint. The Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) is an independent body approved by ASIC to consider complaints.

In order for a complaint to be considered by AFCA, the claim must not exceed \$1,000,000. The maximum amount per claim that may be awarded by an AFCA Decision Maker for complaints relating to VanEck's funds (not including awards of costs or interest) is \$500,000.

AFCA can be contacted as follows:

Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)  
 Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
 Phone: 1800 931 678 (free call)  
 Mail: GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

#### 14.17 Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice informs Authorised Participants and ASX Investors how your personal information may be collected, stored, used and disclosed if you invest in a Fund.

VanEck and the Registrar may collect, hold and use your personal information in order to process applications, administer your investment, comply with relevant laws and provide you with services related to the investment and with information about other products and services offered by or through VanEck, in accordance with VanEck's Privacy Policy.

If you do not provide the personal information required to open a Broker account and invest, your investment application may not be processed.

For example your information may be used to:

- o ensure compliance with all applicable regulatory or legal requirements. This includes the requirements of ASIC, ATO, AUSTRAC, ASX and other regulatory bodies or relevant exchanges including requirements under the Corporations Act and superannuation law; or
- o ensure compliance with the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act.

VanEck may be required to disclose some or all of your personal information, for certain purposes to: our service providers, related bodies corporate or other third parties for the purpose of account maintenance and administration and the production and mailing of statements, such as share registries, custodians, accountants and auditors of the Funds and certain software providers related to the operational management and settlement of the ETF Units and fraud monitoring.

We may also disclose your personal information to other external service providers (including companies conducting market research) who assist us in:

- o marketing products and services to you; and
- o improving customer service.

This is to keep you informed of VanEck products and services. If you apply for ETF Units, you agree to be contacted for these purposes.

The third parties to whom we may disclose your personal information (listed in the bullet points above) may be located overseas, including in the United States.

If you do not wish to receive marketing communications from us or our associates, including by email, please contact us at [privacy@vaneck.com.au](mailto:privacy@vaneck.com.au).

VanEck's Privacy Policy contains information about how you may complain about a breach of your privacy and how we will deal with such a complaint.

You can obtain a full copy of VanEck's Privacy Policy at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) or we will send you a paper copy free of charge on request.

To access, update or seek correction of your personal information, please speak to your Broker or contact the Registrar directly on 1300 68 38 37 (toll free), or in writing addressed to:

Link Market Services Limited,  
 Locked Bag A14,  
 Sydney South, NSW, 1235

#### 14.18 ASIC Relief

##### 14.18.1 Exemption – Unequal treatment in withdrawal from a Fund

ASIC has granted Class Order relief under section 601QA of the Corporations Act from the equal treatment requirement in section 601FC(1)(d), to the extent necessary to allow the Responsible Entity to not treat Unitholders equally to the extent that it restricts withdrawals from a Fund to Authorised Participants.

For the purposes of this relief, except in exceptional circumstances, only Authorised

Participants may withdraw from a Fund, but other Unitholders may sell their ETF Units on the ASX. However, if ETF Units are suspended from trading on ASX for more than 5 consecutive ASX Trading Days, Unitholders will have a right to withdraw from a Fund and receive payment for their ETF Units in money within a reasonable time of request unless:

- o the Fund is being wound-up;
- o the Fund is not liquid as defined in subsection 601KA(4) of the Corporations Act; or
- o the Responsible Entity has suspended the redemption of ETF Units in accordance with the Constitution.

#### **14.18.2 Declaration – relevant interest in ETF assets**

ASIC has granted Class Order relief under section 655A(1) and section 673(1) of the Corporations Act by modifying section 609 of the Corporations Act to ensure that the ability to lodge a redemption request under the redemption facility offered by an ETF does not by itself give Authorised Participants a relevant interest in the securities held by a Fund for the purposes of Chapter 6 of the Corporations Act. The instrument clarifies that those relevant interests do not need to be taken into account by investors in relation to their obligations under the takeover regime in the Corporations Act. The ASIC relief applies while the ETF Units are able to be traded on ASX. The relief will not apply once the Authorised Participant has made a redemption application in respect of the ETF Units.

This relief will apply to the Funds which, at the date of this PDS, employ investment strategies, the implementation of which would not be likely to lead to the scheme property of the Fund including securities in a class of securities that (a) would represent more than 10% by value of scheme property; and (b) were, or would result in the Responsible Entity having a relevant interest in, securities in a listed company, an unlisted company with more than 50 members, a listed body that is formed or incorporated in Australia or a listed scheme.

For the purposes of this relief, we confirm that the investment strategies for the Funds are to make investments that are expected to result in the value of a ETF Unit changing in proportion to the value of the Reference Index, ignoring the effect of fees and other costs (including taxes) in relation to the Funds.

#### **14.18.3 Declaration – Substantial Interest and Beneficial Tracing**

ASIC has granted Class Order relief under section 673(1) of the Corporations Act by notionally inserting section 671AA and modifying sections 671B and 672B of the Corporations Act in relation to the substantial holding notice regime in the Corporations Act for all AQUA products. Under the relief, an Authorised Participant who holds ETF Units will be taken to have a relevant interest in the underlying securities of a Fund as if the Authorised Participant had made a withdrawal request in relation to all their ETF Units, with the number and

classes of underlying securities transferred to the Authorised Participant being those most recently disclosed by the Responsible Entity to the Authorised Participant in relation to a withdrawal request for an ETF Unit. This relief will not apply to the extent an Authorised Participant actually makes a withdrawal request in respect of ETF Units. The general effect of this relief, provided that certain conditions are met, is that Authorised Participants who hold ETF Units can calculate their relevant interests in the underlying securities of a Fund for the purposes of Chapter 6C of the Corporations Act on the basis of the portfolio of securities relevant to a redemption which is published daily at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au)

Authorised Participants will need to carefully consider their notification and disclosure requirements under the Corporations Act in respect of the Fund pursuant to ASIC's Class Order.

#### **14.18.4 Periodic Statements**

ASIC has granted relief under sections 1020F(1)(a) and 1020F(1)(c) of the Corporations Act so that where the Responsible Entity is not aware of the price at which ETF Units are transferred, periodic statements are not required to disclose amounts paid in relation to a transfer of ETF Units or the return on investment during the reporting period (provided that the return on investment is not able to be calculated by the Responsible Entity and the periodic statement explains why this information is not included and describes how it can be obtained or calculated). The periodic statement will itemise transactions by disclosing the date of transfer and whether the Unitholder acquired or disposed of ETF Units and the number of ETF Units transferred, and will explain why prices of ETF Units for transfers and the total dollar value of transfers have not been included. The periodic statement will also include performance information of a Fund relative to the investment objectives over one and five year periods. The ASIC Class Order relief applies while the relevant ETF Units are able to be traded on ASX.

#### **14.18.5 Ongoing disclosure relief**

ASIC has granted Class Order relief under section 1020F(1) of the Corporations Act from the ongoing disclosure requirements in section 1017B on condition that the Responsible Entity complies with the continuous disclosure requirements in section 675 of the Corporations Act as if each Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity. The Responsible Entity will comply with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act as if each Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity

The following words when used in the PDS have the corresponding meanings set out below:

## 15 Glossary of terms

Term	Meaning
AP Procedures	The procedures for transacting with VanEck in relation to the Funds as agreed in writing with Authorised Participants from time to time.
AQUA Rules	Schedule 10A of the ASX Operating Rules and related rules and procedures, as amended, varied or waived from time to time.
ASIC	The Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ASX	The Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited
ASX Investors	Unitholders who acquire ETF Units on ASX.
ASX Rules	The Operating Rules, Settlement Operating Rules and any other applicable rules and procedures as issued, amended, varied or waived by ASX Limited from time to time.
ASX Trading Day	A day that ASX is open for trading.
ATO	The Australian Taxation Office
AUSTRAC	The Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
Authorised Participant or 'AP'	A person who is a Trading Participant or has engaged a Trading Participant to act on its behalf to acquire and dispose of interests in the Funds; and who has entered into an authorised participant agreement with the Responsible Entity.
Broker	Online broker, stockbroker or financial adviser
Business Day	Means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, bank holiday or public holiday in NSW, Australia, or such other day or days determined by VanEck.
CHESS	The Clearing House Electronic Sub-register System owned and operated by ASX Settlements Pty Limited, a subsidiary of ASX Limited.
Constitution	The trust deed registered with ASIC establishing the managed investment scheme underlying a Fund, as varied or replaced from time to time.
Corporations Act	The <i>Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)</i>
Creation Unit	The minimum number of ETF Units that must be applied for in a Fund by an Authorised Participant in an application for a creation of ETF Units as specified in the table in section 11.4.
Custodian	State Street Australia Limited ABN 21 002 965 200
Dividend Reinvestment Plan or 'DRP'	The plan available to Unitholders to have any dividends by a Fund reinvested in additional ETF Units to be credited to their account, instead of receiving a cash payment to their nominated Australian bank account.
DRP Rules	The rules relating to a Unitholder's participation in the DRP a copy of which are available at <a href="http://www.vaneck.com.au">www.vaneck.com.au</a> .
ESPO	VanEck Vectors Video Gaming and eSports ETF
ETF	Abbreviation for 'Exchange Traded Fund'.
ETF Units	Interests issued by the Responsible Entity in a Fund pursuant to this PDS, the Fund's Constitution and the Corporations Act.
Exchange Traded Fund	An open-ended managed fund, units in which are traded on ASX under the AQUA Rules, which generally tracks the value of an underlying index.
Foreign Investor	A person who is not an Australian resident for income tax purposes.
Fund	Any one of the Funds named on the front cover of this PDS as the context requires.
Fund Administrator	State Street Australia Limited ABN 21 002 965 200
Fund Net Asset Value	The total value of all of the assets of a Fund minus the total value of all of the liabilities and provisions of that Fund.
GOAT	VanEck Vectors Morningstar World ex Australia Wide Moat ETF

Term	Meaning
HLTH	VanEck Vectors Global Healthcare Leaders ETF
Index	The Reference Index related to the relevant Fund as the context requires.
Index Provider	Respectively: MVIS for ESPO, Morningstar for GOAT and MarketGrader for HLTH
Market Capitalisation	The total value of the issued shares of a publicly traded company. It equals the share price times the number of shares on issue.
MarketGrader	MarketGrader.com Corporation, the Index Provider for HLTH.
Market Maker	An institution appointed by VanEck to assist it in maintaining liquidity of trading of the ETF Units on ASX. A Market Maker may also be an Authorised Participant.
Morningstar®	Morningstar Australasia Pty Ltd, the Index Provider for GOAT.
MVIS	MV Index Solutions, the Index Provider for ESPO, and a related party of VanEck
NAV	See Unit Price
Non-Standard Transaction	A creation or redemption other than a Standard Basket Transaction.
PDS	Product disclosure statement.
Redemption Unit	The minimum number of ETF Units that must be redeemed by an Authorised Participant in the event of a redemption.
Reference Index	The underlying index that a Fund aims to track.
Registrar	Link Market Services Limited ABN 54 083 214 537
Responsible Entity	The licensed entity authorised by ASIC to act as the responsible entity of the Funds with responsibility for operating the Funds and the issuer of ETF Units and this PDS. For the life of this PDS this is VanEck.
Standard Basket	The parcel of international equities required for a Standard Basket Transaction comprising underlying securities in the relevant Reference Index and any other securities determined by VanEck as necessary to achieve a Fund's investment objective.
Standard Basket Transaction	A creation/redemption for a whole number multiple of Creation Units/Redemption Units where the consideration is paid by way of <i>in specie</i> transfer of the Standard Basket of securities plus or minus a residual cash amount.
Trading Participant	Has the meaning defined in the ASX Rules.
Unit Price or NAV	The Fund Net Asset Value divided by the number of ETF Units outstanding.
Unitholder	The person named as the holder of ETF Units in a Fund as recorded in the register maintained by the Registrar or as determined under the Corporations Act.
VanEck	VanEck Investments Limited, the Responsible Entity and AQUA product issuer.