

VanEck Merk Gold Trust  
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**Free Writing Prospectus**

**VanEck Merk Gold Trust**

**OUNZ Fees Website Update**

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**Pursuant to 433/164**

**333-180868**

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The Processing Fees for investors to taking delivery of their gold ("Delivery Applicants") are comprised of an Exchange Fee and a Delivery Fee.

### Delivery Fee

No Delivery Fee is charged for the delivery of physical gold to destinations in the lower 48 States.

### Exchange Fee

The Exchange Fee below is effective September 08, 2017 and supersedes any previously published Exchange Fees, including those in the prospectus:

Type of Gold Bar	Exchange Fee		Purity
	Fee per Application	Fee per Ounce	
1oz Australian bars	\$500	\$17.00	99.99%
1oz Australian Kangaroos	\$500	\$27.00	99.99%
1oz Canadian Maples	\$500	\$29.00	99.99%
1oz American Eagles	\$500	\$53.00	91.67%
1oz American Buffalos	\$500	\$53.00	99.99%
10 oz Australian bars	\$500	\$12.00	99.99%
London bars	\$5,000	\$1.00	95.00% - 99.99%

### Sample Exchange Fees

**Type of Gold Bar:**

**Number of Bars:**

**Exchange Fee in USD:**

You may also use our [online calculator](#) to determine the number of ounces your shares correspond to.

The Exchange Fee covers the cost of exchanging OUNZ shares into gold bars in the form of London Bars which the Trust holds in the vault, as well as the cost of converting London Bars into the gold coins or smaller gold bars that investors may prefer for delivery. The Exchange Fee for gold coins and bars, outside of London Bars, reflects the premium such coins and bars are trading at relative to the spot price of gold.

In an effort to keep Exchange Fees predictable, the precious metals dealer will choose coins and bars from inventory regardless of date. Special requests may be accommodated, but are subject to inventory and may be subject to higher fees. We would publish the pricing for special requests on this page, making it available to other investors as well.

London Bars vary in size between 350 and 430 Ounces; the current median bar size held by the Trust is 405 Ounces. As a result, the Exchange Fee for 1 London Bar is set to  $\$1.00 \text{ per Ounce} * 405 \text{ Ounces} + \$5,000 = \$5,405.00$ .

Aside from being able to request delivery of London Bars, investors may request to have their shares exchanged for other gold bars and coins, without numismatic value, having a minimum fineness (or purity) of 995 parts per 1,000 (99.5%) or, for American Gold Eagle gold coins, with a minimum fineness of 91.67%.

All fees are subject to change upon notice and the Sponsor may waive or reduce the Exchange Fees from time to time.

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If you are an investor interested in taking delivery of physical gold in exchange for your OUNZ shares (Delivery Applicants), you must submit a signed Delivery Application to us (the “Sponsor”). A Delivery Application expresses your non-binding intention to exchange shares for physical gold on the Share Submission Day or within the applicable grace period. You must also provide instructions to your broker-dealer to effect the exchange of shares for physical gold. Please see the steps outlined below.

**GOLD DELIVERY: AS EASY AS 1-2-3**

1. Investor files a Delivery Application.
2. Investor instructs their broker to submit their ETF shares to take delivery of their gold.
3. Gold sent to Investor.

1. Investor files a Delivery Application

Please fill-in the Delivery Application using the OUNZ Calculator. The calculator will generate an application based on the number of shares held and gold requested. You may also download the blank forms here:

Delivery Application

The Delivery Application expresses your intention to us to take delivery of physical gold in exchange for OUNZ shares.

Delivery Applicant Share Submission Form

The Delivery Applicant Share Submission Form instructs your broker to submit OUNZ shares to the Trustee in exchange for physical gold.

A completed and signed Delivery Application must be submitted to us by upload at [www.merkgold.com/delivery](http://www.merkgold.com/delivery); by fax to 650-745-7045; or by mail to Merk Investments LLC; Attn: VanEck Merk Gold Trust; 44 Montgomery St #3730; San Francisco, CA, 94104.

We will only process a Delivery Application once the Processing Fees have been paid. The Processing Fee is due at the time the Delivery Application is submitted to us and is fully refundable until you irrevocably submit your shares to the Trustee. [Click here](#) for details on fees.



**Type of Gold Bar:**  
**Number of Bars:**  
**Exchange Fee in USD:**

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Once we pre-approve a Delivery Application, we will provide to you (typically by email) a Delivery Applicant Share Submission Form along with the pre-approved Delivery Application. You must submit a completed and signed Delivery Applicant Share Submission Form to your broker (typically done via fax), with the pre-approved Delivery Application attached.

2. Investor instructs their broker to submit their ETF shares to take delivery of their gold

On the Share Submission Day (or within the applicable grace period), your broker shall, in accordance with the instructions in the Delivery Application:

Complete and sign the second page of the Delivery Applicant Share Submission Form;  
Fax to the Trustee the completed and signed Delivery Applicant Share Submission Form, with the pre-approved Delivery Application attached; and  
Submit OUNZ shares to the Trustee.

The Delivery Application is not binding until shares are delivered to the Trust.

Ready to take delivery? To find out how much gold your shares correspond to and to generate a non-binding Delivery Application, use the [OUNZ calculator](#).

### **3. Gold sent to Investor**

Physical gold will be delivered to a Delivery Applicant based on instructions in the Delivery Application. Once physical gold has been tendered to the courier identified in the Delivery Application, the physical gold cannot be returned and is no longer the responsibility of the Trust, the Trustee, the Custodian, the precious metals dealer or us.

The Trust will ship physical gold to a Delivery Applicant fully insured using accepted business practices for precious metals delivery that may include, amongst others, use of a conventional shipping carrier (e.g., U.S. Postal Service, Federal Express, United Parcel Service); or an armored transportation service.

For additional information, please read the [prospectus](#), as well as the OUNZ FAQ section [“When will I receive my gold?”](#)

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