

Van Eck Merk Gold Trust
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Free Writing Prospectus

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Market Vectors ETFs Fees

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Market Vectors Exchange-Traded Funds

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Income ETFs

Ticker

Expense Ratio Gross*

Expense Ratio Net*

Income

BDC Income

BIZD

9.62%

9.45%3

ChinaAMC China Bond

CBON

0.87%

0.50%3

Emerging Markets Aggregate Bond

EMAG

1.01%

0.49%3

Emerging Markets High Yield Bond

HYEM

0.47%

0.40%3

J.P. Morgan EM Local Currency Bond

EMLC

0.49%

0.47%3

Fallen Angel High Yield Bond

ANGL

0.90%

0.40%3

International High Yield Bond

IHY

0.54%

0.40%³

Investment Grade Floating Rate

FLTR

0.48%

0.14%³

Mortgage REIT Income

MORT

0.51%

0.41%³

Preferred Securities ex Financials

PFXF

0.47%

0.40%³

Treasury-Hedged High Yield Bond

THHY

1.44%

0.50%³

CEF Municipal Income

XMPT

1.60%

1.43%3

High-Yield Municipal Index

HYD

0.35%

0.35%

Intermediate Municipal Index

ITM

0.24%

0.24%

Long Municipal Index

MLN

0.24%

0.24%

Pre-Refunded Municipal Index

PRB

0.24%

0.24%

Short High-Yield Municipal Index

SHYD

0.35%

0.35%

Short Municipal Index

SMB

0.20%

0.20%

Equity ETFs

Ticker

Expense

Ratio Gross*

Expense

Ratio Net*

Industry

Biotech

BBH

0.41%

0.35%1

Environmental Services

EVX

0.92%

0.55%1

Gaming

BJK

0.73%

0.65%1

Pharmaceutical

PPH

0.42%

0.35%1

Retail

RTH

0.63%

0.35%1

Semiconductor

SMH

0.41%

0.35%1

Strategic Equity

Global Spin-Off

SPUN

0.62%

0.55%4

Morningstar International Moat

MOTI

0.64%

0.56%4

Morningstar Wide Moat

MOAT

0.50%

0.49%1

Hard Assets

Agribusiness

MOO

0.57%

0.57%2

Coal

KOL

0.63%

0.59%2

Global Alternative Energy

GEX

0.64%

0.62%2

Gold Miners

GDX

0.53%

0.53%2

Junior Gold Miners

GDXJ

0.55%

0.55%2

Natural Resources

HAP

0.73%

0.50%2

Oil Refiners

CRAK

0.64%

0.59%5

Oil Services

OIH

0.39%

0.35%2

Rare Earth/Strategic Metals

REMX

0.72%

0.58%2

Solar Energy

KWT

1.08%

0.65%2

Steel

SLX

0.63%

0.55%2

Unconventional Oil & Gas

FRAK

0.67%

0.54%2

Uranium+Nuclear Energy

NLR

0.76%

0.60%2

Country/Regional

Africa Index

AFK

0.80%

0.80%²

Brazil Small-Cap

BRF

0.66%

0.60%²

ChinaAMC A-Share

PEK

1.69%

0.72%²

ChinaAMC SME-ChiNext

CNXT

0.66%

0.66%²

Egypt Index

EGPT

0.97%

0.97%²

Gulf States Index

MES

2.07%

0.99%²

India Small-Cap Index

SCIF

0.92%

0.89%²

Indonesia Index

IDX

0.66%

0.58%²

Indonesia Small-Cap

IDXJ

2.30%

0.61%²

Israel

ISRA

0.76%

0.60%²

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Poland

PLND

0.99%

0.60%²

Russia

RSX

0.61%

0.61%²

Russia Small-Cap

RSXJ

0.95%

0.68%²

Vietnam

VNM

0.70%

0.70%²

Commodity ETF

Ticker

Expense

Ratio Gross*

Expense Ratio Net*

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OUNZ

0.40%

0.40%

Fund shares are not individually redeemable and will be issued and redeemed at their NAV only through certain authorized broker-dealers in large, specified blocks of shares called creation units and otherwise can be bought and sold only through exchange trading.

Creation units are issued and redeemed principally in kind or in cash. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market. You will incur brokerage expenses when trading Fund shares in the secondary market.

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Expenses are capped contractually until at least 02/01/16.

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Expenses are capped contractually until at least 05/01/16.

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Expenses are capped contractually until at least 09/01/16.

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Expenses are capped contractually until at least 02/01/17.

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