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Dear Fellow Shareholders:

Back in July 2022, I said that Market Volatility Has One Final Act.<sup>1</sup> I think we're still going through that final phase of U.S. Federal Reserve ("Fed") tightening, and we don't yet know the full impact on corporate profits or the real economy. But, unlike when this cycle started, long-term investors shouldn't be hiding in cash. Instead, adjust your bond-stock mix. But bond prices have dropped significantly, and so, as you will see at the end of the letter, we are bullish bonds.

### Discussion

To recap this cycle: stocks and bonds historically do not perform well when the Fed tightens monetary conditions, and that's just what the Fed announced it would be doing at the end of 2021. This would include raising rates and changing its balance sheet actions, which doesn't create a great environment for financial assets. If we're in the last, third act of the play, the third act may last a very long time.

There are three things investors are facing, none of which is particularly positive for financial assets.

1. Monetary Policy: Tightening

Money supply exploded during the COVID–19 pandemic, but declined dramatically in 2022, to low levels. This withdrawal of money supply is bad for stock and bond returns.

A second, modern component to monetary policy is the Fed balance sheet. After buying bonds during the pandemic, the Fed has now started shrinking the balance sheet—one estimate indicates \$330B net out by the end of last November. The Fed has only shrunk its balance sheet once before, so we are facing an unknown.

Commodity prices and the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") receive much focus, but I think what the Fed is really fighting is wage inflation. That is the kind of inflation that is endemic and hard to manage once it takes hold, not least because it creates a spiraling effect. I think the Fed knows it can't control oil prices or supply chain directly, but it wants to manage this wage inflation psychology.

Services typically don't reflect the price of commodities and, in 2022, we saw services inflation increase significantly. That's not slowing down, and this is a battle the Fed is fighting that I think will last for an extended period of time.

### 2. Fiscal Tightening

A second bearish factor is that government spending is unlikely to increase this year. The Republicans, who won control of the House of Representatives, are looking to slow government spending. And even Democrats like Larry Summers believe that stimulus spending during the pandemic led to inflation, so we're unlikely to see another big stimulus spending bill regardless of who controls government.

### 3. Global Growth is at Low Levels

Both Chinese and European growth, for different reasons, were slow in 2022. Over the last 20 years, U.S. and China have been the two main pillars of global growth. While China has loosened its Draconian domestic COVID-19 restrictions, and I think there will be a growth surge, the growth may be more domestic and consumer-led, which may not stimulate global growth as much as it has in recent decades. The range in China growth estimates is from low (1% to 3%) to "high" (4% to 5%). In coming years, we will likely have to look to India, Indonesia and Africa to take up the baton as pillars of higher percentage global growth.

I don't believe that we will escape these three dampeners on stock and bond returns in 2023—higher interest rates, no government spending growth and tepid global growth. We will need upside corporate profitability surprises or high Chinese growth to substantially boost markets this year, in our view.

However, after the 2022 losses, bond investments are now offering attractive yields, so this is currently our favorite asset class to buy. (See What to Buy? Bonds. When? Now.)<sup>2</sup> Because of higher interest rates, bonds can offer adequate returns, as they did in the 1970s even though that decade was the worst for interest rates in the last 100 years.

# VANECK ETFs

PRESIDENT'S LETTER (unaudited) (continued)

We thank you for investing in VanEck's investment strategies. On the following pages, you will find a performance discussion and financial statements for each of the funds for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2022. As always, we value your continued confidence in us and look forward to helping you meet your investment goals in the future.



Jan F. van Eck CEO and President VanEck ETF Trust

January 19, 2023

PS The investing outlook can change suddenly. To get our quarterly investment outlooks, please subscribe to "VanEck News & Insights". Should you have any questions regarding fund performance, please contact us at 800.826.2333 or visit our website.

<sup>1</sup> Market Volatility Has One Final Act, https://www.vaneck.com/us/en/blogs/investment-outlook/jan-van-eck-market-volatility-has-one-final-act/.

<sup>2</sup> What to Buy? Bonds. When? Now, https://www.vaneck.com/us/en/blogs/investment-outlook/jan-van-eck-what-to-buy-bonds-when-now/.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION December 31, 2022 (unaudited)

### **Performance Overview**

The VanEck Russia ETF (RSX) and the VanEck Russia Small-Cap ETF (RSXJ) (together, the "Funds") returned -98.62% and -98.66%, respectively, for the 12 month period ending December 31, 2022.

### **Market and Fund Review**

The large-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia on February 24, 2022 resulted in a significant decline in the value of Russian securities and its currency. The effect of geopolitical affairs and sanctions imposed by the United States and other countries on transactions in Russian equities, and on related clearance and payment systems, have rendered a substantial number of the Funds' positions illiquid, including many depositary receipts. The Funds' inability to buy, sell, and take or make delivery of Russian securities has made it impossible to manage the Funds consistent with their investment objectives.

Effective March 2, 2022, RSXJ suspended the creation of new shares until further notice. RSX did the same effective March 3, 2022. CBOE BZX Exchange, Inc. halted trading for the Funds on March 4, 2022. On September 29, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Trust approved a Plan of Liquidation and Termination of the Funds, contingent on obtaining regulatory relief which was received on December 28, 2022. On January 12, 2023, the Funds made an initial liquidating distribution to shareholders of a portion of their liquid assets, with the balance held in reserve to meet transaction costs for an extended period. Please see the Notes to the Financial Statements for more information on the plan of liquidation.

### PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

December 31, 2022 (unaudited)

This chart shows the value of a hypothetical

\$10,000 investment in

the Fund at NAV over

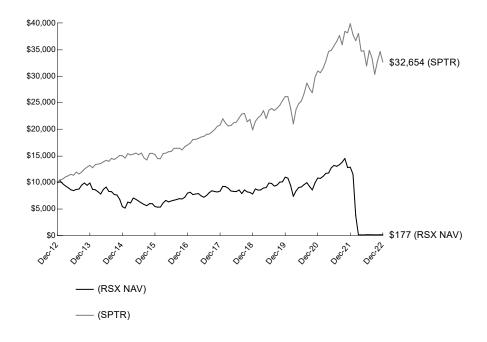
the past 10 years. The result is compared with

a broad-based index.

Aver	age Annual Tota	al Return
	NAV	SPTR <sup>1</sup>
One Year	(98.62)%	(18.11)%
Five Year	(53.76)%	9.42%
Ten Year	(33.19)%	12.56%

Ten Year (33.19)% 12.56%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The S&P 500 Index (SPTR) is a market-value weighted index consisting of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation, with each stock's weight in the index proportionate to its market value.



### Hypothetical Growth of \$10,000

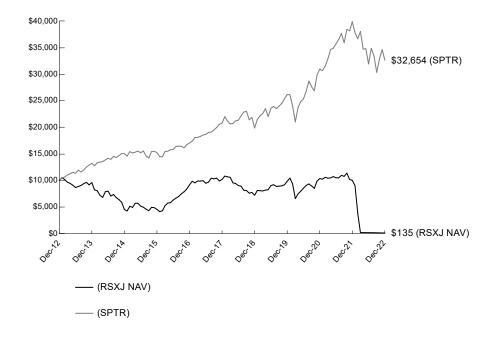
Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance results do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption or sale of fund shares.

See "About Fund Performance" on page 6 for more information.

#### PERFORMANCE COMPARISON December 31, 2022 (unaudited)

Aver	age Annual Tota	al Return
	NAV	SPTR <sup>1</sup>
One Year	(98.66)%	(18.11)%
Five Year	(57.94)%	9.42%
Ten Year	(35.01)%	12.56%

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### Hypothetical Growth of \$10,000

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## ABOUT FUND PERFORMANCE

(unaudited)

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

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

Index returns assume the reinvestment of all income and do not reflect any management fees or brokerage expenses associated with Fund returns. Certain indices may take into account withholding taxes. Investors cannot invest directly in the Index. Returns for actual Fund investors may differ from what is shown because of differences in timing, the amount invested and fees and expenses. The Funds are in the process of liquidating their assets and winding up their business pursuant to a plan of liquidation (see Note 2).

### EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES (unaudited)

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

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

The disclosure is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period, July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

### **Actual Expenses**

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

### Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

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

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

	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2022	Ending Account Value December 31, 2022	Annualized Expense Ratio During Period(a)	Expenses Paid During the Period July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022(b)
Russia ETF				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$911.30	0.41%	\$1.98
Hypothetical (c)	\$1,000.00	\$1,023.14	0.41%	\$2.09
Russia Small-Cap ETF				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$690.30	66.24%	\$282.21
Hypothetical (c)	\$1,000.00	\$691.28	66.24%	\$282.38

<sup>(a)</sup> During the period the Funds incurred significant expenses outside of their expense limitations. Effective March 11, 2022, the Adviser implemented a voluntary waiver of its management fee for the Funds. (See Note 4).

(b) Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio (for the six months ended December 31, 2022), multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year divided by the number of the days in the fiscal year (to reflect the one-half year period).

<sup>(c)</sup> Assumes annual return of 5% before expenses

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2022

	Number of Shares	Value		Number of Shares		Value
COMMON STOCKS: 10.2%	UI Shares	Value	Media & Entertainment (contin			value
Banks: 0.0%			Yandex NV *∞	1,754,686	\$	0
Sberbank of Russia PJSC *∞	46,050,016	\$ 0		1,754,000	Ψ	0
TCS Group Holding Plc	40,000,010	¥ 0	Retailing: 0.0%			0
(GDR) *∞	1,390,470	0	Ozon Holdings Plc (ADR) * †∞	1,881,257		0
VTB Bank PJSC *∞	66,877,350,000	0				0
	00,077,000,000	0	Telecommunication Services: 10			
Diversified Financials: 0.0%			Mobile TeleSystems PJSC ∞	14,853,038		0
Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS			Rostelecom PJSC ∞	13,944,591		0
PISC *∞	17,946,312	0	VEON Ltd. (ADR) *	7,364,667		3,608,687
2	17,510,512					3,608,687
Energy: 0.0%	15 770 100		Utilities: 0.0%			
Gazprom PJSC ∞	45,772,138	0	Inter RAO UES PJSC ∞	482,502,010		0
LUKOIL PJSC ∞	2,063,982	0	Irkutsk Electronetwork Co.			
Novatek PJSC ∞	7,452,940	0	JSC *∞	7,410,870		0
Rosneft Oil Co. PJSC ∞	16,922,345	0				0
Surgutneftegas PJSC ∞	125,211,510	0	Total Common Stocks			
Surgutneftegas PJSC (ADR) *∞	1,364,815	0	(Cost: \$1,834,371,125)			3,608,687
Tatneft PJSC (ADR) ∞	3,393,156	0				
		0	PREFERRED SECURITIES: 0.0%			<u> </u>
Food & Staples Retailing: 0.0%			(Cost: \$46,034,628)			
Magnit PJSC *∞	1,226,365	0	Energy: 0.0%			
X5 Retail Group NV (GDR) *∞	1,970,269	0		20,972		0
		0	Transneft PJSC ∞	20,972		0
Materials: 0.0%			Total Investments Before Collat	teral for		
Alrosa PJSC *∞	33,188,190	0	Securities Loaned: 10.2%			
Evraz Plc *∞	266,000	0	(Cost: \$1,880,405,753)			3,608,687
MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC ∞	529,178	0	(			5,000,000
MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC						
(ADR) ∞	4	0	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT HELD	) AS		
Novolipetsk Steel PJSC *∞	22,272,460	0	COLLATERAL FOR SECURITIES O			
PhosAgro PJSC ∞	705,974	0	Money Market Fund: 6.0%			
PhosAgro PJSC (GDR) ∞	13,644	0	(Cost: \$2,120,680)			
Polyus PJSC (GDR) *∞	1,155,875	0	State Street Navigator			
Raspadskaya OJSC ∞	730,890	0	Securities Lending			
Severstal PAO (GDR) *∞	3,405,164	0	Government Money Market			
		0	Portfolio	2,120,680		2,120,680
Media & Entertainment: 0.0%	1		Total Investments: 16.2%			
VK Co. Ltd. (GDR) *∞	2,338,938	0	(Cost: \$1,882,526,433)			5,729,367
			Other assets less liabilities: 83.8	3%		29,644,126
			NET ASSETS: 100.0%			35,373,493
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### **Definitions:**

ADR American Depositary Receipt

GDR Global Depositary Receipt

#### Footnotes:

 Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs that factor in discount for lack of marketability and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

\* Non-income producing

t Security fully or partially on loan. Total market value of securities on loan is \$0.

Summary of Investments by Sector Excluding Collateral for Securities Loaned	% of Investments	 Value
Communication Services	100.0%	\$ 3,608,687
Consumer Staples	0.0	0
Energy	0.0	0
Financials	0.0	0
Materials	0.0	0
Utilities	0.0	0
Consumer Discretionary	0.0	 0
	100.0%	\$ 3,608,687

The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Sig Ob:	evel 2 nificant servable nputs	Sign Unobs	vel 3 ificant servable puts	Value
Common Stocks						
Banks	\$ _	\$	_	\$	0	\$ 0
Diversified Financials	—		—		0	0
Energy	—		—		0	0
Food & Staples Retailing	_		_		0	0
Materials	_		_		0	0
Media & Entertainment	_		_		0	0
Retailing	_		_		0	0
Telecommunication Services	3,608,687		_		0	3,608,687
Utilities	_		_		0	0
Preferred Securities *	_		_		0	0
Money Market Fund	2,120,680		_		_	2,120,680
Total Investments	\$ 5,729,367	\$	_	\$	0	\$ 5,729,367

\* See Schedule of Investments for industry sector breakouts.

The Adviser has elected to apply a 100% discount for lack of marketability to all Level 3 investments due to the political conditions surrounding Russia. The following tables reconcile the valuation of the Fund's Level 3 investment securities and related transactions during the year ended December 31, 2022. Transfers in/out of levels are assessed at the beginning of the year (See Note 2):

	Common Stock
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$7
Realized gain (loss)	(21,145,145)
Net change in unrealized	
appreciation (depreciation)	(1,836,577,767)
Purchases	722,916,033
Sales	(141,692,268)
Transfers in/out of level 3	1,276,499,140
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$0
	Preferred Securities
Balance as of December 31, 2021	Preferred Securities \$-
Balance as of December 31, 2021 Realized gain (loss)	
Realized gain (loss)	\$-
	\$-
Realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized	\$- 180,310
Realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$- 180,310 (41,702,109)
Realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Purchases	\$- 180,310 (41,702,109) 13,652,856

See Notes to Financial Statements

# VANECK RUSSIA SMALL-CAP ETF

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2022

	Number of Shares	Value		Number of Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS: 0.0%			Retailing (continued)		
Banks: 0.0%			M.Video PJSC *∞	110,194	\$ 0
Credit Bank of Moscow PJSC *∞	21,005,200	\$ 0			0
Commercial & Professional Serv	vices: 0.0%		Telecommunication Services	: 0.0%	
HeadHunter Group Plc (ADR) ∞	31,919	0	Sistema PJSFC *∞	6,612,640	 0
	0.15.5		Transportation: 0.0%		
Diversified Financials: 0.0%	2.602	0	Aeroflot PISC *∞	1,885,382	0
SFI PJSC *∞	2,663	0	Globaltrans Investment Plc		
Energy: 0.0%			(GDR) *∞	182,773	0
Sovcomflot PJSC *∞	989,960	0	Novorossiysk Commercial Sea		
Food & Staples Retailing: 0.0%			Port PJSC ∞	8,972,400	 0
Lenta International Co. PJSC					 0
(GDR) *∞	263,199	0	Utilities: 0.0%	10,100,000	
Food, Beverage & Tobacco: 0.0%	<b>.</b>		Mosenergo PJSC ∞	19,492,800	0
Beluga Group PISC ∞	, 11,235	0	OGK-2 PJSC ∞	51,450,600	0
Ros Agro Plc (GDR) ∞	77,690	0	TGC-1 PJSC *∞	1,701,100,000	0
		0	Unipro PJSC *∞	24,734,000	 0
Materials: 0.0%			Total Common Stocks		 0
Mechel PJSC *∞	438,883	0	(Cost: \$24,435,670)		0
Raspadskaya OJSC ∞	703,205	0	(2031: \$24,433,070)		 0
Segezha Group PJSC 144A ∞	8,945,900	0			 
		0	PREFERRED SECURITIES: 0.0%		
Real Estate: 0.0%			(Cost: \$341,612)		
Etalon Group Plc (GDR) *∞	394,873	0	Utilities: 0.0%		
LSR Group PJSC *∞	103,574	0	Rosseti Lenenergo PJSC ∞	171,506	 0
Samolet Group ∞	16,988	0	Total Investments: 0.0%		
		0	(Cost: \$24,777,282)		0
Retailing: 0.0%		•	Other assets less liabilities: 1	00.0%	391,824
Detsky Mir PJSC 144A *∞	1,155,798	0	NET ASSETS: 100.0%	00.070	\$ 391,824
					 551,024

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- 144A Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or otherwise restricted. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, unless otherwise noted, and the value amounted \$0, or 0% of net assets.

Summary of Investments by Sector	% of Investments	V.	alue
Summary of Investments by Sector		V c	alue
Communication Services	0.0%	\$	0
Consumer Discretionary	0.0		0
Consumer Staples	0.0		0
Energy	0.0		0
Financials	0.0		0
Industrials	0.0		0
Materials	0.0		0
Real Estate	0.0		0
Utilities	0.0		0
	0.0%	\$	0

The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Qu	vel 1 oted ices	Leve Signif Obser Inp	icant vable	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	,	Value
Common Stocks *	\$	_	\$	—	0	\$	0
Preferred Securities *		_		_	0		0
Total Investments	\$		\$		\$ 0	\$	0

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	Common Stock
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$
Realized gain (loss)	(752,023)
Net change in unrealized	
appreciation (depreciation)	(24,975,164)
Purchases	6,983,310
Sales	(2,814,077)
Transfers in/out of level 3	21,557,954
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 0
	Preferred Securities
Balance as of December 31, 2021	Preferred Securities
Balance as of December 31, 2021 Realized gain (loss)	
Realized gain (loss)	\$ —
	\$ —
Realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized	\$ <u> </u>
Realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$
Realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Purchases	\$
Realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Purchases Sales	\$

# VANECK ETF TRUST

# STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES December 31, 2022

A	Russia ETF	Russia Small-Cap ETF
Assets:		
Investments, at value (1)	¢ 2 600 607	<i>¢</i>
Unaffiliated issuers (2)		\$ —
Short-term investments held as collateral for securities loaned (3)	2,120,680	
Cash	29,630,080	476,636
Cash denominated in foreign currency, at value (4)	17,163	563
Receivables:	2 420 222	
Investment securities sold	2,428,323	—
Dividends and interest	2,298	
Prepaid expenses		1,001
Total assets	37,811,741	478,200
Liabilities:		
Payables:		
Collateral for securities loaned	2,120,680	—
Due to Adviser	_	1,158
Deferred Trustee fees	175,696	3,275
Accrued expenses	141,872	81,943
Total liabilities	2,438,248	86,376
NET ASSETS	\$ 35,373,493	\$ 391,824
Shares outstanding	95,900,000	883,318
Net asset value, redemption and offering price per share	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.44
Net Assets consist of:		
Aggregate paid in capital	\$ 3,613,069,711	\$ 43,562,652
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(3,577,696,218)	
NET ASSETS		\$ 391,824
NET ASSETS	\$ 55,575,495	\$ 391,824
(1) Value of securities on loan		<u>\$</u>
(2) Cost of investments - Unaffiliated issuers		<u>\$ 24,777,282</u>
(3) Cost of short-term investments held as collateral for securities loaned		\$
(4) Cost of cash denominated in foreign currency	\$ 17,081	<u>\$ 613</u>

# STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Russia ETF	Russia Small-Cap ETF
Income:		
Dividends	\$ 6,029,128	\$ 124,416
Interest	427,362	9,322
Securities lending income	32,552	4,137
Foreign taxes withheld	(931,036)	(18,453)
Total income	5,558,006	119,422
Expenses:		
Management fees	1,089,445	20,102
Professional fees	189,037	187,384
Custody and accounting fees	57,751	16,325
Reports to shareholders	62,583	4,881
Trustees' fees and expenses	33,885	369
Registration fees	2,027	2,487
Insurance	17,130	1,564
Interest and taxes	8,611	440
Other	5,387	690
Total expenses	1,465,856	234,242
Waiver of management fees	_	(20,102)
Expenses assumed by the Adviser		(16,937)
Net expenses	1,465,856	197,203
Net investment income (loss)	4,092,150	(77,781)
Nat realized gain (less) and		
Net realized gain (loss) on: Investments	(138,419,523)	(2,282,770)
In-kind redemptions	22,896,653	(2,282,770)
Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities		4,421
	(115,514,580)	(2,278,349)
Net realized loss	(115,514,580)	(2,278,349)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:		
Investments	(1,868,385,142)	(25,642,092)
Foreign currency translations and foreign denominated assets and liabilities	535	2,550
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1,868,384,607)	(25,639,542)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	<u>\$ (1,979,807,037</u> )	<u>\$ (27,995,672</u> )

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Russi	a ETF	Russia Sm	all-Cap ETF
	Year Ended December 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Operations:				
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 4,092,150 (115,514,580)	\$ 84,131,813 203,235,534	\$ (77,781) (2,278,349)	\$
(depreciation)	(1,868,384,607)	678,586	(25,639,542)	(1,125,055)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(1,979,807,037)	288,045,933	(27,995,672)	(687,245)
Distributions to shareholders from:				
Distributable earnings	—	(80,501,120)	—	(1,464,299)
Return of capital				(60,709)
Total distributions		(80,501,120)		(1,525,008)
Share transactions*:				
Proceeds from sale of shares	761,823,584	378,385,798	4,207,920	_
Cost of shares redeemed	(122,926,443)	(830,831,688)		(5,605,927)
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting				
from share transactions	638,897,141	(452,445,890)	4,207,920	(5,605,927)
Total decrease in net assets	(1,340,909,896)	(244,901,077)	(23,787,752)	(7,818,180)
Net Assets, beginning of year	1,376,283,389	1,621,184,466	24,179,576	31,997,756
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$ 35,373,493</u>	<u>\$ 1,376,283,389</u>	<u>\$ 391,824</u>	<u>\$ 24,179,576</u>
*Shares of Common Stock Issued (no par value)				
Shares sold	49,250,000	12,900,000	150,000	—
Shares redeemed	(4,800,000)	(29,500,000)		(150,000)
Net increase (decrease)	44,450,000	(16,600,000)	150,000	(150,000)

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Russia ETF		Russia Small-cap ETF
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (1,979,807	7,037) \$	(27,995,672)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting			
from operations to net cash used in operating activities:			
Investment securities purchased	(17,782	2,236) (1)	(3,243,978) (2
Investment securities sold	22,940	),896 (3)	3,747,112
Decrease in dividends and interest receivable	12,123	3,732	68,930
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	2	2,425	(300)
(Increase) decrease in investment securities sold	(2,428	3,323)	24,138
Decrease in investment securities purchased	(516	5,151)	_
Decrease in due to Adviser	(615	5,768)	(26,099)
Decrease in accrued expenses	(738	3,425)	(142,297)
Decrease in deferred trustee fees	(28	3,051)	(537)
Net change in unrealized depreciation from investments	1,868,385	5,142	25,642,092
Net realized loss on investments in securities	138,436	5,326	2,282,770
Net realized gain on in-kind redemptions	(22,896	5,653)	—
Net cash used in operating activities	17,075	5,877	356,159
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Decrease in line of credit borrowing	(6,501	,506)	_
Proceeds from shares sold	19,179	9,903 (1)	596 (2
Cost of shares redeemed	(108	3,456) (3)	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	12,569	9,941	596
Net change in cash	29,645	5,818	356,755
Cash at beginning of year (including foreign currency)	1	,425	120,444
Cash at end of year (including foreign currency)	\$ 29,647	7,243 \$	477,199
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information			
Interest expense paid during the period	\$ 8	3 <u>,553</u> \$	382

(1) Amount shown excludes in-kind subscriptions of \$742,643,681.
 (2) Amount shown excludes in-kind subscriptions of \$4,207,324
 (3) Amount shown excludes in-kind redemptions of \$122,817,987

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each year:

	Russia ETF					
		Year	Ended Decembe	er 31,		
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$26.75	\$23.82	\$24.96	\$18.79	\$21.14	
Net investment income (a) Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on	0.05	1.39	0.97	1.20	0.88	
investments	(26.43)	3.06	(1.31)	6.39	(2.26)	
Total from investment operations	(26.38)	4.45	(0.34)	7.59	(1.38)	
Distributions from:						
Net investment income	—	(1.52)	(0.79)	(1.42)	(0.97)	
Return of capital	_	_	(0.01)	_	_	
Total distributions	_	(1.52)	(0.80)	(1.42)	(0.97)	
Net asset value, end of year	\$0.37	\$26.75	\$23.82	\$24.96	\$18.79	
Total return (b)	(98.62)%	18.74%	(1.38)%	40.40%	(6.47)%	
Ratios to average net assets						
Expenses Expenses excluding interest, a portion of depositary	0.60%(c)	0.56%	0.61%	0.67%	0.65%	
receipt fees and taxes (d)	0.59%(c)	0.56%	0.60%	0.65%	0.64%	
Net investment income	1.67%	4.99%	4.45%	5.40%	4.09%	
Supplemental data						
Net assets, end of year (in millions)	\$35	\$1,376	\$1,621	\$1,282	\$1,326	
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	4%	20%	25%	15%	20%	

(a) Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

(b) Returns include adjustments in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Net asset values and returns for

financial reporting purposes may differ from those for shareholder transactions. During the period the fund incurred significant expenses outside of its expense limitation. Effective March 11, 2022, the Adviser implemented a voluntary waiver of its management fee for the Fund (See Note 4). (C)

(d) Ratio excludes depositary receipt fees in excess of 0.10% of average daily net assets (See Note 4).

(e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes in-kind transactions.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each year:

	Russia Small-Cap ETF				
		Year	Ended Decembe	r 31,	
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$32.97	\$36.22	\$35.94	\$27.61	\$40.68
Net investment income (loss) (a) Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on	(0.09)	1.12	1.12	1.53	1.17
investments	(32.44)	(2.29)	0.74	8.45	(13.02)
Total from investment operations	(32.53)	(1.17)	1.86	9.98	(11.85)
Net investment income	_	(2.00)	(1.58)	(1.65)	(1.22)
Return of capital	_	(0.08)			
Total distributions		(2.08)	(1.58)	(1.65)	(1.22)
Net asset value, end of year	\$0.44	\$32.97	\$36.22	\$35.94	\$27.61
Total return (b)	(98.66)%	(3.29)%	5.23%	36.17%	(29.09)%
Ratios to average net assets					
Gross expenses	5.34%(c)	1.08%	1.31%	1.20%	0.94%
Net expenses Net expenses excluding interest, a portion of	4.50%(c)	0.75%	0.75%	0.77%	0.76%
depositary receipt fees and taxes (d)	4.49%(c)	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
Net investment income (loss)	(1.77)%	3.01%	3.45%	4.67%	3.22%
Net assets, end of year (in millions)	\$—(e)	\$24	\$32	\$35	\$33
Portfolio turnover rate (f)	68%	47%	47%	30%	49%

(a) Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

(b) Returns include adjustments in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Net asset values and returns for financial reporting purposes may differ from those for shareholder transactions.

(c) During the period the fund incurred significant expenses outside of its expense limitation. Effective March 11, 2022, the Adviser implemented a voluntary waiver of its management fee for the Fund (See Note 4).

(d) Ratio excludes depositary receipt fees in excess of 0.08% of average daily net assets (See Note 4).

(e) Amount is less than \$500,000.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes in-kind transactions.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2022

**Note 1—Fund Organization—**VanEck ETF Trust (the "Trust") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company. The Trust was incorporated in Delaware as a statutory trust on March 15, 2001. The Trust operates as a series fund, and offers multiple investment portfolios, each of which represents a separate series of the Trust. These financial statements relate only to the investment portfolios listed in the diversification table below (each a "Fund" and, collectively, the "Funds").

Fund	<b>Diversification Classification</b>
Russia ETF	Non-Diversified
Russia Small-Cap ETF	Non-Diversified

Each Fund's stated investment objective is to seek to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of its index which are listed in the table below. However, due to the suspension of the rebalancing of the Russia Index and the ongoing restrictions relating to Russian securities, the Fund will be unable to meet its investment objective. The Fund is in the process of liquidating its assets and winding up its business pursuant to a plan of liquidation.

Fund	Index

Russia ETF Russia Small-Cap ETF MVIS Russia Index MVIS Russia Small-Cap Index

**Note 2—Plan of Liquidation**— Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine and the geo-political events that followed have significantly adversely impacted the Funds' operations during the year ended December 31, 2022. The governments of the United States and many other countries have imposed economic sanctions on certain Russian individuals and Russian governmental, corporate and banking entities. A number of jurisdictions have also instituted broad sanctions on Russia, including banning Russia from global payments systems that facilitate cross-border payments. In response, the government of Russia has imposed capital controls to restrict movements of capital entering and exiting the country. As a result, the value and liquidity of Russian securities and its currency have experienced significant declines and increased volatility. The Russian securities markets were closed for a period of time and were reopened on March 24, 2022, but significant trading limitations have remained. There is no assurance that these disruptions will not continue.

As a result, the fair value of Russian securities held by the Funds were valued near or at zero since shortly after the invasion and have rendered virtually all of the Funds' investments in equity securities, including depositary receipts, illiquid.

Since March 4, 2022, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., the listing exchange for the Funds have halted trading of shares of the Funds. There can be no assurance that trading of shares of the Funds will resume.

Subsequent to February 24, 2022, certain Russian securities held by the Fund had declared dividends, however there is no assurance these dividends can be collected by the Fund. As a result, all such dividend receivables related to these Russian securities are valued at \$0 as of December 31, 2022.

On September 29, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") unanimously voted to approve a Plan of Liquidation and Termination of the Funds, contingent on receiving any necessary relief from the SEC. On December 28, 2022, the SEC granted exemptive relief to each Fund permitting them to suspend the right of redemption with respect to shares of each Fund and, if necessary, postpone the date of payment of redemption proceeds with respect to redemption orders received but not yet paid until the Funds complete the liquidation of their portfolios and distribute all of their assets to remaining shareholders.

On January 12, 2023, the Funds made an initial liquidating distribution to shareholders of current liquid assets, less a reserve to meet the Funds' expected transaction costs for an extended period (see Note 12).

The Funds will not engage in any business or investment activities except for the purposes of winding up their affairs. It is expected that the liquidation of the Funds will take an extended period of time, if circumstances involving Russian securities markets do not improve.

The Funds shall bear the expenses incurred in connection with carrying out liquidation, including, but not limited to, printing and legal expenses, audit and tax services fees, and the expenses of reports to shareholders. All such expenses will be considered extraordinary expenses for purposes of any expense limitation in effect with respect to the Fund.

It is expected that the Funds will remain in existence until at least December 31, 2023, to allow the Funds to sell the securities and depositary receipts, if conditions permit. The Funds may be terminated sooner if all of the Russian securities and depositary receipts have been sold before that date (or they cease to represent valid interests in their issuers). After December 31, 2023, the Funds may be terminated at any time on a date determined by the Board, even if the Russian securities and depositary receipts have not been sold. Due to the uncertainty involved, there can be no assurance that shareholders would receive any liquidating distribution relating to the Russian securities and depositary receipts after the initial distribution, described above. The distribution to shareholders of sale proceeds of Russian securities and depositary receipts, if any, will be reduced by expenses related to the sale and the distribution; other Fund operating and liquidation expenses will be paid out of the reserve.

The Funds incurred additional legal expenses as a result of the plan of liquidation. These legal fees are not included in the Funds' expense limitations (See Note 4).

**Note 3—Significant Accounting Policies**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Funds are investment companies and follow accounting and reporting requirements of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 946, *Financial Services-Investment Companies*.

The following summarizes the Funds' significant accounting policies.

A. Security Valuation— The Funds value their investments in securities and other assets and liabilities at fair value daily. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the closing price on the markets in which the securities trade. Securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Over-the-counter securities not included on NASDAQ and listed securities for which no sale was reported are valued at the mean of the bid and ask prices. To the extent these securities are actively traded they are categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy (described below). Certain foreign securities, whose values may be affected by market direction or events occurring before the Funds' pricing time (4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) but after the last close of the securities' primary market, are fair valued using a pricing service and are categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The pricing service considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to intraday trading in the U.S. markets, based on indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators such as prices of relevant ADR's and futures contracts. The Funds may also fair value securities in other situations, such as when a particular foreign market is closed but the Fund is open. Short-term debt securities with sixty days or less to maturity are valued at amortized cost, which with accrued interest approximates fair value. Money market fund investments are valued at net asset value and are categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. The Board has designated Van Eck Associates Corp. (the "Adviser") as valuation designee under Rule 2a-5 to perform the Funds' fair value determinations, subject to board oversight and certain reporting and other requirements. The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to comply with the requirements of Rule 2a-5. Among other things, these procedures allow the Funds to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value. The Pricing Committee convenes regularly to review the fair value of financial instruments or other assets. If market quotations for a security or other asset are not readily available, or if the Adviser believes they do not otherwise reflect the fair value of a security or asset, the security or asset will be fair valued by the Pricing Committee in accordance with the Funds' valuation policies and procedures. The Pricing

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# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Committee employs various methods for calibrating the valuation approaches utilized to determine fair value, including a regular review of key inputs and assumptions, periodic comparisons to valuations provided by other independent pricing services, transactional back-testing and disposition analysis.

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

The holdings of the Funds at December 31, 2022 are restricted from trading and any currency denominated in Rubles cannot be repatriated, therefore the Pricing Committee is currently fair valuing these investments as represented in the Schedule of Investments and deeming all these holdings as a Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities in the Statements of Operations. Any currency denominated in Rubles cannot be repatriated and such currency was valued at \$0 as of December 31, 2022.

- **E. Restricted Securities**—The Funds may invest in securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. These securities generally may be resold in transactions exempt from registration or to the public if the securities are registered. Disposal of these securities may involve time-consuming negotiations and expense, and prompt sale at an acceptable price may be difficult. Information regarding restricted securities, if any, is included at the end of each Fund's Schedule of Investments.
- **F. Offsetting Assets and Liabilities** In the ordinary course of business, the Funds enter into transactions subject to enforceable master netting or other similar agreements. Generally, the right of offset in those agreements allows the Funds to offset any exposure to a specific counterparty with any collateral received or delivered to that counterparty based on the terms of the agreements. The Funds may receive cash and or securities as collateral for securities lending. For financial reporting purposes, the Funds present securities lending assets and liabilities on a gross basis in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. Cash collateral received for securities lending in the form of money market fund investments, if any, at December 31, 2022 is presented in the Schedules of Investments and in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. Non-cash collateral is disclosed in Note 9 (Securities Lending).
- **G. Other** Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses are determined based on the specific identification method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recognized upon notification of the ex-dividend date.

The Funds earn interest income on uninvested cash balances held at the custodian bank. Such amounts, if any, are presented as interest income in the Statements of Operations.

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

**Note 4—Investment Management and Other Agreements—**The Adviser is the investment adviser to the Funds. The Adviser receives a management fee, calculated daily and payable monthly based on an annual rate of each Fund's average daily net assets. Effective March 11, 2022, the Adviser voluntarily agreed to waive all of its management fee payable by each Fund. The Adviser may eliminate such management fee waiver in its sole discretion at any time. In addition, the Adviser has temporarily agreed to waive and assume expenses to prevent each Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, interest expense, trading expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses; and for Russia ETF and Russia Small-Cap ETF, depositary receipt fees up to 0.10% and 0.08% of average daily net assets, respectively) from exceeding the expense limitations listed in the table below. Refer to the Statements of Operations for the amounts waived/ assumed by the Adviser for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The management fee rates and expense limitations for the year ended December 31, 2022, are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Management Fees*	Expense Limitations
Russia ETF	0.50%	0.62%
Russia Small-Cap ETF	0.50	0.67

\* Fee rates reflected are those in effect before voluntary waivers.

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

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# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

**Note 5—Capital Share Transactions—**As of December 31, 2022, there were an unlimited number of capital shares of beneficial interest authorized by the Trust with no par value. Fund shares are not individually redeemable and are issued and redeemed at their net asset value per share only through certain authorized broker-dealers ("Authorized Participants") in blocks of shares ("Creation Units").

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

Authorized Participants purchasing and redeeming Creation Units may pay transaction fees directly to the transfer agent. In addition, the Funds may impose variable fees on the purchase or redemption of Creation Units for cash, or on transactions effected outside the clearing process, to defray certain transaction costs. These variable fees, if any, are reflected in share transactions in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

Since March 2, 2022, VanEck Russia Small-Cap ETF had temporarily suspended new creations of its shares and since March 3, 2022, VanEck Russia ETF had temporarily suspended new creations of its shares. Such suspensions became permanent on December 28, 2022, when the Plan of Liquidation and Termination of the Funds became effective.

**Note 6—Investments—**For the year ended December 31, 2022, purchases and sales of investments (excluding short-term investments and in-kind capital share transactions) and the purchases and sales of investments resulting from in-kind capital share transactions (excluding short-term investments) were as follows:

			In-Kind Capital Share Transactions			ransactions
<u>Fund</u>	 Purchases	 Sales		Purchases		Sales
Russia ETF	\$ 11,617,636	\$ 22,940,896	\$	742,643,681	\$	122,817,987
Russia Small-Cap ETF	3,227,428	3,747,112		4,207,324		—

**Note 7—Income Taxes**—As of December 31, 2022, for Federal income tax purposes, the identified cost, gross unrealized appreciation, gross unrealized depreciation and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments owned were as follows:

	Tax Cost of	Gross Unrealized	Gross Unrealized	Net Unrealized Appreciation
<u>Fund</u>	Investments	Appreciation	Depreciation	(Depreciation)
Russia ETF	\$1,884,164,072	\$41,731	\$(1,878,476,436)	\$(1,878,434,705)
Russia Small-Cap ETF	25,328,758	-	(25,328,758)	(25,328,758)

At December 31, 2022, the components of total distributable earnings (losses) on a tax basis, for each Fund, were as follows:

Fund	Undistributed Ordinary Income	(Accumulated Capital Losses)/ Undistributed Capital Gains	Other Temporary Differences	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Total Distributable Earnings (Loss)
Russia ETF	\$-	\$(1,699,085,904)	\$(175,696)	\$(1,878,434,618)	\$(3,577,696,218)
Russia Small-Cap ETF	-	(17,838,747)	(3,274)	(25,328,807)	(43,170,828)

The tax character of dividends paid to shareholders was as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31	, 2021
<u>Fund</u>	Ordinary Income*	Ordinary Income*	Return of Capital
Russia ETF	\$-	\$80,501,120	\$-
Russia Small-Cap ETF	-	1,464,299	60,709

\* Includes distributions from short-term capital gains, if any.

At December 31, 2022, the Funds had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future capital gains, as follows:

	Short-Term Capital Losses			Long-Term Capital Losses			
<u>Fund</u>	with No Expiration		with No Expiration			Total	
Russia ETF	\$	(300,452,708)	\$	(1,398,633,196)	\$	(1,699,085,904)	
Russia Small-Cap ETF		(5,643,438)		(12,195,309)		(17,838,747)	

During the year ended December 31, 2022, as a result of permanent book to tax differences, primarily due to earnings attributable to the redemption of shares, tax net operating losses and the tax treatment of gains/ losses from securities redeemed in-kind, the Funds incurred differences that affected distributable earnings and aggregate paid in capital by the amounts in the table below. Net assets were not affected by these reclassifications.

Fund	Increase (Decrease) in Total Distributable Earnings (Loss)		Increase (Decrease) in Aggregate Paid in Capital	
Russia ETF	\$	(30,524,075)	\$	30,524,075
Russia Small-Cap ETF		75,256		(75,256)

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

The Funds recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statements of Operations. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Funds did not incur any interest or penalties.

**Note 8—Principal Risks—**Non-diversified funds generally hold securities of fewer issuers than diversified funds (See Note 1) and may be more susceptible to the risks associated with these particular issuers, or to a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence affecting these issuers. The Funds may purchase securities on foreign exchanges. Securities of foreign issuers involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. issuers. These risks include devaluation of currencies, currency controls, less reliable information about issuers, different securities transaction clearance and settlement practices, future adverse economic developments and political conflicts, or natural or other disasters, such as the coronavirus outbreak. Additionally, certain Funds may invest in securities of emerging market issuers, which are exposed to a number of risks that may make these investments volatile in price or difficult to trade. Political risks may include unstable governments, nationalization, restrictions on foreign ownership, laws that prevent investors from getting their money out of a country, sanctions and investment restrictions and legal systems that do not protect property risks as well as the laws of the United States. These and other factors can make

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

emerging market securities more volatile and potentially less liquid than securities issued in more developed markets.

Economies and financial markets throughout the world have experienced periods of increased volatility, uncertainty and distress as a result of conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. To the extent these conditions continue, the risks associated with an investment in a Fund could be heightened and the Fund's investments (and thus a shareholder's investment in a Fund) may be particularly susceptible to sudden and substantial losses, reduced yield or income or other adverse developments.

Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine and the geo-political events that followed have significantly adversely impacted the Funds' operations during the year ended December 31, 2022. The governments of the United States and many other countries have imposed economic sanctions on certain Russian individuals and Russian governmental, corporate and banking entities. A number of jurisdictions have also instituted broad sanctions on Russia, including banning Russia from global payments systems that facilitate cross-border payments. In response, the government of Russia has imposed capital controls to restrict movements of capital entering and exiting the country. As a result, the value and liquidity of Russian securities and its currency have experienced significant declines and increased volatility. The Russian securities markets were closed for a period of time and were reopened on March 24, 2022, but significant trading limitations have remained. There is no assurance that these disruptions will not continue.

As a result of the current conditions related to Russian securities and Russian markets, the Fund is unable to dispose of the Russian securities in its portfolio and the Fund's portfolio has become illiquid. It is unknown when current restrictions will be lifted. In the event that it becomes possible to dispose of Russian securities, other market participants may attempt to liquidate holdings at the same time as the Fund, and the Fund may be unable to transact at advantageous times or prices.

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

**Note 9—Trustee Deferred Compensation Plan**—The Trust has a Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") for Trustees under which a Trustee can elect to defer receipt of their trustee fees until retirement, disability or termination from the Board. The fees otherwise payable to the participating Trustees are deemed invested in shares of the Funds of the Trust as directed by the Trustees.

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

Note 10—Securities Lending—To generate additional income, each of the Funds may lend its securities pursuant to a securities lending agreement with the securities lending agent. Each Fund may lend up to 33% of its investments requiring that the loan be continuously collateralized by cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, or any combination of cash and such securities at all times equal to at least 102% (105% for foreign securities) of the market value of securities loaned. Daily market fluctuations could cause the value of loaned securities to be more or less than the value of the collateral received. When this occurs, the collateral is adjusted and settled on the next business day. During the term of the loan, the Funds will continue to receive any dividends, interest or amounts equivalent thereto, on the securities loaned while receiving a fee from the borrower and or earning interest on the investment of the cash collateral. Such fees and interest are shared with the securities lending agent under the terms of the securities lending agreement. Securities lending income is disclosed as such in the Statements of Operations. Cash collateral is maintained on the Funds' behalf by the lending agent and is invested in the State Street Navigator Securities Lending Government Money Market Portfolio. Non-cash collateral consists of U.S. Treasuries and U.S. Government Agency securities, and is not disclosed in the Funds' Schedules of Investments or Statements of Assets and Liabilities as it is held by the agent on behalf of the Funds. The Funds do not have the ability to re-hypothecate those securities. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the borrower or the Funds. Upon termination of the loan, the borrower will return to the Fund securities identical to the securities loaned. The Funds bear the risk of delay in recovery of, or even loss of rights in, the securities loaned should the borrower of the securities fail financially. The value of loaned securities and related cash collateral, if

any, at December 31, 2022 is presented on a gross basis in the Schedules of Investments and Statements of Assets and Liabilities. The following is a summary of the Funds' remaining securities on loan and related collateral as of December 31, 2022:

	Mar	ket Value			
	of S	ecurities	Cash	Non-Cash	Total
<u>Fund</u>	0	n Loan	 Collateral	 Collateral	 Collateral
Russia ETF	\$	-	\$ 2,120,680	\$ 6,191,528	\$ 8,312,208

The following table presents money market fund investments held as collateral by type of security on loan as of December 31, 2022:

	Gro	oss Amount of
	Recog	gnized Liabilities
	for Se	curities Lending
	Tran	sactions* in the
	State	ments of Assets
	a	nd Liabilities
<u>Fund</u>	Equ	uity Securities
Russia ETF	\$	2,120,680
* Remaining contractual maturity: overnight and continuous		

**Note 11—Bank Line of Credit**—The Funds may participate in a \$200 million committed credit facility (the "Facility") to be utilized for temporary financing until the settlement of sales or purchases of portfolio securities, the repurchase or redemption of shares of the Funds at the request of the shareholders and other temporary or emergency purposes. The participating Funds have agreed to pay commitment fees, pro rata, based on the unused but available balance. Interest is charged to the Funds based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. As of February 25, 2022 the Funds ceased participation in the Facility. The Funds were subsequently removed from the agreement effective November 1, 2022. Activity below represents activity from January 1, 2022 through February 25, 2022:

		Average	
	Days	Daily	Average
Fund	Outstanding	<u>Loan Balance</u>	Interest Rate
Russia ETF	38	\$4,898,797	1.43%

**Note 12—Subsequent Event Review—** The Funds have evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued.

The Funds had an initial liquidating distribution on January 12, 2023 as follows:

Fund	Record Date	Ex-Date	Payable Date	Liquidating Distribution
Russia ETF	1/12/2023	1/12/2023	1/12/2023	\$0.0313
Russia Small-Cap ETF	1/12/2023	1/12/2023	1/12/2023	0.0567

The Chicago Board Options Exchange delisted the Funds on January 12, 2023. As a result of the delisting, the fund is no longer considered an exchange traded fund.

# VANECK ETF TRUST

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Trustees of VanEck ETF Trust and Shareholders of VanEck Russia ETF and VanEck Russia Small-Cap ETF

### **Opinions on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities, including the schedules of investments, of VanEck Russia ETF and VanEck Russia Small-Cap ETF (two of the funds constituting VanEck ETF Trust, hereafter collectively referred to as the "Funds") as of December 31, 2022, the related statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2022 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the Funds as of December 31, 2022, and the results of each of their operations, changes in each of their net assets, each of their cash flows and each of the financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial statements of the Funds as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the financial highlights for each of the periods ended on or prior to December 31, 2021 (not presented herein, other than the statements of changes in net assets and the financial highlights) were audited by other auditors whose report dated February 28, 2022, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial highlights.

### **Basis for Opinions**

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

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2022, by correspondence with the custodian and transfer agent. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, on September 29, 2022, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve a Plan of Liquidation and Termination of the Funds, contingent on receiving any necessary relief from the SEC. On December 28, 2022, the SEC granted exemptive relief to each Fund permitting them to suspend the right of redemption with respect to shares of each Fund and, if necessary, postpone the date of payment of redemption proceeds with respect to redemption orders received but not yet paid until the Funds complete the liquidation of their portfolios and distribute all of their assets to remaining shareholders. The Funds may be terminated at the discretion of the Funds' Board based on the facts and circumstances as discussed in Note 2.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP New York, New York February 27, 2023

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the VanEck Funds complex since 2022.

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# **VANECK ETFs**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2022 (unaudited)

Name, Address <sup>1</sup> and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office <sup>2</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex <sup>3</sup> Overseen	Other Directorships Held By Trustee During Past Five Years
Independent Trustees					
David H. Chow, 1957*†	Trustee Chairperson	Since 2006 2008 to 2022	Founder and CEO, DanCourt Management LLC (financial/ strategy consulting firm and Registered Investment Adviser),	69	Trustee, Berea College of Kentucky, May 2009 to present and currently Chairman of the Investment Committee; Trustee, MainStay Fund
			March 1999 to present.		Complex <sup>4</sup> , January 2016 to present and currently Chairman of the Investment Committee. Formerly, Member of the Governing Council of the Independent Directors Council, October 2012 to September 2020.
Laurie A. Hesslein, 1959*†	Trustee	Since 2019	Citigroup, Managing Director and Business Head, Local Consumer Lending North America, and CEO and President, CitiFinancial Servicing LLC (2013 - 2017).	69	Formerly, Trustee, First Eagle Senior Loan Fund, March 2017 to December 2021; and Trustee, Eagle Growth and Income Opportunities Fund, March 2017 to December 2020.
R. Alastair Short, 1953*†	Trustee	Since 2006	President, Apex Capital Corporation (personal investment vehicle).	81	Chairman and Independent Director, EULAV Asset Management; Lead Independent Director, Total Fund Solution; Independent Director, Contingency Capital, LLC; Trustee, Kenyon Review; Trustee, Children's Village. Formerly, Independent Director, Tremont offshore funds.
Peter J. Sidebottom, 1962*†	Chairperson Trustee	Since 2022 Since 2012	Global Lead Partner, Financial Services Strategy, Accenture, January 2021 to present; Lead Partner, North America Banking and Capital Markets Strategy, Accenture, May 2017 to December 2021.	69	Formerly, Board Member, Special Olympics, New Jersey, November 2011 to September 2013; Director, The Charlotte Research Institute, December 2000 to 2009; Board Member, Social Capital Institute, University of North Carolina Charlotte, November 2004 to January 2012; Board Member, NJ- CAN, July 2014 to 2016.
Richard D. Stamberger, 1959*†	Trustee	Since 2006	Senior Vice President, B2B, Future Plc (a global media company), July 2020 to August 2022; President, CEO and co-founder, SmartBrief, Inc., 1999 to 2020.	81	Director, Food and Friends, Inc., 2013 to present.
Interested Trustee					
Jan F. van Eck, 1963⁵	Trustee, Chief Executive Officer and President	Trustee (Since 2006); Chief Executive Officer and President (Since 2009)	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Van Eck Associates Corporation (VEAC), Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers Corporation (VEARA) and Van Eck Securities Corporation (VESC); Officer and/or Director of other companies affiliated with VEAC and/or the Trust.	81	Director, National Committee on US- China Relations.

<sup>1</sup> The address for each Trustee and officer is 666 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017.
 <sup>2</sup> Each Trustee serves until resignation, death, retirement or removal. Officers are elected yearly by the Trustees.
 <sup>3</sup> The Fund Complex consists of the VanEck Funds, VanEck VIP Trust and the Trust.

- <sup>4</sup> The MainStay Fund Complex consists of MainStay Funds, MainStay Funds Trust, MainStay VP Funds Trust and MainStay MacKay Defined Term Municipal Opportunities Fund.
  <sup>5</sup> "Interested person" of the Trust within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Mr. van Eck is an officer of VEAC, VEARA and VESC.

- \* Member of the Audit Committee.† Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Officer's Name, Address¹ and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office <sup>2</sup> And Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Officer Information			_
Matthew A. Babinsky, 1983	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Since 2016	Assistant Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of VEAC, VEARA and VESC; Officer of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA.
Russell G. Brennan, 1964	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	Since 2008	Assistant Vice President of VEAC; Officer of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA.
Charles T. Cameron, 1960	Vice President	Since 2006	Portfolio Manager of VEAC; Officer and/or Portfolio Manager of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA. Formerly, Director of Trading of VEAC.
John J. Crimmins, 1957	Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer		Vice President of VEAC and VEARA; Officer of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA. Formerly, Vice President of VESC.
Susan Curry, 1966	Assistant Vice President	Since 2022	Assistant Vice President of VEAC, VEARA and VESC; Formerly, Managing Director, Legg Mason, Inc.
Eduardo Escario, 1975	Vice President	Since 2012	Regional Director, Business Development/Sales for Southern Europe and South America of VEAC.
F. Michael Gozzillo, 1965	Chief Compliance Officer	e Since 2018	Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of VEAC and VEARA; Chief Compliance Officer of VESC; Officer of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA. Formerly, Chief Compliance Officer of City National Rochdale, LLC and City National Rochdale Funds.
Laura Hamilton, 1977	Vice President	Since 2019	Assistant Vice President of VEAC and VESC; Officer of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA. Formerly, Operations Manager of Royce & Associates.
Nicholas Jackson, 1974	Assistant Vice President	Since 2018	Director, Business Development of VanEck Australia Pty Ltd. Formerly, Vice President, Business Development of VanEck Australia Pty Ltd.
Laura I. Martínez, 1980	Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Vice President (Since 2016); Assistant Secretary (Since 2008)	Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of VEAC, VEARA and VESC; Officer of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA. Formerly, Assistant Vice President of VEAC, VEARA and VESC.
Matthew McKinnon, 1970	Assistant Vice President	Since 2018	Head of Asia - Business Development of VanEck Australia Pty Ltd. Formerly, Director, Intermediaries and Institutions of VanEck Australia Pty Ltd.
Lisa A. Moss, 1965	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Since 2022	Assistant Vice President of VEAC, VEARA and VESC; Formerly, Senior Counsel, Perkins Coie LLP; Assistant General Counsel, Fred Alger Management, Inc.
Arian Neiron, 1979	Vice President	Since 2018	CEO (since 2021) & Managing Director and Head of Asia Pacific of VanEck Australia Pty Ltd.; Officer and/or Director of other companies affiliated with VEAC and/or the Trust.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS (unaudited) (continued)

James Parker, 1969	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2014	Assistant Vice President of VEAC and VEARA; Manager, Portfolio Administration of VEAC and VEARA. Officer of other investment companies advised by VEAC and VEARA.
Adam Phillips, 1970	Vice President	Since 2018	ETF Chief Operating Officer of VEAC; Director of other companies affiliated with VEAC.
Philipp Schlegel, 1974	Vice President	Since 2016	Managing Director of Van Eck Switzerland AG.
Jonathan R. Simon, 1974	Senior Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer	Senior Vice President (Since 2016); Secretary and Chief Legal Officer (Since 2014)	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of VEAC, VEARA and VESC; Officer and/or Director of other companies affiliated with VEAC and/or the Trust. Formerly, Vice President of VEAC, VEARA and VESC.
Andrew Tilzer, 1972	Assistant Vice President	Since 2021	Vice President of VEAC and VEARA; Vice President of Portfolio Administration of VEAC. Formerly, Assistant Vice President, Portfolio Operations of VEAC.

<sup>1</sup> The address for each Trustee and officer is 666 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017. <sup>2</sup> Officers are elected yearly by the Trustees.

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This report is intended for the Fund's shareholders. It may not be distributed to prospective investors unless it is preceded or accompanied by a VanEck ETF Trust (the "Trust") prospectus and summary prospectus, which includes more complete information. Investing involves substantial risk and high volatility, including possible loss of principal. An investor should consider the investment objective, risks, charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus and summary prospectus, which contains this and other information, call 800.826.2333 or visit vaneck.com. Please read the prospectus and summary prospectus carefully before investing.

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

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



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