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ARDOUR SOLAR ENERGY INDEXSM RETURNED -24.80 PERCENT YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH AUGUST 2008

NEW YORK, September 4, 2008 –The Ardour Solar Energy IndexSM (Bloomberg ticker: SOLRX), the pure-play leader in tracking the solar energy industry, returned 8.4% in August 2008 and -24.8% year-to-date through end-August 2008.*

The SOLRX index is comprised of a basket of securities of companies from around the world that are engaged in various aspects of the solar energy industry, including solar electricity, heating and lighting. The Index includes only those companies that generate at least 66% of their revenues from solar energy. On an index-weighted basis, the constituents of SOLRX derive well over 90% of their revenues from solar energy.

SOLRX was launched on April 21, 2008 and includes many companies of global prominence—such as First Solar, Q Cells and Renewable Energy, with weightings of 10.3%, 9.4% and 11.5%, respectively, as of August 31, 2008. The Index comprised 34 companies in all as of that same date. SOLRX is published by Ardour Global Indexes, LLCSM and is a member of the Ardour FamilySM of Alternative Energy Indexes, which serve as leading alternative energy industry benchmarks.

Market Vectors—Solar Energy ETF (Amex: KWT) seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the SOLRX index. KWT generally holds all the securities that make up the Index in proportion to their Index weightings.

*Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Index's return does not represent the performance of any fund. The Index charges no fees, including management fees or brokerage expenses, and no such fees or expenses were deducted from the performance shown. Investors cannot invest directly in the Index.

Performance information presented for the Index covering the period prior to April 21, 2008 is based on hypothetical, back-tested data. Prior to April 21, 2008, the Index was not calculated in real time by an independent calculation agent. Hypothetical, back-tested performance has inherent limitations and is

not indicative of future results. No representation is being made that any investment will achieve performance similar to that shown.

About the Ardour Solar Energy IndexSM (SOLRX)

The Ardour Solar Energy IndexSM is a rules-based, modified global-capitalization-weighted, float-adjusted index intended to give investors an efficient means of tracking the overall performance of a global universe of listed companies engaged in the solar industry. The Index is weighted based on the market capitalization of each of the component stocks, modified to conform to various asset diversification requirements, which are applied in conjunction with the scheduled quarterly adjustments to the Index. Index values are calculated on both a price-only and total-return basis.

About Ardour Global Indexes, LLCSM

Ardour Global Indexes, LLCSM was founded in 2005 for the express purpose of developing benchmarking tools for the global alternative energy industry. It is a partnership between Ardour Capital Investments, LLC, a premier investment bank specializing in alternative energy finance, and S-Network Energy Technologies, LLC, a developer of indexes and investment products focused on both traditional and alternative energy.

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KWT is subject to risks associated with the stock market, index tracking, sector investing, investing in small- or mid-cap companies, foreign investments, replication management, non-diversified investments, absence of prior active market, trading issues, fluctuation of net asset value and risks of investing in solar energy investments. Because of their narrow focus, sector investments tend to be more volatile than investments that diversify across many sectors and companies.

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. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to NAV in the secondary market.

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Please call 1.888.MKT.VCTR or visit www.vaneck.com/kwt for the most recent month-end performance of Market Vectors-Solar Energy ETF. This information will be available no later than seven business days after the most recent month end.

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