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VanEck VIP Trust

VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund

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Dear Shareholders:

We are pleased to present this annual report, which affords us the opportunity to provide both a brief review of the economic backdrop for the last 12 months and our outlook for 2019.

Review of 2018

As we wrote in our Market Insights research, which can be found at www.vaneck.com/blogs/market-insights/, we began 2018 by noting that global growth had gone from “ticking up” to “firmly in place” and that, while central banks were tightening, Europe remained “two years” behind the U.S. in this trend and had a trickier task. Further, our base case was for 10-year interest rates to rise to 3.5% with the curve not inverting. In its third longest bull market ever, we remained bullish on U.S. equities in the short-term, but were prepared for a correction. Finally, we believed that investors should not be underweight commodities as global growth was supporting the bullish “grind” trade narrative from supply cutbacks.

The big shock to this growth story came with concerns about European and Chinese growth in the summer of 2018. These, together with both unstable politics and weaker bank balance sheets, became obstacles to monetary policy normalization. This resulted in U.S. dollar strength and emerging markets equity weakness. In addition, rather than continuing to “grind” higher, commodities were hit by China worries and other factors and had a disappointing year.

2019 Outlook

Looking forward, three of our macro views for 2019 are that: 1) developed markets central banks are tightening, we believe that Europe continues to be “two years” behind the U.S. in this trend. It will remain a slow process and may well be slower than the U.S.; 2) the pace of U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate hikes slows, with a possible pause to hikes in the next 12 months; and, 3) China’s central bank is stimulating and harder-to-stimulate lending to private companies and financial reform continues. However, the government—the central bank supported by fiscal and other steps—wins in stimulating.

Our market views for the year include: 1) the withdrawal of liquidity will extend to credit and equities, which may result in a bumpier ride for many asset classes; 2) gold should benefit if rate hikes stop; commodities should benefit if China resurgence offsets developed world slowdown; and, 3) emerging markets should benefit on a relative basis if China stimulus works.

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We sincerely thank you for investing in VanEck's investment strategies. On the following pages, you will find the performance discussion and financial statements for the fund for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2018. 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 VIP Trust

January 11, 2019

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Management Discussion

The Initial Class shares of the VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund (the “Fund”) lost 6.14% over the 12 month period ended December 31, 2018, while the Fund’s benchmark—a blended index consisting of 50% J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified Index¹ (EMBI) and 50% J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index Emerging Markets Global Diversified Index² (GBI-EM)—lost 5.15% over the same period. In terms of those two indices, the GBI-EM local currency³ index was down 6.21%, while the EMBI hard currency⁴ index lost 4.26% over the 12 month period. The Fund’s bottom up approach resulted in a defensive portfolio for most of 2018 in the form of low duration and selective local currency exposures. This positioning worked well for the Fund during most of 2018, except in December as risk assets rallied, supported by the U.S. Federal Reserve’s (Fed’s) dovish turn on interest rates.

Market Review

Emerging markets (EM) debt—particularly local currency—started the year well, but was pushed down in the second and third quarters by uncertainties about the consequences of global money supply tightening, and the ensuing outperformance of the U.S. dollar. During that period, EM economies with weaker fundamentals (such as larger financing requirements), and concerns about their policy directions, came under severe pressure and many EM central banks were forced to raise their policy rates more than would be justified by local fundamentals alone. Even though EM hard currency debt stabilized in the fourth quarter and local debt staged a “mini rally,” both ended the year in the red.

Global developments—especially higher interest rates in developed markets—were a big driver of EM’s performance in 2018. The U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed) raised its target rate four times in order to tighten policy, which actually led to easier financial conditions in the second and third quarters as markets priced in risk. The Fed’s hikes initially hit duration generally, and EM hard currency debt specifically. However, a generalized U.S. dollar rally—spurred by the market perception about the relative outperformance of the U.S. economy—caused EM local currency to follow hard currency debt lower as well as the year wore on. Multiple political jitters in Europe (Germany and Italy) contributed to the U.S. dollar’s strength in the middle of the year. Trade tensions with China and renewed concerns about China’s slowdown was another notable development, which affected market perception about EM growth prospects. However, the outlook for risky assets, including

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EM, improved in the fourth quarter and some of the tailwinds behind it are set to last for a while. First, the Fed significantly softened its policy stance due to signs of moderating U.S. growth, reversing rising global interest rates and undercutting the dollar. Second, domestic activity in China is expected to benefit from sizable fiscal, and some monetary, stimulus that was implemented in 2018. Finally, European problems seem to be in hiatus, paving the way for euro strength (especially if the growth outlook is no longer deteriorating).

Fund Review

For the 12 months ending December, 2018, Brazil, Thailand, and Angola contributed most to the Fund's performance, and exposures to Argentina, Venezuela, and Uruguay detracted most. The Fund was able to generate positive contributions from a list of less-owned emerging markets countries throughout 2018—for example, Angola, Mongolia, Belarus, Georgia, Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and The United Arab Emirates. All these countries reacted positively to idiosyncratic, country-specific factors, boosting the Fund's relative performance and highlighting the benefits of its bottom-up approach, especially in a down year. The Fund also benefited significantly by not owning Turkey, which is a large benchmark weight and sold off in the tumultuous year. On the other hand, the Fund's defensive positioning in the form of low duration and low local currency exposures hurt the Fund during the fourth quarter of 2018.

During the year, the Fund took forward positions in a number of currencies that permitted long positions in securities. Forward positions in the Argentinian peso, Turkish lira, and Brazil real contributed positively to the Fund's performance. Forward positions in the Mexican peso detracted. Forwards as a whole significantly mitigated the Fund's negative performance for the period.

A number of important EM economies faced their own idiosyncratic challenges in 2018. Turkey, Mexico, and Brazil went through potentially transformative presidential elections, which might affect policy responses in coming months, especially if the global environment becomes challenging once again. The outcome of NAFTA negotiations added an extra dimension as regards Mexican assets-price performance. Argentina's financing requirements were so large that they simply could not be met in the more challenging global environment, so the country turned to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Argentina also showed that markets were unhappy when central banks resorted to large-scale currency interventions. Several major EMs found themselves in this group

in the middle of the year and this is something that should warrant attention going forward.

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We thoroughly appreciate your participation in the VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund, and we look forward to helping you meet your investment goals in the future.



Eric Fine
Portfolio Manager



David Austerweil
Deputy Portfolio Manager

January 18, 2019

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An index's performance is not illustrative of the Fund's performance. Indices are not securities in which investments can be made.

- ¹ J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified Index (EMBI) tracks returns for actively traded external debt instruments in emerging markets, and is also J.P. Morgan's most liquid U.S. dollar emerging markets debt benchmark.
- ² J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified Index (GBI-EM) tracks local currency bonds issued by emerging markets governments. The index spans over 15 countries.
- ³ Emerging markets local currency bonds are bonds denominated in the local currency of the issuer.
- ⁴ Hard currency refers to currencies that are generally widely accepted around the world such as the U.S. dollar, euro, or yen.

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PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

December 31, 2018 (unaudited)

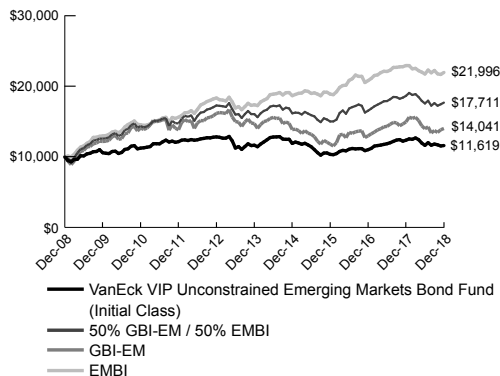
Average Annual

Total Return 12/31/18

	Fund Initial Class	50% GBI-EM 50% EMBI	GBI-EM	EMBI
One Year	(6.14)%	(5.15)%	(6.21)%	(4.26)%
Five Year	(0.08)%	1.95%	(0.96)%	4.80%
Ten Year	1.51%	6.71%	3.45%	8.20%

This chart shows the value of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the Fund over the past 10 fiscal year periods. The result is compared with the Fund's benchmark, and may include a broad-based market index.

Hypothetical Growth of \$10,000 (Ten Year: Initial Class)



On May 1, 2013, the Van Eck VIP Global Bond Fund implemented changes to its principal investment strategies and changed its name to the Van Eck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund. On May 1, 2015, the Van Eck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund changed its primary benchmark from the GBI-EM to the blended benchmark of 50% EMBI and 50% GBI-EM to reflect the unconstrained long-only nature of the Fund.

The performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results; current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance information reflects temporary waivers of expenses and/or fees, if any, and does not include insurance/annuity fees and expenses.

Investment returns would have been reduced had these fees/expenses been included. Investment return and the value of the shares of the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Fund returns assume that dividends and capital gains distributions have been reinvested in the Fund at NAV. Performance information current to the most recent month end is available by calling 800.826.2333 or by visiting vaneck.com.

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The 50/50 benchmark ("the Index") is a blended index consisting of 50% J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified and 50% J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified (GBI-EM) (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes).

The J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified (GBI-EM) tracks local currency bonds issued by Emerging Markets governments. The index spans over 15 countries (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes).

J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified tracks returns for actively traded external debt instruments in emerging markets, and is also J.P. Morgan's most liquid U.S.-dollar emerging markets debt benchmark (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes).

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EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES

(unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including program fees on purchase payments; and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees and other Fund expenses. This disclosure is intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the 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, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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 the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 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 fees on purchase payments. 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.

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	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2018	Ending Account Value December 31, 2018	Expenses Paid During the Period* July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018
VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Market Bond Fund			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$ 997.40	\$5.54
Hypothetical**	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.66	\$5.60

* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio (for the six months ended December 31, 2018), of 1.10%, 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).

** Assumes annual return of 5% before expenses.

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2018

Principal Amount		Value
CORPORATE BONDS: 32.1%		
Argentina: 1.2%		
USD	284,000	Cia General de Combustibles SA 9.50%, 11/07/19 (c) Reg S
		\$ 266,960
Bermuda: 1.3%		
	311,000	Geopark Ltd. 6.50%, 09/21/21 (c) Reg S
		288,841
Brazil: 1.3%		
	359,000	Samarco Mineracao SA 5.75%, 10/24/23 (d) * Reg S
		283,610
Cayman Islands: 3.3%		
	215,000	China Evergrande Group 7.00%, 03/23/20
		215,087
		Fantasia Holdings Group Co. Ltd.
	207,000	7.38%, 10/04/19 (c) Reg S
		151,936
	133,000	8.38%, 03/08/21 Reg S
		101,737
	244,000	NagaCorp. Ltd. 9.38%, 05/21/20 (c) 144A
		250,836
		719,596
Colombia: 1.3%		
	312,000	Credivalores-Crediservicios SAS 9.75%, 07/27/20 (c) 144A
		273,000
Indonesia: 1.4%		
	282,000	Bukit Makmur Mandiri Utama PT 7.75%, 02/13/20 (c) Reg S
		281,891
	22,633	Bumi Resources Tbk PT 0.00%, 12/11/22 ^ (b) *
		9,619
		291,510
Ireland: 1.3%		
	285,000	Eurotorg LLC via Bonitron DAC 8.75%, 10/30/22 144A
		286,579
Luxembourg: 3.6%		
	312,000	CSN Resources SA 6.50%, 07/21/20 Reg S
		302,484
	213,000	MHP Lux SA 6.95%, 04/03/26 144A
		184,160
	280,000	Topaz Marine SA 9.13%, 07/26/19 (c) 144A
		281,991
		768,635
Malaysia: 1.1%		
MYR	983,000	Country Garden Real Estate Sdn Bhd 6.60%, 02/23/23
		237,907

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Principal Amount			Value
Mauritius: 1.3%			
		HTA Group Ltd.	
USD	58,000	9.13%, 03/08/19 (c) 144A	\$ 59,131
	209,000	9.13%, 03/08/19 (c) Reg S	213,076
			<u>272,207</u>
Mexico: 0.0%			
MXN	120,000	Corp. GEO SAB de CV	
		9.25%, 02/08/19 (c) (d) \$ *	30
Mongolia: 1.5%			
USD	313,000	Trade & Development Bank of Mongolia LLC	
		9.38%, 05/19/20 Reg S	327,090
Netherlands: 0.9%			
	211,000	Metinvest BV	
		7.75%, 01/23/23 (c) 144A	192,739
Nigeria: 1.1%			
	246,000	SEPLAT Petroleum Development Co. Plc	
		9.25%, 04/01/20 (c) 144A	244,517
Panama: 1.2%			
	251,000	AES El Salvador Trust II	
		6.75%, 01/30/19 (c) Reg S	224,959
	40,000	Avianca Holdings SA	
		8.38%, 01/30/19 (c) Reg S	38,750
			<u>263,709</u>
Peru: 1.6%			
	122,000	Hunt Oil Co. of Peru LLC	
		6.38%, 06/01/28 144A	124,031
	111,000	Minsur SA	
		6.25%, 02/07/24 Reg S	113,886
	118,000	Nexa Resources Peru SAA	
		4.63%, 03/28/23 Reg S	115,346
			<u>353,263</u>
Singapore: 2.6%			
		Eterna Capital Pte Ltd.	
	25,382	6.00% 01/30/19 (c) Reg S	24,694
	228,878	8.00% 01/30/19 (c)	204,601
	323,000	Indika Energy Capital III Pte Ltd.	
		5.88%, 11/09/21 (c) Reg S	282,452
	69,003	Innovate Capital Pte Ltd.	
		6.00% 01/30/19 (c)	42,627
			<u>554,374</u>

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Principal Amount		Value
Thailand: 1.0%		
	Thaioil Treasury Center Co. Ltd.	
56,000	3.63%, 01/23/23 Reg S	\$ 55,353
156,000	4.63%, 11/20/28 144A	157,668
		213,021
Ukraine: 0.6%		
123,000	Kernel Holding SA	
	8.75%, 01/31/22 Reg S	118,275
United Kingdom: 3.2%		
257,620	DTEK Finance Plc	
	10.75% 01/31/19 (c)	237,938
305,000	Petra Diamonds US\$ Treasury Plc	
	7.25%, 05/01/19 (c) Reg S	282,887
182,000	Tullow Oil Plc	
	7.00%, 03/01/21 (c) 144A	169,715
		690,540
United States: 1.3%		
301,000	Azul Investments LLP	
	5.88%, 10/26/21 (c) Reg S	282,191
Total Corporate Bonds		
(Cost: 7,150,822)		6,928,594
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 65.6%		
Argentina: 8.8%		
ARS	27,208,176	Argentina POM Politica Monetaria
		59.26% (Argentina Central Bank 7-day Repo
		Reference Rate+.00%), 06/21/20 (f)
		783,441
USD	220,000	Argentine Republic Government International Bond
		5.63%, 01/26/22
		186,450
		Provincia de Buenos Aires
	371,000	9.13%, 03/16/24 Reg S
	640,000	10.88%, 01/26/21 Reg S
		633,600
		1,912,348
Belarus: 2.5%		
		Republic of Belarus International Bonds
	123,000	6.20%, 02/28/30 144A
	421,000	6.88%, 02/28/23 Reg S
		430,693
		544,065
Brazil: 7.2%		
		Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional, Series F
BRL	3,289,000	10.00%, 01/01/27
	2,445,000	10.00%, 01/01/29
		888,752
		664,863
		1,553,615

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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Principal Amount			Value
Czech Republic: 2.1%			
		Czech Republic Government Bonds	
CZK	5,360,000	0.45%, 10/25/23 Reg S	\$ 224,746
	4,700,000	2.50%, 08/25/28 Reg S	220,748
			445,494
Dominican Republic: 1.7%			
USD	368,000	Dominican Republic International Bond	
		5.50%, 01/27/25 Reg S	365,700
El Salvador: 3.8%			
		El Salvador Government International Bonds	
	295,000	5.88%, 01/30/25 Reg S	273,244
	546,000	7.38%, 12/01/19 Reg S	550,095
			823,339
Georgia: 2.1%			
	426,000	Georgia Government International Bond	
		6.88%, 04/12/21 Reg S	448,184
Ghana: 2.0%			
	437,000	Ghana Government International Bond	
		7.88%, 08/07/23 Reg S	429,016
Guatemala: 1.9%			
	442,000	Guatemala Government Bond	
		4.50%, 05/03/26 Reg S	416,032
Indonesia: 4.6%			
		Indonesia Treasury Bonds	
IDR	6,911,000,000	5.63%, 05/15/23	441,549
	7,753,000,000	8.13%, 05/15/24	548,887
			990,436
Mexico: 4.5%			
		Mexican Bonos	
MXN	11,140,000	8.50%, 11/18/38	546,049
	8,050,000	10.00%, 12/05/24	435,485
			981,534
Mongolia: 1.2%			
USD	263,000	Development Bank of Mongolia LLC	
		7.25%, 10/23/23 144A	258,540
Nigeria: 1.7%			
	389,000	Nigeria Government International Bond	
		7.63%, 11/21/25 144A	376,641
Peru: 1.5%			
PEN	1,047,000	Peru Government Bond	
		5.94%, 02/12/29 Reg S 144A	315,300
Rwanda: 1.1%			
USD	229,000	Rwanda Government International Bond	
		6.63%, 05/02/23 Reg S	227,731

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Principal Amount			Value
South Africa: 4.9%			
		Republic of South Africa Government Bonds	
ZAR	8,013,000	8.00%, 01/31/30	\$ 504,266
	1,803,000	8.25%, 03/31/32	112,481
	5,870,000	10.50%, 12/21/26	444,233
			<u>1,060,980</u>
Thailand: 8.7%			
		Thailand Government Bonds	
THB	16,409,000	2.13%, 12/17/26	493,295
	17,578,000	2.40%, 12/17/23	546,218
	15,870,000	2.88%, 12/17/28	503,904
	9,799,000	3.78%, 06/25/32	332,062
			<u>1,875,479</u>
Ukraine: 3.5%			
		Ukraine Government International Bonds	
USD	357,000	8.99%, 02/01/24 144A	333,977
	460,000	9.75%, 11/01/28 144A	432,315
			<u>766,292</u>
Venezuela: 1.8%			
		Venezuela Government International Bonds	
	946,000	11.95%, 08/05/31 (d) * Reg S	225,857
	653,000	12.75%, 08/23/22 (d) * Reg S	156,720
			<u>382,577</u>
Total Foreign Government Obligations			
(Cost: 14,205,163)			<u>14,173,303</u>
Number of Shares			
COMMON STOCK: 0.0%			
Mexico: 0.0%			
(Cost: \$0)			
	3,236	Corp. GEO SAB de CV * # \$ ∞	<u>51</u>
MONEY MARKET FUND: 1.6%			
(Cost: \$354,748)			
	354,748	AIM Treasury Portfolio—Institutional Class	<u>354,748</u>
Total Investments: 99.3%			
(Cost: \$21,710,733)			21,456,696
Other assets less liabilities: 0.7%			149,196
NET ASSETS: 100.0%			<u><u>\$21,605,892</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

(continued)

Definitions:

ARS	Argentine Peso
BRL	Brazilian Real
CZK	Czech Koruna
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah
MXN	Mexican Peso
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit
PEN	Peruvian Nuevo Sol
THB	Thai Baht
USD	United States Dollar
ZAR	South African Rand

Footnotes:

(b)	Contingent Value Right
(c)	Callable Security - the redemption date shown is when the security may be redeemed by the issuer
(d)	Security in default of coupon payment
(f)	Floating Rate Bond - coupon reflects the rate in effect at the end of the reporting period
^	Zero Coupon Bond
*	Non-income producing
\$	Illiquid Security - the aggregate value of illiquid securities is \$81 which represents 0.0% of net assets.
∞	Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.
#	Security has been valued in good faith pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The aggregate value of fair valued securities is \$51 which represents 0.0% of net assets.
Reg S	Security was purchased pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, which exempts from registration securities offered and sold outside of the United States. Such a security cannot be sold in the United States without either an effective registration statement filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or pursuant to an exemption from registration.
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 to \$4,054,512, or 18.8% of net assets.

Summary of Investments by Sector

	% of Investments	Value
Basic Materials	7.3%	\$ 1,572,843
Communications	1.3	272,207
Consumer, Cyclical	4.0	858,356
Consumer, Non-cyclical	1.4	302,435
Energy	8.5	1,826,564
Financial	6.1	1,306,757
Government	66.1	14,173,303
Industrial	2.6	564,524
Utilities	1.0	224,959
Money Market Fund	1.7	354,748
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$21,456,696</u>

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The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2018 is as follows:

	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Value
Corporate Bonds*	\$ —	\$ 6,928,594	\$ —	\$ 6,928,594
Foreign Government Obligations*	—	14,173,303	—	14,173,303
Common Stocks*	—	—	51	51
Money Market Fund	354,748	—	—	354,748
Total	<u>\$354,748</u>	<u>\$21,101,897</u>	<u>\$ 51</u>	<u>\$21,456,696</u>

* See Schedule of Investments for geographic sector breakouts.

The following table reconciles the valuation of the Fund's Level 3 investment securities and related transactions during the year ended December 31, 2018:

	Common Stocks
	Mexico
Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$ —
Realized gain (loss)	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(158)
Purchases	—
Sales	—
Transfers in and/or out of level 3	209
Balance as of December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 51</u>

Transfers from Level 1 to Level 3 resulted primarily from a decrease in securities trading activities.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2018

Assets:

Investments, at value (Cost \$21,710,733)	\$21,456,696
Receivables:	
Investments sold	30
Shares of beneficial interest sold	3,319
Due from Adviser	4,378
Dividends and interest	397,962
Prepaid expenses	635
Other assets	2,374
Total assets	<u>21,865,394</u>

Liabilities:

Payables:	
Investments purchased	101,331
Shares of beneficial interest redeemed	50,182
Due to custodian	45,672
Deferred Trustee fees	9,058
Accrued expenses	53,259
Total liabilities	<u>259,502</u>

NET ASSETS

\$21,605,892

Shares of beneficial interest outstanding

2,782,739

Net asset value, redemption and offering price per share

\$ 7.76

Net Assets consist of:

Aggregate paid in capital	\$25,150,041
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(3,544,149)
	<u>\$21,605,892</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Income:

Dividends	\$ 15,056
Interest (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$4,596)	1,651,665
Total income	<u>1,666,721</u>

Expenses:

Management fees	\$241,797
Transfer agent fees	20,915
Custodian fees	17,633
Professional fees	79,101
Reports to shareholders	36,112
Insurance	2,088
Trustees' fees and expenses	3,297
Interest	342
Other	2,249
Total expenses	<u>403,534</u>
Waiver of management fees	(137,279)
Net expenses	266,255
Net investment income	<u>1,400,466</u>

Net realized gain (loss) on:

Investments	(2,519,290)
Forward foreign currency contracts	335,432
Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities	(20,206)
Net realized loss	<u>(2,204,064)</u>

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

Investments (net of foreign taxes of \$(1,372))	(719,092)
Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities	(2,304)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	<u>(721,396)</u>

Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations . .	<u><u>\$(1,524,994)</u></u>
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 1,400,466	\$ 1,993,677
Net realized gain (loss)	(2,204,064)	917,329
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ..	(721,396)	321,979
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(1,524,994)	3,232,985
Dividends to shareholders:		
Dividends and Distributions	(1,862,609)	(641,416)
Share transactions*:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	4,519,613	8,489,261
Reinvestment of dividends	1,862,609	641,416
Cost of shares redeemed	(8,435,072)	(11,653,043)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from share transactions	(2,052,850)	(2,522,366)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(5,440,453)	69,203
Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	27,046,345	26,977,142
End of year (a)	<u>\$21,605,892</u>	<u>\$ 27,046,345</u>
* Shares of beneficial interest issued, reinvested and redeemed (unlimited number of \$.001 par value shares authorized):		
Shares sold	549,933	983,897
Shares reinvested	222,003	79,580
Shares redeemed	(1,027,203)	(1,348,075)
Net decrease	<u>(255,267)</u>	<u>(284,598)</u>

- (a) Includes undistributed net investment income of \$1,788,301, in 2017. S-X Disclosure Simplification eliminated the requirement to disclose undistributed net investment income (loss) in 2018 (See Note 9).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each year:

	Initial Class Shares				
	Year Ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.12	\$ 7.63	\$ 9.33	\$10.60
Income from investment operations:					
Net investment income . . .	0.47(b)	0.60(b)	0.36	0.56	0.67
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.97)	0.37	0.13	(1.70)	(0.49)
Total from investment operations	(0.50)	0.97	0.49	(1.14)	0.18
Less dividends and distributions from:					
Net investment income . . .	(0.64)	(0.19)	—	(0.56)	(0.56)
Net realized capital gains . .	—	—	—	—	(0.89)
Total dividends and distributions	(0.64)	(0.19)	—	(0.56)	(1.45)
Net asset value, end of year . .	\$ 7.76	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.12	\$ 7.63	\$ 9.33
Total return (a)	(6.14)%	12.24%	6.42%	(13.09)%	2.18%

Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$21,606	\$27,046	\$26,977	\$29,483	\$37,026
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets	1.67%	1.57%	1.34%	1.34%	1.20%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets excluding interest expense	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	5.80%	7.04%	4.06%	6.38%	6.34%
Portfolio turnover rate	286%	586%	595%	572%	441%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of year, reinvestment of any dividends and distributions at net asset value on the dividend/distribution payment date and a redemption at the net asset value on the last day of the year. The return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends/distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Total returns do not include fees and expenses imposed under your variable annuity contract and/or life insurance policy. If these amounts were reflected, the returns would be lower than those shown.

(b) Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

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Note 1—Fund Organization—VanEck VIP Trust (the “Trust”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company. The Trust was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on January 7, 1987. The VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund (the “Fund”) is a non-diversified series of the Trust and seeks high total return (income plus capital appreciation) by investing globally, primarily in a variety of debt securities. The Fund currently offers a single class of shares: Initial Class Shares.

Note 2—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 Fund is an investment company and is following accounting and reporting requirements of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 946 Financial Services-Investment Companies.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund.

A. Security Valuation—The Fund values its 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. Debt securities are valued on the basis of evaluated prices furnished by an independent pricing service approved by the Board of Trustees or provided by securities dealers. The pricing services, using methods approved by the Board of Trustees, may use valuation models or matrix pricing, which consider: (i) yield or price with respect to bonds that are considered comparable in characteristics such as rating, interest rate and maturity date and/or (ii) quotations from bond dealers to determine current value and are categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy (as described below). Short-term obligations 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. Forward foreign currency contracts are valued at the spot currency rate plus an amount (“points”), which reflects the differences in interest rates between the U.S. and foreign markets and are categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. Securities traded on national exchanges or traded on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last sales price as reported at the close of each business day.

Securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Over-the-counter securities not included in the NASDAQ National Market System 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. The Fund may also fair value securities in other situations, such as, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Fund is open. The Pricing Committee of Van Eck Associates Corporation (the “Adviser”) provides oversight of the Fund’s valuation policies and procedures, which are approved by the Fund’s Board of Trustees. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund 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 it does 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 Fund’s valuation policies and procedures. The Pricing 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 classified either as Level 2 or Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The price which the Fund may realize upon sale of an investment may differ materially from the value presented in the Schedule of Investments.

The Fund utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of its 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.

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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 the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

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

B. Federal Income Taxes—It is the 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. 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 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 Statement of Operations. Recognized gains or losses attributable to foreign currency fluctuations on foreign currency denominated assets, other than investments, forward foreign currency contracts, 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 Statement of Operations.

D. Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders—Dividends to shareholders from net investment income and distributions from net realized capital gains, if any, are declared and paid annually. 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.

Effective in the current reporting period, it is no longer required to separately present distributions from net investment income and distributions from net realized capital gains. Additionally, undistributed net investment income (loss) included in net assets is no longer disclosed separately in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. There were no distributions from realized capital gains in the prior fiscal year.

E. Use of Derivative Instruments—The Fund may make investments in derivative instruments, including, but not limited to, options, futures, swaps and other derivatives relating to foreign currency transactions. A derivative is an instrument whose value is derived from underlying assets, indices, reference rates or a combination of these factors. Derivative instruments may be privately negotiated contracts (often referred to as over-the-counter (“OTC”) derivatives) or they may be listed and traded on an exchange. Derivative contracts may involve future commitments to purchase or sell financial instruments or commodities at specified terms on a specified date, or to exchange interest payment streams or currencies based on a notional or contractual amount. Derivative instruments may involve a high degree of financial risk. The use of derivative instruments also involves the risk of loss if the investment adviser is incorrect in its expectation of the timing or level of fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates or currency prices. Investments in derivative instruments also include the risk of default by the counterparty, the risk that the investment may not be liquid and the risk that a small movement in the price of the underlying security or benchmark may result in a disproportionately large movement, unfavorable or favorable, in the price of the derivative instrument. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund’s derivative instruments and hedging activities. Details of this disclosure are found below. At December 31, 2018, the Fund held no derivative instruments.

Forward Foreign Currency Contracts—The Fund is subject to foreign currency risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The Fund may buy and sell forward foreign currency contracts to settle purchases and sales of foreign denominated securities, gain currency exposure or to hedge foreign denominated assets. Realized gains and losses from forward foreign currency contracts, if any, are included in realized gain (loss) on forward foreign currency contracts in the Statement of Operations. The Fund held forward foreign currency contracts for 12 months during the year ended December 31, 2018 with an average

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unrealized appreciation of \$3,796. At December 31, 2018, the Fund held no forward foreign currency contracts.

The impact of transactions in derivative instruments during the year ended December 31, 2018, was as follows:

Foreign Currency Risk

Realized gain (loss):

Forward foreign currency contracts ¹	\$335,432
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¹ Statement of Operations location: Net realized gain (loss) on forward foreign currency contracts

F. Offsetting Assets and Liabilities—In the ordinary course of business, the Fund enters into transactions subject to enforceable master netting or other similar agreements. Generally, the right of setoff in those agreements allows the Fund to set off any exposure to a specific counterparty with any collateral received or delivered to that counterparty based on the terms of the agreements. The Fund may pledge or receive cash and/or securities as collateral for derivative instruments. Collateral held, if any, at December 31, 2018 is presented in the Schedule of Investments.

G. Components of Capital—Effective with the current reporting period, Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), Undistributed net investment income (loss), and Accumulated net realized gain (loss) are aggregated and disclosed as Total distributable earnings (loss) in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

H. Other—Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income, including amortization of premiums and discounts, is accrued as earned. Realized gains and losses are calculated on the identified cost basis. Estimated foreign taxes that are expected to be withheld from proceeds at the sale of certain foreign investments are accrued by the Fund and decrease the unrealized gain on investments.

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

Note 3—Investment Management and Other Agreements—The Adviser is the investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser receives a management fee, calculated daily and payable monthly based on an annual rate of 1.00% of the first \$500 million of average daily net assets, 0.90% of the next \$250 million of average daily net assets and 0.70% of the average daily net assets

in excess of \$750 million. The Adviser has agreed, until at least May 1, 2019, to waive management fees and assume expenses to prevent the Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, interest expense, trading expenses, dividend and interest payments on securities sold short, taxes, and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding 1.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Refer to the Statement of Operations for the amounts waived/assumed by the Adviser for the year ended December 31, 2018.

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

Note 4—Investments—For the year ended December 31, 2018, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments, excluding U.S. government securities and short-term obligations, aggregated to \$65,294,463 and \$65,615,918, respectively.

Note 5—Income Taxes—As of December 31, 2018, for Federal income tax purposes, the identified cost of investments owned, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), gross unrealized appreciation, and gross unrealized depreciation of investments were as follows:

Tax Cost of Investments	Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
\$21,725,730	\$334,921	\$(603,955)	\$(269,034)

At December 31, 2018, the components of distributable earnings (loss) on a tax basis, for the Fund, were as follows:

Undistributed Ordinary Income	Accumulated Capital Losses	Other Temporary Differences	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Total Distributable Earnings
\$74,745	\$(3,315,684)	\$(31,360)	\$(271,850)	\$(3,544,149)

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

	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017
Ordinary income	<u>\$1,862,609</u>	<u>\$641,416</u>

At December 31, 2018, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future capital gains, as follows:

Short-Term Capital Losses with No Expiration	Long-Term Capital Losses with No Expiration	Total
\$(3,315,684)	\$—	\$(3,315,684)

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Each year, the Fund assesses the need for any reclassifications due to permanent book to tax differences that affect distributable earnings / (losses) and aggregate paid in capital. Net assets are not affected by these reclassifications. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund did not have any reclassifications.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is “more-likely-than-not” to be sustained assuming examination by applicable tax authorities. Management has analyzed the Fund’s 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 Fund does 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 Fund’s financial statements. However, the Fund is subject to foreign taxes on the appreciation in value of certain investments. The Fund provides for such taxes on both realized and unrealized appreciation.

The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Note 6—Principal Risks—The Fund 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, less reliable information about issuers, different security transaction clearance and settlement practices and future adverse political and economic developments. These risks are heightened for investments in emerging markets countries. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. issuers. The Fund may invest in debt securities which are rated below investment grade by rating agencies. Such securities involve more risk of default than higher rated securities and are subject to greater price variability.

The Fund may invest directly in the Russian local market. As a result of events involving Ukraine and the Russian Federation, the United States and the European Union (“EU”) have imposed sanctions on certain Russian individuals and companies. These sanctions do not currently impact the Fund. Additional economic sanctions may be imposed or other actions may be taken that may adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Russian-related issuers’ held by the Fund.

At December 31, 2018, the aggregate shareholder accounts of five insurance companies owned approximately 50%, 19%, 11%, 8%, and 5% of the Fund's outstanding shares of beneficial interest.

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

Note 7—Trustee Deferred Compensation Plan—The Trust has a Deferred Compensation Plan (the “Deferred Plan”) for Trustees under which the Trustees can elect to defer receipt of their trustee fees until retirement, disability or termination from the Board of Trustees. The fees otherwise payable to the participating Trustees are deemed invested in shares of eligible Funds of the Trust and the VanEck Funds (another registered investment company managed by the Adviser) as directed by the Trustees.

The expense for the Deferred Plan is included in “Trustees’ fees and expenses” on the Statement of Operations. The liability for the Deferred Plan is shown as “Deferred Trustee fees” on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Note 8—Bank Line of Credit—The Trust participates with VanEck Funds (collectively the “VE/VIP Funds”) in a \$30 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 Fund and other temporary or emergency purposes. The participating VE/VIP Funds have agreed to pay commitment fees, pro rata, based on the unused but available balance. Interest is charged to the VE/VIP Funds at rates based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the average daily loan balance during the three day period for which a loan was outstanding amounted to \$603,456 and the average interest rate was 2.81%. At December 31, 2018, the Fund had no outstanding borrowings under the Facility.

Note 9—Recent Accounting Pronouncements—The Funds early adopted certain provisions of Accounting Standards Update No. 2018-13 Disclosure Framework — Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement (“ASU 2018-13”) that eliminate and modify certain disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The adoption of certain provisions of the ASU 2018-13 had no material effect on financial statements and related disclosures. Management is currently evaluating the potential impact of additional requirements, not yet adopted, to financial statements. The ASU 2018-13 is effective for fiscal years beginning after 15 December 2019 and for interim periods within those fiscal years.

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On August 17, 2018, the SEC adopted amendments to Regulation S-X. These changes are effective for periods after November 5, 2018. The updates to Registered Investment Companies were mainly focused on simplifying the presentation of distributable earnings by eliminating the need to present the components of distributable earnings on a book basis in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities. The update also impacted the presentation of undistributed net investment income and distributions to shareholders in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. The amounts presented in the current Statement of Changes in Net Assets represent the aggregated total distributions of net investment income and realized capital gains, except for distributions classified as return of capital which are still presented separately.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an Accounting Standards Update ASU 2017-08, *Receivables – Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs (Subtopic 310-20): Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities*, that shortens the amortization period for certain purchased callable debt securities held at premium to the earliest call date. The new guidance does not change the accounting for purchased callable debt securities held at a discount. The guidance is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after 15 December 2018, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. Management is currently evaluating the potential impact of this new guidance to the financial statements.

Note 10—Subsequent Event Review—The Fund has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Trustees of
VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund (the "Fund") (one of the Funds constituting the VanEck VIP Trust (the "Trust")), including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2018, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of VanEck VIP Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund (one of the Funds constituting the VanEck VIP Trust) at December 31, 2018, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's 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 Trust 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 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. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

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

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examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2018, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. 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. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more of the VanEck investment companies since 1999.

New York, NY

February 15, 2019

**VANECK VIP UNCONSTRAINED
EMERGING MARKETS BOND FUND**

TAX INFORMATION

(unaudited)

The following information is provided with respect to the distributions paid during the taxable year ended December 31, 2018:

Record Date:	01/30/2018
Payable Date:	01/31/2018
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Ordinary Income Paid Per Share	\$ 0.6420
Dividends Qualifying for the Dividends Received Deduction for Corporations	0.00%*
Foreign Source Income	100.00%*
Foreign Taxes Paid Per Share	\$ 0.00178

* Expressed as a percentage of the ordinary income distribution grossed-up for foreign taxes.

The foreign taxes paid represent taxes incurred by the Fund on income received by the Fund from foreign sources. Foreign taxes paid may be included in taxable income with an offsetting deduction from gross income or may be taken as a credit for taxes paid to foreign governments.

VANECK VIP TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2018 (unaudited)

Trustee's Name, Address ⁽¹⁾ and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held With Trust, Term of Office ⁽²⁾ and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios In Fund Complex ⁽³⁾ Overseen By Trustee	Other Directorships Held Outside The Fund Complex ⁽³⁾ During The Past Five Years
Independent Trustees:				
Jon Lukomnik 1956 (A)(G)	Trustee since March 2006	Managing Partner, Sinclair Capital LLC (consulting firm), 2000 to present; Executive Director, Investor Responsibility Research Center Institute, 2008 to 2018.	11	Member of the Deloitte Audit Quality Advisory Committee; Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Legion Partners; Member of the Standing Advisory Group to the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; formerly Chairman of the Board of the New York Classical Theatre.
Jane DiRenzo Pigott 1957 (A)(G)	Trustee since July 2007	Managing Director, R3 Group LLC (consulting firm), 2002 to present.	11	Formerly, Director and Chair of Audit Committee of 3E Company (environmental services); formerly Director of MetLife Investment Funds, Inc.
R. Alastair Short 1953 (A)(G)	Trustee since June 2004; Currently, Vice Chairperson of the Board and Chairperson of the Audit Committee	President, Apex Capital Corporation (personal investment vehicle), January 1988 to present.	69	Chairman and Independent Director, EULAV Asset Management; Independent Director, Tremont offshore funds, June 2009 - July 2016; Director, Kenyon Review.
Richard D. Stamberger 1959 (A)(G)	Trustee since 1995; Currently, Chairperson of the Board	Director, President and CEO, SmartBrief, Inc. (business media company), 1999 to present.	69	Director, Food and Friends, Inc.

Trustee's Name, Address ⁽¹⁾ and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held With Trust, Term of Office ⁽²⁾ and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios In Fund Complex ⁽³⁾ Overseen By Trustee	Other Directorships Held Outside The Fund Complex ⁽³⁾ During The Past Five Years
Robert L. Stelzl 1945 (A)(G)	Trustee since July 2007; Currently, Chairperson of the Governance Committee	Co-Trustee, the estate of Donald Koll, 2012 to present; Trustee, Robert D. MacDonald Trust, 2015 to present; Trustee, GH Insurance Trusts, 2012 to present; Trustee, Joslyn Family Trusts, 2003 to 2014; President, Rivas Capital, Inc. (real estate property management services company), 2004 to December 2014.	11	Director and Chairman, Brookfield Properties, Inc. and Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.

(1) The address for each Trustee and officer is 686 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017.

(2) Each Trustee serves until resignation, death, retirement or removal. The Board established a mandatory retirement policy applicable to all Independent Trustees, which provides that Independent Trustees shall resign from the Board on December 31 of the year such Trustee reaches the age of 75.

(3) The Fund Complex consists of VanEck Funds, VanEck VIP Trust and VanEck Vectors ETF Trust.

(A) Member of the Audit Committee.

(G) Member of the Governance Committee.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2018 (unaudited) (continued)

Officer's Name, Address⁽¹⁾ And Year of Birth	Position(s) Held With Trust	Term of Office And Length of Time Served⁽²⁾	Principal Occupations During The Past Five Years
Matthew A. Babinsky, 1983	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Since 2016	Assistant Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, and Assistant Secretary of the Adviser, Van Eck Securities Corporation (VESC) and Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers Corporation (VEARA) (since 2016); Associate, Clifford Chance US LLP (October 2011 to April 2016); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Russell G. Brennan, 1964	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	Since 2008	Assistant Vice President of the Adviser (since 2008); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Charles T. Cameron, 1960	Vice President	Since 1996	Director of Trading (since 1995) and Portfolio Manager (since 1997) for the Adviser; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
John J. Cirmmins, 1957	Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer	Since 2009 (Treasurer); since 2012 (Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	Vice President of Portfolio Administration of the Adviser (since 2009); Vice President of VESC and VEARA (since 2009); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
F. Michael Gozzillo, 1965	Chief Compliance Officer	Since January 2018	Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser and VEARA (since January 2018) and Chief Compliance Officer of VESC (since October 2018); Chief Compliance Officer, City National Rochdale, LLC and City National Rochdale Funds (December 2012 to January 2018); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Susan C. Lashley, 1955	Vice President	Since 1998	Vice President of the Adviser and VESC; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.

Officer's Name, Address⁽¹⁾ And Year of Birth	Position(s) Held With Trust	Term of Office And Length of Time Served⁽²⁾	Principal Occupations During The Past Five Years
Laura I. Martínez, 1980	Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Since 2008 (Assistant Secretary); since 2016 (Vice President)	Vice President (since 2016), Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary (since 2008) and Assistant Vice President (2008 to 2016) of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
James Parker, 1969	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2014	Assistant Vice President (since May 2017) and Manager – Portfolio Administration (June 2010 - May 2017) of the Adviser.
Jonathan R. Simon, 1974	Senior Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer	Since 2006 (Vice President and until 2014, also Assistant Secretary); since 2014 (Secretary and Chief Legal Officer); since 2016 (Senior Vice President)	Senior Vice President (since 2016), General Counsel and Secretary (since 2014) and Vice President (2006 to 2016) of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA; Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Jan F. van Eck, 1963	Chief Executive Officer and President	Since 2010 (Chief Executive Officer and President, prior thereto, served as Executive Vice President)	Director, President, Chief Executive Officer and Owner of the Adviser; Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, VESC; Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, VEARA.

(1) The address for each Executive Officer is 666 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10017.

(2) Officers are elected yearly by the Board.

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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 the Fund's prospectus, which includes more complete information. An investor should consider the investment objective, risks, and charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the investment company. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

Additional information about the VanEck VIP (the "Trust") 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 <https://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-Q. The Trust's Form N-Qs are available on the Commission's website at <https://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 schedule of portfolio holdings is also available by calling 800.826.2333 or by visiting vaneck.com.



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