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MARKET VECTORS ETF TRUST

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This Prospectus offers shares of Market Vectors ETF Trust (the “Trust”). The Trust currently has 30 investment portfolios. This Prospectus relates to shares of only one portfolio: Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF (the “Fund”).

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Prospectus in connection with the offer of the Fund’s shares, and, if given or made, the information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Fund. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale of shares of the Fund shall under any circumstance imply that the information contained herein is correct as of any date after the date of this Prospectus.

Dealers effecting transactions in the Fund’s shares, whether or not participating in this distribution, may be generally required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to any obligation of dealers to deliver the Prospectus when acting as underwriters.

The Fund ETF is distributed by Van Eck Securities Corporation and seeks to track the Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners Index (the “Junior Gold Miners Index”).

The Junior Gold Miners Index is published by 4asset-management GmbH (referred to herein as the “Index Provider”). The Index Provider does not sponsor, endorse, or promote the Fund and bears no liability with respect to the Fund or any security.

The information contained herein regarding the Junior Gold Miners Index was provided by the Index Provider, while the information contained herein regarding the securities markets and The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) was obtained from publicly available sources.

This Prospectus, dated November 9, 2009, explains concisely the information you ought to know before investing in the Fund. We suggest that you keep it for future reference.

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OVERVIEW OF THE TRUST

Market Vectors ETF Trust (the “Trust”) is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), currently consisting of 30 investment portfolios. This Prospectus relates to the following portfolio of the Trust: Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF (the “Fund”). Van Eck Associates Corporation (the “Adviser”) is the investment adviser to the Fund.

The shares of the Fund (the “Shares”) are expected to be approved for listing, subject to notice of issuance, on NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”), and will trade in the secondary market at prices that may differ to some degree from the net asset value (“NAV”) of the Shares. Unlike conventional mutual funds, the Trust will issue and redeem Shares of the Fund on a continuous basis at NAV only in large specified blocks each called a Creation Unit. Creation Units are expected to be issued and redeemed primarily in-kind for securities generally included in the Junior Gold Miners Index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, Shares are not redeemable securities of the Trust.

The Fund may be suitable for long term investment in the market or market segment represented by the Junior Gold Miners Index. Shares of the Fund may also be used as an asset allocation or speculative trading vehicle. Unlike many conventional mutual funds which are only bought and sold at closing NAVs, the Shares have been designed to be tradable in a secondary market on an intraday basis and to be created and redeemed primarily in-kind in Creation Units at each day’s market close. These arrangements are designed to protect ongoing shareholders from adverse effects on the Fund’s portfolio that could arise from frequent cash purchase and redemption transactions that affect the NAV of the Fund. Moreover, in contrast to conventional mutual funds where frequent redemptions can have an adverse tax impact on taxable shareholders because of the need to sell portfolio securities which, in turn, may generate taxable gain, the in-kind redemption mechanism of the Fund, to the extent used, generally is not expected to lead to a tax event for shareholders.

Principal Investment Objective and Strategies

Investment Objective. The Fund's investment objective is to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners Index (the "Junior Gold Miners Index"). For a further description of the Junior Gold Miners Index, see "Junior Gold Miners Index."

Principal Investment Policy. The Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund's benchmark index. The Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its total assets in companies that are involved in the gold mining industry. This investment policy is non-fundamental and requires 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders before it can be changed.

Indexing Investment Approach. The Fund is not managed according to traditional methods of "active" investment management, which involve the buying and selling of securities based upon economic, financial and market analysis and investment judgment. Instead, the Fund, utilizing a "passive" or indexing investment approach, attempts to approximate the investment performance of the Junior Gold Miners Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Junior Gold Miners Index. The Junior Gold Miners Index is a rules based, modified capitalization weighted, float adjusted index intended to give investors a means of tracking the overall performance of foreign and domestic publicly traded companies of small- and medium-capitalization that are involved primarily in the mining for gold and/or silver. As of September 1, 2009, approximately 80% of the Junior Gold Miners Index was comprised of securities of companies that are involved in the gold mining industry.

The Adviser anticipates that, generally, the Fund will hold all of the securities that comprise the Junior Gold Miners Index in proportion to their weightings in the Junior Gold Miners Index. However, under various circumstances, it may not be possible or practicable to purchase all of those securities in these weightings. In these circumstances, the Fund may purchase a sample of securities in the Junior Gold Miners Index. There also may be instances in which the Adviser may choose to overweight a security in the Junior Gold Miners Index, purchase securities not in the Junior Gold Miners Index that the Adviser believes are appropriate to substitute for certain securities in the Junior Gold Miners Index or utilize various combinations of other available investment techniques in seeking to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Junior Gold Miners Index. The Fund may sell securities that are represented in the Junior Gold Miners Index in anticipation of their removal from the Junior Gold Miners Index or purchase securities not represented in the Junior Gold Miners Index in anticipation of their addition to the Junior Gold Miners Index. The Adviser expects that, over time, the correlation between the

Fund's performance and that of the Junior Gold Miners Index before fees and expenses will be 95% or better. A figure of 100% would indicate perfect correlation.

The Fund may also utilize derivative instruments, such as swaps, options, warrants, futures contracts, currency forwards (and convertible securities and structured notes), and participation notes to seek performance that corresponds to the Junior Gold Miners Index. Investments that have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to the economic characteristics of the component securities of the Junior Gold Miners Index will count towards the 80% investment policy discussed above. A lesser percentage may be so invested to the extent that the Adviser needs additional flexibility to comply with the requirements of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), and other regulatory requirements.

Sales as a result of Junior Gold Miners Index changes could result in the realization of short or long-term capital gains by the Fund thereby resulting in a tax liability for shareholders subject to U.S. federal income tax. See "Shareholder Information—Tax Matters."

Market Capitalization. The Junior Gold Miners Index is comprised of securities of small- and medium-capitalization companies selected by the Index Provider on the basis of their relative market capitalization weighting in the gold mining and silver mining industries. As of September 30, 2009, the Junior Gold Miners Index included companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$109 million and \$1.6 billion with an average market capitalization of \$672 million across the 38 securities in the Junior Gold Miners Index at that date. The market capitalization range of companies in the Junior Gold Miners Index may change at each quarterly rebalance date.

Constituent stocks of the Junior Gold Miners Index must have a market capitalization of greater than \$150 million on a rebalancing date to be eligible for the Junior Gold Miners Index. Stocks whose market capitalization falls below \$75 million as of any rebalancing date will no longer be eligible for the Junior Gold Miners Index. Stocks must have a three-month average daily trading volume of at least \$1 million to be eligible for the Junior Gold Miners Index and issuers of such stocks must have traded at least 250,000 shares each month over the last six months.

Borrowing Money. The Fund may borrow money from a bank up to a limit of one-third of the market value of its assets for temporary or emergency purposes. To the extent that the Fund borrows money, it will be leveraged; at such times, the Fund will appreciate or depreciate in value more rapidly than its benchmark, the Junior Gold Miners Index.

Fundamental and Non-Fundamental Policies. The Fund’s investment objective and each of the other investment policies are non-fundamental policies that may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval, except as noted in the SAI under the section entitled “Investment Policies and Restrictions–Investment Restrictions.”

Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

Investors in the Fund should be willing to accept a high degree of volatility in the price of the Fund’s Shares and the possibility of significant losses. An investment in the Fund involves a substantial degree of risk. Therefore, you should consider carefully the following risks before investing in the Fund.

Risk of Investing in the Gold and Silver Mining Industries. Because the Fund invests in stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. and foreign companies that are involved in the gold mining and silver mining industries, it is subject to certain risks associated with such companies. Competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the financial condition of companies in the gold mining and silver mining industries. Also, gold mining companies and silver mining companies are highly dependent on the price of gold bullion and silver bullion, respectively. These prices may fluctuate substantially over short periods of time so the Fund’s Share price may be more volatile than other types of investments. In particular, a drop in the price of gold and/or silver bullion would particularly adversely affect the profitability of small- and medium-capitalization mining companies and their ability to secure financing. Furthermore, companies that are only in the exploration stage are typically unable to adopt specific strategies for controlling the impact of the price of gold. In times of significant inflation or great economic uncertainty, gold, silver and other precious metals may outperform traditional investments such as bonds and stocks. However, in times of stable economic growth, traditional equity and debt investments could offer greater appreciation potential and the value of gold, silver and other precious metals may be adversely affected, which could in turn affect the Fund’s returns.

Risk of early stage mining companies. A significant amount of the companies in the Junior Gold Miners Index may be early stage mining companies that are in the exploration stage only or that hold properties that might not ultimately produce commercial ore or silver. The exploration and development of mineral deposits involve significant financial risks over a significant period of time which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. Few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenditures may be required to establish reserves by drilling and to construct mining and processing facilities at a site. In addition, many early stage miners operate at a loss and are dependent on securing equity

and/or debt financing, which might be more difficult to secure for an early stage mining company than for a more established counterpart.

Risk of Investing in Foreign Securities. Investments in the securities of non-U.S. issuers involve risks beyond those associated with investments in U.S. securities. These additional risks include greater market volatility, the availability of less reliable financial information, higher transactional and custody costs, taxation by foreign governments, decreased market liquidity and political instability. Foreign issuers are often subject to less stringent requirements regarding accounting, auditing, financial reporting and record keeping than are U.S. issuers, and therefore, not all material information will be available. Securities exchanges or foreign governments may adopt rules or regulations that may negatively impact the Fund's ability to invest in foreign securities or may prevent the Fund from repatriating its investments. In addition, the Fund may not receive shareholder communications or be permitted to vote the securities that it holds, as the issuers may be under no legal obligation to distribute them.

Because the Fund may invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies and some of the income received by the Fund will be in foreign currencies, changes in currency exchange rates may negatively impact the Fund's returns. The values of the currencies of the countries in which the Fund may invest may be subject to a high degree of fluctuation due to changes in interest rates, the effects of monetary policies issued by the United States, foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities, the imposition of currency controls or other national or global political or economic developments. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to foreign currencies may result in reduced returns to the Fund. The Fund does not expect to hedge its currency risk. Moreover, the Fund may incur costs in connection with conversions between U.S. dollars and foreign currencies. The Fund may, but is not obligated to, invest in derivative instruments to lock in certain currency exchange rates from time to time.

In addition, the Fund may invest in depositary receipts which involve substantially identical risks to those associated with investments in foreign securities. The issuers of certain depositary receipts are under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications to the holders of such receipts, or to pass through to them any voting rights with respect to the deposited securities.

Market Risk. The prices of the securities in the Fund are subject to the risk associated with investing in the stock market, including sudden and unpredictable drops in value. An investment in the Fund may lose money.

Index Tracking Risk. The Fund's return may not match the return of the Junior Gold Miners Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Junior Gold Miners Index and incurs costs associated with buying and selling securities, especially when

rebalancing the Fund's securities holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Junior Gold Miners Index. The Fund's return may also deviate significantly from the return of the Junior Gold Miners Index because the Fund bears the costs and risks associated with buying and selling securities while such costs and risks are not factored into the return of the Junior Gold Miners Index. The Fund may not be fully invested at times either as a result of cash flows into the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions and pay expenses. In addition, the Fund may not be able to invest in certain securities included in the Junior Gold Miners Index due to restrictions or limitations imposed by or a lack of liquidity in certain countries and stock exchanges in which such securities trade or may be delayed in purchasing or selling securities included in the Junior Gold Miners Index.

The Fund is expected to fair value the foreign securities it holds. See "Shareholder Information—Determination of NAV." To the extent the Fund calculates its NAV based on fair value prices and the value of the Junior Gold Miners Index is based on the securities' closing price on local foreign markets (*i.e.*, the value of the Junior Gold Miners Index is not based on fair value prices), the Fund's ability to track the Junior Gold Miners Index may be adversely affected. The need to comply with the diversification and other requirements of the Internal Revenue Code may also impact the Fund's ability to replicate the performance of the Junior Gold Miners Index. In addition, if the Fund utilizes depositary receipts and other derivative instruments, its return may not correlate as well with the Junior Gold Miners Index as would be the case if the Fund purchased all the securities in the Junior Gold Miners Index directly.

Replication Management Risk. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund is not actively "managed." Therefore, unless a specific security is removed from the Junior Gold Miners Index, the Fund generally would not sell a security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble. If a specific security is removed from the Junior Gold Miners Index, the Fund may be forced to sell such security at an inopportune time or for prices other than at current market values. An investment in the Fund involves risks similar to those of investing in any fund of equity securities traded on an exchange, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in security prices. You should anticipate that the value of the Shares will decline, more or less, in correspondence with any decline in value of the Junior Gold Miners Index. The Junior Gold Miners Index may not contain the appropriate mix of securities for any particular economic cycle, and the timing of movements from one type of security to another in seeking to replicate the Junior Gold Miners Index could have a negative effect on the Fund. Unlike with an actively managed fund, the Adviser does not use techniques or defensive strategies designed to lessen the effects of market volatility or to

reduce the impact of periods of market decline. This means that, based on market and economic conditions, the Fund's performance could be lower than other types of mutual funds that may actively shift their portfolio assets to take advantage of market opportunities or to lessen the impact of a market decline.

Non-Diversified Risk. The Fund is a separate investment portfolio of the Trust, which is an open-end investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" investment company under the 1940 Act. As a result, the Fund is subject to the risk that it will be more volatile than a diversified fund because the Fund may invest its assets in a smaller number of issuers or may invest larger proportions of the assets of the Fund in a single industry within the industries that comprise the Junior Gold Miners Index. As of September 30, 2009, the Junior Gold Miners Index included 38 securities. As a result, the gains and losses on a single security may have a greater impact on the Fund's NAV and may make the Fund more volatile than diversified funds.

Concentration Risk. By concentrating its assets in the gold mining industry, the Fund is subject to the risk that economic, political or other conditions that have a negative effect on that industry will negatively impact the Fund to a greater extent than if the Fund's assets were invested in a wider variety of industries.

Risk of Investing in Small- and Medium-Capitalization Companies. The Fund will invest solely in small- and medium-capitalization companies (*i.e.*, companies that generally have market capitalizations ranging from approximately over \$200 million to \$1 billion and over \$1 billion to \$5 billion, respectively) and, therefore will be subject to certain risks associated with small- and medium-capitalization companies. These companies are often subject to less analyst coverage and may be in early and less predictable periods of their corporate existences. In addition, these companies often have greater price volatility, lower trading volume and less liquidity than larger more established companies. These companies tend to have smaller revenues, narrower product lines, less management depth and experience, smaller shares of their product or service markets, fewer financial resources and less competitive strength than larger companies.

Risk of Investing in Micro-Capitalization Companies. To the extent the Junior Gold Miners Index contains micro-capitalization companies, the Fund may also invest in micro-capitalization companies (*i.e.*, companies that generally have market capitalizations ranging from approximately \$50 million to \$200 million). These companies are subject to substantially greater risks of loss and price fluctuations because their earnings and revenues tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices tend to be more volatile and their markets less liquid than companies with larger market capitalizations. Micro-capitalization companies may be newly formed or in the early stages of development, with limited product lines, markets or financial

resources and may lack management depth. In addition, there may be less public information available about these companies. The shares of micro-capitalization companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the future ability to sell these securities. Also, it may take a long time before the Fund realizes a gain, if any, on an investment in a micro-capitalization company.

Relationship to Gold and Silver Bullion. The Junior Gold Miners Index generally measures the performance of publicly traded companies of small- and medium-capitalization that are involved primarily in the mining of gold and/or silver, as well as gold and silver shares. It does not measure the performance of gold and silver bullion itself. Securities related to gold and silver may under- or over-perform gold and silver bullion, respectively, over the short-term or the long-term.

Risk of Investing in Derivatives. Derivatives are financial instruments, such as swaps, options, warrants, futures contracts and currency forwards, whose values are based on the value of one or more indicators, such as a security, asset, currency, interest rate, or index. The Fund's use of derivatives involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other more traditional investments. Moreover, although the value of a derivative is based on an underlying indicator, a derivative does not carry the same rights as would be the case if the Fund invested directly in the underlying securities.

Derivatives are subject to a number of risks, such as potential changes in value in response to market developments or as a result of the counterparty's credit quality and the risk that a derivative transaction may not have the effect the Adviser anticipated. Derivatives also involve the risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying indicator. Derivative transactions can create investment leverage, may be highly volatile, and the Fund could lose more than the amount it invests.

Many derivative transactions are entered into "over the counter" (not on an exchange or contract market); as a result, the value of such a derivative transaction will depend on the ability and the willingness of the Fund's counterparty to perform its obligations under the transaction. If a counterparty were to default on its obligations, the Fund's contractual remedies against such counterparty may be subject to bankruptcy and insolvency laws, which could affect the Fund's rights as a creditor (e.g., the Fund may not receive the net amount of payments that it is contractually entitled to receive). A liquid

secondary market may not always exist for the Fund's derivative positions at any time.

Leverage Risk. To the extent that the Fund borrows money, it will be leveraged. Leveraging generally exaggerates the effect on NAV of any increase or decrease in the market value of the Fund's portfolio securities.

Performance

The Fund has not yet commenced operations and therefore does not have a performance history.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold Shares of the Fund.^(a)

Shareholder Expenses

(fees paid directly from your investment, but see “Shareholder Information—Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” for a discussion of Creation and Redemption Transaction Fees) None

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

(expenses that are deducted from Fund assets)

Management Fee	0.50%
Other Operating Expenses ^(b)	0.18%
Total Gross Annual Fund Operating Expenses ^(c)	0.68%
Fee Waivers and Expenses Assumption ^(c)	0.08%
Total Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses^(c)	0.60%

^(a) When buying or selling Shares through a broker, you will incur customary brokerage commissions and charges.

^(b) Other operating expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year and calculated as a percentage of the Fund’s net assets.

^(c) The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or pay Fund expenses to the extent necessary to prevent the operating expenses of the Fund (excluding interest expense, offering costs, trading expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding 0.60% of the Fund’s average daily net assets per year at least until May 1, 2011. Offering costs excluded from the 0.60% expense cap are: (a) legal fees pertaining to the Fund’s Shares offered for sale; (b) SEC and state registration fees; and (c) initial fees paid for Shares of the Fund to be listed on an exchange.

Expense Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling Shares of the Fund.

The Fund sells and redeems Shares in Creation Units primarily on an in-kind basis for portfolio securities of the Junior Gold Miners Index. Shares in less than Creation Units are not redeemable. An investor purchasing a Creation Unit on an in-kind basis would pay the following expenses on a \$10,000 investment (payment with a deposit of securities included in the Junior Gold Miners Index), assuming all Shares are redeemed at the end of the periods shown, a 5% annual return and that the Fund’s operating expenses through May 1, 2011 are the same as those shown above under “Total Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses” and for all subsequent periods are the same as those shown above under “Total Gross

JUNIOR GOLD MINERS ETF Fees and Expenses (continued)

Annual Fund Operating Expenses.” *Investors should note that the presentation below of a \$10,000 investment is for illustration purposes only as Shares will be issued by the Fund only in Creation Units. Further, the return of 5% and estimated expenses are for illustration purposes only, and should not be considered indicators of expected Fund expenses or performance, which may be greater or less than the estimates. Based on these assumptions, your costs would be:*

YEAR	EXPENSES
1	\$ 61
3	\$210

Creation Transaction Fees and Redemption Transaction Fees

The Trust will issue and redeem Shares at NAV only in blocks of 50,000 Shares or multiples thereof. As a practical matter, only authorized participants may purchase or redeem these Creation Units. A standard creation transaction fee of \$1,000 (the “Creation Transaction Fee”) is charged to each purchaser of Creation Units. The fee is the same regardless of the number of Creation Units purchased by an authorized participant on the same day. An authorized participant who holds Creation Units and wishes to redeem at NAV would also pay a standard redemption transaction fee of \$1,000 (the “Redemption Transaction Fee”) on the date of such redemption(s), regardless of the number of Creation Units redeemed that day. Authorized participants who hold Creation Units will also pay the annual Fund operating expenses described in the table above. Assuming an investment in a Creation Unit of \$1,250,000 and a 5% return each year, and assuming that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same, the total costs would be \$7,625 if the Creation Unit is redeemed after one year and \$26,250 if the Creation Unit is redeemed after three years. Investors should note that this presentation is for illustration purposes only and actual costs may be higher. See “Shareholder Information–Creation and Redemption of Creation Units.”

If a Creation Unit is purchased or redeemed outside the usual process through the National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”), if available, or for cash, a variable fee of up to four times the standard Creation or Redemption Transaction Fee will be charged. An additional variable charge will be assessed for cash creations and redemptions to compensate the Fund for the costs associated with purchasing and selling the applicable securities. See “Shareholder Information–Creation and Redemption of Creation Units–Creation Transaction Fee” and “–Redemption Transaction Fee.”

The Creation Transaction Fee, Redemption Transaction Fee and variable fees are not expenses of the Fund.

The Junior Gold Miners Index is a rules based, modified capitalization weighted, float adjusted index intended to give investors a means of tracking the overall performance of foreign and domestic publicly traded companies of small- and medium-capitalization that are involved primarily in the mining for gold and/or silver. To be eligible for the Junior Gold Miners Index, companies must (i) generate at least 50% of their revenues from gold or silver mining, (ii) hold real property that has the potential to produce at least 50% of the company's revenue from gold or silver when developed; or (iii) primarily invest in gold or silver. The Junior Gold Miners Index includes common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. and foreign companies that are involved in mining for gold and/or silver and that are listed for trading on a leading stock exchange.

Constituent stocks for the Junior Gold Miners Index must have a market capitalization of greater than \$150 million on a rebalancing date to be eligible for the Junior Gold Miners Index. Stocks whose market capitalization falls below \$75 million as of any rebalancing date will no longer be eligible for the Junior Gold Miners Index. Stocks must have a three-month average daily trading volume of at least \$1 million to be eligible for the Junior Gold Miners Index and issuers of such stocks must have traded at least 250,000 shares each month over the last six months. Only shares that trade on a recognized domestic or international stock exchange may qualify (e.g., National Stock Market stocks must be "reported securities" under Rule 11Aa3-1 of the Exchange Act. Similar criteria and standards apply to stocks with foreign listings).

The Junior Gold Miners Index is calculated and maintained by Structured Solutions AG on behalf of the Index Provider. The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Fund. Index values are calculated daily and are disseminated every 60 seconds between the hours of approximately 9:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (Eastern time).

The Junior Gold Miners Index is calculated using a capitalization weighting methodology, adjusted for float, which is modified so as to ensure compliance with the diversification requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. The Junior Gold Miners Index is reconstituted quarterly, at the close of business on the third Friday in a quarter-end month (i.e., March, June, September and December) and companies are added and/or deleted based upon the Junior Gold Miners Index eligibility criteria. Companies with recent stock exchange listings, i.e., recent initial public offerings, may be added to the Junior Gold Miners Index on a quarterly basis, provided the companies meet all eligibility criteria and have been trading for more than 10 trading days. The share weights of the Junior Gold Miners Index components are adjusted also on a quarterly basis (every third Friday in a quarter-end month).

Rebalancing data, including constituent weights and related information, is posted on the Index Provider's web site prior to the start of trading on the first business day following the third Friday of the calendar quarter. A press announcement identifying additions and deletions to the Junior Gold Miners Index is issued on the Wednesday prior to a rebalancing date. Share weights of the constituents remain constant between quarters except in the event of certain types of corporate actions, including stock splits and reverse stock splits.

The Fund is not sponsored, promoted, sold or supported in any other manner by Structured Solutions AG nor does Structured Solutions AG offer any express or implicit guarantee or assurance either with regard to the results of using the Junior Gold Miners Index and/or its trade mark or its price at any time or in any other respect. The Junior Gold Miners Index is calculated and maintained by Structured Solutions AG. Structured Solutions AG uses its best efforts to ensure that the Junior Gold Miners Index is calculated correctly. Irrespective of its obligations towards the Index Provider, Structured Solutions AG has no obligation to point out errors in the Junior Gold Miners Index to third parties including but not limited to investors and/or financial intermediaries of the Fund. Neither publication of the Junior Gold Miners Index by Structured Solutions AG nor the licensing of the Junior Gold Miners Index or its trade mark for the purpose of use in connection with the Fund constitutes a recommendation by Structured Solutions AG to invest capital in the Fund nor does it in any way represent an assurance or opinion of Structured Solutions AG with regard to any investment in the Fund. Structured Solutions AG is not responsible for fulfilling the legal requirements concerning the accuracy and completeness of the Fund's Prospectus.

PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund's portfolio securities is available in the Fund's SAI.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund may invest its remaining assets in money market instruments, including repurchase agreements or other funds which invest exclusively in money market instruments, convertible securities, structured notes (notes on which the amount of principal repayment and interest payments are based on the movement of one or more specified factors, such as the movement of a particular stock or stock index) and in swaps, options, futures contracts and currency forwards. Swaps, options, futures contracts and currency forwards (and convertible securities and structured notes) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Junior Gold Miners Index, and in managing cash flows. The Fund will not invest in money market instruments as part of a temporary defensive strategy to protect against potential stock market declines.

The Fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions desiring to borrow securities to complete transactions and for other purposes. In connection with such loans, the Fund receives liquid collateral equal to at least 102% of the value of the portfolio securities being loaned. This collateral is marked-to-market on a daily basis. Although the Fund will receive collateral in connection with all loans of its securities holdings, the Fund would be exposed to a risk of loss should a borrower default on its obligation to return the borrowed securities (e.g., the loaned securities may have appreciated beyond the value of the collateral held by the Fund). In addition, the Fund will bear the risk of loss of any cash collateral that it invests.

ADDITIONAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

Absence of Prior Active Market. The Fund is a newly organized series of an investment company and thus has no operating history. While the Fund's Shares are expected to be listed on NYSE Arca, there can be no assurance that active trading markets for the Shares will develop or be maintained. Van Eck Securities Corporation, the distributor of the Shares (the "Distributor"), does not maintain a secondary market in the Shares.

Trading Issues. Trading in Shares on NYSE Arca may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of NYSE Arca, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Shares on NYSE Arca is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to NYSE Arca's "circuit breaker" rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of NYSE Arca

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necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

Fluctuation of NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's securities holdings. The market prices of Shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV and supply and demand on NYSE Arca. The Adviser cannot predict whether Shares will trade below, at or above their NAV. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for Shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the securities of the Junior Gold Miners Index trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. However, given that Shares can be created and redeemed daily in Creation Units at NAV (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their NAV), the Adviser believes that large discounts or premiums to the NAV of the Shares are not likely to be sustained over the long-term. In addition, disruptions to creations and redemptions or the existence of extreme market volatility may result in trading prices that differ significantly from NAV. If a shareholder purchases at a time when the market price is at a premium to the NAV or sells at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, the shareholder may sustain losses.

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Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees of the Trust has responsibility for the general oversight of the management of the Fund, including general supervision of the Adviser and other service providers, but is not involved in the day-to-day management of the Trust. A list of the Trustees and the Trust officers, and their present positions and principal occupations, is provided in the Fund's SAI.

Investment Manager. Under the terms of an Investment Management Agreement between the Trust and Van Eck Associates Corporation with respect to the Fund (the "Investment Management Agreement"), Van Eck Associates Corporation serves as the adviser to the Fund and, subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees, will be responsible for the day-to-day investment management of the Fund. As of September 30, 2009, the Adviser managed approximately \$15.2 billion in assets. The Adviser's principal business address is 335 Madison Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10017.

A discussion regarding the Board of Trustees' approval of the Investment Management Agreement is available in the Trust's semi-annual report for the period ended June 30, 2009.

For the services provided to the Fund under the Investment Management Agreement, the Fund will pay the Adviser monthly fees based on a percentage of

the Fund's average daily net assets at the annual rate of 0.50% From time to time, the Adviser may waive all or a portion of its fee. Until at least May 1, 2011, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or pay Fund expenses to the extent necessary to prevent the operating expenses of the Fund (excluding interest expense, offering costs, trading expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding 0.60% of average daily net assets per year. Offering costs excluded from the expense cap are: (a) legal fees pertaining to the Fund's Shares offered for sale; (b) SEC and state registration fees; and (c) initial fees paid for Shares of the Fund to be listed on an exchange.

The Fund is responsible for all of its expenses, including the investment advisory fees, costs of transfer agency, custody, legal, audit and other services, interest, taxes, any distribution fees or expenses, offering fees or expenses and extraordinary expenses.

Administrator, Custodian and Transfer Agent. Van Eck Associates Corporation is the administrator for the Fund (the "Administrator"), and The Bank of New York Mellon (formerly known as The Bank of New York) is the custodian of the Fund's assets and provides transfer agency and fund accounting services to the Fund. The Administrator is responsible for certain clerical, recordkeeping and/or bookkeeping services which are provided pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement.

Distributor. Van Eck Securities Corporation is the distributor of the Shares. The Distributor will not distribute Shares in less than Creation Units, and does not maintain a secondary market in the Shares. As noted in the section entitled "Shareholder Information—Buying and Selling Exchange-Traded Shares," the Shares are traded in the secondary market.

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The portfolio managers who currently share joint responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio are Hao-Hung (Peter) Liao and George Cao. Mr. Liao has been employed by the Adviser since the summer of 2004. Mr. Liao also serves as a portfolio manager for certain other investment companies advised by the Adviser. Mr. Cao has been employed by the Adviser since December 2007. Prior to joining the Adviser, he served as a Senior Finance Associate followed by Controller of Operations Administrations Division and Corporate Safety for United Airlines. He also served as a Management Consultant to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as well as a Financial Analyst for SAM Distribution Co. Ltd. Because the Fund is new, Messrs. Liao and Cao will be serving as the portfolio managers of the Fund since its inception. See the Fund's SAI for additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and their respective ownership of Shares.

Determination of NAV

The NAV per Share for the Fund is computed by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund (*i.e.*, the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of Shares outstanding. Expenses and fees, including the management fee, are accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining NAV. The NAV of the Fund is determined each business day as of the close of trading (ordinarily 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”). Any assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted into U.S. dollars at the current market rates on the date of valuation as quoted by one or more sources.

The value of the Fund’s portfolio securities is based on the securities’ closing price on local markets when available. If a security’s market price is not readily available or does not otherwise accurately reflect the fair value of the security, the security will be valued by another method that the Adviser believes will better reflect fair value in accordance with the Trust’s valuation policies and procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. The Fund may use fair value pricing in a variety of circumstances, including but not limited to, situations when the value of a security in the Fund’s portfolio has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the market on which the security is principally traded (such as a corporate action or other news that may materially affect the price of a security) or trading in a security has been suspended or halted. In addition, the Fund currently expects that it will fair value foreign equity securities held by the Fund each day the Fund calculates its NAV. Accordingly, the Fund’s NAV is expected to reflect certain portfolio securities’ fair values rather than their market prices. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that a fair value determination for a security is materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of the security. In addition, fair value pricing could result in a difference between the prices used to calculate the Fund’s NAV and the prices used by the Junior Gold Miners Index. This may adversely affect the Fund’s ability to track the Junior Gold Miners Index. With respect to securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges, the value of the Fund’s portfolio securities may change on days when you will not be able to purchase or sell your Shares.

Buying and Selling Exchange-Traded Shares

The Shares of the Fund are expected to be approved for listing on NYSE Arca, subject to notice of issuance. If you buy or sell Shares in the secondary market, you will incur customary brokerage commissions and charges and may pay some or all of the spread between the bid and the offered price in the secondary market on each leg of a round trip (purchase and sale) transaction. It is anticipated that the Shares will trade in the secondary market at prices that may

differ to varying degrees from the closing NAVs of the Shares. Given, however, that Shares can be created and redeemed daily in Creation Units, the Adviser believes that large discounts and premiums to NAV should not be sustained for very long.

DTC serves as securities depository for the Shares. (The Shares may be held only in book-entry form; stock certificates will not be issued.) DTC, or its nominee, is the record or registered owner of all outstanding Shares. Beneficial ownership of Shares will be shown on the records of DTC or its participants (described below). Beneficial owners of Shares are not entitled to have Shares registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificates in definitive form and are not considered the registered holder thereof. Accordingly, to exercise any rights of a holder of Shares, each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of: (i) DTC; (ii) “DTC Participants,” *i.e.*, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of whom (and/or their representatives) own DTC; and (iii) “Indirect Participants,” *i.e.*, brokers, dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant, either directly or indirectly, through which such beneficial owner holds its interests. The Trust understands that under existing industry practice, in the event the Trust requests any action of holders of Shares, or a beneficial owner desires to take any action that DTC, as the record owner of all outstanding Shares, is entitled to take, DTC would authorize the DTC Participants to take such action and that the DTC Participants would authorize the Indirect Participants and beneficial owners acting through such DTC Participants to take such action and would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them. As described above, the Trust recognizes DTC or its nominee as the owner of all Shares for all purposes. For more information, see the section entitled “Book Entry Only System” in the Fund’s SAL.

Market Timing and Related Matters. The Fund imposes no restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions. The Board of Trustees considered the nature of the Fund (*i.e.*, a fund whose shares are expected to trade intra-day), that the Fund fair values all or a substantial portion of its securities, that the Adviser monitors the trading activity of authorized participants for patterns of or abusive trading, and that the Fund reserves the right to reject orders that may be disruptive to the management of or otherwise not in the Fund’s best interests. Given this structure, the Board of Trustees determined that it is not necessary to impose restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions for the Fund at the present time.

Creation and Redemption of Creation Units

The Trust will issue and redeem Shares at NAV only in a large specified number of Shares called a “Creation Unit.” A Creation Unit consists of 50,000 Shares. The Fund generally issues and redeems Creation Units primarily in-kind in exchange for a designated portfolio of equity securities included in the Junior Gold Miners Index and a cash payment. *Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund.* See “Shareholder Information—Buying and Selling Exchange-Traded Shares” and “—Procedures for Creation of Creation Units.” The prices at which creations and redemptions occur are based on the next calculation of NAV after an order is received in proper form by the Distributor.

Fund Deposits. The consideration for creation of Creation Units of the Fund generally consists of the in-kind deposit of a designated portfolio of equity securities (the “Deposit Securities”) constituting a replication of the Junior Gold Miners Index and an amount of cash computed as described below (the “Cash Component”) and, together with the Deposit Securities, the “Fund Deposit.” The list of the names and numbers of shares of the Deposit Securities is made available by the Administrator through the facilities of the NSCC immediately prior to the opening of business each day of NYSE Arca. The Cash Component represents the difference between the NAV of a Creation Unit and the market value of the Deposit Securities and may include a “Dividend Equivalent Payment” as described in the Fund’s SAI. The Fund reserves the right to accept a basket of securities or cash that differs from the Deposit Securities.

Procedures for Creation of Creation Units. To be eligible to place orders with the Distributor to create Creation Units of the Fund, an entity or person either must be (1) a “Participating Party,” *i.e.*, a broker-dealer or other participant in the Clearing Process through the Continuous Net Settlement System of the NSCC; or (2) a DTC Participant; and, in either case, must have executed an agreement with the Trust and with the Distributor with respect to creations and redemptions of Creation Units outside the Clearing Process (“Participant Agreement”). All Creation Units of the Fund, however created, will be entered on the records of DTC in the name of Cede & Co. for the account of a DTC Participant.

At any given time, there may be only a limited number of broker-dealers that have executed a Participant Agreement. Those placing orders to create Creation Units of the Fund through the Clearing Process should afford sufficient time to permit proper submission of the order to the Distributor prior to the closing time of the regular trading session on NYSE Arca (ordinarily 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the date on which a creation (or redemption order, as discussed below) is placed (the “Transmittal Date”).

Orders for creation that are effected outside the Clearing Process are likely to require transmittal by the DTC Participant earlier on the Transmittal Date than orders effected using the Clearing Process. Those persons placing orders outside the Clearing Process should ascertain the deadlines applicable to DTC and the Federal Reserve Bank wire system by contacting the operations department of the broker or depository institution effectuating such transfer of Deposit Securities and Cash Component. Investors should refer to “Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” in the Fund’s SAI for details regarding the logistics of placement of orders through and outside the Clearing Process.

Acceptance of Creation Order. The Trust reserves the absolute right to reject a creation order transmitted to it by the Distributor if, for any reason: (a) the order is not in proper form; (b) the creator or creators, upon obtaining the Shares, would own 80% or more of the currently outstanding Shares of the Fund; (c) the Deposit Securities delivered are not as specified by the Administrator, as described above; (d) acceptance of the Deposit Securities would have certain adverse tax consequences to the Fund; (e) the acceptance of the Fund Deposit would, in the opinion of counsel, be unlawful; (f) the acceptance of the Fund Deposit would otherwise, in the discretion of the Trust or the Adviser, have an adverse effect on the Trust or the rights of beneficial owners; or (g) in the event that circumstances outside the control of the Trust, the Distributor and the Adviser make it for all practical purposes impossible to process creation orders. Examples of such circumstances include acts of God or public service or utility problems such as fires, floods, extreme weather conditions and power outages resulting in telephone, telecopy and computer failures; market conditions or activities causing trading halts; systems failures involving computer or other information systems affecting the Trust, the Adviser, the Distributor, DTC, the NSCC or any other participant in the creation process, and similar extraordinary events. The Trust shall notify a prospective creator of its rejection of the order of such person. The Trust and the Distributor are under no duty, however, to give notification of any defects or irregularities in the delivery of Fund Deposits nor shall either of them incur any liability for the failure to give any such notification. The Trust shall notify a prospective creator of its rejection of the order of such person.

All questions as to the number of Shares of each security in the Deposit Securities and the validity, form, eligibility and acceptance for deposit of any securities to be delivered shall be determined by the Trust, and the Trust’s determination shall be final and binding.

Creation Transaction Fee. A fixed Creation Transaction Fee of \$1,000, which is paid to the Fund, is applicable to each transaction regardless of the number of Creation Units purchased in the transaction. In addition, a variable charge of up to four times the Creation Transaction Fee will be imposed with respect to

transactions effected outside of the Clearing Process (through a DTC Participant) or to the extent that cash is used in lieu of securities to purchase Creation Units. In the case of cash creations or where the Trust permits or requires a creator to substitute “cash in lieu” of depositing a portion of the Deposit Securities, the creator will be assessed an additional variable charge of up to 4% of the value of each Creation Unit to compensate the Fund for the costs associated with purchasing the applicable securities. See “Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” in the Fund’s SAI. The price for each Creation Unit will equal the daily NAV per Share times the number of Shares in a Creation Unit plus the fees described above and, if applicable, any transfer taxes. Shares of the Fund may be issued in advance of receipt of all Deposit Securities subject to various conditions, including a requirement to maintain on deposit with the Fund cash at least equal to 115% of the market value of the missing Deposit Securities. See “Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” in the Fund’s SAI.

Redemption of Creation Units. Shares may be redeemed only in Creation Units at their NAV next determined after receipt of a redemption request in proper form by the Distributor, only on a day on which NYSE Arca is open for trading and only through a Participating Party or DTC Participant who has executed a Participant Agreement. *The Trust will not redeem Shares in amounts less than Creation Units.* Beneficial owners also may sell Shares in the secondary market, but must accumulate enough Shares to constitute a Creation Unit in order to have such Shares redeemed by the Trust. There can be no assurance, however, that there will be sufficient liquidity in the public trading market at any time to permit assembly of a Creation Unit. Investors should expect to incur brokerage and other costs in connection with assembling a sufficient number of Shares to constitute a redeemable Creation Unit.

The Administrator, through NSCC, makes available immediately prior to the opening of business on NYSE Arca (currently 9:30 a.m. Eastern time) on each day that NYSE Arca is open for business, the securities held by the Fund (“Fund Securities”) that will be applicable (subject to possible amendment or correction) to redemption requests received in proper form (as defined below) on that day. Fund Securities received on redemption may not be identical to Deposit Securities which are applicable to purchasers of Creation Units. Unless cash redemptions are permitted or required for the Fund, the redemption proceeds for a Creation Unit generally consist of Fund Securities, plus cash in an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of the Shares being redeemed, as next determined after a receipt of a request in proper form, and the value of the Fund Securities, less the Redemption Transaction Fee and variable fees described below. The Fund reserves the right to honor a redemption request by delivering a basket of securities or cash that differs from the Fund Securities.

Redemption Transaction Fee. The Redemption Transaction Fee of \$1,000 is deducted from such redemption proceeds. Should the Fund Securities have a value greater than the NAV of Shares being redeemed, a compensating cash payment to the Trust equal to the differential, plus the applicable Redemption Transaction Fee and, if applicable, any transfer taxes will be required to be arranged for by or on behalf of the redeeming shareholder. The basic Redemption Transaction Fee is the same no matter how many Creation Units are being redeemed pursuant to any one redemption request. An additional charge up to four times the Redemption Transaction Fee will be charged with respect to cash redemptions or redemptions outside of the Clearing Process. An additional variable charge of up to 4% of the value of each Creation Unit for cash redemptions or partial cash redemptions (when cash redemptions are permitted or required) will also be imposed to compensate the Fund for the costs associated with selling the applicable securities. The Fund may adjust these fees from time to time based upon actual experience. The Fund reserves the right to effect redemptions in cash. Although a shareholder in the Fund may request a cash redemption in lieu of securities, the Fund may, in its discretion, reject any such request. Investors who use the services of a broker or other such intermediary may be charged a fee for such services. Investors should refer to “Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” in the Fund’s SAI for details regarding the logistics of redemption orders through and outside the Clearing Process.

Redemptions of Shares for Fund Securities will be subject to compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws, and the Fund (whether or not it otherwise permits or requires cash redemptions) reserves the right to redeem Creation Units for cash to the extent that the Fund could not lawfully deliver specific Deposit Securities upon redemptions or could not do so without first registering the Fund Securities under such laws. Deliveries of Fund Securities to redeeming investors generally will be made within three business days. Due to the schedule of holidays in certain countries, however, the delivery of in-kind redemption proceeds may take longer than three business days after the day on which the redemption request is received in proper form. In such cases, the local market settlement procedures will not commence until the end of the local holiday periods. See the Fund’s SAI for a list of the local holidays in the foreign countries relevant to the Fund.

The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed (1) for any period during which the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings); (2) for any period during which trading on the NYSE is suspended or restricted; (3) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal of the Shares of the Fund or determination

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of their NAV is not reasonably practicable; or (4) in such other circumstance as is permitted by the SEC.

Investors interested in creating and/or redeeming Creation Units should refer to the more detailed information “Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” in the Fund’s SAI.

Distributions

Net Investment Income and Capital Gains. As a shareholder of the Fund, you are entitled to your share of the Fund’s distributions of net investment income and net realized capital gains on its investments. The Fund pays out substantially all of its net earnings to its shareholders as “distributions.”

The Fund typically earns income dividends from stocks and interest from debt securities. These amounts, net of expenses, are typically passed along to Fund shareholders as dividends from net investment income. The Fund realizes capital gains or losses whenever it sells securities. Net capital gains are distributed to shareholders as “capital gain distributions.”

Net investment income and net capital gains are typically distributed to shareholders at least annually. Dividends may be declared and paid more frequently to improve index tracking or to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Fund may determine to distribute at least annually amounts representing the full dividend yield net of expenses on the underlying investment securities, as if the Fund owned the underlying investment securities for the entire dividend period, in which case some portion of each distribution may result in a return of capital, which, for tax purposes, is treated as a return on your investment in Shares. You will be notified regarding the portion of the distribution which represents a return of capital.

Distributions in cash may be reinvested automatically in additional Shares of the Fund only if the broker through which you purchased Shares makes such option available.

Tax Matters

As with any investment, you should consider how your Fund investment will be taxed. The tax information in this Prospectus is provided as general information. You should consult your own tax professional about the tax consequences of an investment in the Fund, including the possible application of foreign, state and local taxes. Unless your investment in the Fund is through a tax-exempt entity or tax-deferred retirement account, such as a 401(k) plan, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when: (i) the Fund makes distributions, (ii) you sell Shares in the secondary market or (iii) you create or redeem Creation Units.

Taxes on Distributions. As noted above, the Fund expects to distribute net investment income at least annually, and any net realized long-term or short-term capital gains annually. The Fund may also pay a special distribution at any time to comply with U.S. federal tax requirements.

In general, your distributions are subject to U.S. federal income tax when they are paid, whether you take them in cash or reinvest them in the Fund. Distributions of net investment income are generally taxable as ordinary income. Taxes on distributions of capital gains are determined by how long the Fund owned the investments that generated them, rather than how long you have owned your Shares. Distributions of net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses, if any, are generally taxable as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains in excess of net short-term capital losses, if any, that are properly designated as capital gain dividends are generally taxable as long-term capital gains. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate shareholders are taxable at a maximum rate of 15%. Absent further legislation, the maximum tax rate on long-term capital gains of non-corporate shareholders will return to 20% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010.

For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011, the Fund may receive dividends, the distribution of which the Fund may designate as qualified dividends. In the event that the Fund receives such a dividend and designates the distribution of such dividend as a qualified dividend, the dividend may be taxed at the maximum capital gains rate, provided holding period and other requirements are met at both the shareholder and the Fund level.

Distributions in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits are treated as a tax-free return of your investment to the extent of your basis in the Shares, and generally as capital gain thereafter. A return of capital, which for tax purposes is treated as a return of your investment, reduces your basis in Shares, thus reducing any loss or increasing any gain on a subsequent taxable disposition of Shares. A distribution will reduce the Fund's NAV per Share and may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gain even though, from an economic standpoint, the distribution may constitute a return of capital.

Dividends, interest and gains from non-U.S. investments of the Fund may give rise to withholding and other taxes imposed by foreign countries. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may, in some cases, reduce or eliminate such taxes.

If more than 50% of the Fund's total assets at the end of its taxable year consist of foreign securities, the Fund may elect to "pass through" to its investors certain foreign income taxes paid by the Fund, with the result that each investor will (i) include in gross income, as an additional dividend, even

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though not actually received, the investor's pro rata share of the Fund's foreign income taxes, and (ii) either deduct (in calculating U.S. taxable income) or credit (in calculating U.S. federal income), subject to certain limitations, the investor's pro rata share of the Fund's foreign income taxes. It is expected that more than 50% of the Fund's assets will consist of foreign securities.

If you are not a citizen or resident alien of the United States, the Fund's ordinary income dividends (which include distributions of net short-term capital gains) will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax, unless a lower treaty rate applies or unless such income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. Furthermore, for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2010, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, designate all or a portion of a dividend as an "interest related dividend" or a "short-term capital gain dividend." An interest-related dividend that is received by a nonresident alien or foreign entity generally would be exempt from the 30% U.S. withholding tax, provided certain other requirements are met. A short term capital gain dividend that is received by a nonresident alien or foreign entity generally would be exempt from the 30% U.S. withholding tax, unless the foreign person is a nonresident alien individual present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the taxable year. The Fund does not expect to pay significant amounts of interest related dividends. Nonresident shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisers concerning the applicability of the U.S. withholding tax.

The Fund may be required to withhold a percentage of your distributions and proceeds if you have not provided a taxpayer identification number or social security number or otherwise established a basis for exemption from backup withholding. The backup withholding rate for individuals is currently 28%. This is not an additional tax and may be refunded, or credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability, provided certain required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Taxes on the Sale of Exchange-Listed Shares. Currently, any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Shares is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than one year and as a short-term capital gain or loss if held for one year or less. However, any capital loss on a sale of Shares held for six months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent that capital gain dividends were paid with respect to such Shares. The ability to deduct capital losses may be limited.

Taxes on In-Kind Creations and In-Kind Redemptions of Creation Units. To the extent a person exchanges securities or securities and cash for Creation Units, such person generally will recognize a gain or loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time of

exchange and the sum of the exchanger's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered and the amount of any cash paid for such Creation Units. A person who exchanges Creation Units for securities or securities and cash will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the exchanger's basis in the Creation Units and the sum of the aggregate market value of the securities received and the amount of any cash received for such Creation Units. The Internal Revenue Service, however, may assert that a loss realized upon an exchange of primarily securities for Creation Units cannot be deducted currently under the rules governing "wash sales," or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging primarily securities for Creation Units or redeeming Creation Units should consult their own tax adviser with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible and the tax treatment of any creation or redemption transaction.

Under current U.S. federal income tax laws, any capital gain or loss realized upon a redemption (or creation) of Creation Units is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for more than one year and as a short-term capital gain or loss if the Shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for one year or less.

If you create or redeem Creation Units, you will be sent a confirmation statement showing how many Shares you created or sold and at what price.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the consequences under current U.S. federal income tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. Consult your own tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in the Fund under all applicable tax laws.

LICENSE AGREEMENT

The Adviser has entered into a licensing agreement with 4asset-management GmbH (“Licensor”) to use the Junior Gold Miners Index. The Adviser has also granted Licensor a license to use the phrase Market Vectors in connection with the Junior Gold Miners Index and Licensor will pay the Adviser a share of the revenues received by Licensor from the licensing of the Junior Gold Miners Index to a third party. The Fund is entitled to use the Junior Gold Miners Index pursuant to a sub-licensing arrangement with the Adviser.

The Shares of the Fund are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by Licensor. Licensor makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of the Shares of the Fund or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Shares of the Fund particularly or the ability of the Junior Gold Miners Index to track the performance of the gold mining market. Licensor’s only relationship to the Adviser is the licensing of certain service marks and trade names and of the Junior Gold Miners Index that is determined, composed and calculated by Licensor without regard to the Adviser or the Shares of the Fund. Licensor has no obligation to take the needs of the Adviser or the owners of the Shares of the Fund into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the Junior Gold Miners Index. Licensor is not responsible for and has not participated in the determination of the timing of, prices at, or quantities of the Shares of the Fund to be issued or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which the Shares of the Fund are to be converted into cash. Licensor has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Shares of the Fund.

LICENSOR DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY AND/OR THE COMPLETENESS OF THE JUNIOR GOLD MINERS INDEX OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN AND LICENSOR SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR INTERRUPTIONS THEREIN. LICENSOR MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY THE ADVISER, OWNERS OF THE SHARES OF THE FUND, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FROM THE USE OF THE JUNIOR GOLD MINERS INDEX OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. LICENSOR MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE WITH RESPECT TO THE JUNIOR GOLD MINERS INDEX OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. WITHOUT LIMITING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IN NO EVENT SHALL LICENSOR HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, INDIRECT, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING LOST PROFITS), EVEN IF NOTIFIED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

The Fund is not sponsored, promoted, sold or supported in any other manner by Structured Solutions AG nor does Structured Solutions AG offer any express or implicit guarantee or assurance either with regard to the results of using the Junior Gold Miners Index and/or its trade mark or its price at any time or in any other respect. The Junior Gold Miners Index is calculated and maintained by Structured Solutions AG. Structured Solutions AG uses its best efforts to ensure that the Junior Gold Miners Index is calculated correctly. Irrespective of its obligations towards the Licensor, Structured Solutions AG has no obligation to point out errors in the Junior Gold Miners Index to third parties including but not limited to investors and/or financial intermediaries of the Fund. Neither publication of the Junior Gold Miners Index by Structured Solutions AG nor the licensing of the Junior Gold Miners Index or its trade mark for the purpose of use in connection with the Fund constitutes a recommendation by Structured Solutions AG to invest capital in the Fund nor does it in any way represent an assurance or opinion of Structured Solutions AG with regard to any investment in the Fund. Structured Solutions AG is not responsible for fulfilling the legal requirements concerning the accuracy and completeness of the Fund's Prospectus.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Fund had not yet commenced operations as of the date of this Prospectus and therefore does not have a financial history.

The Trust was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on March 15, 2001. Its Declaration of Trust currently permits the Trust to issue an unlimited number of Shares of beneficial interest. If shareholders are required to vote on any matters, each Share outstanding would be entitled to one vote. Annual meetings of shareholders will not be held except as required by the 1940 Act and other applicable law. See the Fund's SAI for more information concerning the Trust's form of organization. Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act restricts investments by investment companies in the securities of other investment companies, including Shares of the Fund. Registered investment companies are permitted to invest in the Fund beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in an SEC exemptive order issued to the Trust, including that such investment companies enter into an agreement with the Fund.

Dechert LLP serves as counsel to the Trust, including the Fund. Ernst & Young LLP serves as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and will audit the Fund's financial statements annually.

Additional Information

This Prospectus does not contain all the information included in the Registration Statement filed with the SEC with respect to the Fund's Shares. Information about the Fund can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1.202.942.8090. The Fund's Registration Statement, including this Prospectus, the Fund's SAI and the exhibits may be examined at the offices of the SEC (100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549) or on the Edgar database at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>), and copies may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102. These documents and other information concerning the Trust also may be inspected at the offices of NYSE Arca (20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005).

The SAI for the Fund, which has been filed with the SEC, provides more information about the Fund. The SAI for the Fund is incorporated herein by reference and is legally part of this Prospectus. It may be obtained without charge by writing to the Fund at Van Eck Securities Corporation, the Fund's distributor, at 335 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017 or by calling the distributor at the following number: Investor Information: 1.888.MKT.VCTR (658-8287).

Shareholder inquiries may be directed to the Fund in writing to 335 Madison Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10017 or by calling 1.888.MKT.VCTR (658-8287).

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

The Fund's SAI will be available through its website at www.vaneck.com/etf. (Investment Company Act file no. 811-10325)

For more detailed information about the Fund, see the SAI, which is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. Additional information about the Fund's investments will be available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. In the Fund's annual report, when available, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

Call Van Eck at 1.888.MKT.VCTR to request, free of charge, the annual or semi-annual reports, the SAI, or other information about the Fund or to make shareholder inquiries. You may also obtain the SAI or the Fund's annual or semi-annual reports, when available, by visiting the Van Eck website at www.vaneck.com/etf. Information about the Fund (including the SAI) can also be reviewed and copied at the SEC Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information about the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1.202.942.8090.

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