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VanEck VIP Trust

VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund

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Dear Shareholder:

The Initial Class shares of the VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund (the “Fund”) returned 0.10% during the 12 month period ended December 31, 2016, and underperformed the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (MSCI EM),¹ its benchmark index, which gained 11.60% over the same period.

The most significant reason behind the underperformance of the Fund this year has been style. The Fund employs an all-cap strategy, focusing on structural growth. Analyzing emerging markets performance in 2016, certain elements stand out. These are interconnected and they combined to affect materially, and adversely, our performance following a very successful period for the Fund. A rebound in commodities led to a leveraged performance of the commodity-based stocks, countries, and currencies in emerging markets. The Fund eschews investment in many of the largest stocks in this space, because of its cyclical nature, combined with concerns about a high degree of state ownership.

In addition, large-capitalization stocks (some of which are commodity equities) were clear winners this year. Both cyclical and large-cap stocks performed well after a number of years of underperformance, as large-cap value which, in many cases, crosses over with cyclical sectors (materials and energy) will have periods of outperformance over growth. For example, in a review of growth versus value in emerging markets, value outperformed in much of the 2000s as commodity companies led other facets of emerging markets. Following the financial crisis, growth has since outperformed, as consumer stocks began to rally. 2016 breaks this trend, however, our sense is that we are far closer to the end of this short transitional period of outperformance of value than the beginning, and we have focused over the past year on positioning in companies that will benefit when regime change means investors once again favor high-quality growth over low-quality, large-cap cyclicals.

In our opinion, the outperformance of cyclical stocks is unsustainable over the medium- to longer-term, and we remain disciplined in our strategy of investing in structural growth throughout the capitalization range. We believe this approach has served our investors well over time.

Fund Review

On a sector level, consumer staples/discretionary and financials helped the Fund’s relative performance in 2016, while industrials and information technology detracted the most from performance. On a country level, China and Russia were the largest detractors from relative performance.

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Thailand and the Philippines aided performance. Small- and mid-cap stocks accounted for more than 80% of the relative underperformance versus the benchmark in 2016.

Our top five performing stocks were companies from across the globe. In India, Yes Bank Ltd. (3.2% of Fund net assets[†]), a high-quality, private sector bank, benefited from both improving loan growth and widening lending spreads. This led to significant results as has the bank's focus on retail as opposed to commercial business opportunities. In addition, as it becomes clear that the current government is unlikely to recapitalize the overly indebted state-owned banking sector, the well-managed private banks are positioned to take considerable market share.

As a Brazilian real holding, BB Seguridade Participações (1.1% of Fund net assets[†]), the insurance arm of the largest Latin America-based bank Banco do Brasil, was helped significantly by the rebound in the Brazilian market during the first half of 2016. Their story is a structural one, with the company continuing to display strong execution in line with our growth thesis.

In Peru, in addition to its improving asset quality, consistent performance, and asset growth, financial holding company Credicorp (2.0% of Fund net assets[†]) benefited from an uptick in the commodities markets, together with the turnaround in the Peruvian market during the 12 month period.

Another company that continued to execute operations well was CP All Plc (2.5% of Fund net assets[†]) in Thailand. Its principal line of business is the operation of 7-Eleven convenience stores, the largest chain of convenience stores in Thailand. We tend to favor that format as it suits the lifestyle of the increasingly urban populations of emerging markets. The gradual addition of ready-to-eat meals has boosted margins, while the introduction of new services such as being a delivery conduit for e-commerce purchases increases traffic.

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (3.2% of Fund net assets[†]), is the largest and undisputed global leader in Integrated Circuit (IC) manufacturing. As a build-to-order foundry, it provides a wide-range of value-add activities and process development. We attribute its structural growth success to its proven, winning business model, unparalleled scale advantage, optimized execution, technology scope and depth, and the demand for more and more advanced processing power for smartphones and general computing. In 2016, the foundry sector generally benefited from recovering end-demand in the first half of the year after low

utilization due to high customer inventory and weak end-demand in 2015. We are structurally positive on Taiwan Semiconductor and expect it to sustain 10% growth in the next three to five years driven by continued strong bit growth in communication devices. Its return on invested capital² (ROIC) should trend up on a rising return on assets³ (ROA) and a stable or growing margin.

Four of the five biggest detractors from performance during the 12 month period were Chinese. Having been forced to change its business model, Hong Kong-based Boer Power Holdings (sold by Fund by period end), which provides electrical distribution solutions, faced, in our opinion, increased business risk. The company's leverage increased as it took on higher levels of accounts receivable.

CAR (sold by Fund by period end), also based in Hong Kong, is the largest auto rental company in China and provides vehicles to U-Car, a partner providing "Uber-like" chauffeured car services in China. The issues around this company and its poor performance centered on uncertainty surrounding the regulatory environment that led U-Car to scale back its investment and use fewer CAR vehicles.

One of the Fund's internet holdings, JD.com (2.3% of Fund net assets[†]) suffered from the widespread exit from the Chinese market during the first quarter of the year, giving back some of its outperformance of the previous year. The second quarter brought some negative points regarding top line sales which caused further multiple contraction. However the company, as market leader, continues to reflect, in our opinion, the considerable strength of the growth opportunities in the ecommerce sector in China and we are inclined to remain patient.

Wasion Group Holdings (sold by Fund by period end) is in the business of improving the efficiency of power use in China. Early in the period under review, it suffered from the fallout created by the adjustment and lengthening of payment timelines on certain government contracts and we exited our position in the company.

Luxoft Holdings (1.2% of Fund net assets[†]) is a high-end information technology services provider, in particular to the financial services industry, with its programmers largely situated in the ex-Soviet Union countries, referred to as Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). During the period under review, the company reported lower than expected numbers, largely related to the pulling of a key contract by a client.

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The Fund may invest in Chinese A-shares listed and traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange through Stock Connect, or on such other stock exchanges in China which participate in Stock Connect. The Fund may also invest in participatory notes (P-Notes) to gain exposure to a company where the ability to access the internal capital markets is limited. We currently own three Chinese A-share companies on the Shanghai exchange.

Strategy and Outlook

Developments that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2016 have the potential to be unhelpful for the asset class going forward and bear observation. For instance, the ascent of the U.S. dollar tends to hurt earnings in the emerging markets and contract domestic liquidity. Although we can make a case for “overvaluation” of the U.S. dollar, particularly against local emerging markets currencies, in the short term, flows matter more. In addition, the decline in bonds globally may or may not be supportive for emerging markets, depending on whether such decline is accompanied by substantially better economic growth. One significant supporting factor, however, is that emerging markets earnings expectations held up well over 2016 in stark contrast to the previous four years over which the ultimate earnings results significantly disappointed.

Entering 2017, emerging markets face a significant degree of risk, both good and bad. The actions of the new U.S. administration, though they may be very different from the rhetoric of the campaign, may also impact the case for emerging markets, both positively and negatively. The complicated and uncertain interplay of reflationary policies, rates and the U.S. dollar, is hard to predict. It may lead to reflation, stagflation, or possibly lead back to the deflationary environment of the last few years.

Protectionism has reared its ugly head. This will ultimately impact negatively on smaller, more open emerging markets. The upside, however, would be to force these economies into effecting reform which will increase the value-added of their economies.

We are encouraged by the solid delivery of earnings growth from the companies that we hold. They have generally met fairly buoyant expectations. They may not be the “flavor of the month” (or the year), as currently heavy cyclicals rule the roost, but those steadily increasing earnings will be reflected in the performance of the stock prices, and thus, the Fund. With our disciplined focus on structural growth, we

expect to continue to benefit over the medium term, without the difficulties of trying to time cycles.

Since idiosyncrasy remains a critical aspect of investing in emerging markets, we continue to appreciate the flexibility inherent in our process that allows us to invest in well-priced structural growth opportunities across market capitalizations. In addition, we also retain the advantage of being able to avoid certain larger capitalization names that are often exposed to cyclical industries and/or may be subject to unwelcome government involvement. As we go forward, we will continue our pursuit of attractive investments that we believe can deliver the anticipated growth that characterizes emerging markets countries.

The Fund continues to employ an active, non-index driven approach. This provides the flexibility to address not only interesting emerging markets opportunities, but also concerns in both companies and countries should any arise. It is essentially the flexibility to invest in the best structural growth stories that we can find, many of which are found in mid- and small-cap stocks.

The Fund is subject to the risks associated with its investments in emerging markets securities, which tend to be more volatile and less liquid than securities traded in developed countries. The Fund's investments in foreign securities involve risks related to adverse political and economic developments unique to a country or a region, currency fluctuations or controls, and the possibility of arbitrary action by foreign governments, including the takeover of property without adequate compensation or imposition of prohibitive taxation. The Fund is subject to risks associated with investments in derivatives, illiquid securities, and small- or mid-cap companies. The Fund is also subject to inflation risk, market risk, non-diversification risk, and leverage risk. Please see the prospectus for information on these and other risk considerations.

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



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January 23, 2017



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† All Fund assets referenced are Total Net Assets as of December 31, 2016.

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- ¹ MSCI Emerging Markets Index (MSCI EM) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of 23 emerging markets countries.
- ² Return on invested capital (ROIC) formula is the operating profit in the income statement minus taxes.
- ³ The return on assets (ROA) ratio formula is calculated by dividing net income by average total assets. This ratio can also be represented as a product of the profit margin and the total asset turnover.

TOP TEN EQUITY HOLDINGS*

December 31, 2016 (unaudited)

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	4.7%
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	4.0%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	3.5%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	3.2%
Yes Bank Ltd.	3.2%
Naspers Ltd.	2.8%
CP All Public Co. Ltd.	2.5%
JD.com, Inc.	2.3%
Credicorp Ltd.	2.0%
CIE Automotive, S.A.	1.9%

** Percentage of net assets. Portfolio is subject to change.*

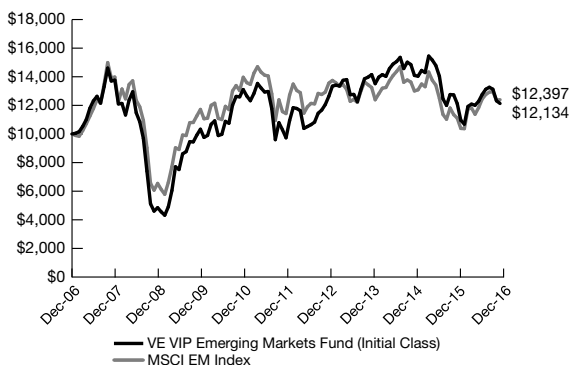
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PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

December 31, 2016 (unaudited)

This chart shows the value of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the Fund over the past 10 fiscal year periods or since inception (for funds lacking 10-year records). 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)



Average Annual

Total Return 12/31/16

One Year

Fund
Initial Class

MSCI EM

0.10%

11.60%

Five Year

4.51%

1.64%

Ten Year

1.95%

2.17%

Total Return 12/31/16

Life* (cumulative)

Fund
Class S

MSCI EM

0.10%

5.50%

* Inception date for the Fund was 5/2/16 (Class S)

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 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.

The Fund is only available to life insurance and annuity companies to fund their variable annuity and variable life insurance products. These contracts offer life insurance and tax benefits to the beneficial owners of the Fund. Your insurance or annuity company charges fees and expenses for these benefits that are not reflected in this report or in the Fund's performance, since they are not direct expenses of the Fund. For insurance products, performance figures do not reflect the cost for insurance and if they did, the performance shown would be significantly lower. A review of your particular life and/or annuity contract will provide you with much greater detail regarding these costs and benefits.

All indices listed are unmanaged indices and include the reinvestment of all dividends, but do not reflect the payment of transaction costs, advisory fees or expenses that are associated with an investment in the Fund. An index's performance is not illustrative of the Fund's performance. Indices are not securities in which investments can be made.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index (MSCI EM) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets, calculated with dividends reinvested.

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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, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

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.

	Beginning Account Value July 1, 2016	Ending Account Value December 31, 2016	Expenses Paid During the Period* July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016
VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund			
Initial Class			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$ 987.70	\$5.75
Hypothetical**	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.36	\$5.84
Class S			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$ 984.80	\$8.48
Hypothetical**	\$1,000.00	\$1,016.59	\$8.62

* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio (for the six months ended December 31, 2016), of 1.15% on Initial Class Shares and 1.70% on Class S Shares, 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

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Number of Shares	Value	Number of Shares	Value
COMMON STOCKS: 90.7%		China / Hong Kong: (continued)	
Argentina: 0.6%		1,424,000	Fu Shou Yuan International Group Ltd. # \$ 837,036
52,700	Grupo Supervielle SA (ADR) * \$ 692,478	175,000	Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. # 757,946
Brazil: 3.6%		111,650	JD.com, Inc. (ADR) * 2,840,376
157,000	BB Seguridade Participacoes SA # 1,362,623	26,800	Kweichow Moutai Co. Ltd. # 1,287,264
108,900	CVC Brasil Operadora e Agencia de Viagens SA # 792,018	1,964,000	Man Wah Holdings Ltd. # 1,326,135
50,000	Fleury SA # 546,820	161,991	Shanghai International Airport Co. Ltd. # 617,496
40,000	Ouro Fino Saude Animal Participacoes SA 344,118	218,000	Shenzhen International Group Holdings Ltd. # 1,374,419
65,000	Smiles SA # 892,146	220,000	Sinopharm Group Co. Ltd. # 901,636
53,000	Valid Solucoes SA # 400,772	19,180	TAL Education Group (ADR) * 1,345,477
	4,338,497	481,000	Techtronic Industries Co. # 1,721,247
China / Hong Kong: 28.6%		203,000	Tencent Holdings Ltd. # 4,922,163
263,000	AIA Group Ltd. # 1,473,284	446,948	Zhengzhou Yutong Bus Co. Ltd. # 1,258,127
48,300	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. (ADR) * 4,241,223		34,760,378
3,356,000	Beijing Enterprises Water Group Ltd. # 2,221,180	Egypt: 0.8%	
174,000	Beijing Originwater Technology Co. Ltd. * 438,662	255,750	Commercial International Bank Egypt SAE # 1,030,094
3,588,969	China Animal Healthcare Ltd. * # \$ 240,669	India: 14.0%	
36,800	China Lodging Group Ltd. (ADR) 1,907,712	1,077,000	Ashok Leyland Ltd. * # 1,265,543
1,328,000	China Maple Leaf Educational Systems Ltd. # 880,336	224,000	Cadila Healthcare Ltd. # 1,168,856
1,426,000	China Medical System Holdings Ltd. # 2,251,344	127,000	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd. # 1,764,007
1,505,000	China Resources Phoenix Healthcare Holdings Co. Ltd. * # 1,916,646	586,000	Fortis Healthcare Ltd. * # 1,554,445

See Notes to Financial Statements

Number of Shares	Value	Number of Shares	Value
India: (continued)		Philippines: 1.3%	
84,000	HDFC Bank Ltd. \$ 1,634,949	1,035,000	Robinsons Retail Holdings, Inc. # \$ 1,545,231
185,800	Phoenix Mills Ltd. # 1,015,792	Russia: 2.1%	
98,000	Strides Shasun Ltd. # 1,522,569	6,090	Magnit PJSC # 1,088,615
60,734	Supreme Industries Ltd. * # 810,259	73,000	Yandex NV (USD) * 1,469,490
121,278	Syngene International Ltd. # 997,014	2,558,105	
191,000	TVS Motor Co. Ltd. # 1,007,056	South Africa: 5.9%	
74,199	VA Tech Wabag Ltd. # 510,509	522,000	Advtech Ltd. * 652,607
227,000	Yes Bank Ltd. # 3,845,829	32,000	Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd. # 659,224
	17,096,828	23,300	Naspers Ltd. # 3,401,605
Indonesia: 2.1%		342,000	Rhodes Food Group Pty Ltd. 671,113
2,398,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia Tbk PT # 2,071,187	59,000	Spar Group Ltd. 853,097
1,186,000	Link Net Tbk PT 453,361	887,000	Transaction Capital Ltd. 933,905
	2,524,548	7,171,551	
Jordan: 0.6%		South Korea: 3.8%	
32,000	Hikma Pharmaceuticals Plc (GBP) # 745,846	2,365	LG Household & Health Care Ltd. # 1,677,947
Kenya: 1.4%		2,830	NAVER Corp. # 1,812,268
9,416,000	Safaricom Ltd. 1,759,699	23,365	Soulbrain Co. Ltd. # 1,166,450
Mexico: 3.4%		4,656,665	
21,360	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV (ADR) 1,627,846	Spain: 1.9%	
476,000	Qualitas Controladora SAB de CV 673,943	120,000	CIE Automotive SA # 2,335,147
731,000	Unifin Financiera SAPI de CV SOFOM ENR 1,812,544	Switzerland: 2.0%	
	4,114,333	27,000	Luxoft Holding, Inc. (USD) * 1,517,400
Peru: 2.0%		43,800	Wizz Air Holdings Plc (GBP) * # 966,312
15,660	Credicorp Ltd. (USD) 2,472,088	2,483,712	
		Taiwan: 7.0%	
		576,000	Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc. # 587,224
		297,800	Aerospace Industrial Development Corp. # 352,512

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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Number of Shares	Value	Number of Shares	Value
Taiwan: (continued)		PREFERRED STOCKS: 6.8%	
384,000 Basso Industry Corp. #	\$ 1,108,190	Brazil: 0.9%	
12,000 Largan Precision Co. Ltd. #	1,398,736	101,760 Itau Unibanco Holding SA #	\$ 1,055,447
101,654 Poya Co. Ltd.	1,178,062	Colombia: 1.3%	
698,000 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. #	3,909,675	160,000 Banco Davivienda SA	1,598,934
	<u>8,534,399</u>	South Korea: 4.6%	
		4,783 Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. #	5,663,242
Thailand: 3.6%		Total Preferred Stocks	
1,758,000 CP ALL PCL #	3,063,916	(Cost: \$8,010,596)	
1,135,000 Srisawad Power 1979 PCL (NVDR) #	1,302,509	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS: 1.7%	
	<u>4,366,425</u>	Mexico: 1.7%	
Turkey: 3.2%		663,000 Concentradora Hipotecaria SAPI de CV	746,807
106,283 AvivaSA Emeklilik ve Hayat AS #	578,964	1,060,800 TF Administradora Industrial, S de RL de CV	1,335,617
191,000 Tofas Turk Otomobil Fabrikasi AS #	1,332,620	Total Real Estate Investment Trusts	
4,839,079 Turkiye Sinai Kalkinma Bankasi AS #	1,932,112	(Cost: \$3,048,078)	
	<u>3,843,696</u>	MONEY MARKET FUND: 0.7%	
United Arab Emirates: 0.8%		(Cost: \$815,513)	
49,500 NMC Health Plc (GBP) #	941,677	815,513 AIM Treasury Portfolio— Institutional Class	815,513
United Kingdom: 2.0%		Total Investments: 99.9%	
49,900 Bank of Georgia Holdings Plc #	1,837,298	(Cost: \$117,012,774)	
1,235,312 Hirco Plc * # \$	0	Other assets less	
255,000 International Personal Finance Plc #	540,937	liabilities: 0.1%	
	<u>2,378,235</u>	NET ASSETS: 100.0%	
Total Common Stocks		<u>\$121,732,618</u>	
(Cost: \$105,138,587)	<u>110,349,632</u>	ADR	American Depositary Receipt
		GBP	British Pound
		NVDR	Non-Voting Depositary Receipt
		USD	United States Dollar

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- * Non-income producing
- # Indicates a fair valued security which has been valued in good faith pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The aggregate value of fair valued securities is \$87,548,171 which represents 71.9% of net assets.
- § Illiquid Security — the aggregate value of illiquid securities is \$240,669 which represents 0.2% 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 \$1,963,326, or 1.6% of net assets.

Summary of Investments by Sector (unaudited)	% of Investments	Value
Consumer Discretionary	21.1%	\$ 25,690,135
Consumer Staples	9.7	11,815,029
Financials	23.5	28,613,132
Health Care	11.3	13,790,864
Industrials	4.4	5,299,424
Information Technology	21.0	25,521,421
Materials	1.6	1,976,709
Real Estate	2.6	3,098,216
Telecommunication Services	1.8	2,213,060
Utilities	2.3	2,731,689
Money Market Fund	0.7	815,513
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$121,565,192</u>

The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Value
Common Stocks				
Argentina	\$ 692,478	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 692,478
Brazil	344,118	3,994,379	—	4,338,497
China / Hong Kong	10,773,450	23,746,259	240,669	34,760,378
Egypt	—	1,030,094	—	1,030,094
India	1,634,949	15,461,879	—	17,096,828
Indonesia	453,361	2,071,187	—	2,524,548
Jordan	—	745,846	—	745,846
Kenya	1,759,699	—	—	1,759,699
Mexico	4,114,333	—	—	4,114,333
Peru	2,472,088	—	—	2,472,088
Philippines	—	1,545,231	—	1,545,231

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

(continued)

	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Value
Common Stocks (continued)				
Russia	\$ 1,469,490	\$ 1,088,615	\$ —	\$ 2,558,105
South Africa	3,110,722	4,060,829	—	7,171,551
South Korea	—	4,656,665	—	4,656,665
Spain	—	2,335,147	—	2,335,147
Switzerland	1,517,400	966,312	—	2,483,712
Taiwan	1,178,062	7,356,337	—	8,534,399
Thailand	—	4,366,425	—	4,366,425
Turkey	—	3,843,696	—	3,843,696
United Arab Emirates	—	941,677	—	941,677
United Kingdom	—	2,378,235	0	2,378,235
Preferred Stocks				
Brazil	—	1,055,447	—	1,055,447
Colombia	1,598,934	—	—	1,598,934
South Korea	—	5,663,242	—	5,663,242
Real Estate Investment Trusts*	2,082,424	—	—	2,082,424
Money Market Fund	815,513	—	—	815,513
Total	<u>\$34,017,021</u>	<u>\$87,307,502</u>	<u>\$240,669</u>	<u>\$121,565,192</u>

* See Schedule of Investments for security type and geographic sector breakouts.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, transfers of securities from Level 1 to Level 2 were \$1,733,812 and transfers from Level 2 to Level 1 were \$3,504,825. These transfers resulted primarily from changes in certain foreign securities valuation methodologies between the last close of the securities' primary market (Level 1) and valuation by the pricing service (Level 2), which takes into account market direction or events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the last local close, as described in the Notes to Financial Statements.

The following table reconciles the valuation of the Fund's Level 3 investment securities and related transactions during the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Common Stocks	
	China / Hong Kong	United Kingdom
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ 602,017	\$ 0
Realized gain (loss)	—	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(361,348)	0
Purchases	—	—
Sales	—	—
Transfers in and/or out of level 3	—	—
Balance as of December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 240,669</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2016

Assets:

Investments, at value (Cost \$117,012,774)	\$121,565,192
Cash denominated in foreign currency, at value (Cost \$365,675)	364,844
Receivables:	
Investments sold	163,814
Shares of beneficial interest sold	486,795
Dividends	34,699
Prepaid expenses	3,082
Total assets	122,618,426

Liabilities:

Payables:	
Investments purchased	297,678
Shares of beneficial interest redeemed	144,466
Due to Adviser	102,319
Due to custodian	1,226
Deferred Trustee fees	56,778
Accrued expenses	283,341
Total liabilities	885,808

NET ASSETS \$121,732,618

Initial Class Shares:

Net Assets	\$121,722,596
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	11,698,938
Net asset value, redemption and offering price per share	\$ 10.40

Class S Shares:

Net Assets	\$ 10,022
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	967
Net asset value, redemption and offering price per share	\$ 10.36

Net Assets consist of:

Aggregate paid in capital	\$130,428,566
Net unrealized appreciation	4,340,602
Undistributed net investment income	440,371
Accumulated net realized loss	(13,476,921)
	\$121,732,618

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Income:

Dividends (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$181,555) \$ 2,351,012

Expenses:

Management fees \$1,253,497

Distribution fees – Class S Shares 17

Transfer agent fees – Initial Class Shares 27,451

Transfer agent fees – Class S Shares 2,002

Custodian fees 34,823

Professional fees 76,414

Reports to shareholders 41,270

Insurance 8,403

Trustees' fees and expenses 11,720

Interest 5,048

Other 18,221

Total expenses 1,478,866

Waiver of management fees (1,979)

Net expenses 1,476,887

Net investment income 874,125

Net realized loss on:

Investments (net of foreign taxes of \$41,277) (12,930,063)

Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated
assets and liabilities (337,450)

Net realized loss (13,267,513)

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

Investments (net of foreign taxes of \$202,990) 12,282,352

Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated
assets and liabilities (10,288)

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) 12,272,064

Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations \$ (121,324)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 874,125	\$ 1,067,753
Net realized gain (loss)	(13,267,513)	169,335
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . .	12,272,064	(23,176,667)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations . . .	<u>(121,324)</u>	<u>(21,939,579)</u>
Dividends and Distributions to shareholders from:		
Net investment income		
Initial Class Shares	(572,076)	(799,151)
Net realized capital gains		
Initial Class Shares	(619,749)	(7,885,742)
Total dividends and distributions	<u>(1,191,825)</u>	<u>(8,684,893)</u>
Share transactions*:		
Proceeds from sale of shares		
Initial Class Shares	23,055,188	35,539,992
Class S Shares†	10,010	—
	<u>23,065,198</u>	<u>35,539,992</u>
Reinvestment of dividends and distributions		
Initial Class Shares	1,191,825	8,684,893
Cost of shares redeemed		
Initial Class Shares	(29,236,352)	(39,011,493)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from share transactions	<u>(4,979,329)</u>	<u>5,213,392</u>
Total decrease in net assets	<u>(6,292,478)</u>	<u>(25,411,080)</u>
Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	<u>128,025,096</u>	<u>153,436,176</u>
End of year (including undistributed net investment income of \$440,371 and \$524,919, respectively)	<u>\$121,732,618</u>	<u>\$128,025,096</u>
* Shares of beneficial interest issued, reinvested and redeemed (unlimited number of \$.001 par value shares authorized):		
Initial Class Shares:		
Shares sold	2,203,274	2,848,951
Shares reinvested	126,925	714,218
Shares redeemed	<u>(2,819,100)</u>	<u>(3,222,848)</u>
Net increase (decrease)	<u>(488,901)</u>	<u>340,321</u>
Class S Shares†:		
Shares sold	967	
Shares reinvested	—	
Shares redeemed	—	
Net increase	<u>967</u>	

† Inception date of Class S Shares was May 2, 2016.

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For a share outstanding throughout each year:

	Initial Class Shares				
	Year Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Net asset value, beginning of year	<u>\$10.50</u>	<u>\$12.95</u>	<u>\$14.90</u>	<u>\$13.50</u>	<u>\$10.40</u>
Income from investment operations:					
Net investment income . . .	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.07
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	<u>(0.08)</u>	<u>(1.80)</u>	<u>(0.23)</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>3.03</u>
Total from investment operations	<u>—(b)</u>	<u>(1.71)</u>	<u>(0.13)</u>	<u>1.61</u>	<u>3.10</u>
Less dividends and distributions from:					
Net investment income . .	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.21)	—
Net realized capital gains . .	<u>(0.05)</u>	<u>(0.67)</u>	<u>(1.74)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total dividends and distributions	<u>(0.10)</u>	<u>(0.74)</u>	<u>(1.82)</u>	<u>(0.21)</u>	<u>—</u>
Redemption fees	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—(b)</u>
Net asset value, end of year . .	<u>\$10.40</u>	<u>\$10.50</u>	<u>\$12.95</u>	<u>\$14.90</u>	<u>\$13.50</u>
Total return (a)	0.10%	(13.99)%	(0.41)%	12.02%	29.81%

Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$121,723	\$128,025	\$153,436	\$167,932	\$171,456
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets	1.18%	1.14%	1.17%	1.23%	1.23%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.18%	1.14%	1.17%	1.23%	1.23%
Ratio of net expenses, excluding interest expense, to average net assets	1.19%(c)	1.13%	1.17%	1.22%	1.23%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	0.70%	0.71%	0.69%	0.56%	0.55%
Portfolio turnover rate	62%	65%	85%	83%	93%

(a) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the 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.

(b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share

(c) Excludes reimbursement from prior year custodial charge of 0.02%.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period:

	Class S Shares May 2, 2016 (a) through December 31, 2016
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$10.35
Income from investment operations:	
Net investment income	0.01
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	—(b)
Total from investment operations	0.01
Net asset value, end of period	\$10.36
Total return (c)	0.10%(d)

Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net assets, end of period (000's)	\$ 10
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets	30.43%(e)
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.75%(e)
Ratio of net expenses, excluding interest expense, to average net assets	1.75%(e)
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	0.12%(e)
Portfolio turnover rate	62%(d)(f)

(a) Commencement of operations

(b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share

(c) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, 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 period. The return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends/distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

(d) Not annualized

(e) Annualized

(f) Portfolio turnover is calculated at the fund level and represents a one year period

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Note 1—Fund Organization—VanEck VIP Trust (the “Trust”) (formerly Van Eck VIP 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 Emerging Markets Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified series of the Trust and seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities in emerging markets around the world. The Fund currently offers two classes of shares: Initial Class Shares and Class S Shares. The two classes are identical except Class S Shares are subject to a distribution fee. Class S Shares commenced operations on May 2, 2016.

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. 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 (as described below). Certain foreign securities, whose values may be affected by market direction or events occurring before the Fund’s pricing time (4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) but after the last close of the securities’ primary market, are fair valued using a pricing service and are categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The pricing service considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to intraday trading in the U.S. markets, based on indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators such as prices of

relevant ADR's and futures contracts. The Fund may also fair value securities in other situations, such as, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Fund is open. Short-term obligations with more than sixty days remaining to maturity are valued at market value. 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. Securities for which quotations are not available are stated at fair value as determined by the Pricing Committee of Van Eck Associates Corporation (the "Adviser"). The Pricing Committee 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 for which market prices are not readily available. 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, 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. The transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy assume the financial instruments were transferred at the beginning of the reporting period. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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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, the levels used to value the Fund's investments, and transfers between levels 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 taxable income 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. Purchases and sales of investments are translated at the exchange rates prevailing when such investments are acquired or sold. 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. Recognized gains or losses attributable to foreign currency fluctuations on foreign currency denominated assets, other than investments, and liabilities are recorded as net realized gain (loss) 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.

E. Restricted Securities—The Fund may invest in securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. These securities generally may be resold in transactions exempt from registration or to the public if the securities are registered. Disposal of these securities may involve time-

consuming negotiations and expense, and prompt sale at an acceptable price may be difficult. Information regarding restricted securities, if any, is included at the end of the Fund's Schedule of Investments.

F. Warrants—The Fund may invest in warrants whose values are linked to indices or underlying instruments. The Fund may use these warrants to gain exposure to markets that might be difficult to invest in through conventional securities. Warrants may be more volatile than their linked indices or underlying instruments. Potential losses are limited to the amount of the original investment. At December 31, 2016, the Fund held no warrants.

G. 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. The Fund held no derivative instruments during the year ended December 31, 2016.

H. Other—Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recognized upon notification of the ex-dividend date. Interest income, including amortization of premiums and discounts, is accrued as earned. Realized gains and losses are calculated on the specific 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. The Fund received redemption fees from Class R1 Shares prior to its closing on April 30, 2012 which are reflected in the Financial Highlights.

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Income, expenses (excluding class-specific expenses), realized, and unrealized gains/losses are allocated proportionately to each class of shares based upon the relative net asset value of outstanding shares of each class at the beginning of the day (after adjusting for current capital share activity of the respective classes). Class-specific expenses are charged directly to the applicable class of shares.

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 Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser has agreed, until at least May 1, 2017, to voluntarily 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 1.50% of average daily net assets for Initial Class Shares and 1.75% of average daily net assets for Class S Shares. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Adviser waived management fees in the amount of \$1,979.

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

Note 4—12b-1 Plan of Distribution—The Trust and the Distributor are parties to a distribution agreement dated May 1, 2006. The Fund has adopted a Distribution Plan (the "Plan") for Class S Shares in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Pursuant to the Plan, the Fund is authorized to incur distribution expenses for its Class S Shares which will principally be payments to securities dealers who have sold shares and serviced shareholder accounts and payments to the Distributor for reimbursement of other actual promotion and distribution expenses incurred by the Distributor on behalf of the Fund. The amount paid in any one year is 0.25% of average daily net assets for Class S Shares.

Note 5—Investments—For the year ended December 31, 2016, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments, excluding U.S. government securities and short-term obligations, aggregated to \$77,477,835 and \$82,632,853, respectively.

Note 6—Income Taxes—For Federal income tax purposes, the identified cost of investments owned at December 31, 2016 was \$117,357,134 and net unrealized appreciation aggregated to \$4,208,058, of which \$15,915,487 related to appreciated securities and \$11,707,429 related to depreciated securities.

At December 31, 2016, the components of accumulated earnings, on a tax basis, were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 618,829
Accumulated capital losses	(13,254,238)
Other temporary differences	(56,781)
Unrealized appreciation	3,996,242
Total	<u>\$ (8,695,948)</u>

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

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015
Ordinary income	\$ 579,946	\$ 799,151
Long-term capital gains	611,879	7,885,742
	<u>1,191,825</u>	<u>\$8,684,893</u>

At December 31, 2016, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future capital gains as follows:

<u>Post-Effective No Expiration Long-Term Capital Losses</u>	<u>Post-Effective No Expiration Short-Term Capital Losses</u>
\$7,990,296	\$5,263,942

During the year ended December 31, 2016, as a result of permanent book to tax differences, the Fund decreased undistributed net investment income by \$386,597 and decreased accumulated net realized loss on investments by \$386,597. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification. These differences are primarily due to foreign currency transactions and reclassification of foreign capital gains tax.

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

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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, 2016, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Note 7—Concentration of Risk—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 securities transaction clearance and settlement practices, and future adverse political and economic developments. These risks are heightened for investments in emerging market 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.

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.

Further, the United Kingdom recently decided to leave the EU, creating economic and political uncertainty in its wake. Significant uncertainty exists regarding the timing of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the EU and the effects such withdrawal will have on the Euro, European economies and the global markets. This may further impact the value of the Euro and the British pound sterling, and has caused volatility and uncertainty in European and global markets.

At December 31, 2016, the Adviser owned 100% of the Fund’s Class S Shares. The aggregate shareholder accounts of two insurance companies owned approximately 69% and 14% of the Initial Class Shares.

Note 8—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 9—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, 2016, the average daily loan balance during the 100 day period for which a loan was outstanding amounted to \$1,016,412 and the average interest rate was 1.72%. At December 31, 2016, the Fund had no outstanding borrowings under the Facility.

Note 10—Recent Accounting Pronouncements and Regulatory Requirements—The Fund adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-15 (“ASU 2014-15”), *Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity’s Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*, which requires management to assess the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related disclosures in certain circumstances. Under the new standard, disclosures are required when conditions give rise to substantial doubt about a company’s ability to continue as a going concern within one year from the financial statement issuance date. Based on management’s evaluation, there are no conditions or events that could adversely affect the Fund’s ability to meet its obligations within one year after the date the financial statements are issued. Accordingly, no disclosures are required specific to going concern uncertainties in the Fund’s financial statements.

In October 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) released its Final Rule on Investment Company Reporting Modernization (the “Rule”). The Rule, which introduces two new regulatory reporting forms for investment companies - Form N-PORT and Form N-CEN - also contains amendments to Regulation S-X which impact financial statement presentation, particularly the presentation of derivative investments. Although still evaluating the impact of the Rule, management believes that many of the Regulation S-X amendments are consistent with the Fund’s current financial statement presentation and expects that the Fund will be able to comply with the Rule’s Regulation S-X amendments by the August 1, 2017 compliance date.

VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 11—Subsequent Event Review—The Fund has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued.

A dividend of \$0.054 per share from net investment income was declared and paid on January 31, 2017 to shareholders of record of the Initial Class Shares as of January 30, 2017 with a reinvestment date of January 31, 2017.

A dividend of \$0.054 per share from net investment income was declared and paid on January 31, 2017 to shareholders of record of the Class S Shares as of January 30, 2017 with a reinvestment date of January 31, 2017.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTING FIRM

**The Board of Trustees of VanEck VIP Trust and
Shareholders of VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund (one of the series constituting VanEck VIP Trust) (the "Fund") as of December 31, 2016, 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, and financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2016, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund (one of the series constituting VanEck VIP Trust) at December 31, 2016, 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 the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Ernst & Young LLP

New York, New York
February 15, 2017

VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

TAX INFORMATION

(unaudited)

The Fund intends to pass through foreign tax credits in the maximum amounts shown. The gross foreign source income earned during the fiscal year 2016 by the Fund is shown below.

<u>Fund Foreign Tax Credits</u>	<u>Gross Foreign Source Income</u>
\$222,753	\$2,526,847

For the 2016 fiscal year, 0.53% of the ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund qualified for the Corporate Dividends Received Deduction.

VANECK VIP TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2016 (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 present.	12	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; formerly Director of The Governance Fund, LLC.
Jane DiRenzo Pigott 1967 (A)(G)	Trustee since July 2007; Currently, Chairperson of the Governance Committee	Managing Director, R3 Group LLC (consulting firm), 2002 to present.	12	Formerly, Director and Chair of Audit Committee of 3E Company (environmental services); formerly Director of MetLife Investment Funds, Inc.
Wayne H. Shaner 1947 (A)(G)	Trustee since March 2006	Managing Partner, Rockledge Partners LLC, 2003 to present (investment adviser); Public Member of the Investment Committee, Maryland State Retirement System, 1991 to 2014.	12	Director, The Torrey Funds (1 portfolio), since 1993 (Chairman of the Board since December 2005).

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2016 (unaudited) (continued)

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
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; Vice Chairman, W.P. Stewart & Co., Ltd. (asset management firm), September 2007 to September 2008.	70	Chairman and Independent Director, EULAV Asset Management; Independent Director, Tremont offshore funds; Director, Kenyon Review; formerly Director of The Medici Archive Project.
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.	70	Director, SmartBrief, Inc.; Director, Food and Friends, Inc.
Robert L. Stelzl 1945 (A)(G)	Trustee since July 2007	President, Rivas Capital, Inc. (real estate property management services company), 2004 to present; Trustee, the estate of Donald Koll, 2012 to present; Trustee, Robert D. MacDonald Trust, 2015 to present; Trustee, Joslyn Family Trusts, 2003 to 2014.	12	Director and Chairman, Brookfield Properties, Inc. and Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.

(1) The address for each Trustee and officer is 666 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.

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 and Assistant General Counsel of the Adviser, Van Eck Securities Corporation (VESC) and Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers VEARA (since 2016); Associate, Clifford Chance US LLP (October 2011 to April 2016); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Russell G. Brenman, 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. Crimmins, 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 Van Eck Securities Corporation (VESC) and Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers (VEARA) (since 2009); 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.
Laura I. Martinez, 1980	Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary	Since 2008	Vice President (since 2016), Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since 2008); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
James Parker, 1969	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2014	Manager, Portfolio Administration of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since 2010); Vice President of J.P. Morgan Financial Reporting and Fund Administration (2002-2010).

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

December 31, 2016 (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
Jonathan R. Simon, 1974	Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer	Since 2006 (Vice President and until 2014, also Assistant Secretary); since 2014 (Secretary and Chief Legal Officer)	Senior Vice President (since 2016), General Counsel and Secretary (since 2014) of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA; Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (2006-2014); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Bruce J. Smith, 1955	Senior Vice President	Since 1985	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Controller of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since 1997); Director of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since October 2010); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.
Janet Squitieri, 1961	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2013	Vice President, Global Head of Compliance of the Adviser, VESC and VEARA (since September 2013); Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Vice President of HSBC Global Asset Management North America (August 2010-September 2013); Chief Compliance Officer of Babcock & Brown LP North America (July 2008-June 2010).
Jan F. van Eck, 1963	Chief Executive Officer and President	Since 2005 (serves as Chief Executive Officer and President since 2010, prior thereto, served as Executive Vice President)	President, Director and Owner of the Adviser (since July 1993); Executive Vice President of the Adviser (January 1985-October 2010); Director (since November 1985), President (since October 2010) and Executive Vice President (June 1991-October 2010) of VESC; Director and President of VEARA (since May 1997); Trustee (since 2006), President and Chief Executive Officer of Market Vectors ETF Trust (since 2009); Officer of other investment companies advised by the Adviser.

(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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