

International Investors Gold Fund Estimated Performance Attribution (QTD)

VanEck International Investors Gold Fund vs. GDM

12/31/16 to 3/31/17

U.S. Dollar

	INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS GOLD			NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index (GDM) ⁴			Variation			Attribution Analysis		
	Port. Average Weight	Port. Total Return	Port. Contrib. To Return	Bench. Average Weight	Bench. Total Return	Bench. Contrib. To Return	Average Weight Difference	Total Return Difference	Contrib. To Return Difference	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction	Total Effect
Total	100.00	10.60	10.60	100.00	8.31	8.31	--	2.29	2.29	-4.29	6.59	2.29
Jr Developers	22.89	19.31	3.92	0.97	-12.45	-0.13	21.92	31.76	4.05	-4.09	6.49	2.40
Mid-Tier	41.57	8.79	4.00	37.53	7.05	2.95	4.04	1.75	1.05	-0.04	0.64	0.60
Seniors/Majors	21.39	10.85	2.07	52.72	9.39	4.71	-31.33	1.47	-2.64	-0.23	0.26	0.03
[Unassigned]	0.01	-5.93	-0.00	--	--	--	0.01	-5.93	-0.00	-0.00	--	-0.00
[Cash]	1.05	1.11	0.01	--	--	--	1.05	1.11	0.01	-0.05	--	-0.05
Jr Producers	13.09	1.96	0.60	8.78	9.85	0.78	4.31	-7.90	-0.17	0.12	-0.80	-0.68

Source: FactSet PA (Portfolio Analytics). Figures are gross of fees, non-transaction based and therefore estimates only. Figures may not correspond with published performance information based on NAV per share. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Analysis uses Global Industry Classification Standards (GICS). Securities marked "unassigned" have not been assigned a GICS sub-industry. Portfolio holdings may change over time. These are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

¹Allocation effect is the portion of portfolio excess return attributed to taking different group bets from the benchmark. (If either the portfolio or the benchmark has no position in a given group, allocation effect is the lone effect.) A group's allocation effect equals the weight of the portfolio's group minus the weight of the benchmark's group times the total return of the benchmark group minus the total return of the benchmark in aggregate.

²Selection effect is the portion of portfolio excess return attributable to choosing different securities within groups from the benchmark. A group's selection effect equals the weight of the benchmark's group multiplied by the total return of the portfolio's group minus the total return of the benchmark's group.

³Interaction effect is the portion of the portfolio's excess return attributable to combining allocation decisions with relative performance. This effect measures the strength of the manager's convictions. The interaction effect is the weight differential times the return differential. A group's interaction effect equals the weight of the portfolio's group minus the weight of the benchmark's group times the total return of the portfolio's group minus the total return of the benchmark's group.

⁴The total effect is the sum of all three effects. The total effect represents the opportunity cost of your investment decisions in a group relative to the overall benchmark.

	Market Capitalization Range	Number of Companies	Annual Production
Seniors/Majors	> \$9.0 Billion	10	1.5M to 6.0M oz
Mid-Tier	\$1.2B to \$9.0B	32	0.3M to 1.5M oz
Junior Producers/Developers	\$300M to \$1.2B	45	<0.3M oz
Junior Developers/Explorers	< \$300 Million	299	<0.1M oz

Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund's annualized returns for the Institutional Shares (Class I) as of March 31, 2017: 1-year, 25.44%; 5-year, -10.19%; Since inception, 2.99%.

Expenses are calculated for the 12-month period ending 3/31/17: Class I: Gross 1.01% and Net 1.00%. Expenses are capped contractually through 05/01/18 at 1.00% for Class I. Caps exclude certain expenses, such as interest.

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⁴The NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index (GDM) is a modified market capitalization-weighted index comprised of publicly traded companies involved primarily in mining for gold. All indices are unmanaged 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.

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. Any investment in the Fund should be part of an overall investment program, not a complete program. The Fund is subject to the risks associated with concentrating its assets in the gold industry, which can be significantly affected by international economic, monetary and political developments. The Fund's overall portfolio may decline in value due to developments specific to the gold industry. 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 debt securities, derivatives, commodity-linked instruments, illiquid securities, asset-backed securities, CMOs and small- or mid-cap companies. The Fund is also subject to inflation risk, short-sales risk, market risk, non-diversification risk and leverage risk. Please see the prospectus and summary prospectus for information on these as well as other risk considerations.

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